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TO THE 19th MARCH 1776.

Constitution of the Council of Safety
in Prov^l Congress

C. S. J.

June 14th 1775

Resolved

That the persons to be appointed to direct and regulate the operations of the troops and for other purposes be stiled and denominated the Council of Safety.

That it consist of thirteen members and such of the Delegates of this Colony as shall not hold Commissions, and are not entitled to receive Pay in the prov^l Army.

That no military officer receiving Pay in the service of this Colony be eligible to sit in the Council of Safety

That the said Council of Safety or a majority of such as may be in the Colony shall have power to issue Commissions for the Army as well to those elected by the prov^l Congress as in Cases of Vacancy by Death or otherwise

That the said Council or a Majority of them be vested with full power & authority to suspend any officer in the army when they shall think it necessary and shall within a convenient time not exceeding forty Days after such suspension order a general Court Martial to sit for the Trial of such officer whose sentence shall be final unless it shall be otherwise determined by the provincial Congress.

That the said Council of Safety shall have the supreme Direction, Regulation, Maintenance & ordering of the Army and all military Establishments & arrangem^{ts} subject always to the Controul of the Congress.

That if upon any emergency it shall appear necessary to the Council of Safety to call forth the militia they shall have full power & authority to cary the acts of assembly for Regulating the militia of this Colony in all Respects into Execu.