

To the Eighth we cannot agree, for the following, among many other Reasons; it will impower the Commander in Chief, or other Person properly authorized, to Order away from the Frontier all the Five Hundred Men, except so many as the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, shall think expedient, for the Protection and Security of Fort Frederick; in which Case the Frontier Inhabitants would be deprived of that Protection by Ranging, which the Bill now provides for; and thereby the Country put to an additional and extraordinary Expence, and our Militia harassed in that Service, for which the Men proposed to be Raised by this Bill are designed.

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To the Ninth we cannot agree, as we think it our indispensable Duty, by every reasonable Method, to secure the Public Money from Embezzlement, especially at this Juncture, when the greatest Economy is necessary.

To the Tenth we agree.

To the Eleventh we cannot agree, as we judge the obliging the Officer to return his Muster-Rolls on Oath, will be a stronger Security to the Public against any Fraud, than one signed by himself and one other Commission Officer, as we are not convinced that one Officer may not connive at the false Return of another.

To the Twelfth and Thirteenth we agree.

'Tis well known, that Soldiers absent on Furlow, do not receive Pay nor Provisions, and therefore 'tis undoubtedly necessary they should be returned in the Muster-Roll; and those absent on Duty, not receiving Provisions from the Garrison, it would seem as expedient should be returned also: And we cannot think the Penalty of being cashiered, so great a Security against the false Returns of an Officer, as a pecuniary Penalty, recoverable in a Court of Law; because the Judges in a Court of Law must be supposed to be more impartial than Judges in a Court-Martial, many of whom may probably have strong Attachment to the Party charged; for these Reasons we cannot agree to your Fourteenth Amendment.

To the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth, we agree.

And we agree to the Forfeiture you propose by the Eighteenth Amendment: But as we cannot think it reasonable to subject the Body of the Person to Imprisonment, when he has Effects to discharge the Penalty, we cannot agree to establish a discretionary Power of either Fining or Imprisoning.

As we see no Reason for departing from the usual Method of providing for Persons, who shall adventure their Lives in the Defence of this Province and his Majesty's Service, and shall be maimed, or rendered incapable to get a Livelihood for themselves or Families, we shall adhere to it; and therefore cannot agree to your Nineteenth Amendment.