

ed 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.

In Worcester 1. Somerset 1. Dorchester 2. Talbot 1. Caroline 1. Queen-Anne's 2. Kent 1. Cæcil 2. St. Mary's 2. Calvert 1. Charles 3. Prince-George's 3. Anne-Arundel 4. Baltimore 5. Harford 3. Frederick 8.

And that, for the enrollment of every such company, a proper person be appointed by the committee of each respective county, to insist 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 convenient 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 chuse 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,