

MARYLAND GAZETTE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1775.

old by William Aikman, bookseller and printer, Annapolis, exceeding low for cash. LARGE assortment of books, in history, divinity, mathematics, arts and sciences, poetry, variety of classics, &c. (being partly the library of a gentleman lately deceased) a number of which are valuable books. Whitby's commentary on the Psalms, 3 vols. Folio, best edition, in 5 vols. 50s. Sterling. Cruden's concordance, 1 vol. 4to. 10s. Saunders's algebra, 2 vols. 4to. 10s. An elegant edition of Tisot's anatomy, 17 vols. 4to. 10s. Clark's sermons, 8 vols. octavo, 10s. Bideaux's connections of the old and new testaments, 2 vols. octavo, 4s. Locke on the human understanding, 2 vols. octavo, 2s. 6d. Smollett's history of England, with the continuation, 16 vols. 8vo. 10s. ditto, 5 vols. 6s. Goldsmith's ditto, 3 vols. 8vo. 10s. Hooke's Roman history, 21 vols. octavo, 10s. Bolingbroke's philosophical works, 5 vols. octavo, 10s. Land's history of Ireland, 4 vols. octavo, 10s. Meunier's spirit of laws, 2 vols. 8vo. 10s. vol. 24s. Lord Kaimes's elements of criticism, 2 vols. 8vo. 10s. Beattie's essay on truth, octavo, 10s. Rousseau's whole works, 10 vols. 8vo. 10s. Shakespeare, 12 vols. 8vo. 10s. The Heylter's surgery, 2 vols. 4to. 10s. Hayvelt, 2 vols. 4to. 4s. 10s. Cullen's materia medica, 2 vols. 8vo. 10s. Lord Littleton's history of Henry 8th, 3 vols. 8vo. 10s. &c.

At a meeting of the delegates appointed by the several counties of the province of Maryland, at the city of Annapolis, on Wednesday the 26th of July, 1775, and continued till the 14th day of August, in the same year, were present, 141 members.

The Hon. MATTHEW TILGHMAN, Esq; was chosen chairman. And GABRIEL DUVAL appointed clerk.

RESOLVED unanimously, That the following ASSOCIATION be signed by the members of this convention, and by all other the freemen of this province.

ASSOCIATION of the Freemen of Maryland, July 26, 1775.

THE long premeditated, and now avowed design of the British government, to raise a revenue from the property of the colonists, without their consent, on the gift, grant, and disposition of the commons of Great-Britain; the arbitrary and vindictive statutes passed, under colour of punishing a riot, to subdue by military force, and by famine the Massachusetts-Bay; the unlimited power assumed by parliament to alter the charter of that province, and the constitutions of all the colonies, thereby destroying the essential securities of the lives, liberties, and properties of the colonists; the commencement of hostilities by the ministerial forces, and the cruel prosecution of the war against the people of the Massachusetts-Bay, followed by General Gage's proclamation, declaring almost the whole of the inhabitants of the united colonies, by name or description, rebels and traitors; are sufficient causes to arm a free people in defence of their liberty, and to justify resistance, no longer dictated by prudence merely, but by necessity, and leave no alternative but safe submission, or manly opposition, to uncontrollable tyranny. The congress chose the latter, and for the express purpose of securing and defending the united colonies, and preserving them in safety against all attempts to carry the above-mentioned acts into execution by force of arms, Resolved, That the said colonies be immediately put into a state of defence, and now supports, at the joint expense, an army to restrain the further violence, and repel the future attacks, of a disappointed and exasperated enemy.

We, therefore, inhabitants of the province of Maryland, firmly persuaded that it is necessary and justifiable to repel force by force; do approve of the opposition by arms to the British troops employed to enforce obedience to the late acts and statutes of the British parliament, for raising a revenue in America, and altering and changing the charter and constitution of the Massachusetts-Bay, and for destroying the essential securities for the lives, liberties, and properties of the subjects in the united colonies: And we do unite, and associate as one band, and firmly and solemnly engage and pledge ourselves to each other, and to America, that we will, to the utmost of our power, promote and support the present opposition, carrying on, as well by arms, as by the continental association, restraining our commerce.

And as in these times of public danger, and until a reconciliation with Great-Britain, on constitutional principles is effected (an event we most ardently wish may soon take place) the energy of government may be greatly impaired, so that even a zeal unrestrained may be productive of anarchy and confusion; we do, in like manner unite, associate, and solemnly engage, in maintenance of good order and the public peace; to support the civil power in the due execution of the laws, so far as may be consistent with the present plan of opposition, and to defend, with our utmost power, all persons from every species of outrage to themselves or their property, and to prevent any punishment from being inflicted on any offenders, other than such as shall be adjudged by the civil magistrate, the continental congress, our convention, council of safety, or committees of observation.

That the committees of observation, in every county, as soon as conveniently may be, appoint persons in each parish or hundred to offer, or carry the said association to all freemen resident within their county (the household of his excellency the governor excepted) and require their subscription to the same, which association, when subscribed, shall be returned by the committees to the convention. And in case any freeman within their county shall not subscribe, upon application, or within ten days thereafter, his name shall be returned, by the said committee, to the next convention, to the end that the convention may take order therein.

RESOLVED, That there be forty companies of minute men enrolled in this province as soon as may

be; each of which companies to consist of one captain, two lieutenants, one ensign, four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer, and sixty-eight privates; and that the said forty companies be enrolled in the counties and proportions following; to wit:

Table listing counties and their respective numbers of companies: Worcester 1, Somerset 1, Talbot 1, Caroline 1, Prince George's 3, Queen Anne's 2, Kent 1, Frederick 8, Saint Mary's 2, Dorchester 2, Calvert 1, Charles 3, Anne-Arundel 4, Baltimore 5, Harford 3, Cecil 2.

And that, for the enrollment of every such company, a proper person be appointed by the committee of each respective county, to enlist a sufficient number of men who shall voluntarily offer themselves to make up the non-commissioned officers and privates of each of the said companies, for their respective county; in the enrollment of whom care should be had that the men be strong and effective, and live as conveniently as may be, for their frequent and ready assembling and exercising together.

That the form of the enrollment of minute men be as follows, to wit: We whose names are subscribed, do hereby enroll ourselves into a company of minute men for county, agreeable to the resolutions of the provincial convention held at Annapolis the 26th day of July, 1775, to continue such until the first day of March next, and engage, that we will respectively march to such places, either in this or the neighbouring colonies, 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 that we will respectively fight with and employ the arms wherewith we are entrusted, for the preservation of American liberty, against whomsoever we shall be commanded, by such authority as aforesaid, with our whole power. Witness our hands this day of 1775.

That each company as soon as enrolled and viewed, and allowed by the committee of their county, or by such person or persons as shall be appointed by such committee for that purpose, shall elect and choose their proper officers, by ballot, who shall be appointed and commissioned by the delegates of this province sitting in convention, or at any time, when they are not sitting in convention, by the council of safety, in the name of the convention.

That the said companies in Frederick county compose one battalion; those in Baltimore and Harford counties jointly another; and those in St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince George's counties, jointly another; and that to each of the same battalions there be one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, two majors, one quarter-master, and one adjutant, appointed and commissioned as aforesaid, by the convention or council of safety.

That as soon as conveniently may be, after the officers to the said battalions on the western shore are commissioned, eight men be drafted from every company of the said battalions, to compose one company of light infantry to each battalion, to which company the convention or council of safety shall, as aforesaid, appoint and commission one captain, two lieutenants, and one ensign, and the captain of each company of light infantry may appoint non-commissioned officers thereto.

That all the officers of the said minute men rank according to their commissions and the date or priority thereof.

That the minute men be exercised two days in every week, and that for one of those days each of the non-commissioned officers and privates be allowed two shillings and sixpence common money.

That each of the said battalions in Frederick and Baltimore and Harford counties, be exercised in battalions, at such convenient times and places as shall be appointed by the field officers of the respective battalions, every of which times being accounted as one of the two days of exercise: And that the said other companies of minute men exercise with some battalion of militia, at the times of their being exercised in battalion, in their respective county, and as to this purpose, be subject to the commands of the field officers of such battalion.

That, until other arms are provided, the minute men exercise with their own firelocks, but that, as soon as others can be provided by the public, each colonel have delivered to him firelocks, with steel ramrods and bayonets, cartouch boxes, worms, priming wires, and brushes fitted thereto, and flints, sufficient for his battalion, and he shall deliver to each captain in his battalion, sufficient for his company; who shall deliver and distribute the same to his company; receipts of all which deliveries shall be given, the men being answerable to the captains, the captains to the colonels, and the colonels to the conventions, for the return of the said arms and accoutrements in good order, unless prevented by unavoidable accidents.

That the companies of minute men, not so joined in battalion, be armed and provided, and the captains and men of those companies responsible for a return of the public arms, and accoutrements, in the same manner as the men of the battalions are to be armed and provided, and their colonels, and they are as aforesaid responsible.

That every able bodied effective freeman within this province, between sixteen and fifty years of age (clergymen of all denominations, practicing physicians, the household of his excellency the governor, minute and artillery men, and such persons who from their religious principles cannot bear arms in any case, excepted) as soon as may be, and at further before the fifteenth day of September next, shall enroll himself in some company of militia, in the 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 68 privates.

That each company already formed, if it now is, or before the fifteenth 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 be 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 captain, 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 fifty; 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 50 privates, besides sufficient for non-commissioned officers for any one company, they shall not be considered as a company; yet as the local circumstance of some neighbourhoods, 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 oftner than three times out of four; so that every fourth time at least, the whole be mustered together.

That no company be permitted to choose officers, before a sufficient number of men be enrolled to make up 50 privates, besides non-commissioned officers.

That after enrollment in pursuance of these resolves, no man be permitted to leave the company, in which he shall have been enrolled, without the consent of his captain in writing.

That the committee of observation in each county, make diligent enquiry after, and transmit to the convention, or council of safety, the name of every able-bodied effective freeman as aforesaid, in their respective county, if there shall be any such, who shall not enroll himself either as a minute or artilleryman, or in the militia, according to the preceding resolves, to the end that the convention may take order therein; against whom, no further proceedings or measures shall be taken, but by the future order of the convention.

That the committee of observation for each county, shall divide the militia in their county into battalions, or companies of light infantry; each of which battalions to consist of such eight companies of militia, as the same committee shall appoint; and the same committee shall assign to each battalion, one company of light infantry, which the council of safety shall direct; and that to each of the said battalions, there be one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, two majors, one quarter-master, and one adjutant; who shall be appointed and commissioned

variety of record books, and paper books of different sizes. A few reams of super-royal paper—all sorts of stationery, published by William Aikman, Cook's work of the world, 2 vols. 16s. A father's legacy, by the celebrated Dr. Gregory, 4s. may be had just published, the manual ordered by his majesty in the year 1764, with 400 figures, price 1s.

40 SHILLINGS REWARD. Somerset county jail on Friday night, the 13th of August, a man named Richard Suffolk, a black fellow, about 6 feet high, of a moderate stature and a sickly look, and is about 30 years of age; he went off in his common working clothes, and never takes up said servant and security that he may be had again, shall receive if taken from home, 20 shillings, if 20 miles, and if 40 miles, or out of the province, 30 shillings; and if brought home reasonable charges, 50 shillings. SAMUEL and JOHN SNOWDEN, J. DASHIELL, Sheriff.

To be let. Dwelling-house &c. where I now reside. 10 JAMES TILGHMAN, Annapolis.

CHANCERY. REAS the said Daniel Matzler, and Elizabeth his wife, and Elizabeth M'Manus, have filed in this court against the said device and orders of the said Christopher Wilkinson, to recover and assign certain lands thereunto, to the complainants which were heretofore engaged by them to the said Christopher Wilkinson the said complainants paying the principal due on the said mortgage. This is give notice, that unless the said Thomas and Elizabeth his wife, do and shall appear within six months from the date hereof, or else to the contrary, a final order and decree, shall be given by the said court of chancery as aforesaid.

Signed per order, GEO. RANKEN, register.

for letting, or current money, to the holder, at the house of Mrs. Gibson, in Marlborough, on Friday the 23rd of September next, if not the next fair day, ABLE tract of land, containing 554 acres, Moorfields enlarged, lying in Prince Georges county, on St. Charles's Branch, about 3 miles from Marlborough, and about the same distance from the Patuxent river; on this land is a well plantation, with orchards, &c. a large meadow land, that may be improved at 1000. One third of the purchase money to be paid in twelve months, the other two thirds, with interest.

TO BE SOLD. A light charriot and harness for sale, to be seen at Mr. Brown's, in Annapolis.

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