

Henry Hooper, a quantity of Arms with a proportion of Lead C. J. and Ammunition sufficient for a Company, be by them delivered to such Captain of Minute-Men, as the Council of Safety shall direct.

The Committee appointed 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, bring in their Report, which was read a first and second time and referred for Consideration to the next Provincial Convention (N^o 12.)

The Convention resumed the consideration of the Report which was read on Wednesday last, which was debated by paragraphs, several amendments made and the following parts agreed to.

Resolved unanimously, That the following Association be signed by the Members of this Convention, and by all other the Freemen of this Province (N^o 13.)

Association of the Freemen of Maryland 26th July 1775.

The long premeditated, and now avowed Design of the British Government, to raise a Revenue from the property of the Colonists without their consent, on the gift, grant and disposition of the Commons of Great Britain, the arbitrary and vindictive statutes passed under colour of punishing a Riot, to subdue by Military force, and by Famine, the Massachusetts Bay; the unlimited power assumed by Parliament to alter the Charter of that Province, and the Constitution of all the Colonies, thereby destroying the essential securities of the Lives, Liberties and properties of the Colonists; the Commencement of hostilities by the Ministerial Forces, and the cruel prosecution of the War against the people of the Massachusetts Bay, followed by General Gage's proclamation, declaring almost the whole of the Inhabitants of the United Colonies, by name, or description, Rebels and Traitors, are sufficient causes to arm a free people in defence of their Liberty, and to justify resistance, no longer dictated by prudence merely, but by necessity, and leave no alternative but base submission or manly opposition to uncontrollable Tyranny. The Congress chose the latter, and for the express purpose of securing & defending the United Colonies and preserving them in Safety, against all attempts to carry the above mentioned Acts into Execution by Force of Arms, Resolved, that the said Colonies be immediately put into a State of Defence, and now supports at the joint expense, an army to restrain the further violence and repel the future attacks of a disappointed and exasperated Enemy.—We therefore, Inhabitants of the Province of Maryland, firmly persuaded that it is necessary and