

3, Prince George's 3, Anne Arundel 4, Baltimore 5, Harford 3, Frederick 8.

And that, for the enrollment of every such company, a proper person be appointed by the committee of each respective county, to enlist a sufficient number of men who shall voluntarily offer themselves, to make up the non-commissioned officers and privates of each of the said companies, for their respective county; in the enrolment of whom, care should be had that the men be strong and effective, and live as convenient as may be, for their frequent and ready assembling and exercising together.

That the form of the enrollment of minute-men be as follows, to wit: "We whose names are subscribed, do hereby enroll ourselves into a company of minute men for ——— county, agreeably to the resolutions of the provincial convention held at Annapolis the 26th day of July, 1775, to continue such until the 1st day of March next, and engage, that we will respectively march to such places, either in this or the neighboring colonies, and at such times as we shall be commanded by the convention, or the council of safety of this province, or by our officers in pursuance of the orders of the said convention or council; and that we will respectively fight with and employ the arms wherewith we are entrusted, for the preservation of American liberty, against whomsoever we shall be commanded, by such authority as aforesaid, with our whole power. Witness our hands, this ——— day of ——— 1775."

That each company as soon as enrolled and viewed, and allowed by the committee of their county, or by such person or persons as shall be appointed by such committee for that purpose, shall elect and choose their proper officers, by ballot, who shall be appointed and commissioned by the delegates of this province sitting in convention, or at any time when they are not sitting in convention, by the council of safety in the name of the convention.

That the said companies in Frederick county compose one battallion; those in Baltimore and Harford counties jointly another; and those in St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's counties jointly another; and that to each of the same battallions there be one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, two majors, one quarter master, and one adjutant, appointed and commissioned as aforesaid, by the convention or council of safety.

That as soon as conveniently may be, after the officers to the said battallions on the western shore are commissioned, eight men be drafted from every company of the said battallions, to compose one company of light infantry to each battallion, to which company the convention or council of safety shall, as aforesaid, appoint