

Where they are so, I shall... and as perfection is not to be... any public body... unprecedented cases, I doubt... make such amendments, as may... themselves, or be suggested by re... instances, I shall shew, the... for refusing to comply with... erly made; and the others are... cannot assent to, without... constitution; such as blending... power, and giving field offic... places for life, the power of d... discharging assignments, with... the constitutional way, with... the people.

to preserve good order and regularity; and shall... at all times thankful for your advice and directions... the execution of the trust reposed in us, especially as... are strangers to what is and may have been trans... in this place. We beg leave to subscribe our... ves. with the greatest respect, gentlemen, your very... edient servants,

WILLIAM HENRY,
JAMES KENT.

ANNAPOLIS, March 14.

The public will expect some account of the alarm oc... sioned by the man of war and her tenders; the fol... wing is the most perfect we can give at present.--On... tuesday the 5th of March, about seven in the evening... received information, that a man of war and two... ders were coming up the Bay and had taken a New... and schooner lying at the mouth of Patuxent-- he... ind blew hard at N. W. and the general expectation... as, that they would be at this place in a few hours--... he necessary dispositions were made to receive them in... ate they thought proper to land, and expresses were... dispatched to Baltimore-town and other parts of the... rovince, to communicate the intelligence between... ve and one on Tuesday night the wind shifted, and... ame on a violent gale at N. W. and so continued all... ay on Wednesday, during which time we had not any... ertain information where the vessels were--on Thur... day there was a light breeze up the Bay, about two o... clock the vessels bore in sight, and at half past three... ame opposite this city with some prizes and stood up... the Bay--Off the mouth of this harbour, they burnt a... hallop loaded with oats, and in the evening anchored... ear the mouth of Patuxent. On Friday night we re... ceived intelligence, that the vessels were the Otter--sloop... of war and two tenders, and the general opinion was... confirmed, that they were going to Baltimore to take... or destroy the ship Defiance.--On Saturday we expected... to hear of an engagement, and the rather, as at Balti... more the celerity of their movements exceeded expecta... ion--the Defiance being got ready on Friday night... owed down the river, manned with a number of brave... fellows, all of whom were Americans in their hearts... and most of them by birth; several small vessels attend... ed, crowded with men to assist in case of an engage... ment, which in all probability would have been a bloo... dy one.--Capt. Nicholson got under way early on Satu... rday morning, resolved to retake Hudson's ship (a... large vessel the Otter had made prize of loaded with... wheat and flour) and to engage the Otter, if she moved... to assist the tenders, which guarded the prize--the morn... ing was thick and hazy, and the Defiance got nearer... to them than was expected, before they discovered her... bearing down upon them--those on board the tenders... appeared much alarmed, and pushed off with precipita... tion, and on a signal given more hands were set by the... Otter to assist in rowing them off, which was effected... with difficulty--three or four small prize vessels were... abandoned, besides Hudson's ship--the Defiance hav... ing manned the prize and seeing the Otter get under... way, clued up her courses and prepared for battle, ex... pecting her to come up, but the Otter having lain a... bout two hours, as if wanting Capt. Nicholson to come... down, at length bore away, and in the afternoon came... to anchor off this port.--Capt. Nicholson continued his... station some time, and having performed this gallant... action returned with the prizes to Baltimore.

On Sunday morning the Otter sloop and her tenders... made sail and went down the Bay, having restored fe... veral prisoners taken in a vessel in the mouth of Pa... tuxent.

The regulars, militia, and people in general, be... have with the greatest spirit and alacrity.

RULES for regulating and governing the... forces to be raised and employed in the ser... vice of the province of Maryland, continued.

29. Whosoever of, or belonging to the said forces, shall be convicted of holding a treacherous correspond... ence with, or of giving intelligence to the enemy, either directly or indirectly, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as shall be ad... judged.

30. If any officer or soldier shall leave his post or colours, at the time of an engagement, to go in... search of plunder, he shall suffer such punishment as may be adjudged.

31. If any commander of any post, intrenchment, or fortification, shall be compelled by the officers or soldiers under his command to surrender it to the enemy, or abandon it, the offenders shall suffer death, or such other punishment as may be ad... judged.

32. If any person shall use menacing words, signs, or gestures, in the presence of any court-martial, when sitting, or shall cause any disorder or riot so as to disturb their proceedings, he shall be punished at the discretion of such court-martial.

33. To the end that offenders may be brought to justice, whenever any officer or soldier shall commit a crime deserving punishment, he shall, by his commanding officer, if an officer, be put in arrest; if a non-commissioned officer or soldier, be imprisoned till he shall be either tried by a court-martial, or shall be lawfully discharged by proper authority.

34. No officer or soldier, who shall be put in arrest or imprisonment, shall continue in his confinement more than eight days, or till such time as a court-martial can be conveniently assembled.

37. Every officer or provost-marshal, to whose charge any prisoner shall be committed, is hereby required, within twenty-four hours after such commitment, or as soon as he shall be relieved from his guard, to give in writing to the colonel or commanding officer of the prisoner, his name and crime, and the name of the officer who committed him, on the penalty of being punished for his neglect as may be adjudged.

38. Whatever commissioned officer shall leave his confinement before he is set at liberty by the officer who confined him, or by a superior power, shall be cashiered for it.

39. Whatsoever commissioned officer shall behave in a scandalous, infamous manner, such as is unbecoming the character of an officer and a gentleman, shall be discharged from the service.

40. The officer commanding the said battalion, and every officer commanding a company not of the said battalion, shall, upon notice given to him by the commissary of musters, assemble the battalion or company, under his command, in the next convenient place for their being mustered, which shall be done of the said battalion once in six weeks at least, and of the said other forces once in ten weeks at least.

41. Every field officer or other officer, commanding any corps, and actually residing with it, may give furloughs to officers and soldiers of his corps, as he shall judge to be most consistent with the good of the service; but no officer or soldier shall be absent above twenty days in six months; nor shall more than one officer and two private men be absent at the same time from any one company, excepting some extraordinary occasion shall require it.

42. At every muster, the commanding officer of the said battalion then present, or the captain or commanding officer of the said companies not of the battalion then present, shall give to the commissary of musters certificates of the musters signed by himself, signifying how long such officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers, who shall not appear at the said muster, have been absent, and the reason of their absence, which reason and the time of absence shall be inserted in the muster rolls, opposite to the respective names of such absentees; and the said certificate, together with the muster roll, shall be, by the said commissary, transmitted to the Council of Safety within twenty days next after such muster being taken, on failure whereof the commissary so offending shall be discharged from the service.

43. Every officer, who shall sign a false certificate relating to the absence of officers or non-commissioned officers, or private soldiers, shall be cashiered.

44. Every officer, who shall knowingly make a false muster of any man, and any officer or commissary, who shall sign, allow or return the muster rolls wherein such false muster is contained, knowing the falsity thereof, shall be cashiered, and forfeit all such pay as may be due to him at the time of his conviction of such offence.

45. Any commissary, who shall take any gift or gratuity on the false mustering of the said battalion or any company, or for signing any muster-roll, shall be displaced, and forfeit his pay, as in the preceding article.

46. Any officer, who shall presume to muster any person as a soldier, who at other times is accustomed to wear a livery, or who does not actually do his duty as a soldier, shall be deemed guilty of having made a false muster, and suffer accordingly.

47. The commanding officer of every corps, or of any garrison in the service aforesaid, or at any station of any of the said forces, shall, in the beginning of every month, transmit to the Council of Safety an exact return of the state of the troops under his command, specifying the names of the officers not then residing at their posts, and the reason for and time of their absence. And whoever shall, through neglect or design, omit sending such returns, shall be punished as may be adjudged.

48. No person shall be allowed to fettle at any camp or station, or to any party or detachment of the said forces, before he shall have obtained a licence from the commanding officer thereof, and shall also have subscribed these rules.

49. No futtler shall be permitted to sell any kind of liquor, or victual, or to keep his house or shop open, for the entertainment of soldiers, after nine o'clock at night, or before beating the reveilles, or upon Sundays between the hours of ten and one o'clock, on penalty of being dismissed from all future futtling.

50. No officer commanding in any camp, garrison, fort, or station, shall lay any duty or imposition upon, or be interested in, the sale of any victuals, liquors, or other necessaries of life, or merchandize which are brought or offered for sale for the use of the soldiers, nor shall receive or have any gratuity or reward for any licence to any futtler, on penalty of being discharged from the service.

51. Any commissioned officer who shall be guilty of any fraud or imbezlement, shall forfeit all his pay due at the time of his conviction, make restitution, and be discharged from the service.

52. Any non-commissioned officer or soldier, who shall embezzle or destroy ammunition, provisions, tools, or any other thing belonging to the public stores, shall be punished as may be adjudged.

53. Any officer or soldier, who shall wilfully or through negligence disobey any general or special orders, shall be punished as may be adjudged.

54. That no general court-martial shall consist of

a less number than thirteen, none of whom shall be of a less degree than a commissioned officer, and the president shall be a field officer; which general court-martial shall be appointed, when and as often as occasion shall require, by the Council of Safety, or the colonel or commanding officer of the said battalion; and the president shall administer an oath to the other members of the same court, and the member next in rank to the president shall administer an oath to him, before the same court shall proceed to determine or hear any case, in the words following, to wit: "You, A. B. do swear, that you will well and truly try, and impartially determine the cause of the prisoner now to be tried, according to the rules for regulating and governing the forces in the service of this province."

"So help you God." Provided, That when any person is to be tried for his life, the Council of Safety shall appoint twenty-four members at least, two of which to be field officers, and ten at least to be captains, out of a list of whom the president may strike all above the number of fifteen, leaving at least one field officer and five captains; and sentence of death shall not be pronounced, unless twelve of the court martial concur in such sentence.

55. That no inferior court-martial shall consist of a less number than five commissioned officers, unless in such cases where that number cannot be conveniently assembled, when three shall be sufficient; but no person on or against whom the offence is alleged to have been committed, shall be a member of any court-martial for the trial thereof; and in such cases where three, for that reason, cannot be had of the same corps, garrison, party, or station of the officers, then with those who are competent of that corps, garrison, party, or station, and the next most convenient thereto; such inferior court-martial shall be constituted of five members at least.

[To be continued.]

THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY desirous of forwarding the intentions of the convention in promoting the manufacture of salt, salt-petre, gunpowder, and firearms, request any persons who are inclined to engage on liberal encouragement in the manufacture of firearms, or to erect a powder-mill in the neighbourhood of Baltimore-town, where it will be most beneficial, or salt, or salt-petre works; that they will send their proposals in writing to Gabriel Duval, clerk of the Council of Safety, and they shall be attended to and speedily answered.

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TO BE SOLD,

A VALUABLE tract of land, containing 280 acres more or less, situated upon Rock creek in Frederick county, within four miles of George town and eight of Bladenburg, 150 acres whereof are in woods, and the remainder inclosed by a good fence; there are about ten acres of the aforesaid land may be made good meadow with little trouble. I have likewise for sale 25 acres of land near or adjoining the town of Upper Marlborough, in Prince George's county, with good improvements thereon, and a valuable mill in good repair, and grinds all seasons. For terms apply to Robert Whitaker near the aforesaid town, or William Belt in Frederick county.

March 13, 1776.

STRAYED the 8th instant, out of the lot of the subscriber, in Annapolis, a small chestnut mare, about fourteen hands high, with a blaze in her forehead. Whoever will bring the said mare to the house of the subscriber aforesaid may receive two dollars reward.

3w 1X CHARLES CARROLL, of Carrollton.

March 5, 1776.

To be sold by the subscribers, A FEW barrels and half barrels of strong and small beer, brewed by Mr. Isaac Perkins, in Kent county. This beer is allowed to be the best made in this province.

3w 2 THO. C. WILLIAMS and co.

Anne-Arundel county. Elk Ridge.

THE subscriber acquaints his brother tradesmen (especially those that have engaged in the country service) that he will furnish them with gun-barrels well forged, fluted, and bored, agreeable to the directions of the honourable the Continental Congress, at the moderate price of three dollars per barrel, which will enable the purchaser and finisher to make a good profit to himself, and will expedite the supplying the provincial magazine, so much wanted and desired. He can, without any unforeseen accident or misfortune, furnish thirty or forty barrels per month, besides those that he finishes for his friends that apply to him for either rifles or smooth guns; and if any of the barrels sold by him to any person should fail or pop with a double charge of powder and ball, he will give another barrel in lieu thereof.

2 AZEL WARFIELD.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of John Eden, late of St. Mary's county, deceased, by bond, note, or book debt, are requested to make immediate payments and all persons having any just claims against the said estate, are desired to bring them in, that they may be adjusted.

3w 2 TOWNSHEND EDEN, executor.

February 27, 1776.

THE creditors of the rev. M. John Mac, heron are desired to meet at Point Tobacco, on the 18th day of March next, to receive their dividend of what money may then be in the hands of the trustees for the creditors of said Macpherson.

3w 2 SAMUEL LOVE, acting trustee.

CATON
S B U R G, March 1.

a member of the provincial congress, to Col. Howe, dated at Halifax.

The name of Smith has just now... ers of the Regulators in Halifax... our of the Fields. The names... know, but neither Hunter nor... He informs me, that the in... pressed with respect to the Re... thinks the Highlanders are di... do not give implicit credit to... tecture, because we have later... h's (who was only as low down... urt-house) which contradict it... ine that there will not be a ga... for the number of our troops... 5000) will undoubtedly awe the... sion, if they are not already di... tin, it seems, had kept up a cor... affected in the western part of... ed a plan of insurrection, issued... many counties for this purpose... men as should take arms should... ard, at Brunswick, by the 15th... g that they should be then ad... regulars.

believed from all anxiety for us... ty to exert all your powers for... I flatter myself that your coun... to your country, and honour it

in Hampton, dated February 28,

with two men of war (the Merc... ree transports, and four tenders... lieve for sea; and this morning... which I took to be the Liverpool... wn from Norfolk, and I ima... capes."

NOTHAMPTON COUNTY,
July 22, 1776.

Two minute companies arrived... from Kent county, under the... William Henry, the other from... command of Capt. James Kent... ne companies, extremely well... em many gentlemen of family... amples of good discipline and... y after their arrival the com... d them as follows:

HENRY, and Capt. JAMES... cepts under their command.

Northampton county beg leave... on your safe arrival into this... march, at this rigorous season... sary fortunes, such as the com... in your province, and who can... convenience and elegance of lit... rily to serve their country, by... march at an inclement season... g to every inconvenience con... ot be doubted that they are ac... icipled. They are justly en... their country, and we hope... own them with honour and

ch this once happy county ever... unnatural though unavoidable... ally unprovided for the proper... of armed men; and we hope... sider the very indifferent ac... ou meet with here as solely... not from want of respect and... amstances. We however beg... nothing in our power shall be... ur convenience and happiness... our county would permit; in... will at all times, during your... cheerfully co-operate with this... g good order and regularity... ing the dangerous delinquen... emies of American liberty.

THE following received the following... S W E B.

ampton court-house, Feb. 22, 1776

emin of the COMMITTEE... on county, Virginia.

r your very polite address to us... er our command, upon our ar... for your attention in making... for our reception. Impressed... e duty we owe to our country... glorious cause of American li... our habitations, thinking no... a people to encounter who were... free, and shall esteem ourselves... the services we shall be able to... his county in particular.

e of the many inconveniences... dation of soldiers in a country... ar, and with pleasure we w... ndered these difficulties, and made... greable.