

province, a new hat, short coat, waistcoat, pair of breeches, and hunting shirt; out of their pay there may be reasonable stoppages for necessary shirts, shoes and stockings.

That the uniform of the land forces and marines be hunting-shirts; the hunting shirts of the marines to be blue, and those of the land forces to be other colors.

That the ordinary stations of the said land forces be as follow:

That five companies of the said battalion, together with the company of light infantry, be stationed at the city of Annapolis, and the other three companies thereof at Baltimore town.

That five companies of the troops, to consist of one hundred men each, be allotted for the eastern shore.

That one company thereof be stationed in Worcester county; one company thereof in Somerset county; one company thereof in Dorchester county; one company thereof in Talbot county; and that one half of the remaining company thereof be stationed in Queen Anne's county, and the other half in Kent county.

That one company of the remainder of the said troops, to consist of one hundred men each, be stationed in St. Mary's county; and that one half of the other company be stationed in Calvert county, and the other half in Charles county.

One company of artillery at the city of Annapolis, and the other at Baltimore town.

But the council of safety may, in their discretion, more particularly point out the stations of any of the said independent companies, or companies of artillery, or may from time to time order any of the said companies to change their stations with each other, or in case of urgent necessity may change the stations of, or order any part of the said forces in the pay of this province to join and act together, or order any part of the said forces to the relief or assistance of the colony of Virginia, the three lower counties on Delaware, or province of Pennsylvania; the said council of safety in the recess of convention, having the supreme direction of the troops.

That the council of safety contract for supplying the rations for the said land forces on the best terms, the contractors giving good and sufficient security to comply with their contracts.

That every field and commissioned officer in the land forces, shall, within one month after the acceptance of his commission, and before he shall receive any pay as an officer, before some one of the council of safety, or some justice of the peace, take and subscribe an oath, which shall be endorsed and certified on the back of his commission, in the following words, to wit: "I, A. B.