

by themselves. Your petitioner further sheweth that he is still desirous of conforming to the resolutions and orders of the Convention and Council of Safety, and is ready to join in defence and support of their authority at the utmost hazard but your petitioner hath refused to muster either in Battalion or the company aforesaid under other officers than those appointed by the Convention and Council of Safety conceiving that it is his duty to discountenance as much as he can any authority set up in opposition to and in defiance of their power. That the said Captain and first Lieu^t notwithstanding they have received their own Commissions from the Council of Safety yet openly and avowedly countenance the irregular proceedings aforesaid by refusing to acknowledge the officers appointed by the Convention and Council of Safety and acknowledging and acting with those appointed by the people in opposition to their authority yet under colour of another resolution of the Convention have proceeded to fine your petitioner the sum of fifteen shillings for refusing to muster under other officers than those appointed as aforesaid by the Council of Safety. That your petitioner conceiving the said fine to have been irregularly and unjustifiably imposed on him refused to pay the same whereupon the said Captain Bordley applied to the Committee of observation in this County who have granted him a warrant (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed empowering him to destrain and sell your petitioners effects, for the payment thereof which said warrant is now in the hands of one of the sarjeants of the said Company to be executed, and your petitioner is apprehensive his effects will be taken and sold by virtue thereof immediately on the recess of this Convention and therefore humbly hopes your honors will take the premises aforesaid into consideration and take such order therein for your petitioners relief as in your wisdom shall seem meet & so forth: Turbutt Betton.

In Committee of observation 13th June 1776.

Captain James Bordley having certified that Turbutt Betton Junior had been fined the sum of fifteen shillings for his non appearance at the muster field on four several days, and had refused to pay his fines at three shillings and nine pence each day: These are to authorize and empower you to lay the sum of fifteen shillings current money by distress and sale of the said Turbutt Betton Junior his goods and effects in the same manner that goods may be distrained and sold by law for County levies, and the same when distressed as a^d to pay into the hands of M^r Joseph Potter. Fail not this being your sufficient power:

By order Committee
To M^r Philemon Young:

Sol^o Wright chairman
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