

Art. 67. That the General or Commander in Chief for the time being shall have full power of pardoning or mitigating any of the punishments ordered to be inflicted for any of the offences mentioned in the foregoing articles, and every offender convicted as aforesaid, by any regimental Court martial, may be pardoned, or have his punishment mitigated by the Colonel or Officer commanding the regiment.

Art. 68. When any Commissioned Officer shall happen to die or be killed in the service of the United Colonies, the Major of the regiment, or the Officer doing the Major's duty in his absence shall immediately secure all his effects, or equipage then in Camp or quarters, and shall before the next regimental Court martial make an inventory thereof, and forthwith transmit the same to the Office of the Secretary of the Congress, or assembly of the province in which the Corps is stationed, or shall happen to be at the time of the death of such Officer, to the end that his executors may, after payment of his debts in quarters, and interment, receive the overplus, if any be, to his or their use.

Art. 69. When any uncommissioned Officer or private Soldier shall happen to die or be killed in the service of the United Colonies, the then commanding Officer of the troop or company, shall, in the presence of two other Commissioned Officers, take an account of whatever effects he dies possessed of, and transmit the same, as in the case above provided for, in order that the same may be secured for, and paid to their respective representatives.

By order of the Congress
Philadelphia, June 30, 1775.
John Hancock, President
Charles Thompson, Secretary.

A true Copy from the minutes,

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By the Committee, appointed by the Honble Provincial Convention, to enquire into the practicability of establishing a manufactory of Arms in this Province, and the expense and best mode to carry the same into execution.

Now Committee are of opinion, that the establishing a public manufactory of Arms, in this Province, would be attended with great expense, much delay and would by no means answer the exigencies of the Province; but from the best information, on so short a time to be procured, do conceive that Arms may be furnished sooner, and at less expence, by engaging immediately all Gun Smiths, and others concerned in carrying on that business. We therefore beg leave to recommend, that proper persons be appointed in each County to contract with the Gun Smiths in their several Districts, and that a sum of Public Money be lodged in their hands, to be advanced at their discretion to the Contractors (on Security) to enable them with greater expedition to fulfil their engagements. There are three Gun Smith Shops in Baltimore Town, one in George Town, four in Sadsacktown, one near Freshwater Town, three in Hagars Town, one in Jerusalem Town, in the whole amounting to twelve. We are informed that each of these Shops can in one month, complete twenty substantial Musquets (the dimensions