

DECEMBER 6th P. M.

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Agreed unanimously, that Capt. *John Grennell* be recommended to the Continental Congress to be releas'd from his present duty and recommended for Captain of a Company of Matrosses and that a letter be wrote to the Continental Congress for that purpose.

FRIDAY MORNG. 8th DECEMBER 1775

A draft of a letter to the Hon^{ble} *John Hancock* Esq^r, President of the Continental Congress, was read and filed and is in the words following, to wit :

(Extract)

In Provincial Congress, Decbr 8th 1775

Sir: * * * The delay in our meeting has prevented the raising the Artillery Company directed by Congress. — We have nominated Captain *John Grenell* of Col^o. *Clinton's* Regiment as the most proper person we can meet with for the command of a Artillery Company ; he now commands a detachment of that Regiment at the post in the Highlands, from whence we cannot call him without leave of the Congress. As his Company is at present incompleat and the time of inlistment is nearly expired, we beg leave to suggest, whether it would not be proper to leave the Company under the command of his first Lieutenant for the present. We pray the sense of Congress on this matter as soon as possible and at the same time to be informed, what is the establishment of the Artillery with respect to pay, cloathing and arms. We beg leave to inform the Congress, that in obedience to their Order three Companies of Minute Men, they directed, with their proper Officers are stationed in the Highlands near the Fortifications & under the command of Capt. *John Grinnell*, the present commanding Officer of the Continental Forces at the Fortress.

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A draft of a letter to the delegates of this Colony at Continental Congress was read and approved of and is in the words following to wit :

(Extract)

In Provincial Congress, *New York* Decbr 8th 1775

Gentlemen: We are much obliged to you for putting it in our power to recommend thro' you an Officer to command at the Fortress in the Highlands. — We are fully of opinion with you, Gentlemen, that the person to fill that important office should be not only of the strictest honesty and fidelity, but also well acquainted with the pass he must defend ; we therefore recommend *Gilbert Livingston* Esq., *Mr. William Bedlow*, *Mr. Thomas Greenel* and *Mr. Jonathan Lawrence* as persons qualified for that service.

DIE JOVIS, 10 HO. A. M. DECEMBER 14th 1775.

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Col^o. *McDougall* informed the Congress, that Captain *Ledyard* with his Company, which is incompleat, is in *New York* and has been of use in sundry duties here, since he came down from the Fort in the Highlands, and requested the opinion of this Congress, whether he should send

him with his Company up to the Fort or detain him here. *Thereupon Ordered*, That Col^o. *McDougall* detain Capt. *Ledyard* here or give him such other directions, as he shall think proper.

DIE LUNAE, 10 HO. A. M. DECEMBER 18th 1775

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Ordered, that Col. *Rensselaer*, Major *Lockwood*, Mr. *Treadwell* and Mr. *Scott* be a Committee to revise and amend the Militia Law or Regulations for the Militia of this Colony, made and published by this Congress and they report thereon with all convenient speed.

DIE MERCURII, 3 HO. P. M. DEC. 20th. 1775

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The Committee appointed to prepare amendments to the Resolves for regulating the Militia of this Colony bro^t in their Report, which was read and according to order being read a second time & many amendments made thereto, was agreed to and resolved on and is in the words following to wit:

APPENDIX to the Rules and Orders for regulating the Militia of the Colony of *New York*.

1st. As the desire for promotion in the public service is extremely laudable and therefore should be so far encouraged, as may be consistent with the safety of the public and at the same time may not be construed into a design of countenancing promotions of course, it is earnestly recommended to every Company, to have a regard in elections to promote to Officers according to rank, so far as may be consistent with true merit and ability to serve the public.

2^d. That wherever a sufficient number of Minute Men do not voluntarily turn out of any Regiment of the Militia of this Colony, to compleat the proportion in the aforesaid Rules and Orders required, the deficiency be made up by lot from those Companies, in which such deficiency shall happen.

3^d. That the Militia of the Counties of *Dutchess* and *Westchester* be two separate Brigades.

4th. That when any person shall think himself aggrieved with respect of his being fined in consequence of the above mentioned regulations, the Committee of the City, Town, Manor, Precinct or District, where the cause of complaint ariseth, upon complaint made to them, shall have power to hear and determine the matter, and if said complaint shall appear to be groundless and vexatious, the complainant forfeit a sum equal to the fine in dispute to be levied upon his Goods and Chattels by warrant from the Chairman directed to a Sergeant of the Company. The said forfeiture to be applied in the same manner, as the fines in the before said Regulations are applied, — and that no man shall be fined for want of powder and ball, who shall produce a receipt from his Captain of his having deposited in his hand Six Shillings and Nine pence for the purchase of these articles.

5th. That besides the stated meetings of the Companies of the Militia, it be recommended to the commissioned and noncommissioned officers to use all possible diligence to perfect their Companies in the Military art by inviting them together in small parties as often as they conveniently can meet.

6th. That although persons above 50 years of age are not required to be enrolled in the Militia, yet it is most earnestly recommended to them, that they be respectively provided with arms, accoutrements & ammunition, as though they were required to be enrolled.

7th. That it be earnestly recommended to every man in the Militia, to provide himself with a bayonet properly fitted to his musket or firelock.

8th. That no new Troops of Horse be formed, unless an augmentation be recommended by Congress or the Committee of Safety.

9th. That all persons incurring the penalties for non-attendance and disobedience of orders, specified in the 12th clause, shall for every default incur the forfeitures therein annexed to the first default, notwithstanding their being held up as Enemies to their Country.

10th. That the Minute Men meet in their respective Companies on the first and third Mondays in every Month and pass through the necessary military exercise under their proper Officers and that for the second meeting in every month the Officers and Privates be respectively allowed the pay of the Continental Troops agreeable to the new Establishment, provided that the commanding Officer of each Minute Company, who shall be present at the muster and exercise of each respective Minute Company, do deliver to the Committee of the City, Town, Precinct or District in which they shall so meet to exercise, a muster roll of the commissioned and non-commissioned Officers and Privates of their respective Companies, who did actually appear and exercise, until they were dismissed by the commanding Officer, sworn to by the Officer, who was present and commanded for the day, and that besides these Regulations, it be recommended to them to meet in such subdivisions of each Company under a proper Officer, as will be most convenient for their frequent meeting.

11th. That if any Officer should omit to meet and exercise his men upon the days appointed or shall through favor or affection neglect to levy any fines in the said Rules and Orders for regulating the Militia required to be levied, he shall forfeit for every such neglect the sum of 40s. to be levied and applied, as is directed in the 12th clause of the before referred to Regulations.

12th. *Resolved*, that the Officers of the Minute Companies already chosen, do continue their Officers 'till the further orders of this or some future Congress.

DIE JOVIS, 10 HO. A. M. DECEMBER 21st 1775.

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The Congress then proceeded to fix and determine the Rank of the Militia Officers of the several Counties in this Colony in order to enable the Committee appointed for that purpose to form and report a general Regulation for the Militia of the Colony and after some time spent thereon, the Congress determined the Officers of the respective Counties to have Rank in the following order, towit:

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| 1 st . <i>New York</i> | 8 th . <i>Kings</i> |
| 2 ^d . <i>Albany</i> | 9 th . <i>Queens</i> |
| 3 ^d . <i>Suffolk</i> | 10 th . <i>Richmond</i> |
| 4 th . <i>Ulster</i> | 11 th . <i>Tryon</i> |
| 5 th . <i>Westchester</i> | 12 th . <i>Cumberland</i> |
| 6 th . <i>Orange</i> | 13 th . <i>Charlotte</i> |
| 7 th . <i>Dutches</i> | 14 th . <i>Gloucester</i> . |

The Congress then proceeded for the same purpose to fix and ascertain the Rank of the respective Brigadier Generals of the several Brigades in this Colony.

And therefore Resolved, that the Brigadier General of the Brigade, which consists of the Militia of *New York, Kings* and *Richmond* Counties be considered as the first Brigadier General of this Colony and take rank accordingly ;

That the Brigadier General of the Brigade, which consists of the Militia of *Albany* and *Tryon* Counties be considered as the second Brigadier General of this Colony and take rank accordingly ;

That the Brigadier General of the Brigade, which consists of the Militia of *Queens* and *Suffolk* Counties, be considered as the third Brigadier General of this Colony and take rank accordingly :

That the Brigadier General of the Brigade, which consists of the Militia of *Ulster* and *Orange* Counties be considered as the fourth Brigadier General of this Colony & take rank accordingly—

Westchester County 5th.

Dutchess County 6th

Cumberland, Gloucester & Charlotte 7th.

3 HO P. M. DECEMBER 21st 1775

The Committee appointed to form a Regulation or arrangement for the Militia of this Colony delivered in their report, which was read, and the same being read a second time, paragraph by paragraph, and many amendments and additions made thereto and finally agreed to & resolved on, is in the words following towit :

RULES AND ORDERS

for arranging the rank of the Officers of the Militia of the Colony of *New York*.

1st. The Major General to be Commander in Chief of all the Militia now embodied and hereafter to be embodied within this Colony.

2^d. The Brigadier General for the Brigade of the City and County of *New York*, the County of *Kings* and *Richmond* to be the second in command.

[3^d to 8th designates the rank of the other Brigadier-Generals as above.]

9th. The Majors of Brigade to take rank as above mentioned according to the priority of the Brigade, they shall respectively belong to.

10th. That the commissioned Officers of equal dignity of the several Regiments of Militia in the different Counties shall take rank and precedence according to the following arrangement : (as above.)

11th. The rank of some of the Battalions or Regiments, and Companies in some of the Counties, being settled either by the Colonel already chosen or appointed or by the General Committee of the County, It is recommended, that the several Committees in this Colony, where such arrangements are not already made, do follow the example in arranging the Battalions and Companies within their respective Counties and transmit a copy of such arrangement to the Secretary of the Provincial Congress or Committee of Safety for the time being.

12th. That the Colonel of the first Regiment in any County in this Colony shall take rank of the Colonel of any second Regiment of any other County, notwithstanding the seniority of said County and so on with respect to second, third &c Regiments, and that the same rule be observed with respect to the rank of inferior Officers.

13th. That the Officers of the Minute Men, when in actual service, do take rank of the Officers of the Militia.

DIE SABBATI, 10 HO. A. M. JAN^y 6th 1776.

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Whereas it is the opinion of this Committee [of Safety] that an Artillery Company is absolutely necessary for the safety and defence of *Suffolk* County and for the protection of the Continental cruisers in the Sound, that some of the inlets of that County be fortified with cannon, and to those ends, that a regular Company of Artillery be constituted out of the Militia of that County,

Resolved, therefore, that it be and it hereby is most earnestly recommended to the Committee of the said County without delay to form such a Company as aforesaid to consist of one Captain one Captain Lieutenant, one Lieut. Fireworker and 95 non-commissioned Officers and Privates and that the said Artillery Company shall to all intents and purposes be considered as Minute Men.

DIE VENERIS, 10 HO. A. M. JAN^y 12th 1776.

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The Committee of Safety then took into consideration the report of a Sub-Committee of the General Committee of the city of *New York* delivered in parol some days past to the following effect, to wit: That a certain *Benjamin James*, who had been chosen Cap^t. of one of the Companies of Militia in the City of *New York* had refused to subscribe the Declaration mentioned in his commission, as necessary to his Entering on the Executing that office; That on a new Election being ordered in that Company for a Captain, the Company re-elected the same Person and refused to elect any other; — That there are some other instances of the like kind and the persons exercising Military Offices in the [like] predicament.

The Committee are of opinion, that the best remedy for Inconveniences would be a Resolution of the Continental Congress or in their recess of the Committee of Safety for the time being, to exercise their discretion in appointing proper Officers without such Election, whenever Occasion may require.

Thereupon a draft of a letter to the Delegates of this Colony on the subject of appointing Officers in such cases was read and approved of. * * *

10 HO. A. M. DIE LUNAE, 15th JAN^y 1776

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The Resolve of the Continental Congress of the same date (Jan^y 8th) on the subject of raising Troops for *Canada* was read and filed and is in the words following to wit:

In Congress, January 8th 1776.

Resolved, that to make up the Battalions voted for the defence of *Canada*, one Battalion be immediately raised in *New Hampshire*, one in *Connecticut* and one in *New York*, that two Battalions be formed out of the troops now in *Canada* and that General *Montgomery* be desired to recommend proper persons for Officers in said Battalions.

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The other three Battalions to be sent from *Pennsylvania* and *New Jersey*.

That Col. *Van Schaick*, Lieut. Col. *Yates* and Major *Gansevoort* be continued in the service of the United Colonies and that they take the command of the above Battalion to be levied in the Colony of *New York*.

DIE SOLIS, 9 HO. A. M. JAN^y 21, 1776.

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A draft of a letter to Major General *Lee* was read and approved of and is in the words following to wit:

(Extract)

In Committee of Safety, *New York* Jan^y 21, 1776.

..... We have provided ourselves with six Good Brass field pieces, have directed Carriages to be made for our other Artillery and are raising a Company of Artillery for the defense of the Colony on the Continental Establishment

DIE LUNAE, JAN^y 22^d 1776.

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Ordered, that Capt. *John Grennell*, who was recommended by the Provincial Congress of this Colony to the Continental Congress, as a Captain of an Artillery Company, be and he is hereby appointed accordingly, and that a warrant issue to the said Capt. *John Grennell* for that purpose.

DIE MERCURII 10 H^o A. M. JAN^y 24th 1776

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Messrs. *Low*, *Bancker*, *John Reade* and *Denning*, a Sub-Committee from the City Committee attending, were admitted. They informed this Committee, that they were charged with two different matters from the Committee of the City. — The one, that the Military night watch in this City is very frequently not to be depended on, — That it very frequently happens, that the Captains or Officers do not know the greater part of the Ground, and that there are some Companies many of which are not trustworthy, and Mr. *Denning* said, that when he lately had the care of the guard, he had many persons in his guard, to whom he could not think it prudent to communicate the countersign, — That the City Committee are of opinion, that the most proper method to guard this City is to raise a Regiment in this City in Continental pay; and Mr. *Denning* alledges, that there is a great number of men in this City, who would willingly enlist for that purpose, provided they can be ascertained, that they will not be ordered out of the Colony on any Continental duty.

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A letter from the Honorable *John Hancock* Esq^{re} dated the 12th of January Inst. was read and filed and is in the words following to wit:

(Extract)

Philadelphia Jan^y 12th 1776

..... Providence has hitherto been pleased to crown our attempts with success, but from the steps taken by Governor *Carlton*, there is reason to apprehend, our enemies, among their first attempts in the spring, will endeavour to recover the possession of that Country [*Canada*], as well to retrieve their honor, as to carry into execution their execrable designs against us. To counteract their designs and prevent this Calamity, the Congress have resolved to employ nine Battalions the present year for the defense of *Canada*. One of these is to be composed of *Canadians* under Col. *J. Livingston*, who has so eminently signalized himself in the cause of *America*. Two are to be composed of the Troops now serving there, an honor due to the merits of those brave men, to have an opportunity of defending a Country, which their valour has rescued from slavery, — Three are to be sent from *Pennsylvania* and *New Jersey*, of which two are now under marching orders, The other three are to be raised to the Eastward, as you will see by the enclosed Resolution, viz^t. one in your Colony under the command of Col. *V. Schaick*, Lt. Col. *Yates* and Major *Gansevoort*, who as Gen^l. *Schuyler* informs Congress, are desirous of continuing in the service, one in *Connecticut* and one in *New Hampshire*.

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(Extract from another letter of *John Hancock*, Jan^y 20th 1776):

“The Congress rely with confidence on your Zeal for the cause, that you will exert your utmost endeavors, to hasten the march of the Troops ordered to *Canada* and to raise those destined for the defense of your Colony; herewith I send you blank Commissions for the Officers under the rank of Majors, which you will please to fill up; on the recommendation of Gen^l. *Schuyler* the Congress have continued Col. *V. Schaick*, Lieut. Col. *Yates* and Major *Gansevoort* in the service of the United Colonies and appointed them to the Command of the Battalion to be raised in your Colony for the defense of *Canada* and they have directed me agreeable to an established rule, to request, you would please as soon as possible to transmit the names of a number of Gentlemen, whom you shall Judge duly qualified, at least two for each command, out of whom they may elect Field Officers for the other Battalions.

I inclose you the Commissions for the Officers under the rank of a Major for the *Canada* Battalion.

A Certified Copy of sundry Resolves of the Continental Congress of different dates from the 8th to the 20th Inst. was read and filed and is in the words following to wit:

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In Congress, January 19th 1776.

Resolved, that four Battalions be raised in the Colony of *New York* for the defense of that Colony upon the same pay with those, directed to be raised in the Colony of *Pennsylvania* and that they be stationed, as the commanding Officer of the *New York* Department shall think best, to garrison the several Forts in that Colony from *Crownpoint* to the Southward and to prevent depredations upon *Long Island*, and promote the safety of the whole.

That for the more speedy Raising the Battalions, ordered on the 8th of January to be raised it be recommended to the general Assemblies, Conventions or Councils or Committees of Safety of those Colonies respectively, to exert their utmost endeavours in raising the said Battalions upon the same pay and subsistence as the army at *Cambridge* and to furnish them with provisions, ammuniton and other necessaries for expediting their march to *Canada*; and for further encouraging the men more cheerfully to enter into the service of their country, to give a

bounty of 6 2-3 dollars to every ablebodied effective man, properly cloathed for the service and having a good firelock with a bayonet and other accoutrements, and 4 dollars to every soldier not having the like arms and accoutrements; the arms to be supplied by the Colony and the cost to be deducted out of the soldier's pay; and also to provide blanket and haversack for every inlisted Soldier, and moreover to advance one month's pay to every Officer and Soldier before their march, that they may be able to purchase necessary cloathing.

That the first two Companies, which shall be complete of every Battalion do march to that Country, as soon as they shall be ready and be followed in the same numbers with like expedition by the rest of the Corps.

In Congress, January 17th 1776.

Resolved, that the Colonels of the several Battalions, ordered to be raised, do immediately order their Officers on recruiting service to such parts, where they are best known and have the greatest probability of success.

That the Recruiting Officers ought to be carefull to inlist none but healthy, sound and able bodied men, not under 16 years of age.

That the Colonels of the aforesaid Battalions appoint some place or places of rendezvous, to which the recruits may be sent, and where the Battalions may be quartered.

That the greatest attention ought to be paid to the behaviour of the Troops in quarters, that they may give no reasonable cause of complaint.

That the quarters of the Troops be duly discharged once every week.

That an allowance of 10s. p^r man be made to the Recruiting Officers in lieu of their expenses in recruiting, exclusive of the subsistence money allowed them, and that in case any man be inlisted contrary to the foregoing regulations, the pay they may have received and the subsistence money, that may be paid for them shall be stopped from the pay of such Recruiting Officer.

That no bought [or] indented Servants be employed on board the Fleet or in the Army of the United Colonies without the Consent of their masters.

3^d HO. P. M. DIE VENERIS, JAN^y 26th 1776.

The Committee resumed the consideration of the Resolves and Letters rec^d from the Continental Congress on the subject of raising Troops; after some time spent therein the Committee sent for Col^o. *Lasher* to know his sentiments on a Declaration, lately made by him to one of the Members, that if any more Troops were raised, the Battalion now under his command would in General be very desirous to be taken into the public service and pay. — After a short conference with Col. *Lasher* and delivering to him a copy of the Resolves of Congress for raising four Battalions for the defense of this Colony, he was desired to confer with the Officers of his Battalion and report the result thereof to this Committee.

This Committee conceiving, that the speediest method of fixing on proper Officers for the four Regiments to be raised in this Colony and of being informed of the number of men, that may probably be enlisted in each County, is to write to the County Committee of the respective Counties in this Colony. Thereupon a draft of a Letter for that purpose was read and approved of and is in the words following towit:

"Gentlemen.

By resolves of the Hon^{ble} the Continental Congress lately come to hand, this Colony is to raise four Regiments in Continental pay for the defense of the Colony.

We conceive, that the Troops will be most speedily raised by having proper Officers taken from different Counties, where there are proper men, who will enlist.

We therefore request you, with all possible dispatch to inform the Provincial Congress or this Committee of the number of men, which you have good reason to believe may be speedily raised and equipped in your County, and at the same time that you, with the advice of as many of the Deputies of your County to the Provincial Congress, as may conveniently be obtained, recommend several proper persons for Captains, Lieuts. & Ensigns, who will be most likely to raise the men.

We request in all cases, where it can conveniently be done, that you recommend two proper persons for each office, that the Provincial Congress may have an opportunity to chuse the one they think best qualified.

We are &c &c

Instructions for enlisting the Troops, directed by the Continental Congress to be raised in this Colony, were read and agreed to and are in the words following towit :

Committee of Safety, *New York* Jan^y 27th 1776

Instructions to the Colonels and other Officers for Inlistment of Four new Battalions in the Continental Service for the defence of the Colony of *New York*.

Whereas, in order to the regular Inlistment of the Troops intended to be raised for the Continental service, it was Resolved in Continental Congress on the 17th Inst, towit : [See above]

And whereas the Continental Congress on the 19th of Jan^y Inst. Resolved [see above]

The pay and regulations of which said *Pennsylvania* Troops and the said four Battalions are established by the Continental Congress as follows to wit :

That each Battalion consist of Eight Companies, each Company of one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Serjeants, four Corporals, one Drum, one Fife and 76 Privates ; the pay as follows :

Colonel	50 dollars per Kalendar month	Lientenants	18 dollars pr month
Lieut. Colonel	40 do	Ensign	13 1-3 do
Major	33 1-3 do	Sergeant	8 do
Captain	26 2-3 do	Corporal, Drum & Fife	7 1-3
		Privates	5

Staff of Battalion

One Adjutant	18 1-3 dollars	One Chaplain	20 dollars
One Quartermaster	18 1-3 do	One Surgeon	25 do

The Privates liable to be discharged at any time on allowing them one Months pay extraordinary.

That each of the Privates be allowed, instead of a bounty, a felt hat, a pair of yarn stockings and a pair of shoes, they to find their own arms.

The men also to be furnished with a hunting shirt not exceeding in value 1 1-3 of a Dollar, and a blanket, provided it can be procured, but not to be made a part of the terms of inlistment.

Every man, who furnishes himself with a good new blanket to be allowed therefore 2 Dollars and have liberty to take it away at the end of the campaign.

Each Captain or other commissioned Officer, while in the recruiting service or on their march to join the Battalion, shall be allowed 2 2-3 dollars p^r week for their subsistence, and the men, who enlist, while in quarters before they join their Battalion, 1 dollar p^r week, and when on their march to join the Battalion 1 1-3 dollar p^r week.

That a ration consist of the following kinds and quantities of provisions, vizt:

1 lb of Beef or 3-4 lb of Pork or 1 lb of Saltfish per day.

1 lb of Bread or Flour per day.

3 pints of pease or beans per week, or vegetables equivalent, at one dollar p Bushel for pease or beans.

1 pint of milk p man p day or at the rate of 1-72 part of a dollar.

1 Quart of Spruce Beer or Cider p man p day or 9 Gallons of Molasses p 100 men p week, 1-2 a pint of Rice or 1 pint of Indian Meal p man p week.

3 lb of Candles to 100 p week for Guards.

24 lb Soft or 8 lb hard soap for 100 men p week. — Men in Barracks to be provided with crocus* and straw for bedding, fire wood and Iron pots.

For their March or Campaign.

A Camp Kettle for every Six Men & a canteen for each man.

Arms and accoutrements for the men vizt each a good gun & bayonet, cartouch box, tomahawk, knapsack or haversack and two bills.

Colours, Drums, Fifes and a pitching axe for every ten men and entrenching tools to be provided at the public expense.

DIE MERCURI, 10th HO. A. M. JANUARY 31st 1776.

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Col. *Lasher* delivered in a Memorandum of such Officers in his Reg^t. as are willing to go into the Continental Service, which was read and filed.

[At a meeting of the Officers of the first Battalion of the *New York* Independents at the House of Captⁿ *Abraham Van Dyck* on Monday the 29th of January 1776, It was ordered, that the following Questions be put by the President (Col^o. *Lasher* being President accordingly put the same) towit:

Whether the officers present are willing, that the Battalion to which they belong engage as a Battalion in the Cause of this Country on the Terms and Conditions offered by the Committee of Safety for the Province of *New York* in answer to certain Questions proposed to them by a Committee of officers from the said meeting?

* No dictionary explains what crocus is. The Editor is inclined to believe that "crocus" means a yellow colored stuff for bed linen.

Upon which Question being put the members divided as follows :

For.	Against.
Coll. <i>Lasher</i>	Majr. <i>Stockholm</i>
Majr. <i>Bowman</i>	Capt. <i>Van Dyck</i>
Capt. <i>J. Alner</i>	Lieut. <i>Anthony</i>
Lieut. <i>H. Teibout</i>	<i>Leonard</i>
<i>J. Johnson</i>	<i>Gilbert</i>
<i>W. Wilcox</i>	<i>P. Brasher</i>
<i>J. Bancker</i>	<i>W. Livingston</i>
<i>A. R. Bancker</i>	<i>Herbeck</i>
<i>G. Beekman</i>	<i>Dickson</i>
<i>J. Wiley</i>	<i>Dickenson</i>
<i>J. Moore</i>	<i>Meusier</i>
<i>J. Fortin</i>	<i>Duyckink</i>
<i>N. Fish</i>	<i>Van Zandt</i>
<i>H. Brasher</i>	<i>Yeomans</i>
<i>H. Livingston</i>	Adj. <i>P. Brasher</i>

The names of Commissioned and non-Commissioned Officers of the first Battalion of *New York* who are willing to Enter in the service of their Country and likewise some of the privates which may be depended on.

Coll. <i>John Lasher</i>	
Major <i>Sebastian Bauman</i>	
Capt. <i>James Alner</i>	Prussian Blues
Capt. Lieut. <i>Henry Livingston</i>	Fuziliers
Capt. <i>Abraham Van Wicke</i>	Sportsmen
Adjutant <i>Philipp Brasher</i>	
1 st Lieut. <i>Gerardus Beekman</i>	Sportsmen
do <i>John Wiley</i>	Light Infantry
do <i>John Johnson</i>	Rangers
do <i>Henry Tebout</i>	Prussian Blues
Second Lieut. <i>John Blancker</i>	Rangers
do <i>Nicholas Fish</i>	Fuziliers
do <i>Henry Brasher</i>	Prussian Blues
Third Lieut. <i>William Willcoke</i>	Fuziliers
do <i>Abraham P. Bancker</i>	Rangers
Sergeant <i>George Harsen</i>	Granadiers
do <i>John Vredenbergh</i>	Granadiers
<i>William Forbis</i>	Light horse
<i>Abraham Brasher</i>	Granadiers
<i>David Cree</i>	do
<i>Samuel Morlidge</i>	do
<i>George Masavei</i>	do
<i>Edward Dunscomb</i>	Fuziliers
<i>John Farrell</i>	do
<i>Andrew Oughterson</i>	do

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Sergeant <i>Cornelius Becker</i>	Sportsmen
Corperall <i>Benjamin Burris</i>	Light Infantry
<i>George Lucom</i>	Granadier
<i>John Waldron</i>	Granadier, 2 ^d Battalion
<i>Joseph Fortunne</i>	Sergeant Major
Sergeant <i>Frederick Stymes</i>	Light Infantry
do <i>Benj^a Davis</i>	Light Infantry

Names of Soldiers in *Lasher's* Regiment, who petitioned the Provincial Congress for pay and to have their services confined to the City and County of *New York*, Jan^r 30, 1776:

<i>Sam^l Johnson</i>	<i>Ad^m Dolmage</i>	<i>Garret Kip</i>
<i>Rich^a. Tole Hazard</i>	<i>Stephen Smith</i>	<i>Yellis Mandeville jun</i>
<i>Jacob Brower</i>	<i>Cornelius Bicker</i>	<i>Peter Myers</i>
<i>Robert Barry</i>	<i>Christopher Hutten</i>	<i>Alex^s Anderson</i>
<i>John Remmer</i>	<i>Thomas Warner jun</i>	<i>John J. Myers</i>
<i>Benj. Brown</i>	<i>John Brouwer jun</i>	<i>John Van Dyck</i>
<i>Leonard Fisher</i>	<i>Walter Moffat</i>	<i>Abraham Brevorte</i>
<i>Nicholas Van Antwerp</i>	<i>Fred. Stymets</i>	<i>John Russel</i>
<i>William Ten Broeck</i>	<i>Anth^y. Byvanck jun</i>	<i>Peter Taulman</i>
<i>Benjⁿ. Griffith</i>	<i>Benj. Burras</i>	<i>James Armitage]</i>

A Memorial of *Frederik Hartell** setting forth his former Rank and Services in the Army, offering his services and requesting a Commission of not inferior Rank to that, in which he had formerly served was read and filed.

A Memorial of *John Wylley* offering his Service as a Capt. in the Continental service was read & filed.

Ordered, that the Memorandum delivered in by Col^o. *Lasher* and the Memorials of *Fred^k Hartell* and *John Wylley* remain on file to be taken up again, when an arrangement of officers may be forming for Officers of the Regiments to be raised in this Colony for the Continental service.

3^d P. M. JANUARY 31st 1776.

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A draft of a letter to General *Schuyler* was read and approved of and is in the words following, towit:

In Committee of Safety, *New York*, Jan^r 31, 1776.

Sir:

We had the honor some time since of transmitting to you a Resolve of Congress for reducing the Battalions now in *Canada* to two and for raising a new Battalion for the *Canada* service under the command of Colonel *Van Schaick*. This regiment must for the most evident reasons be raised in the Northern Quarter, and we flatter ourselves you will look to the appointment of the Officers, for whom we shall without delay make out the necessary Commissions (for which we are possessed of Blanks), as soon as you will favor us with a roll for that purpose.

* *Hartell* states in his paper, that he had served as Captain and Lieut. in the army of the King of *Hungary* until May, 1775, Sergeant in the Royal Americans in the siege of *Havannah*, when the Regt. was disbanded. He was a tobacconist at the time.

DIE JOVIS, 10th HO. A. M. FEBRUARY 1st 1776

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A Letter from Col. *Thomas Palmer* dated 25th Inst. was read and filed and is in the words following to wit:

To the Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety
Gentlemen: for the Province of *New York*

The Convention for this County at their last Session passed a Resolve, that no person shall enlist under a Minute Capt. in any other Town or Precinct within the County, Except that in which he resides. What views the Convention had in passing this Resolve I know not. But the Consequences resulting from it is already too conspicuous to our damage — as it is the only means, whereby two Minute Companies now recruiting (the one in *New Windsor* and the other in *New Burgh* Precinct) cannot be filled up, as their former mode having been to fill up their Companies out of the different precincts in such manner, as to be nearest their Officers, and most compact and handy for exercising their men, which in my opinion is the most Eligible — and in that way the Companies, which are already raised and whose time wont expire untill spring were filled up, — and a considerable part of those Companies, made up out of the precincts of *New Windsor* and *New Burgh*, — so that the two Companies now recruiting being under the restriction of the said County Resolve cannot obtain a competent number of Men and even suppose we were Just now setting out to raise Minute Men under the Limits of such a Resolution, it would be most absurd in its nature — as the number of the Militia are more or less according to the Extent and popularity of the Town and Precincts and the fourth of the Militia in some may not amount to a Company and in others more and perhaps not quite two Companies, so that it is absolutely necessary, that the Minute Captains may raise their Companies any where (at least) within one Militia Regiment, in which he may reside. This affair is likely to make much uneasiness and had this not happened, the Companies would easily been made out without the disagreeable necessity for Balloting, agreeable to your late Resolve, which will be a step that many begins to grumble at, for some says by that means there is a compulsion on men, who are disaffected to the cause as well as to such other persons, as the circumstances of their families &c may render it disagreeable to be obliged to turn out, and acts of constraint ought (if possible) to be avoided. — I must therefore beg you will take the premisses into your Immediate consideration & should you be of opinion with me, that the said Resolve is attended with the Consequences aforesaid, that you will be pleased by a Resolution of your House to counteract the same by a line to the Chairman of the said Convention or by some such other ways and means, as in your wisdom you may Judge best. I need not remind you, that the Resolves of the County Convention and Sub-Committees within this Province are ever subject to your approbation or disapprobation.

I beg leave to observe with the utmost concern, that no measures are yet going on for Expediting our Fortifications at *Puplopes Point*. The River being now frozen, so that the timber for the Barracks, which now chiefly lies at *New Windsor* may be carried in sleds down to *Puplopes Point*, which is most necessary in order for a House for Labourers, and no better time than the present for Collecting other necessaries back in the woods and bringing them on the spot in order for the Fortification.

I am gentlemen, &c &c
Newburgh, Jan^y 25th 1776.

THOMAS PALMER

The Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety
New York.

*Proceedings of the Provincial Congress.*DIE SABATI, 10th HO. A. M. FEBR^y 3^d 1776

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A Letter from *Arendt Van Hook* setting forth his merits,* offering his service as a Captain in the Troops to be raised in this Colony, and a Letter from *Henry G. Livingston & Wm. Smith Livingston* recommending the said *Aaron Van Hook* for his mental Qualifications were read and filed.

DIE SOLIS, 3^d P. M. FEBR^y 4th 1776

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The Col^s. & Lient. Col^s. of three Regiments of the City being assembled near the Hall, were requested to come into the Committee — after some conversation on the state of their respective Regiments — They were requested and directed to call out their respective Regiments to-morrow to know the state and number of their arms and of the men in their respective Regiments fit for duty — and to enable them to make proper returns to this Committee.

Thereupon Ordered further, that Col. *Curtenius* be directed and he is hereby directed to deliver to the Colonels of the Regiments of the Militia of this City respectively so many Flints, as will enable them to provide each man in their respective Regiments with three flints, and *Ordered*, that the Col^s. respectively do at their discretion distribute three flints to each such man in their respective Regiments, as they may think ought to be supplied therewith.

5th HO. P. M. DIE LUNAE FEB^y 5th 1776

A Letter from *W^m Smith Esq^{re}* Chairman of the Committee of *Suffolk* County was read and filed and is in the words following, to wit :

Suffolk County Jan^y 24th 1776

Gentlemen :

In pursuance to your order we have appointed the Field Officers for the Minute Men in this County & also the Officers for the Artillery Company, which Companies we trust will be some security to this County; at the same time this Committee beg leave to mention, that the Militia of this County but little exceeds 2000 — the great exposedness of the East end & the extensiveness of the County induces us to desire, such number of Continental Troops may be stationed here, as the Congress in their wisdom shall Judge necessary — we make no doubt the Continent proposes to protect and defend this Island and hope you will use your endeavours, that a sufficient force may be posted here for that purpose.

We have a number of poor men in this County, who are good Soldiers and friends to the Cause & would be glad to enlist as Minute Men but have no Guns — we should be glad to know, if a number can be procured at the public Expence for such persons as are unable to purchase them.

* He claims to have been Senior Second Lieutenant and Adjutant of his Regiment, not named, while the letter from the two *Livingstons* says, he was a Private in the Independent Company of Fusesleers, of which *Henry Livingston* was Capt. Lieutenant.

The situation of this County in many parts makes it extremely difficult to raise and train the Minute Men; they complain they are not sufficiently paid considering the great distance they have to travel, many 8, 10 & 12 miles & that on foot to Exercise, the Officers also on the same acct. are at considerable expence, besides the expence raising of their Companies & pray they may be considered.

By order of the Committee
W^m SMITH, Chairman.

To the Hon^{ble} Provincial
Congress *New York*.

A List of the Officers of the Minute men approved & chosen by the County Committee:

Josiah Smith, Col.
John Hulbert 2^d Col.
Isaac Reeve 1st Major
Jonathan Baker 2^d do
Isaac Overton Adjutant.
Ebenezer Dayton Quarter Master

Officers of the Artillery
W^m Rogers Capt.
John Franks Capt. Lieut.
Jeremiah Rogers 1st Lieut.
Tho^s Baker 2^d do
John Tuthill Lieut. fireworker

Commissions issued, dated
February 20th 1776.

By order of the Committee
W^m SMITH, Chairman.

Ordered, that Commissions issue for the Gentlemen therein named and that the residue of that Letter remain for the Consideration of the Provincial Congress.

4^{no} P. M. FEBR^y 10th 1776

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Ordered, that *Richard Norwood* be, and he is hereby appointed a Commissary to take the care and delivery out of all such Military Stores and Implements of War, except Cannon, in this City and County of *New York*, as shall be from time to time committed to his care, by order of this Committee or the Provincial Congress and that he be paid for his services . . . at and after the rate of 18 1-3 dollars per month.

DIE SOLIS 10 HO. A. M. FEBRUARY 11th 1776.

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[Therefore] Ordered, that the [said] public Records of this Colony together with *Sam^l. Bayard Jun^r Esq^r* the Deputy Secretary of this Colony be forthwith conveyed under a proper Guard of the Militia of the City of *New York* to the dwelling House of *Nich^s. Bayard Esq^r* Alderman of the Out ward of the said City and Ordered further, that Col. *Lasher* fix on such Officers and Company of his Regiment for this and any other Duty, that may be directed, as he shall think proper & report the same to this Committee, the Committee hereby giving assurance, that provision will be made for the pay and subsistence of such Company equal to the Continental Establishment, while continued in service.

DIE LUNAE, P. M., FEBRUARY 12th 1776.

The Congress met pursuant to adjournment.

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A letter from General *Schwylzer* dated the 6th Inst. was read and filed and is in the words following, towit:

Albany, 6th Febr^y 1776.

Sir:

The Continental Congress having ordered one Reg^t to be raised in this Province to go into *Canada*, I requested of that respectable body to know, if the Companies that I ordered to be raised for garrisoning *Crown Point, Tyconderoga, Fort George, &c* were to be considered as part of them; you will probably receive directions on this head, and that no delay may be made in the arrangement of the Officers to the Reg^t. I do myself the Honor, to inclose you the names of such, as I gave recruiting orders to. — If Major *Gansevoort* should be provided for, or Col^o. *Yates* promoted and if Capt *Curtis* had the Majority given him, I believe it would tend to fill up the Reg^t with much expedition, as he has great influence in the part of the country, where he resides, which is about *Canaan*.

I am, Sir, &c &c

PH. SCHUYLER.

The President of the
New York Congress.

A RETURN of the names of persons, to whom Inlisting Orders have been delivered by Major General *Philipp Schwylzer*.

1775

Nov 16 To Capt. *Eleazer Curtis*, an old Capt. in Col. *Hinmans* Reg^t*, now with his Company at *Fort George*" To Capt. *Dan^t Mills*27 To Capt. *Joseph McCracken*30 To Capt. *Elias Hasbrouck*" To Capt. *Andrew Billings*
1st Lieut^s.Nov 28 To Lieut. *Anthony Welp*
1776Jan^y 8 To Mr. *Ebenezer Hill*27 To Lieut *Chas. Graham*.

1775

2^d. Lieut^s.Nov 24 To Sergeant — *Cook*Dec. 2 To Mr. *Van Veghten*

1776

Jan^y 5 To Mr. *James Clark*" " To Mr. *W^m. Moulton*

1776 Ensigns

Jan^y 8 To Mr. *Luther Bissel*

Lieut. *Martin* }
Lieut. *Barnes* } Nov 27, 1775

* A Connecticut Regiment.

A Letter from *Elihu Marvin* Esq. Chairman of the Committee of *Orange* County dated *Oxford* Febr. 9th 1776 was read and filed and is in the words following to wit :

(Extract):

Oxford, February 9th 1776.

Gentlemen : In consequence of your letter of 26th ult^o. I convened our County Committee on Tuesday the 6th Inst. & laid the matter before them, relative to the raising of men for the defence of this Colony,—the same being taken into consideration the Committee are unanimously of opinion that there can be three Companies raised in this County, viz^t. 2 on the North and one on the South side of the Mountains and have nominated the following persons for Officers to raise the two Companies on the Northside towit in *Goshen* Regiment: *Dan^l. Denton*, Capt., *Balthazar De Hart* 1st Lieut. *George H. Jackson* 2^d Lieut and *Sam^l. Carpenter* Ensign: In *Cornwall* Reg^t. *Seth Marvin* Capt. *James Little* 1st Lieut. *Nathan Strong* 2^d Lieut. and *Stephen Halsey* Ensign. . . . —but at the same time the Committee think it will out of their power to arm any considerable part of the men they raise, on account of the quantity they furnished last year — none of which have been returned, and must therefore leave that matter with Congress — they are also of opinion, that it would be of bad consequence, to nominate more than one set of Officers to each Company and have therefore declined it. . . .

DIE MARTIS, A. M. FEBR^y 13th 1776.

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A letter from the Committee of *Marble Town*, dated Jan^y 29th sign'd by *Levi Pawling*, Chairman, was read and filed and is in the words following to wit :

Gentlemen : We the Committee of the Township of *Marble Town* are under the disagreeable necessity of troubling your Hon^{ble} Body, tho' as it is the first of the kind, we expect to be excused.

The matter we have to lay before your Hon^{ble} Board is, that in compliance to a resolve passed by the Hon^{ble} Provincial Congress the 22^d of August last there was an Election for chusing of Officers in the Company of the South West District of said Town and the following persons was chose by a very great majority, viz^t. . . . , which your Hon^{ble} Body has been pleased to commission. — These Gent^l. officiated each in their ranks with great Satisfaction, as far as we know, untill it pleased your Hon^{ble} Body to promote Capt. *Wynkoop* to a Major in Col. *De Witt's* Reg^t of Minute Men, after which there was a day appointed agreeable to said Resolve for filling up the vacancy by the Company's choice, when *John Hasbrouck*, a person not belonging to the Company nor even to the Reg^t. sot up or intended to set up for Capt. of said Company, which caused a great deal of confusion.

We therefore pray, that we may be informed as soon as possible, whether it is the opinion of your Hon^{ble} Body, that a Capt. should be chose or that the first Lieut. should be promoted and the other subalterns raise in rank & then an Ensign to be chosen, which we think is the most natural construction to be laid on the resited Resolve and if a procedure of that kind cant take place, your Honours may be assured, that *Mr. Broadhead* will resign and then a new Election must ensue, and in course more trouble of that kind ensue, but at the same time we are willing to comply with such directions, as we may receive from your Hon^{ble} Body.

We are &c &c &c.

² See *Pawling's* Reg^t, *Wynkoop's* Co. *Ulster* Co. M^a.

The Petition of *John Hasbrouck* & others dated at *Marbletown* January the 30th 1776 was read & filed. They therein remonstrate against the Committee of said town in denying them the privilege of electing a Captain in the place of *Cornelius E. Wynkoop*, promoted to a Majority.

[The names of the members of the Company, who signed this petition, calling themselves "sundry of the militia of *Marbletown*" and a majority of 59 to 20, were :

<i>John Hasbrouck</i>	<i>Silvester Van der Merck</i>	<i>Fred^k. Keyzer</i>
<i>Jacobus Rosa</i>	<i>John Beaty</i>	<i>Johan^s. Bartlefolk</i>
<i>Moses Terwilliger</i>	<i>Corn^s. Van den Merck</i>	<i>Tho^s. Cainer</i>
<i>John Keater</i>	<i>John Van den Merck</i>	<i>Jacob Sielie</i>
<i>Corn^s. Van der Merck</i>	<i>Solomon Van den Merck</i>	<i>Andries Keyzer</i>
<i>Severyne Hasbrouck</i>	<i>Petrus Smith</i>	<i>Petrus Van Leuwen</i>
<i>Johannis Smith</i>	<i>John Van Vliet</i>	<i>W^m Johnson</i>
<i>Jacob Keater</i>	<i>Casparis Shurtur</i>	<i>Dirick Bush</i>
<i>W^m Keater</i>	<i>Andries Davis</i>	<i>Tunis Rosa</i>
<i>Corn^s. Connewey</i>	<i>Allick M^cGinnis</i>	<i>Dirick Sluyter</i>
<i>Jonas Smith</i>	<i>W^m M^cGinnis</i>	<i>Danl Van Leuwen</i>
<i>Hugh Rass</i>	<i>W^m Benson</i>	<i>Joh^s. Keater jur</i>
<i>John Pheulison</i>	<i>Alex^s Munro</i>	<i>John Ennis</i>
<i>Solomon Johnson</i>	<i>Abr^m Rosa</i>	<i>Gysbert Rosa</i>
<i>Samuel Paine</i>	<i>Jacob Clarwater</i>	<i>John Franciska</i>
<i>Sam^l Gibson</i>	<i>Joseph Clarwater</i>	<i>Andries Fiere</i>
<i>W^m Dunlop</i>	<i>Thomas Clarwater</i>	<i>John Van Wagenen</i>
<i>Jacob Conner</i>	<i>Fred^k Clarwater</i>	<i>Martin Middagh</i>
<i>John Conner</i>	<i>Isaac Clarwater</i>	<i>Johannis Middagh</i>
<i>W^m Conner</i>	<i>Daniel Clarwater</i>	<i>George Middagh</i>
<i>W^m Hardy</i>	<i>Corn^s. Ceyzer</i>	<i>Abr^m Middagh</i>
<i>Martin Bogard</i>	<i>Hans Sluyter</i>	<i>Robert Beatty.]</i>
<i>Petrus Smith jun</i>	<i>Joseph Keyzer</i>	

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A Letter from *Daniel Pye*, Esq. Chairman of a Committee on the South side of the Mountains in *Orange County*, recommending sundry Gentlemen for Officers in the Troops to be raised in this Colony, was read and filed.

(The persons recommended were:)

<i>Amos Hutchings</i> Capt.	} Nominated for Officers for 1 Company for the Continental service.
<i>Patten Jackson</i> 1 st Lieut	
<i>Robert Wood</i> 2 ^d do	
<i>George Johnson</i> Ensign	
<i>Arie King</i> Capt.	} Nominated for Officers for one do do
<i>W^m Sicher</i> 1 st Lieut	
<i>John D. Coe</i> 2 ^d do	
<i>Peter Oblenus</i> Ensign	

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A Letter from *Egbert Benson* Esq. Chairman of the Committee of *Dutchess* County was read and filed and is in the words following to wit :

Dutchess County Committee Feb^r 8th 1776.

Gentlemen :

In compliance with a Letter from the Committee of Safety, 26th Ult^o., this Committee proceeded to deliberate on every part of your directions respecting the 4 Reg^{ts} to be raised & in Continental pay for the defense of this Colony, and are of opinion that (notwithstanding here are now in this County six recruiting Officers in the service of the Continent, viz^t. Captains *Billings*, *Rosekrans* & *Graham*, & Lieut. *Burten* & *Doty* and Ensign *Johnson*), we shall be able to compleat three Companies. Accordingly we have with the utmost caution and Circumspection recommended the following gentlemen in the different precincts as proper Officers for this most Essential Service, Viz^t :

<i>William Burker</i> Captain	}	<i>Abraham Swartwout</i> Capt.	}
<i>John Lloyd</i> 1 st Lieut		<i>John Durling</i> 1 st Lieut	
<i>Nath^l. Mead</i> 2 ^d do		<i>Eli Pearson</i> 2 ^d do	
<i>John Punderson</i> Ensign		<i>George Brooks</i> Ensign	
<i>Nathan Pearce</i> jun Capt.			
<i>Joshua Barnum</i> 1 st Lieut.			
<i>Josiah Crosby</i> 2 ^d do			
<i>Tho^s. Ostrander</i> Ensign			

The latter part of your respectable favor directs us to nominate two Gentlemen for each Office, that you may have an opportunity of chusing the one you think best qualified. In this particular instance we beg leave to observe, that the inconveniences to us appear insurmountable and therefore have tho't proper to desist from the mode.

We remain &c &c &c

DIE MERCURII, FEB^r 14th 10^a HO. A. M. 1776.

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A Letter from Major Gen^l. *Lee*, submitting to the Congress . . . the Establishment of a Company of Artificers &c was read and filed and is in the words following to wit :

(Extract)

. As in all probability a considerable Body of Troops will be stationed in this City and its environs during the present contest, I would take the liberty to propose to the Congress the establishment of a Corps of Artificers, such an establishment is not only necessary for the different military works, but I apprehend it will answer very materially in point of economy ; there is another circumstance, I must beg leave to mention, it is, Sir, to appoint some person as Commissary to receive, take care of and be responsible for the various sorts of Military Stores now in our hands.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant
CHARLES LEE.