

C. S. J. as in time of alarm & that such of the Militia officers & Men as shall be draughted & employed shall be allowed a daily pay & Ration equal to the Pay allowed in the new raised Regiments of Foot: That if any just Complaint shall be made ag^t any officer in the militia or that there any vacancys in any of the Regiments or Companies of militia in this Colony, & that Commis. cannot be procured in the usual channel, the Council of Safety may in such Cases remove such officer & forthwith appoint another in his stead & appoint officers where there are or may be vacancies as afs^d.

That one Mode of Exercise shall be used by the Militia throughout this Colony, & that the Council of Safety do without delay fix on some proper manual Exercise & cause the same to be printed & dispersed.

Council to invite 50 Catawba Indians.

That in general the Council of Safety be empowered & authorised to do all such Matters & Things relative to the strengthening securing & defending the Colony as shall by them be deemed & judged expedient & necessary.

That upon any vacancy happening in the Council of Safety during the Recess of the Congress the general Commee shall be authorized to fill up such vacancy by Ballot after having given three weeks notice thereof in the Gazette.

[Council to Governor Eden.]

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May it please y^r Ex.

We are persuaded that a proclamation wou'd serve only to enflame & irritate, there has already been sufficient Experience not only of the Inefficacy; but of the Impolicy of this Measure in the Colonies where it has been pursued & had the Effect of it been foreseen we presume it wou'd not have been recommended. We are aware of your Excellency's delicate Situation. for want of a full Information of the State of this Province, of the Temper of the people, & the principles by which they are animated, it may be expected in England that you take a part, w^{ch} on a just Information, hardly attainable at so great a distance, wou'd not, we imagine be desired, & an Address to the people in a Mode apparently less imperative than that of a Proclamation, we are apprehensive wou'd not be more conciliatory. We most sincerely deplore the present unhappy Condition of the Colonies, & looking forward to the consequences of rigorous coercive Measures, & a determined vigorous Resistance to them, are deeply affected by the prospect of dreadful impending Calamities. permit us Sir, to observe, that whilst the Ideas of Authority, & Dignity on the one side are so opposite to the Ideas o^f Justice, & Liberty on