

importance is to be taken into Consideration at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and to direct their attendance at that time.

The Committee who were appointed to bring in a Resolve recommending the disarming certain persons in the Colony; reported - which Report was read, amended and accepted & is as follows viz. - Suspected persons to be disarmed

Whereas there are divers persons now in this Colony, who have by their Conduct discovered themselves to be Enemies to the rights of Mankind & the Interest of America, and Whereas our very peculiar situation renders it absolutely necessary, not only to discriminate them from those who have shewn a disposition to be friendly to their Country; but <sup>likewise</sup> also to put it out of their power to join with the open & avowed Enemies of America, in their endeavours to <sup>injure</sup> subjugate their Countrymen to the full operations of the Tyrannical System of the British Administration, and the ruin & destruction concerted by the British Parliament against these Colonies. - Therefore Resolved, That it be, thereby is recommended to the several Committees of Correspondence in the several Towns & Districts, <sup>where such Committees have been appointed</sup> ~~where~~ such Committees reside, and to the select Men of such Towns and Districts as have not appointed them, to enquire into the principles & Conduct of such suspected persons and that they Cause all such to be disarmed who do not give them full & ample Assurances, in which they can with safety Confide, of their readiness to join their Countrymen on all occasions in defence of the rights & liberties of America, and likewise that they take effectual steps to put it out of the power of such persons to obstruct by any means whatever, the measures which shall be taken for the Common defence; and it is also hereby recommended to the good people of this Colony that they take effectual care to secure obedience to the several resolves of Congress

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For the regulation of the Militia, and cause a due regard to be paid to the Orders of the several Military Officers, who have been elected by the suffrages of their several Companies, and Regiments, agreeably to the Resolves of Congress. —

Ordered, That Major Fuller, Doct: Taylor & Mr. Webster be a Committee to get the Resolve last mentioned printed and dispersed thro' the several Towns & Districts in this Colony.

Ordered, That the Committee who were appointed to take into Consideration the subject matter of the Letter from General Ward, now send a written Message (by the Messenger in waiting) to the Genl. informing him, that they are considering the same & will make report as soon as possible.

Ordered, That said Committee sit forthwith.

Ordered, That Mr. Fisher be added to said Committee in the room of Mr. Bliss, who is going to Cambridge on other Business of the Congress. —

Ordered, That Mr. Lothrop, Doct: Taylor and Mr. Webster, be a Committee to bring in a Resolve recommending to the Inhabitants of this Province to save their Straw.

Ordered, That Col: Mosely, Esq: Davis, Col: Walker, Deacon Hovey, Mr. Lewis, Cap: Mr. Cobb and Major Smith, be a Committee to confer with the Committee of safety with respect to settling the appointment of Field Officers and to set forthwith. —

Mr. Gerry (by leave of Congress) brought in a Resolve empowering the Committee of supplies to furnish Commissary's <sup>with necessaries</sup> for the Army &c. — which was recommitted. —

The Committee appointed to consider the Letter from General Ward reported an Answer thereto which was amended and accepted & is as follows. —

Sir,

This Congress received your Letter of this day, and the Complaint enclosed, informing, that several persons falsely pretending to have your Order to search for Fire Arms, have committed Robbery on private property; — We have taken the Matter seriously into Consideration, and are of Opinion, that

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Appointment  
of  
Field Officers

Letter to Genl Ward  
relative to certain per-  
sons charged with  
having under pre-  
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search for fire arms,  
committed robbery  
on private property