

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 captains, 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 50; and if a greater number than 74 shall be enrolled in any one company, then the enrollment of any after the first 63 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 circumstances 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 oftener than three times out of four; so that every fourth time at least the whole may be mustered together.

That no company be permitted to chuse 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 artillery-man, 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 of 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 also assigning to each battalion, one company of light infantry, which light infantry shall be armed in such manner as 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 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; which officers shall rank and martial the companies of their respective battalions.

That every company of militia be exercised one day in every week, and that every battalion of militia be exercised in battalion at such times and places as the field officers of the battalion shall appoint, not oftener than once in every month, nor seldomer than once in every two months; the day of exercise in battalion being accounted as the day of exercise for that week.

That the colonel of every battalion of minute-men and militia, shall employ a skilful and able adjutant for his battalion, who shall train and exercise the battalion, and the several companies thereof, according to the directions of the colonel, and shall receive for