

or have not enrolled in the militia, so far as such arms will extend and the deficiency shall be made up by borrowing the firelocks of such of the militia as will lend on the public faith, which is hereby pledged to return the same in the like order as received, or in case of loss, the value thereof. And all firelocks so lent, shall be valued by to freeholders, and a certificate given to the owner by the officers who enrolled the men supplied therewith, of the receipt and value of the same arms.

That all arms so furnished by the council of safety, or committee of observation, or lent as aforesaid, as well as the tents, cartouch boxes, kettles and pots, shall be carefully preserved and returned, and if any shall not be returned from gross negligence, the captain of the company where such negligence shall be suffered, shall be answerable to the public for the loss, and the immediate delinquent to the captain.

That the council of safety in the recess of convention direct the formation of the companies in battalions, and appoint what companies shall compose such battalions.

That for 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 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