

enemy of any councils or preparations of the congress, or any convention or assembly, or council or committee of safety of this or any other province or colony; and that he shall not directly or indirectly correspond, by letter, message, or otherwise, during the said contest, with any British minister, secretary of the state, member of parliament, or any person out of this province, holding an office, civil or military, immediately under the crown, or with any other person in arms against these colonies, knowing such person to be in arms, then the above obligation to be void. But if any such non-associator shall choose to quit this province and go beyond sea, then the committee of observation of the county to which he belongs, may and is hereby empowered to grant him a passport to leave this country in peace, and go beyond the sea, carrying with him his property, or any part thereof; and any person refusing to sign the said association, and to give bond as aforesaid, and continuing to reside within this province, may be imprisoned by the committee of observation of the county in which such non-associator resides or may be found, until the convention then next after such imprisonment shall have taken order therein. And in case any non-associators shall quit this county and leave an estate in this province, such estate shall be burthened with a proportionate part of the expense incurred by this province in defence of American liberty; but these resolutions are not to extend to the household of his excellency the governor. All which association papers that shall be subscribed as aforesaid, as well as a list of the names of all those who shall refuse or neglect to subscribe the same, and all original bonds taken as aforesaid, shall be returned to the next convention. Provided, that where any person hath not nor shall actually refuse to subscribe the association, but shall only have neglected to subscribe the same, if he doth afterwards sign the same before the committee of observation of his county, he shall not be disarmed for his neglect, nor compellable to give any such bond as before mentioned.

On motion, *Resolved*, That where there are any companies of militia in the several counties, which are left out of their battalions already formed, or where there may be any surplus companies in the several counties, after forming the militia into battalions, as directed by the last convention, the brigadier-general of the district may, at his discretion, form the said companies into corps, and return the same to the council of safety, who may appoint and commission such field-officers as may by them be judged proper and necessary to command such corps.

The following report was taken into consideration :