

# PROCEEDINGS.

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DIE LUNAE, 4<sup>th</sup> HO. P. M. MAY 29<sup>th</sup>, 1775.

The Congress met pursuant to adjournment.  
Present.

City and County } *Peter Van Brugh Livingston*, Esquire, President.  
of New York. }

*Isaac Low,*

*Alexander McDougal*

*Leonard Lispenard*

*Joseph Hallett*

*Abraham Walton*

*Abraham Brasher*

*Isaac Roosevelt*

*John De Lancey*

*James Beekman*

*Samuel Verplanck*

*David Clarkson*

*Thomas Smith*

*John Morin Scott*

*John Van Cortland*

*Jacobus Van Zandt*

City and County } *Volkert P. Down*, Esq<sup>r</sup>. Vice President.  
of Albany. }

*Robert Yates*

*Abraham Yates*

*Jacob Cuyler*

*Peter Silvester*

*Dirk Swart*

*Walter Livingston*

*Robert Van Rensselaer*

*Henry Glenn*

*Abraham Ten Broeck*

*Francis Nicoll*

Dutchess County.

*Anthony Hoffman*

*Zephaniah Platt*

*Richard Montgomerie*

*Ephraim Payne*

*Gilbert Livingston*

*Jonathan Landon*

*Gysbert Schenck*

*Melancton Smith*

*Nathaniel Sacket*

Ulster County

*Johan Hardenbergh*

*James Clinton*

*Egbert Dumond*

*Christopher Tappen*

*John Nicholson*

*Jacob Hornbeck*

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## Orange County

*Peter Clowes**William Allison*

## Suffolk County

*Nathaniel Woodhull**John Sloss Hobart**Thomas Treadwell**John Foster**Ezra L'hommedieu**Thomas Wickham**Selah Strong*

## Westchester County

*Gouverneur Morris**Lewis Graham**James Van Cortlandt**Stephen Ward**Philipp Van Cortlandt**James Holmes**Robert Graham**William Paulding*

## Kings County

*Henry Williams**Nicholas Covenhoven*

## Richmond County

*John Journey**Aaron Cortelyou**Richard Connor*

## Queens County

*Jacob Blackwell**Jona. Lawrence**Samuel Townsend**Joseph Robinson*

## Charlotte County

*John Williams**William Marsh*

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A letter from the grand Continental Congress signed by *John Hancock* Esquire President, directed to this provincial Congress, and bearing Date on the 26<sup>th</sup> Instant was read and is in the words following towit :

*Philadelphia 26<sup>th</sup> May 1775.*

Sir :

I enclose you the Resolves of the Continental Congress respecting the measures they conceive more immediately necessary for the Defence & Safety of your City and Province and which it is expected will be carried into Execution with all possible Dispatch and with as much Secrecy as to the particular Operations intended, as the nature of the service will possibly admit of.

I am, Sir,

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> humb Serv<sup>t</sup>

*John Hancock, President*

To the President  
of the Provincial Convention  
at *New York*.

The said Resolves of the Continental Congress mentioned in the above Letter were also read and are in the words following to wit :

In Congress May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1775.

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3<sup>d</sup>. That the Militia of *New York* be armed and trained and in Constant readiness to act at a moments warning, and that a number of men be immediately embodied and kept in that City and so disposed of as to give protection to the Inhabitants, in Case any Insult should be offered by the Troops, that may land there; and to prevent any Attempts that may be made to gain Possession of the City and to interrupt its Intercourse with the Country.

4<sup>th</sup>. That it be left to the Provincial Congress of *New York* to determine the Number of Men sufficient to occupy the several Posts above mentioned \* \* \*<sup>1</sup> as well as to guard the City, provided the whole do not exceed the Number of Three Thousand Men, to be commanded by such Officers as shall be thereunto appointed by said Provincial Congress & to be governed by such Rules and Regulations as shall be established by said Congress until farther Order is taken by this Congress, provided also that if the s<sup>d</sup>. Provincial Congress should be of Opinion that the Number proposed will not be sufficient for the several Services above recommended, that the said Congress report their sentiments upon this subject to this Congress as soon as may be.

5<sup>th</sup>. That it be recommended to the said Provincial Congress that in raising those forces they allow no Bounties or Cloathing and that their pay shall not exceed the Establishment of the New England Colonies.

6<sup>th</sup>. That it be further recommended to the Provincial Congress aforesaid, that the Troops be enlisted to serve until the last day of December next, unless this Congress shall direct, that they be sooner disbanded.

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5 HO. P. M., MAY 30<sup>th</sup>, 1775.

The Congress met pursuant to Adjournment.

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The Congress then resumed the Consideration of the Resolves of the Continental Congress of the 25<sup>th</sup> of May Instant and particularly that part of the third Resolution which directs "That the Militia of *New York* be armed & trained and in constant readiness to act at a moment's warning."

And thereupon resolved, that it be recommended to the Inhabitants of this Colony in general, immediately to furnish themselves with necessary Arms & Ammunition, to use all Diligence to perfect themselves in the Military Art, and if necessary to form themselves into Companies for that purpose, until the further Order of this Congress.

*Ordered*, that this Resolve be printed in the Newspapers & that five hundred Copies thereof be printed in hand Bills.

This Congress then proceeded to the Consideration of the Residue of the third Resolve, and of the fourth Resolve of the Continental Congress.

And thereupon Resolved, that in Compliance with the Resolution of the Continental Congress of the twenty fifth Instant, this Congress will use all possible diligence in embodying men according to the said Resolution.

<sup>1</sup> In §§ 1 and 2 of these Resolutions: *Kings Bridge* and in the *Highlands* on each side of *Hudson's River*. Batteries were to be erected in the *Highlands*.

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*And Ordered*, that Col<sup>o</sup>. *Lispenard*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Ten Broeck*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Holmes*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Lent*,<sup>1</sup> Capt. *Hornbeck*, Colonel *Blackwell*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Brinckerhoff*,<sup>2</sup> Col<sup>o</sup>. *Woodhull*, Mr. *Polhemius*,<sup>3</sup> Mr. *Micheau*,<sup>4</sup> Mr. *John Williams*, Mr. *Montgomerie*, Mr. *Hobart* and Mr. *Morris* be a Committee to report an Arrangement of the Troops to be embodied for the Defence of this Colony; and to report such rules and Regulations as would be proper to be established by this Congress for the Government of such Troops.

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DIE JOVIS, 9 HO. JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>, 1775.

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Mr. *Low* delivered a Petition of Capt. *Samuel Tudor* on behalf of himself and the Independent Company of Artillery in the City of *New York* setting forth that they have not any Carriages for such Cannon as they have pitched on to use, until Brass Field pieces be provided; and that they are destitute of Ammunition.

*Ordered*, that Mr. *Samuel Tudor* be desired to provide Carriages, Rammers and Spunges & such other things, as are necessary for four Guns for training his Company.

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DIE SATURNI, 9 HO. A. M. JUNE 3<sup>d</sup>, 1775.

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A letter from *John Lamb* to this Congress was read.

*New York*, June 2<sup>d</sup>, 1775.

Gentlemen.

As I embarked very early in the Cause of Liberty and have ever defended the Rights of *America* by every means in my power, so I am still actuated both by Principle and inclination to exert myself to the utmost of my Abilities in preserving the Freedom of my Country and as it is highly probable, that Troops will soon be raised in this Colony, I take the Liberty, to tender you my best services. — Should you think me worthy your confidence, I flatter myself, that my future Conduct will evince, it has not been placed on an improper object. — At the same time I must beg leave to observe, that I should incline to serve in the Artillery Department, having made that Branch (of Military Science) more particularly my Study. I am with the greatest Respect

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Provincial Congress  
of the Colony of *New York*

Gentlemen &c &c  
JOHN LAMB.

*Ordered*, that the said letter be referred to the Committee appointed to make an arrangement for the Troops to be embodied in this Colony.

<sup>1</sup> *Abrm. Lent* from *Orange Co.* <sup>2</sup> *Dirk Brinckerhoff* from *Dutchess Co.* <sup>3</sup> *Theodore Polhemius* from *Kings Co.*  
<sup>4</sup> *Paul Micheau* from *Richmond Co.*

DIE MARTIS, 9 HO. A. M. JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 1775.

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A Letter from the Committee at *Albany* to this Congress being read:

*Albany* Committee Chambers, 2<sup>d</sup> June 1775

Gentlemen \* \* \* \* \*

We have in the alarm above raised several Companies\* to go up to *Ticonderoga* &c, two of which are on their way up. \* \*

DIE MERCURI, 9 HO. A. M. JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>, 1775.

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The Committee also reported a Draft of a letter to the Committee of *Albany*, which was read and approved of and is in the Words following to wit:

*New York* Provincial Congress June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1775.

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The two Companies raised in your County & already on their march, You will suffer to proceed, to join the Forces at *Ticonderoga*.

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Those Companies, who are under your direction formed, and not sent up, You will continue in pay, if your engagement with them will not justify your discharging them and request that you send to this Congress a return of the Officers and men in each Company.

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The Gentlemen appointed a Committee for that purpose reported Drafts of two several Letters to the Delegates of this Colony at the Grand Continental Congress, which were severally read and approved and are in the Words following to wit:

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Provincial Congress *New York* June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1775.

Gentlemen.

The Colonies of *Massachusetts* & *Connecticut* have formed their respective Armies and nominated to the General Command of them; the Supposition, that in Case a Continental Army should be established by Authority of your respectable Body, their Officers will be permitted to preserve their respective Ranks, appears to Us highly probable. In this View We think it not improbable, that we should be called on for a Recommendation to fill the Offices in the Military Appointment of this Colony. We take the liberty for the present to furnish you with our Sentiments on the appointment of a Major and Brigadier General and Submit them to your superior Wisdom either for use or concealment; Our only motive is to prevent a Delay, that might otherwise be occasioned by an Opinion you may entertain of the necessity of asking our Sentiments on that Subject.

Courage, Prudence, Readiness in Expedients, nice Perception Sound Judgment and great

\* See *Albany* County Militia.

Attention. These are a few of the natural Qualities, which appear to us to be proper. To these ought to be added an extensive acquaintance with the Sciences, particularly the various branches of Mathematic knowledge; Long practice in the Military Art and above all a knowledge of mankind. On a General in *America* Fortune also should bestow her Gifts, that he may rather Communicate Lustre to his Dignities than receive it and that his Country in his property his Kindred & Connections may have sure Pledges that he will faithfully perform the Duties of his high Office and readily lay down his Power, when the general Weal require it.

Since we cannot do all that we wish, we will go as far towards it as we can, And therefore you will not be surprised, to hear that we are unanimous in the Choice of Col<sup>o</sup>. *Philip Schuyler* & Capt. *Richard Montgomerie* to the Offices of Major & Brigadier Generals. If we knew how to recommend them to your notice more strongly, than by telling you, that after considering the qualifications above stated, these Gentlemen were approved of without a single Dissent, Our regard to the public Service would certainly lead us to do it in the most forcible Terms. Nor will we enter into a Minute Detail of the Characters and Situations of two Gentlemen with whom our Delegates cannot but be acquainted. In a Word we warmly recommend them, because we have no Doubts but that their appointment will give general Satisfaction.

We beg leave to assure you, Gentlemen,  
that we are with the profoundest Respect &c

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DIE VENERIS. 9 HO. JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>, 1775.

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*Ordered*, that Capt. *Montgomerie*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Holmes*, Mr. *Hallett*, Mr. *Brasher*, Mr. *Glen* & Mr. *Cuyler* be a Committee to estimate and report to this Congress the quantity of every article necessary for equipping three thousand effective Men including Officers & that they make report with all convenient speed.

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*Ordered*, that Col<sup>o</sup>. *Van Cortlandt*, Major *Cortlandt* & Col<sup>o</sup>. *Van Rensselaer* be added to the Committee of Arrangement of the Troops to be raised in this Colony and that the said Committee sit this afternoon.

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DIE MARTIS, 9 HO. A. M. JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> 1775.

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The Congress took into consideration the Letter from *Robert Boyd* (of *New Windsor, Ulster Co.*) & the proposals of *Henry Watkeys* relating to the making of Muskets & Bayonets & after some time spent therein, *Resolved* that this Congress will agree with *Robert Boyd* & *Henry Watkeys*, that they shall make one thousand good Muskets with Steel Ramrods & Bayonets with Scabbards at the price of 3£ 15sh. *New York Money* for each good Musket with a Steel Ramrod & Bayonet with a Scabbard, including the Bounty agreed to be allowed by this Congress.

DIE MERCURII, 9 HO. JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>, 1775.

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Messrs. *Christopher Miller & Patrick Dennis* attending at the Door were called in,—When they informed this Congress, that they were requested by a number of the Members of the *Marine Society* of this City, to inform this Congress that they were about to form themselves into an Artillery Company & that they had nominated Mr. *Anth<sup>y</sup>. Rutgers* of this City for their Captain & pray'd the approbation of this Congress in the s<sup>d</sup> Nomination.

The Congress having taken the same into Consideration do unanimously approve of the Nomination of Mr. *Anthony Rutgers* to be Captain of the said Company and recommend to the said Society to nominate for the Approbation of this Congress such persons for their other Officers as may be confided in.

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DIE MARTIS, 9 HO. A. M. JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> 1775.

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Ordered, that Mr. *Tappen* & Mr. *Christopher P. Yates* (of *Tryon County*) be added to the Committee for Arrangement of Troops to be raised in this Colony.

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DIE MERCURII, 9 HO. A. M. JUNE 21, 1775.

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Ordered, that Col<sup>o</sup>. *Tusten*<sup>1</sup> & Col<sup>o</sup>. *Hazeltine*<sup>2</sup> be added to the Committee for Arrangement of the Troops to be raised in this Colony.

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DIE VENERIS, 9 HO. A. M. JUNE 23<sup>d</sup> 1775.

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*Robert Boyd* . . . . attending at the Door was called in; he informed this Congress, that he could set on foot a manufactory of Gun Barrells, Bayonets and Steel Ramrods and deliver them at the price of thirty-five shillings for each Barrell, Ramrod and Bayonet.—*Henry Watkeys* attending at the Door was also called in and offered to furnish Locks for the Muskets & to Mount Stock & finish them in Compleat workmanlike manner as the sample shown to him at the rate of Forty five shillings each.—And a Sadler attending at the Door was called in & informed the Congress, that the expence of making Scabbards for Bayonets would be two shillings and Straps and Buckles for the Musquets would be One shilling & six pence.

Ordered, that the former Committee appointed to agree with *Robert Boyd* to wit Col<sup>o</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> *Benjamin Tusten* of Orange Co.

<sup>2</sup> *John Hazeltine* of Cumberland Co.

*Lispenard* Mr. *Montgomery* & Col<sup>o</sup>. *Clinton* together with *Thomas Smith*<sup>1</sup> Esq<sup>o</sup> be a Committee to agree with the said *Robert Boyd* for all the Musket Barrels Ramrods and Bayonets, that he shall make within six months, And that the same Committee agree with *Henry Watkeys* for such of the said Muskets as he shall Stock & finish in manner aforesaid within the said time.

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DIE SOLIS, 9 HO. A. M. JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> 1775.

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A Letter from General *Schuyler* dated at *New Brunswick* June 24<sup>th</sup> 1775 Informing this Congress, that General *Washington* with his retinue would be at *Newark* this morning \* \* \* and information being received, that Governor *Tryon* is at the Hook and will land at about one o'clock, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Lasher* was called in & requested to send one Company of the Militia to *Powles Hook*<sup>2</sup> to meet the Generals, — that he have another Company at the side of the ferry for the same purpose, that he have the Residue of his Battalion ready to receive either the Generals or Gov<sup>t</sup> *Tryon*, which ever shall first arrive, & to wait on both as well as circumstances will allow.

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DIE LUNAE, 9 HO. A. M. JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> 1775.

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The Committee appointed to Contract with *Robert Boyd* & *Henry Watkeys* reported the Drafts of Contracts with the said *Robert Boyd* & *Henry Watkeys* which were read and approved of by the Congress, Whereupon it is resolved and ordered, that *Leonard Lispenard*, *Richard Montgomerie*, *James Clinton* & *Thomas Smith* Esq<sup>rs</sup>. execute the same on behalf of this Congress & that this Congress will provide the money necessary to discharge the said Contracts.

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The Congress resumed the Consideration of the report of the Committee of Arrangement and proceeded to the Examination of the three first Columns of the Arrangement of Officers and approved of many Gentlemen for Officers, whose names are marked on the margins of the Columns.

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5<sup>th</sup> HO. P. M. JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> 1775.

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The Congress then resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Arrangement & proceeded to the Consideration of the fourth Column & approved of such Gentlemen as are marked on the Report for that purpose.

Mr. *McDougal* had leave to withdraw.

Ordered, that Mr. *Roosevelt* & Mr. *Walton* call on the Gentlemen of the City of *New York* who are named by the Committee to be Captains of Companies to know, whether they will consent & agree to accept of that service & that the said Committee Report with all convenient speed.

<sup>1</sup> Of New York city.

<sup>2</sup> Now Jersey City.

DIE MARTIS, 9 HO. A. M. JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> 1775.

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*Ordered*, that Messrs. *Montgomerie & McDougal* be a Committee & that they take to their Assistance Messrs. *Anthony Rutgers & Samuel Tudor* for superintending & employing some Person in trying the Experiment of casting one brass field Piece.  
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A draft of a warrant to such Gentlemen as are intended to be Officers of the Troops to be raised in this Colony was read & approved of & is in the words following to wit:

In Provincial Congress at *New York* June — 1775,

To Gentleman Greeting.

Know You that the grand Continental Congress of the Associated Colonies have Resolved and Ordered, that a certain number of Troops should be embodied in this Colony, to give protection to the Inhabitants & to be employed as Part of the American Continental Army. We therefore reposing special Confidence in your Prudence, Courage and affection to the Liberties of this Country, Do request and authorize you to inlist and raise a Company of Seventy two able bodied men of good Reputation (including three Sergeants, three Corporals one Drummer & one Fifer) to serve as part of the said Troops, and that from Time to Time you report your Progress in the Premises to this Congress, for which this shall be your Warrant. And we hereby give you assurance, that you will be appointed a \_\_\_\_\_ in the said Troops when raised and embodied, if the number of men, inlisted by you (and \_\_\_\_\_ intended to be the other Officers of one Company) and received into the said Troops by such proper Officer or Muster Master, as shall be appointed for that Purpose, shall amount to the number above mentioned.

A draft of Instructions to the several Officers to be employed in raising Troops was read and approved of & is in the Words following towit:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INLISTMENT OF MEN.

First. You are not to inlist any man, who is not ablebodied, healthy and a good marcher; but as men of good appearance may have ruptures and venereal complaints, which render them incapable of soldiers duty, you must give attention, that you be not imposed upon & take the opinion of a Surgeon, where there is room for suspicion.

2. You will have great regard to moral Character, sobriety in particular,— let our manners distinguish us from our Enemies, as much as the Cause we are engaged in.

3. Those who engage in defence of their Countrys Liberties shall be inlisted till the last day of December of the present year, unless sooner discharged by the Continental Congress.

4. You shall appoint such men Sergeants and Corporals as recommend themselves by their ability, activity & Diligence.

5. You will use all Diligence in Compleating your Company and Report to the President of the provincial Congress to the End, that you may receive Orders to join your Regiment.

6. During the time you are filling up your Company, you will engage at the cheapest Rate for the provisions of such Men as are already enlisted, (if there be no public Magazine of Provisions from whence you may be supplied) not exceeding Eight shillings per week.

7. You will loose no Time in disciplining your Men so far as your Situation will permit.

8. You will take Notice that proper persons will be appointed to inspect your Men & reject such as do not answer to your Instructions.

9. You will furnish the Subalterns appointed to your Company with a copy of those instructions, who are hereby ordered to put themselves under your Command.

10. You will observe that the Troops raised by this Colony will be placed precisely upon the same footing, as to pay, Cloathing &c. with other the Continental Troops now raised or hereafter to be raised for the general defence.

11. No Apprentice or Servant to be enlisted without the Consent of the Master.

*Ordered*, that five hundred Copies of the said Warrants and as many Copies of the said Instructions be printed.<sup>1</sup>

*Ordered*, that all the Musquets & Bayonets belonging to this Colony, which are in the different Counties in this Colony (except *Albany*) be sent to the Committee of the City of *New York* with all Convenient Speed & in such manner that they may come with the greatest Safety. And the Committees of the respective Counties, where any such Musquets and Bayonets now are, are hereby requested & desired to take all such arms into their care and to see, that this Order be complied with immediately.

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DIE MERCURII, 9 HO. A. M. JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>, 1775.

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Mr. *Roosevelt* reported, that Mr. *Walton* & himself by Order of this Congress had called on the Gentlemen in this City mentioned in the Report of the Committee of Arrangement for Officers in the Troops to be raised,— that several of them had consented to accept the service, that Messrs. *Helme* & *Stockholm* had declined the service, that several others had desired some time to consider of the proposal and that some of the Gentlemen named for Lieutenants were very anxious that their particular Situations as to Captains, they were to serve under might be changed.— And the Congress being informed, that *John Quackenboss* is a proper person & very anxious to be in the Service — *Ordered*, that the name of *John Quackenboss* be inserted in the room & Stead of *Andrew Stockholm*.— And *Ordered*, that Col<sup>o</sup>. *Lispenard* with Messrs. *Roosevelt* & *Walton* be a Committee to consider the present arrangement of the Lieutenants and to make such Arrangements or Alterations in the Stations of the Lieutenants, as they may think will give the most satisfaction to the Officers and that they report to this Congress, what they shall have done in the Premises.

The Congress then resumed the Consideration of the Committee's Report for estimating the articles necessary to compleat 3000 Effective Men and after some time spent therein, *Ordered*, that *Peter T. Curtenius* as Commissary of this Congress be desired to purchase on the public Credit the following quantities of Coarse Broad Cloths viz<sup>t</sup>. Coarse blue broad cloth sufficient to make 712 Short Coats & Crimson Cloth for Cuffs & facings for the said Coats & that if blue Cloth cannot be had, that in such Case he purchase blue Coating for that purpose — Light brown coarse broad cloth sufficient to make 712 Short Coats, with blue Cloth sufficient for Cuffs & facings.— Grey coarse broad Cloth sufficient to make 712 Short Coats with green Cloth sufficient for Cuffs & facings.— Dark brown coarse broad Cloth sufficient to make 712 Short Coats with Scarlet Cloth sufficient for Cuffs & facings for the same. And that he be also desired to purchase

<sup>1</sup> Both, Instructions and Warrant, were printed on the same sheet of paper, the Instructions preceding the Warrant. No. 11 of the Instructions has been omitted by the printer and is written on all the copies on record.— B. F.



*Watkeys* of the City of *New York*, Gunsmith, of the one part, and *Leonard Lispenard, Richard Montgomerie, James Clinton & Thomas Smith Esq<sup>rs</sup>* by Order & on behalf of the Provincial Congress of the Colony of *New York* of the other part.

1<sup>st</sup>. The said *Henry Watkeys* Doth hereby agree to and with the said *Leonard Lispenard, Richard Montgomerie, James Clinton & Thomas Smith*, that he the said *Henry Watkeys* shall & will use his utmost Diligence to finish all the muskets (the Barrels, Ramrods & Bayonets being first provided by the Congress) in the following manner, towit: The Lock to be made agreeable to the Lock now delivered to him, marked *Grice 1760*, and the stock & mounting to be finished & the musket barrel polished agreeable to the musket now delivered to him marked N<sup>o</sup> 20 and the said *Henry Watkeys* agrees to deliver the said muskets in small parcels as they are finished & Compleat the whole work with all possible Dispatch.

2<sup>d</sup>. The said *Leonard Lispenard, Richard Montgomerie, James Clinton & Thomas Smith* in behalf of the said Congress Do agree to pay to the said *Henry Watkeys* for every musket which he shall deliver within Six Months compleatly finished in manner aforesaid the sum of Two pounds Five shillings, Provided the number doth not exceed One thousand. And in Order to enable the said *Henry Watkeys* to Comply with this Contract, It is agreed to advance to him the Sum of Fifty pounds, which sum is to be accounted for out of money that may be due to him on the first parcel of muskets, that shall be delivered by him.— And it is understood by the parties, That the said *Henry Watkeys* is not to be entitled to the bounty offered by the Congress to encourage the making of muskets in this Colony, upon the muskets to be delivered by Virtue of this Contract.

Ordered, that Col<sup>o</sup>. *Clinton*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *McDougal*, Mr. *Brasher*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Woodhull*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Tusten*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Cortlandt*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Rensselaer*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Blackwell*, Capt. *Platt*, Mr. *Christopher Yates*, Col<sup>o</sup>. *Cortelyou*, Mr. *Van DerBilt*) & Major *Williams* be a Committee to form & determine the Rank of the Captains & inferior Officers in each Regiment & of the Captains & inferior Officers of the several Regiments.

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DIE SATURNII, 9 HO. A. M., JULY 1<sup>st</sup>, 1775.

The Congress met pursuant to adjournment.

Opened with Prayer by the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Dr. *Auchmuty*.

Present &c. &c. &c.

A letter from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> *John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>*. President of the Continental Congress was read & filed & is in the Words following to wit:

*Philadelphia*, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1775.

Gentlemen:

By Order of the Congress I inclose you certain Resolves pass'd yesterday, respecting those, who were concerned in taking & Garrisoning *Crown Point & Ticonderoga*. As the Congress are of Opinion that the Employing the *Green Mountain* Boys in the American Army would be advantageous to the common Cause, as well on account of their Scituation as of their disposition & Alertness, they are desirous, You should Embody them among the Troops you shall raise. As it is represented to the Congress, that they will not serve under any Officers, but such as they

<sup>1</sup> *John Vanderbilt* of Kings Co,

themselves Choose, You are desired to consult with General *Schuyler*, in whom the Congress are informed these People place a great Confidence, about the Field Officers to be set over them.

To the members of the Provincial Congress,  
*New York.*

I am, Gentlemen, &c. &c.,  
JOHN HANCOCK, President.

The Resolves mentioned & inclosed in the foregoing Letter were also read & are in the Words following to wit:

In Congress, June 23<sup>d</sup>, 1775.

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Resolved, that it be recommended to the Convention of *New York*, that they consulting with General *Schuyler*, employ in the American Army to be raised for the defence of *America*, those called *Green Mountain Boys* under such Officers, as the said *Green Mountain Boys* shall chuse.

Another Letter from the President of the Continental Congress was read & is in the Words following to wit:

*Philadelphia*, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1775.

Gentlemen.

By the Unanimous Vote of this Congress I am directed to assure you, that they have a high Sense of your Services in the common Cause of the United Colonies, & to inform you of the Appointment of the several General Officers to Command the Continental Forces, a List of whom I now inclose you; the Subordinate Officers to be recommended by the Provincial Congresses to the General, to whom Commissions from this Congress are sent to be filled up agreeable to such Recommendation.

I am, Gentlemen, &c. &c.  
JOHN HANCOCK, Pres.

To the Members of the }  
Provincial Congress }  
*New York.*

The List of Officers mentioned & inclosed in the above Letter was also read & is as follows:  
Officers appointed by the Congress.

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*Philip Schuyler*, Esquire, fourth Major General.<sup>1</sup>

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*Richard Montgomerie*, second Brigadier General.

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A Letter from *Edward Flemming*, Esq<sup>r</sup>. signifying to this Congress his reasons for declining to accept of a Commission appointing him Lieutenant Colonel in the Regiment, whereof *James Clinton*, Esq<sup>o</sup> is Col<sup>o</sup>.

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Ordered, that Col<sup>o</sup>. *McDougall*, Mr. *Scott* & Col<sup>o</sup>. *Clinton* be a Committee to meet & confer with Messrs. *Ethan Allen* & *Seth Warner* & report the same with all convenient speed.

<sup>1</sup>Only the officers from *New York* are here given.