

In Congress, April 14, 1777

IN CONGRESS, APRIL 14, 1777.

RESOLVED, THAT from and after the publication hereof, the second article of the 8th section, the first article of the 11th section, the 8th article of the 14th section, and the 2d article of the 18th section, of the Rules and Articles for the better Government of of the Troops, raised or to be raised, and kept in pay by, and at the expence of the United States of America, passed in Congress, the 20th day of September, One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Seventy-Six, shall be, and they are hereby repealed, and that the four following articles be substituted in the place and stead thereof.

ART. I. All Officers and Soldiers shall have full liberty to bring into any of the Forts or Garrisons of the United American States, any quantity of eatable provisions, except where any contracts are, or shall be entered into by Congress, or by their Order, for furnishing such provisions, and with respect only to the species of provisions so contracted for.

ART. II. If any Officer shall think himself to be wronged by his Colonel or the Commanding Officer of the regiment, and shall, upon due application made to him be refused to be redressed, he may complain to the Continental General, commanding in the State where such regiment shall be stationed, in order to obtain justice, who is hereby required to examine into the said complaint, and take proper measures for redressing the wrong complained of, and transmit as soon as possible to Congress, a true state of such complaint, with the proceeding had thereon.

ART. III. No sentence of a General Court-Martial shall be put in execution, till after a report shall be made of the whole proceedings to Congress, the Commander in Chief, or the Continental General commanding in the State where such a General Court-Martial shall be held, and their, or his orders, be issued for carrying such sentence into execution.

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ART. IV. The Continental General commanding in either of the American States for the time being, shall have full power of appointing General Courts Martial to be held, and of pardoning or mitigating any of the punishments ordered to be inflicted for any of the offences mentioned in the aforementioned Rules and Articles for the better government of the Troops, except the punishment of offenders under sentence of death by a General Court-Martial, which he may order to be suspended, until the pleasure of Congress can be known, which suspension, with the proceedings of the Court-Martial, the said General shall immediately transmit to Congress for their determination. And every offender convicted by any Regimental Court-Martial may be pardoned or have his punishment mitigated by the Colonel or Officer commanding the Regiment. **By ORDER of CONGRESS, JOHN HANCOCK, PRESIDENT.**

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