

In consequence of an Application made by Mr. William Whetcroft, of Annapolis, the Council agreed as follows, viz:-

The Council of Safety, promise Mr. William Whetcroft that in case he will next Spring import a sufficient number of workmen, and will deliver for the use of this Province for every week for two years then next following, fifty good substantial proved Musquets 37 1/2 feet long in the barrel and of three quarters of an inch in the bore, with good double bridle locks, Black Walnut or Maple Stocks, and plain strong brass mountings (Bayonets with Steel Blades 14 Inches long, Steel Ramrods, double screws, priming wires and brushes fitted thereto, with a pair of brass molds for every right Musquet, to cast 12 Bullets on one side, and on the other side to cast shot of such size as the Musquet will Chamber three of them, wholly made within this Province, the Public will, provided the differences continue between Great Britain and the Colonies, take the said 50 stands of arms at the rate of four pounds Common money per stand, or for such part of the said two years as the said Differences shall continue: But if happily there should be a Reconciliation between Great Britain and the Colonies, after the said workmen shall embark, and before the end of the said two years, that then the public will if the said Reconciliation shall take place before the said workmen shall have been set to work, take an assignment of the Contracts made by the said Whetcroft with them, and pay him not only his actual Expenses in procuring and importing the said workmen, but also forty Shillings Sterling for each of the said workmen imported, for his trouble. And if such Reconciliation shall take place after any delivery of the said stands of Arms, and before the end of the said two years, that then the public will make an allowance to the said Whetcroft in proportion to the part of the two years then unexpired, on such assignment as aforesaid being made. It is agreed that it shall be at the option of Mr. Whetcroft to fit 800 of the Musquets first delivered with imported locks, provided the prime cost of the said locks be not less than five Shillings Sterling each. It is understood that the importation of the said workmen shall be at the Expense and Risque of Mr. Whetcroft.

Ordered, That a Copy of the foregoing Agreement signed by the Clerk, be delivered to Mr. Whetcroft, and that it be kept secret.

The Council adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M. and met pursuant to adjournment.

Whereas Samuel Purviance Junr. William Smith, and David Stewart, have Certified to this Council that in consequence of the Resolve of the late Provincial Convention of the 11th day of August last, sundry persons have lent and advanced to the public, divers sums of Money, amounting in the whole to Eleven