

subscribed by the freemen of this province, be forthwith printed, and that forty of the said copies be sent to the committee of observation for Baltimore county, forty of the said copies to the committee of observation for the upper district of Frederick county, and the residue of them in equal proportions to the committees of the several counties; and the committees aforesaid of Baltimore county and the upper district of Frederick county, shall cause the said association to be tendered, on or before the first day of April next to every freeman in the hundreds of their county and district respectively, where the said association hath not been already generally tendered to the said freeman, to be subscribed by them, according to the resolutions of the late convention; and every person who shall not sign the said association at the time of tendering the same to him, or within ten days thereafter, shall be in the same condition as if the same had been tendered to him according to the said former resolutions, and he had refused or neglected to have subscribed the same; and the committee of observation for each county shall leave one or more of the association papers in the custody of some person or persons to be by them respectively appointed, at some house in their county town, and also at Georgetown and Hagerstown in Frederick county, and shall give public notice thereof by advertisements, so that such of the freemen of this province, who have not done so already, may subscribe the same.

That every freeman within this province who hath not already, nor before the eleventh day of April next shall have subscribed the association aforesaid, shall within five days after the said last mentioned day, deliver up to the committee of observation for this county, all fire-arms, if he hath any, except pistols, and every person who shall neglect to do the same, may be disarmed by order of the committee of observation for his county, in like manner as those who ought to enroll in the militia and refuse to do so, and the arms of the non-associators shall and may be disposed of in the same manner as the arms of those who refuse to enroll in the militia; and moreover the committee of observation of each county in this province, may in their discretion award and order any freeman of this province, not associating as aforesaid, found within their county, whether such freeman be a resident of their county or not, to enter into bond with good and sufficient security, in such penalty as they may think fit, payable to the president of the convention for the time being, by name, conditioned, that if such non-associator shall behave himself peaceable and quietly in the present unhappy contest between Great Britain and the colonies; that he shall not directly or indirectly betray or give intelligence to the