

country, and are well practised in the use of fire-arms, are by much to be preferred.

2. You will have great regard to moral character, sobriety in particular.

3. You are not to enlist any servant imported, nor, without the leave of the master, any apprentice.

4. Those who engage in the service shall be enlisted according to the form prescribed by this Convention.

5. You shall appoint such men sergeants and corporals, as recommend themselves by their ability, activity, and diligence; and you are also to appoint the drummer and fifer to your company.

6. You will use all diligence in completing your company, and report (if a captain in the battalion) to your colonel, (if a captain in an independent company, or in the artillery, or marines) to the Council of Safety.

7. You are to be allowed seven shillings and six-pence per week for the subsist of recruits, till they arrive at their station.

8. You will take notice, that the colonel of the battalion, or a field officer to be appointed by him, is to inspect your men, and reject such as do not answer to your instructions.

9. You shall be allowed seven shillings and six-pence for every man you enlist, who shall be past on inspection as effective, besides the subsist money mentioned before, and your pay.

10. You will furnish the subalterns of your company with a copy of these instructions, who are to exert themselves in recruiting.

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By order,

G. DUVALL, clk.

That all non-commissioned officers and privates of the said battalion, independent companies, and companies of artillery and marines, be enlisted by their voluntarily subscribing an engagement in the following words, to wit. "We whose names are hereto subscribed, do voluntarily enlist ourselves soldiers or matrosses, or in the marines, as the case may happen to be, to serve as such, during the present dispute between Great-Britain and America, unless sooner discharged by order of the Convention or Council of Safety of Maryland for the time being, hereby subjecting ourselves to such rules and regulations as are, or shall be made by the Convention of Maryland, for regulating and governing the forces in the pay of this province. Witness our hands."

That all non-commissioned seamen and landsmen, retained in the pay of this province, for the naval service, shall be entered by their voluntarily subscribing the following engagement, to wit. "We whose names are subscribed, do voluntarily enter ourselves as seamen, or landsmen, as the case may be, in the naval service of the province of Maryland, for the full term of six months next following, unless sooner discharged by order of the Convention or Council of Safety of Maryland, or by the captain or other chief officer of the ship or vessel in which we may be employed; hereby subjecting ourselves to such rules and regulations as are or shall be made by the Convention of this province, for regulating and governing the forces in the pay thereof. Witness our hands the dates affixed to our names respectively."

That one month's pay be advanced to each person who shall be so enlisted or entered as aforesaid, and that over and above the pay of the non-commissioned officers and privates of the battalion, independent companies, and companies of artillery and marines, each of them be yearly found and allowed, at the expence of this province, a new hat, short coat, waistcoat, pair of breeches, and hunting-shirt; and out of their pay there may be reasonable stoppages for necessary shirts, shoes and stockings.

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