

by the year for the use thereof, and those who shall find other fire-locks for their own use, shall be allowed each at the rate of fifteen shillings per year, for the use of such fire-locks.

That if any officer or soldier of the regular forces, minute-men, or militia, in the service of this province, shall lose a limb, or be otherwise maimed or hurt, so as to be rendered incapable of earning a livelihood, this province will make provision for the comfortable support of such officer or soldier.

That such sums of money as may be necessary to provide houses for the said troops during the winter season, be by the permission and allowance of the Council of Safety advanced, out of the treasuries of the respective shores on which such troops are stationed, by the commanding officer of the said battalion, and captains of the said independent companies, to be by them respectively laid out in providing the said houses.

That the said treasurers respectively keep account of such monies, charging the said city of Annapolis, town of Baltimore, and counties aforesaid, with the sums of money respectively advanced for the purposes aforesaid, which sums of money shall hereafter be assessed upon the said city, town, and counties, to which the same are respectively advanced, above the proportion of the said city, town, and counties, in the general tax.

That such bedding and covering and fuel, as the Council of Safety shall judge fit and proper, be provided for the said troops at the provincial expence.

That proper tents and camp utensils be provided by the Council of Safety for the said troops at the expence of this province, the said tents to be used as soon as the season will permit.

Mr. Johnson brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee appointed to report rules and regulations for the government of the forces to be raised in this province, which was read and considered, and agreed to as follows:

RULES for regulating and governing the forces to be raised and employed in the service of the province of Maryland.

For the **LAND FORCES.**

ARTICLE 1. It is earnestly recommended to all officers and soldiers to attend divine service when their situation will permit, and all officers and soldiers who shall behave irreverently at any place of divine worship, shall, if commissioned officers, be brought before a court-martial, there to be publicly and severely reprimanded by the president; if a non-commissioned officer or soldier shall so offend, he shall, for the first offence, forfeit one day's pay, and for the second and every after offence, he shall not only forfeit the like sum, but be confined for any time not exceeding twenty-four hours.

2. Whatever commissioned or non-commissioned officer or soldier shall use any profane oath or execration, shall incur the penalties expressed in the preceding article. And whatsoever commissioned or non-commissioned officer or soldier shall practice any species of gaming, shall pay such fine, or suffer such punishment, as may be adjudged.

3. Any officer or soldier who shall behave himself with contempt or disrespect towards the colonel or other chief officer of the land forces in the pay of this province, or shall speak false words, tending to his hurt or dishonour, shall be punished according to the nature and degree of his offence.

4. Any officer or soldier who shall utter any words tending to raise a mutiny, or shall endeavour to cause any mutiny or make any mutinous assemblies, shall be punished according to the nature and degree of his offences.

5. Any officer or soldier who shall excite, cause, or join in any actual mutiny in the battalion, or in any company in the pay of this province, or in any party, post, detachment, or guard, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as may be adjudged.

6. Any officer or soldier who being present at any mutiny, does not use his utmost endeavour to suppress the same, or coming to the knowledge of any mutiny or intended mutiny,