

by this province, in case the said arms be not returned in good order; and it is recommended to the said inhabitants, to lend such spare arms, as they have, and may be necessary for the service aforesaid.

That the said companies be relieved at the end of eight weeks at furthest from their arrival at their station, and be entitled to the same pay and rations as troops in the continental army.

That one hundred pounds be advanced to the captain of each of the said companies, out of the treasury on the eastern-shore, to be applied to defray the necessary expences of the march of their companies; and that exact accounts be rendered of the expenditure of all monies by the captains and commissary.

That the said commissary for his trouble be entit'ed to the pay of forty dollars per kalendar month.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the captains of the independent companies, or other officers commanding such independent companies, or any parts thereof, respectively do, as occasions may require, apply to some adjacent surgeon or physician, to attend any sick or wounded soldier under his command; and that such surgeon's or physician's reasonable account for such attendance and for medicines found and administered by him, be allowed and paid by the public.

That necessary fuel be found for the said forces in the service of this province at the expence thereof, as may be ordered by the Council of Safety.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

#### P O S T M E R I D I E M.

Convention met. Mr. Tyler and Mr. Sim appeared in the house.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the powers and authorities of the deputies of this province in Congress, have continuance until the end of the next session of Convention, and no longer, unless otherwise resolved in this or the said next session of Convention, any thing in the resolves of this or the last Convention, or any of them, to the contrary notwithstanding.

**RESOLVED**, That the officers of the militia rank in the following manner, to wit. Brigadiers-general, colonels, lieutenant-colonels, first majors, second majors, captains, first lieutenants, second lieutenants, ensigns; the brigadiers-general as to each other, first, second, third, fourth, and fifth, according to their numbers; the other officers as to others holding like commissions, according to the number of the battalion to which they belong; and if they should not belong to any battalion, then next after the officers holding in battalions the like commissions as themselves, and, as to each other, according to the number of the first battalion in their respective county. But after the places in the militia now enrolled shall have been once filled up, and the officers shall have accepted their commissions, on the filling up any places that may again become vacant, such officers, as shall be thereafter appointed to such places, shall hold rank, amongst others of the same degree as themselves, according to the dates of their respective commissions only; and all battalions to be hereafter formed, shall be numbered by the successive numbers following the last number of those already formed or allowed by this Convention, according to the time of issuing the commission to the respective colonel.

That the officers of the militia hold no rank with those of the regular forces, unless at and during such times as they act together, and that when they do act together they rank in the following order: Field officers of the regular troops, brigadiers-general and first colonels of the militia; captains of the regular troops, lieutenant-colonels and