

The convention took into their consideration a report from the said committee on the terms offered by Elisha Winters of Chester town in Kent county, and came to the following resolutions thereon, to wit.

Resolved, That the sum of eight hundred and fifty-five pounds common money be advanced to the said Elisha Winters out of the public treasury, he giving bond in double that sum, with sufficient security, conditioned for the delivery of 600 stand of muskets, three quarters of an inch in the bore and $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet in the barrel, to be well stocked with walnut, and well finished, with strong substantial double bridled locks, strong brass mounting, substantial steel bayonets and ramrods, and swivels for slings, agreeable to a sample this day produced to the convention, at the rate of four pounds five shillings common money for each musket so finished; the said muskets and accoutrements to be delivered to the order of the convention or the council of safety of this province for the time being, in the following proportions, to wit. Forty per month for the first three months from the date of the contract, and the residue in nine months thereafter, in proportions of not less than fifty per month; the said Elisha Winters to be furnished in due time, by order of the convention or council of safety for the time being, with barrels and bayonets, of the dimensions and quality as aforesaid, at the Head of Elk river in Cecil county, at the rate of twenty shillings common money each for the barrels, and eight shillings like money each for the bayonets. That a further sum of four hundred and twenty-seven pounds ten shillings like money be advanced him, upon the delivery of three hundred of the said muskets and accoutrements as aforesaid; and upon the delivery of the residue as aforesaid, that the further sum of four hundred and twenty-seven pounds ten shilling be paid him as the balance of the amount of the said six hundred muskets and accoutrements, at four pounds five shillings common money, deducting the cost of the barrels and bayonets as aforesaid.

On motion, *Resolved*, That all persons employed in the manufacturing or repairing of arms for the public, or in repairing arms for the use of the militia by order or appointment of any field officer of the militia, and all persons who are personally employed in erecting or working of powder mills, or in working in any public saltpetre or marine salt works, carried on for the use and on account of the public, shall, during the time they are actually so employed, within one year next following, be exempt from attending on musters.

Resolved, that no muskets or rifles, except by the owner thereof on his removal to reside out of this province, or any gun barrels,