

and commission one captain, two lieutenants, and one ensign, and the captain of each company of light infantry may appoint non-commissioned officers thereto.

That all the officers of the said minute-men rank according to their commissions and the date of priority thereof.

That the minute-men be exercised two days in every week, and that for one of those days each of the non-commissioned officers and privates be allowed two shillings and six pence common money.

That each of the said battalions in Frederick and Baltimore and Harford counties, be exercised in battalions, at such convenient times and places as shall be appointed by the field officers of the respective battalions, every of which times being accounted as one of the two days of exercise. And that the said other companies of minute-men exercise with some battalions of militia, at at the times of their being exercised in battalion, in their respective county, and as to this purpose, be subject to the commands of the field officers of such battalion.

That until other arms are provided, the minute-men exercise with their own firelocks, but that as soon as others can be provided by the public, each colonel have delivered to him firelocks with steel ramrods and bayonets, cartouch boxes, worms, priming wires, and brushes fitted thereto, and flints, sufficient for his battalion, and he shall deliver to each captain in his battalion, sufficient for his company, who shall deliver and distribute the same to his company; receipts of all which deliveries shall be given, the men being answerable to the captains, the captains to the colonels, and colonels to the conventions, for the return of the said arms and accoutrements in good order, unless prevented by unavoidable accidents.

That the companies of minute-men not so joined in battalion, be armed and provided, and the captains and men of those companies responsible for a return of the public arms and accoutrements, in the same manner as the men of the battalions are to be armed and provided, and their colonels, and they are as aforesaid responsible.

That every able bodied effective freeman within this province, between sixteen and fifty years of age, (clergymen of all denominations, practising physicians, the household of his excellency the governor, minute and artillery men, and such persons who from their religious principles cannot bear arms in any case, excepted,) as soon as may be, and at furthest before the 15th day of September next, shall enroll himself in some company of militia, in the