

By the convention of Maryland, June 25, 1776.

You are empowered to enroll———effective freemen, to act as militia of this province in the middle department according to the resolutions of this convention, and the form of enrollment herewith delivered to you; on your doing which, and their passing as effective, you are to be entitled to and shall receive a commission as captain, as first-lieutenant, or second-lieutenant, or ensign, as the case may be, of a company to be composed partly of those you enroll.

MATTHEW TILGHMAN, president.

To —— of —— county.

That thirty men be expressed in the warrant to a captain, twenty men in the warrant to each of the lieutenants, and sixteen men in the warrant to the ensign of the said companies.

That all enrollments be returned to the convention or council of safety as soon as filled up, or if not completed by the twentieth day of July at the farthest; and if any of those to whom warrants shall be directed cannot enroll the full number of effective freemen by that day, the convention if sitting will, or the council of safety in the recess of convention shall, issue a commission to the person to whom the warrant shall have been directed, or to any other person as may best promote and forward the service; but a commission shall issue of course in every case where the full number shall be enrolled according to the warrant:

That none of the said militia be compelled to serve out of the said limits, or beyond the said first day of December next, and during the time of their service shall be under the command of the general officer, as such, who shall be appointed by the congress, and shall be subject and liable to the rules and regulations already provided by this convention for the government of the militia when called into actual service, and no other.

That as camp kettles cannot be had, the said militia be supplied with 850 small iron pots or kettles with bales, at the expense of this province, and that they be also furnished with cartouch boxes, and as far as may be, with tents.

That such of the militia who have effective firelocks use the same; that such of them as have firelocks not effective, but that may be made so by small repairs, have such repairs done at the expense of this province, and use their own firelocks, and those who have not sufficient firelocks be furnished by the council of safety, out of the arms now belonging to, or that shall be procured for the use of the public, and by the committee of observation in the respective county where they enlist, out of the arms in their keeping delivered in by or taken from those who have not subscribed the association,