

non-commissioned officer or private, a forfeiture of his pay for one month, or a fine to the value thereof, close imprisonment not exceeding ten days, or whipping with thirty-nine lashes on the bare back, and drumming out of the company.

63. No sentence of death shall be executed on any offender before the proceedings shall be certified to and approved by the Council of Safety, who may in their discretion pardon the offender; nor shall any sentence of a general or inferior court-martial for whipping, be executed before the same shall be made known to and approved by the commanding officer of the battalion, corps, garrison or station to which the offender belongs, and such commanding officer may in his discretion remit such punishment.

64. All fines shall be paid into the hands of such persons as shall be directed by the court-martial that set the same, and shall be applied to the relief of the sick of the company to which the offender belongs.

65. That these rules shall be openly and distinctly read at the head of every corps, garrison, company or part of a company, stationed at any one place, once at least in every month, under the penalty of twenty pounds on the officer commanding such corps, garrison, company or part of a company.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, January 15, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Richard Ridgely qualify himself as clerk assistant to the Convention, by taking the oath of office and secrecy as directed to be taken by the clerk.

A Certificate of said Ridgely's qualification was produced and filed.

RESOLVED, That this Convention is willing and desirous to contribute all the assistance in their power to the relief of their sister colonies; and as this Convention is informed that the counties of Accomack and Northampton are in need of assistance,

RESOLVED, That the minute company in Dorchester county commanded by captain Joseph Robson, and the minute company in Queen-Anne's county commanded by captain James Kent, and the minute company in Kent county commanded by captain William Henry, immediately march to Accomack and Northampton counties in Virginia, to the assistance of the inhabitants there; and that if any of the men belonging to either of the said companies cannot go on this occasion, then the full number to be made up by such volunteers as may offer for this particular service.

That each private be allowed for his subsistence on his march, one sixth part of a dollar per day, and the officers in proportion.

That Yelverton Peyton Probart be appointed commissary to provide subsistence for the said companies whilst on their station, and that seven hundred pounds common money be paid into his hands by the treasurer of the eastern-shore to be applied for that purpose, he giving bond, payable to the president, in the penalty of twelve hundred pounds current money, conditioned for the faithful expenditure of the same, and rendering an account and payment of the balance, if any, thereof.

That the committee of observation for Kent county, furnish such of the public arms in their possession as may be necessary to arm such men of the said minute companies as have not good arms of their own, and if there shall not be sufficient of the public arms in the possession of the said committee, then it is earnestly recommended to the committees of observation for the said counties of Dorchester, Queen-Anne's, and Kent, and of the adjacent counties, to borrow such arms from the inhabitants of the said counties as may be necessary to arm the said companies; which arms so borrowed, shall be valued and a receipt passed therefor, to the end that the owners may be paid for the same by