

of his shore, and leave with the same treasurer an account containing the names of those from whom he hath received the same, and the sums from them respectively collected.

That every person who shall refuse and delay to enroll as aforesaid, shall on or before the tenth day of March next, deliver to the committee of observation for his county, all his fire-arms, if he hath any, except pistols; and if any such person shall refuse or delay to do the same, then such committee shall empower some person or persons, by warrant under their hands, to seize the said fire arms, and deliver the same to the said committee; and the said committees shall cause all the arms which shall come to their hands to be valued, by indifferent and honest men on oath, and shall keep a list of such arms, to whom they belong, and their respective values, and may deliver out such arms at their discretion, to the captains of militia in their county, taking the captains receipts therefor, and the captains being liable for the re-delivery thereof, may deliver the same to the unarmed men of their companies; and every committee of observation shall transmit an account of all assessments by them made, as well as of all arms by them received as aforesaid, and how they have disposed of the same, to every Convention: but because some persons who do not enroll in the militia may be so poor that they cannot pay the said assessment of forty shillings, and their omitting to enroll may not proceed from disaffection to the cause of America or perverseness, it is provided, that where the real and personal estate of any effective freeman, who shall refuse or neglect to enroll himself in the militia as aforesaid, shall not, in the judgment and estimation of the committee of his county, be of the value of thirty pounds, the same committee may in their discretion omit to assess any sum of money on such person, the same committee certifying to the Convention or Council of Safety the name of the person, and the reasons wherefore they do not assess him.

That all fines which have been already set and adjudged, according to the resolutions of the last Convention, on militia officers or men, and have not been paid, or which shall hereafter be so set and adjudged, shall, if the same be on a field officer, be paid into the hands of the quarter-master of the battalion to which he belongs, and if on any officer of inferior rank to a field officer, or on a non-commissioned officer or private, be paid into the hands of such person as hath or shall have been appointed to receive the fines for the company to which such person belongs, or if no such receiver hath or shall have been appointed, then the same shall be paid into the hands of the captain of such company, and on refusal to pay the same fine, and such refusal being certified to the committee of observation for the county where such person resides, the same committee shall grant a warrant under their hands, empowering any other person or persons of the same county to levy such fine by distress and sale as aforesaid, of the party's goods and effects, but the officers who set and adjudged the fine may commit the offender to a sergeant according to the resolution of the late Convention, if they choose that as the best method to compel payment.

That in cases where it may greatly promote the ease of the inhabitants, a number not less than forty nor exceeding eighty privates, may, with the especial permission of the committees of observation, enroll in any one company of militia, but any of those already enrolled in any company, where the privates do not exceed seventy four, shall not be permitted to leave such company, for the purpose of enrolling in a new one. That in those counties where only part of the militia are appointed to join in battalion, the respective committees of observation form the other companies into battalion, if there are sufficient in number for that purpose, and in those counties where there are not any battalions formed, that the said committees proceed, as soon as may be, to divide their militia into battalions, according to the resolves of the late Convention.