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Resolved,

That it be earnestly recommended to the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Connecticut immediately to furnish and keep up constantly in the State of Rhode Island and Providence plantations for the defence of the said State, their several quotas of troops as adjusted by the resolution of a committee from the said States and the State of New York, which met at Springfield the 30 of July last. —

That a deputy quarter master general, a deputy adjutant general, a deputy muster master general and a deputy commissary general of issues be appointed to act pro tempore for the troops aforesaid. That the deputy commissary general of issues be appointed by the council of war of the State of Rhode Island and Providence plantations; that the deputy quarter master general, deputy adjutant general, and deputy muster master general be appointed by the officer commanding at that post; and that each of the foregoing officers take the oaths of fidelity and office required, before they enter upon the execution of their respective offices. —

That <sup>general Spencer, or</sup> the commander of the forces aforesaid be informed, that if provisions cannot be procured at reasonable rates, and <sup>he</sup> shall be obliged to impress them, he shall direct Certificates to be granted, promising payment at such rates as shall be settled by the convention of Committees to meet at New Haven the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. <sup>in</sup> pursuant to a resolve of Congress of the 22<sup>d</sup> Nov: last, and that this resolution have retrospect as to all accounts not liquidated for provisions or services supplied or performed to the first day of Nov: which are to be paid at the convention prices, and all other unliquidated accounts for services or provisions performed or supplied since that period, to the date of this resolution to be paid for at the prices for which they are contracted. —

Resolved

That general Spencers resignation for the reasons offered by him



him in his letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> December be accepted, <sup>when he shall be relieved from his present comm.</sup> and that a suitable officer of  
the rank of a major general <sup>should</sup> be immediately sent to take the command of the  
troops raised for the defence of the State of Rhode Island & Providence plantations.

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