

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 battalion, 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, practising 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 furthest before the 15th 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 sixty-eight privates.

That each company already formed, if it now is, or before the 15th day of September next, shall be made up to fifty privates, or upwards; and shall have subscribed the  
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