

and nominate your Lieutenant and other Officers in  
your Company from which Officers and Soldiers you  
shall take Solemn engagements of faithful service and  
duty to his Highness the Lord Protector and the Government  
established in this Province under him to you their Captain  
in the affairs of the publick peace and welfare of this Province  
and we do hereby in the name of his Highness the Lord  
Protector strictly charge and int require all the Officers  
and Company aforesaid to acknowledge you self as their  
Captain and to yield all ready Obedience to your Commands  
lawful and necessary as good Soldiers and loyal Subjects  
of the Commonwealth Given under our hands this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 1655

W<sup>m</sup> Durand Rich. Preston  
Samson Haing  
John Lawson

At a Provincial Court holden the 13<sup>th</sup>  
of August 1655

Present

Captain W<sup>m</sup> Fuller Governor

W<sup>m</sup> Edward Lloyd W<sup>m</sup> Thomas Mearns  
W<sup>m</sup> Richard Wells W<sup>m</sup> Thomas Mearns  
Captain Rich<sup>d</sup> Ewen

It is Ordered that the Captains of the Traine Bands  
of Planters shall require all the Inhabitants fit to bear  
Arms to appear at their Exercises which if after warning &  
having no just cause to hinder them they deny then the  
said Captains shall fine them and if they continue Obsti-  
nate disarm them and whereas divers persons of Planters