

do swear, that I will well and truly execute my office according to the within commission, and the trust reposed in me according to the best of my power and ability; and that I will disband and lay down my arms whenever I shall be ordered so to do by the convention of Maryland for the time being, or any authority derived under it. So help me GOD."

That the council of safety, or any one member thereof, on the application of any person who is detained as having entered or been enlisted as aforesaid in the service of this province, or on the application of any person in his behalf, within twenty days after his having been detained as aforesaid, may and shall, with all convenient speed, inquire and examine into the manner of such entering or enlistment, and if it shall appear that such person did not enter or enlist voluntarily, or was fraudulently induced to enter or enlist, then the council of safety, or such member thereof as aforesaid, shall discharge such person.

That such of the said forces as the said council of safety shall approve, be armed with rifles, and the residue of them be armed and accoutred, as soldiers are usually armed and accoutred with the public arms already belonging to this province, and arms to be provided at the public expense, as soon as they can be procured, and in the mean time such who cannot be provided with public arms, may use their own firelocks, and every man who shall find his own rifle, shall be allowed at the rate of twenty shillings by the year for the use thereof, and those who shall find other firelocks for their own use, shall be allowed each at the rate of fifteen shillings per year, for the use of such firelocks.

That if any officer or soldier of the regular forces, minute men, or militia, in the service of this province, shall loose a limb, or be otherwise maimed or hurt, so as to be rendered incapable of earning a livelihood, this province will make provision for the comfortable support of such officer or soldier.

That such sums of money as may be necessary to provide houses for the said troops during the winter season, be by the permission and allowance of the council of safety advanced, out of the treasuries of the respective shores on which such troops are stationed, by the commanding officer of the said battalion, and captains of the said independent companies, to be by them respectively laid out in providing the said houses.

That the said treasurers respectively keep account of such moneys, charging the said city of Annapolis, town of Baltimore, and counties aforesaid, with the sums of money respectively advanced for the purposes aforesaid, which sums of money shall hereafter be asses-