

offender before them, and, upon inquiry into the complaint and conviction of the offender, to impose such fine upon him or her, as in their discretion they shall adjudge, not exceeding the said sum of fifty shillings. And, upon non-payment thereof may, by warrant under their hands, empower any person they shall judge proper to levy the same, by distress and sale of the goods of the offender; which fine, when so levied, shall be paid into the hands of the captain or commanding officer for the time being of the company or party to which such soldier shall belong, and by him paid to the treasurer of that shore where the offence shall be committed.

That a court martial shall be empowered to punish theft, committed by any soldier enlisted in the service of this province, by fine, not exceeding forty shillings common money, or by whipping on the bare back, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes for any one offence, at the discretion of such court martial.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the committees of observation to require the owners of cattle kept on the islands, where they may think such cattle will probably otherwise fall into the hands of the enemy, to remove such cattle and afford them the necessary assistance to do the same.

The convention took into consideration the report from the committee appointed to consider the expediency of exempting the masters and scholars of the public and private schools from attending musters, and thereupon *Resolved*, That the masters and scholars of the several schools, both public and private, in the province of Maryland, except the masters and scholars of the free-school at Chestertown in Kent county, shall hereafter be exempted from exercising either in the several militia companies, wherein they are or may be enrolled, or in battalion upon battalion days, and instead thereof shall exercise in companies, whereof the masters and tutors shall act as officers, at least once every week. It being the sense of this convention, that the masters and scholars shall be exempted from exercising with the militia, but that no master or scholar, between the ages of sixteen and fifty, shall be exempted from enrolling in the militia, and, upon an alarm, marching with the respective companies, in which they now are, or may be enrolled.

On reading a second time the report from the committee appointed to consider and report proper alterations and additions to the resolves of convention, for erecting a powder mill, and for examination of the accounts of the supervisors of the public salt-petre works, the convention took the same into consideration, and came to the following resolutions thereon.