

following form, to wit: "We whose names are subscribed, do hereby enroll ourselves into a company of militia, agreeable to the resolutions of the provincial convention held at Annapolis the 26th day of July, 1775; and we do promise and engage, that we will respectively march to such places within this province, 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 there with our whole power fight against whomsoever we shall be commanded by such authority as aforesaid. Witness our hands, this _____ day of _____ 1775.

That each company of militia consist of such officers as are recommended by former resolutions of the convention, and of about sixty-eight privates.

That each company already formed, if it now is, or before the 15th day of September next, shall be made up to fifty privates, or upwards; and shall have subscribed the said form of enrollment, shall confirm their election of officers already made, or elect others in their stead, by ballot, as they shall think proper; and that officers so chosen for all companies which shall be hereafter formed, as recommended by the said former resolves; after which confirmations and elections, and before the first day of October next, each captain of militia shall transmit a roll of his company to the committee of observation which shall be appointed for his county, who shall as soon as may be, transmit a memorandum or certificate of the names of the captains, lieutenants, and ensign, and of the numbers of non-commissioned officers and privates, to the council of safety; in order that commissions may issue in the name of the convention to those officers; which shall be done by the same convention, or council of safety aforesaid.

That no company shall exceed the number of 74 privates, or consist of less than 50; and if a greater number than 74 shall be enrolled in any one company, then the enrollment of any after the first 68 effective privates shall be deemed void, and such shall enroll in some other company, and if a number of men shall be enrolled not amounting to fifty privates, besides sufficient for non-commissioned officers, for any one company, they shall not be considered as a company; yet as the local circumstances of some neighborhoods may make it very inconvenient for a full company of militia to meet weekly for exercise, at one and the same place, in such case the officers may appoint two places at each of which a several part of their company may be mustered, not oftener than three times out of four; so that every fourth time at least the whole may be mustered together.