

That each member of the said council of safety be allowed and paid fourteen shillings common money, out of the treasury of this province, for every day such member shall sit or be absent from home on public business.

That any four or more of the said council of safety convened, or the major part of them, direct and regulate the operations of the regular forces, the minute men and militia of this province, and may grant all military commissions, appoint and commission all field and commission officers, and regulate the rank of all military officers not appointed by this convention, and in the recess of convention, call forth the regular forces aforesaid and minute men into action in any place or places within this or the neighboring provinces, and the militia into action in any place or places within this province, at such time and times, in such proportions and on such occasions as the said council may judge necessary, and do all such other matters and things for the defence, protection and security of this province, and for the aid and assistance of the neighboring provinces, as they shall deem necessary and expedient.

That any officer of the said regular forces, minute men or militia, may be suspended from the exercise of his commission by the said council of safety, and if the said council of safety shall think proper, they may displace any officer, and appoint and commission another in his stead, and may on the death, resignation or removal of any officer in the regular forces, minute men or militia, appoint and commission another in his stead, and the said council of safety may fill up all vacancies in the regular troops aforesaid, minute men and militia, by whatever means occasioned.

That the said council of safety be authorized and empowered to draw out of the bills of credit emitted or ordered to be emitted by this convention, (except such part thereof as is appropriated to call in and exchange the bills of credit emitted by the last convention) any sum or sums which may by them be judged necessary to carry the several resolutions of this convention into execution, for paying and discharging all contracts made or to be made for and on behalf of this province, and for the defence and protection of this province, or for paying and defraying the expenses of any part of the said regular troops and minute men which may be ordered to any of the neighboring provinces.

That the said council of safety have power and authority to arrest, and on hearing, confine and imprison till the next convention all such persons within this province as shall have been or may be guilty of high and dangerous offences, tending to disunite the people of this province in their present opposition, or to destroy the