

In Congress Jan^y 19th

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Resolved That the American Army in Canada be Reinforced with all possible Dispatch as well for the Security & Relief of Our friends there as for better Securing the Rights & Liberties not only of that Colony but the other United Colonies. — That for the more Speedy Raising the Battalions Ordered on the 8th of Jan^y to be Raised in the Colonies of New Hampshire Connecticut New York And Pennsylvania for the Defence of Canada, It be Recommended to the General Assembly Convention or Council or Committee 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 Ammunition and Other Necessaries for Expediting their March to Canada. And for further Encouraging the men move cheerfully to enter into the Service of their Country to give a Bounty of 6 ²/₃ Dollars to every able bodied Effective Man properly Cloathed for the Service & having a good firelock with a Bayonet & other accoutrements And 4 Dollars to every Soldier not having the like Arms and Accoutrements (The cost of the Arms Supply'd by the Colony to be Decurled out of the Soldiers pay) And also to provide Blanketts and haversack for every Enlisted Soldier And Moreover to Advance one months pay to every officer and Soldier before their March that they may be able to purchase Necessary Clothing. — That the first two Companies which shall be Compleat of Every Battalion Directed to be Raised for the Service in Canada do March to that Country so soon as they shall be Ready and be followed in the Same Numbers with like Expedition by the Rest of the Troops And that it be Recommended to the general Assemblies Conventions and Councils or Committees of Safety of the Colonies in which the Battalions are Directed to be Raised that they Respectively Attend to this Business

Jan^y 20.

Resolved That it being necessary to procure a large quantity of Specie for the Operations in Canada which cannot be Successfully carried on without that Article, it be Recommended to the General Assemblies Conventions and Councils or Committees of Safety upon the Continent to Employ proper persons within their Respective Colonies to Collect all the Gold and Silver coin they can and inform Congress of the Sum Collected.

That

That the General Assemblies Conventions and Councils or Com^{tees} of Safety of the Colonies in which forces are Directed to be Raised for the Service of Canada be Desired to Raise for the Same Service one Company of Matrosses Consisting of 40 Privates in each Colony under proper officers, And where a Company cannot be completed to Raise as many as they can under Subalterns Officers in proportion to their numbers.

That the general Assemblies Conventions or Councils or Com^{tees} of Safety be Desired be Desired to take the most Effectual Measures for Recovering the Arms Ammunitions Gallies tolls and Other Stores of the Continent said to have been carried off by some of the Soldiers who have Returned from Canada.

That 12500 Dollars be advanced to each of the Gen^l Assemblies or Councils or Com^{tees} of Safety of the Colonies in which forces are Directed to be Raised for the Service of Canada for the purpose of Reequipping their Respective Regiments.

That from the Necessity of the case and to prevent delays Blank Commissions be Issued by the President for the field officers Captains, and Subalterns who are to Command the Battalions Ordered to be Raised for Canada in New Hamp^{sh} & And Connecticut to be filled up with the Names of such Gentlemen as shall be judged most proper by the Convention or Com^{tee} of Safety of New Hamp^{sh} & by the Governor and Council of Connecticut.

That the Above Resolution be not drawn into President

That an Order be Drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Delegates of New Hampshire for the Above Sum of 12000 Dollars for the use of the Battalion to be Raised there for Canada and that the said Delegates be Desired to forward the said Sum to their Colony with all Expedition the Colony to be accountable for the Same.

Extracts from the Minutes

Chas^r Thompson Sec^y

The Battalion is to consist of Eight Companies
 Each Company of a Captain two Lieutenants one
 Ensign four Sergeants four Corporals a Drummer
 a piper & 46 privates. The Staff officers
 a Surgeon a Quartermaster an Adjutant, and a
 Chaplain for every two Battalions with the
 pay of $33\frac{1}{3}$ Dollars

Extract from Presd^t Hancock's Letter

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President Hancock's
Letter Philadelphia
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This letter is in Colonel Weave's
own Handwriting.