

The president laid before the convention a letter and several resolutions from the honourable the president of the congress, of the third day of this instant, which was read and thereupon the convention taking the same into consideration,

*Resolved,* That the commanding officers of the several battalions of militia in Prince George's, Frederick, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Caroline counties, be requested to call their battalions together as soon as possible, and that the field officers of the said counties, respectively, select companies of volunteers as follows, to wit—Prince George's one, Frederick three, that is, one in each district thereof, Anne Arundel two, Baltimore two, Harford two, Cecil three, Kent two, Queen Anne's two, and Caroline one; that each company consist of 68 privates, 4 sergeants, 4 corporals, one drummer, and one fifer, under the command of a captain, two lieutenants and an ensign.

That each company be armed out of the arms belonging to the battalions of their counties respectively, which shall be appraised and borrowed, or paid for at the election of the owner, by the council of safety: That if arms cannot be procured from the militia, any of the field officers may impress and appraise arms necessary to equip each company, which shall be paid for by the council of safety.

That to encourage the immediate march of the militia, a bounty of three pounds, and one month's pay, be advanced by the council of safety to each non-commissioned officer and private.

That the field officers of each battalion recommend the commissioned officers for each company to this convention, or in their recess to the council of safety, for their approbation; which officers so to be recommended shall be made known to the militia before their enrollment.

That the committees of observation of any of the said counties or districts, where there shall be no field officers to any battalion therein, be required to carry the above requisition into execution in their respective counties and districts.

That the convention, or in their recess the council of safety, form the said companies of volunteers into battalions, and appoint the field officers.

That the council of safety take every measure in their power to furnish and equip the said companies with all necessaries, to expedite and prepare carriages and provisions for their march.

That the said companies be enrolled until the first day of December next, unless sooner discharged by congress, and receive continental pay from the day of enrollment.