

fence thereof, as they shall deem necessary and expedient, and execute such other powers as may be entrusted to them by the convention of this province.

That as at some times a necessity for taking speedy measures, may be so pressing that a delay till the council of safety could assemble together, would be highly dangerous, and many things of less moment may well and more conveniently be transacted by a majority of members residing on the respective shores, the members *residing on either shore respectively, or the major part of them, or such of them as shall be in this province*, may not only grant commissions for court martials when applied for, and hear, determine, and punish high and dangerous offences, according to the resolutions of this convention, but may also in case of instant danger, or pressing necessity, call forth the minute men or militia of their respective shore; yet it is recommended, if time will permit, for the whole council of safety, or nine of them to meet and consult together, that those of either shore do not separately call forth the *minute men or militia, and that if time will not permit such meeting and consultation*, then, as soon after the separate act done as may be, the whole council of safety shall be summoned, and the orders and resolutions of a majority of any nine or more of them, shall control and govern; it being the intention of this convention that a joint council, when the same can be held on things of moment, should have the supreme direction.

That any two or more of the said council of safety call a meeting of the members on their respective shore, or of the whole.

That any officer of the minute men or militia may be suspended from the exercise of his commission by the council of safety, or that branch of it residing on the shore whereon such officer resides; or if the council of safety should think proper, they may, upon full hearing, displace any field officer, and appoint and commission another in his stead; and that on the death, resignation or removal of any commissioned officer, below the degree of a field officer, from his office, the council of safety may appoint and commission another in his stead.

That the council of safety, or either branch thereof, for expenses incurred on its respective shore, may from time to time, draw orders on the treasurer of their respective shore, for the bills of credit to be issued by virtue of the resolutions of the convention, who shall accordingly pay such orders.

That the council of safety may, in case they shall think it necessary, summon and call the convention to meet before the day to which it may stand adjourned.