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Hon. *Gurdon Sattonstall* , Chairman.

Col. *William Williams* , Clerk.

THIS Convention taking into their serious Consideration the present State of this Country, in that we are permitted to be threatened with the Loss of our Liberties and constitutional Rights, &c.

And when we view it's State, as to Arms, military Knowledge, proper Stores, and the Attention of this People to their just Defence, whenever it shall so happen that any common Enemy shall rise against us, and attempt our Subjection by Force of Arms, we cannot but be animated to address ourselves to all whose Business it is to attend upon military Affairs.

And in the first Place, We do seriously recommend to the Selectmen of every Town within the Counties of *New-London* and *Windham* , that as speedily as possible they supply their Town Stock with a full Complement of Ammunition and military Stores, as by Law is required.

2 *dly.* We recommend earnestly to every particular Troop and military Company within said two Counties, both Officers and Soldiers, and all others living within their several and respective Limits, who by Law are required to provide and keep Arms and Ammunition, as speedily as possible to arm and equip themselves, agreeable to the Directions of the Laws of this Colony; excepting where in Arms it may be thought expedient to vary; that such Variation be uniformly adopted.

3 *dly.* We seriously recommend it to all such; as a Matter of very great Importance, that they as expeditiously as may be improve in, and learn the Use and design of their Arms, by artillery Exercises or otherwise, that so they may answer the important Purpose of their Institution, when Occasion shall require, and become fitted to attend their Colonel and other Field Officers when by them called to regimental Reviews.

And as very great and special Advantages must arise from regimental Reviews and Exercises in the Militia of this Colony, at least as often as once in four Years, as the Law requires, and the same having been omitted and neglected, we now earnestly recommend to every Colonel and other the Field Officers of each Regiment within the two Counties, that on some proper Day or Days the present Autumn, they call together their several and respective Regiments, or such Parts of them as shall be convenient, at some suitable and appointed Places, for the Purposes above-mentioned.

And would also further recommend to the Colonel, or chief Officer of each Regiment in said two Counties, that they forthwith their Orders to the Captains of the several Companies in their respective Regiments, that they and their Companies immediately comply with the Requisitions of the Laws of this Colony, both as to their Equipment with Arms and Ammunition, &c. and a due Attention to the Cultivation of military Skill and the Art of War, and that said chief Officers exert themselves in every proper and legal Way, in their important Department, for a general improvement in; and Cultivation of the noble and important Art of military Skill and Discipline.

Voted and passed unanimously , Test . William Williams , Clerk.

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