

Heads of proposalls drawn up by his Matys hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill Original  
for the better regulating and settling the Militia of this his Journal.  
Matys: province of Maryland, with the reasons induceing  
thereto, Viz<sup>t</sup>

In the first place It is concluded that there is a necessity of  
a settled Militia in this his Matys province as it appears is  
done in all his Matys dominions.

Since the former Act of this province seems grieveous and  
burthensome to the poorer sorte of people here inhabiting who  
bear the weight and charge of the Militia as now it plainly  
appears so that they lye under an obligation to defend the  
Interest of the Rich and theire Estates the Rich being wholly  
unconcerned either in the charge or trouble.

Therefore it is proposed that six Tythables be thought fitt  
to furnish out a foot Soldier and nine a horseman.

That the foot Soldier be accoutred with a musquett, Car-  
touch Box and Baggonett.

That the Trooper be accoutred with a Case of pistolls and  
holsters, a Carabine a Cartouch box and hanger and to have  
a horse and Curbe bridle.

That the footmen that is sent to muster be allowed 20<sup>l</sup> p. 193  
tobacco a day and the horsemen thirty.

That the Severall Troopes and Companys be exercised four  
times a year or oftener, at the discretion of the officers.

All which proposalls for the better Settleing the Militia are  
thought necessary clauses and additions as to enforce the due  
putting in execution of the Law and for the better secureing  
the publick arms and Amunition. Signed by order

Hen: Denton clk: Councill.

Whereupon put to the Question if the said proposall shall  
be referred to the Consideration of the next Sessions of  
Assembly or not? and Carried in the negative.

By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Councill in Assembly  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 1698.

In reply to the houses answer ab<sup>t</sup> transmitting the Comittee  
of aggrievances Journall hither for pusall of this board his  
Ex<sup>cy</sup> is pleased positively to declare that the house have no  
right to insist upon anything as matter of Custom in this  
Country which is not agreeable to the Lawes of England, and  
this board do think themselves as much concerned and to have  
as great reason to inspect and see what the Grievances of the  
Country are as well as the house of delegates.

Signed by order  
Hen: Denton Clk: Councill