

That for the ascertaining the rank of the captains, lieutenants and ensigns of the said companies, commissions shall issue by the Convention or Council of Safety, and be dated of the day such captain, lieutenant or ensign shall have enrolled the number of men expressed in his warrant; and rank as between officers of equal degree, shall take place according to such date; but where there shall be enrollments completed on the same day by officers of the same degree, the rank shall be settled by ballot between such officers, and the commissions marked accordingly.

That on the issuing of the warrants or granting of commissions as aforesaid, there be paid by the treasurer of the shore where such person resides, on producing an order from the Council of Safety, the sum of £ 69 15 0 to each captain, £ 46 10 0 to each lieutenant, and £ 37 5 0 to every ensign, out of the bills of credit, to be advanced to the non commissioned officers and privates in part of their wages, at the discretion of the officer, who shall be answerable for, and accountable to this province for the money advanced as aforesaid.

That as some of the militia may be under contracts to perform particular services by the year, month, or other time, any such who shall enroll as aforesaid, shall be entitled to their wages for the time they shall have continued in the service of their employer in consequence of such contract, in proportion to the time they shall have served.

That the several companies shall be mustered and passed by some one of the field officers of the county where such company shall be raised, and the captain shall return two copies of his muster roll, certified by the field officer who musters the men, to the Council of Safety, who shall transmit one of the copies to the Congress.

A letter from captain Montagu, of the Fowey ship of war, of this day, to the president of the Council of Safety, was laid before the Convention, and read. Thereupon it is ordered, that the president of the Council of Safety be directed to write a letter to captain Montagu in the following words, to wit.

S. I. R.,

In Council of Safety, 25th June, 1776.

BY command of the Convention I enclose you their resolution of yesterday, which expresses the occasion of discontinuing an intercourse with the Fowey, which was wished and expected to have ended more satisfactorily. Any measures that may be attempted for the ostensible cause of stopping the governor's baggage must properly be imputed to your breach of the truce, and will be resent in full proportion to the injury.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, June 26, 1776.

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

ORDERED, That the small tender belonging to the Defence be stationed between Greenbury's and Horn point, one armed boat between Tolley's and Horn point, and one other armed boat between Greenbury's and Hackett's point, to prevent any communication with the Fowey, and that the Council of Safety carry this order into execution.

A petition