

or private, a forfeiture of his pay for one month, or a fine to the value thereof, close imprisonment not exceeding ten days, or whipping with thirty-nine lashes on the bare back, and drumming out of the company.

63. No sentence of death shall be executed on any offender before the proceedings shall be certified to and approved by the council of safety, who may in their discretion pardon the offender; nor shall any sentence of a general or inferior court-martial for whipping, be executed before the same shall be made known to and approved by the commanding officer of the battalion, corps, garrison, or station to which the offender belongs, and such commanding officer may in his discretion remit such punishment.

64. All fines shall be paid into the hands of such persons as shall be directed by the court-martial that set the same, and shall be applied to the relief of the sick of the company to which the offender belongs.

65. That these rules shall be openly and distinctly read at the head of every corps, garrison, company, or part of a company, stationed at any one place, once at least in every month, under the penalty of twenty pounds on the officer commanding such corps, garrison, company, or part of a company.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, January 15, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Richard Ridgely qualify himself as clerk assistant to the convention, by taking the oath of office and secrecy as directed to be taken by the clerk.

A certificate of said Ridgely's qualification was produced and filed.

*Resolved*, That this convention is willing and desirous to contribute all the assistance in their power to the relief of their sister colonies; and as this convention is informed that the counties of Accomack and Northampton are in need of assistance,

*Resolved*, That the minute company in Dorchester county commanded by captain Joseph Robson, and the minute company in Queen Anne's county commanded by captain James Kent, and the minute company in Kent county commanded by captain William Henry, immediately march to Accomack and Northampton counties in Virginia, to the assistance of the inhabitants there; and that if any of the men belonging to either of the said companies