

said into battalions; and the said commissioners, or any three of them, may also fill up such of the blank commissions sent to this convention by congress, as may be immediately necessary for the officering of the said corps; but in filling up the said commissions they are required not to introduce into the corps of the now regulars, any officer other than such as are of those regulars, nor into the corps which may be formed of the flying camp militia, any officer not now an officer in the said regulars or flying camp; and the commissioners are also required to leave some of the offices vacant, that cadets of merit may be provided for; which list of the officers so to be obtained, as well as a list of the appointments which shall be made as aforesaid, the said commissioners shall return to this convention, or in their recess to the council of safety. That the commissioners exert their utmost endeavors to procure the enlistment of the regular troops and militia from this state in the continental service, and make report of the state and condition of the forces from this state now in camp.

That the commissioners be furnished with money sufficient to advance the bounty of ten dollars as aforesaid.

That the council of safety, in the recess of convention, be empowered to issue warrants for the enlistment of such number of non-commissioned officers and privates, and also to appoint and commission such field and commission officers as may be necessary to make up the said eight battalions.

That the said commissioners, or any three or two of them, are empowered to receive of congress any sum not exceeding thirty-six thousand one hundred and twenty pounds, in dollars, at seven shillings and six pence per dollar, on account of this state, to be applied in the said bounties.

That the commissioners be instructed to consult with, and take advice from, his excellency general Washington, respecting the promotion or appointment of officers in colonel Smallwood's regiment, and the appointments to be made in the battalion to be formed of the independent companies and flying camp of this state.

That the officers to whom warrants issued for the enrollment of non-commissioned officers and privates for the two last battalions directed by the convention to be raised for the flying camp, immediately return lists of the men by them enrolled in pursuance of those warrants, to the council of safety, and forbear any further enrollment; that such of the companies as are full or nearly full be equipped and marched as soon as may be, and such of the companies as are not nearly full be discharged; and that the bounty money not expended be returned.