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ON the Petition of the Officers in the Brigades of Generals *Nixon's, Patterson's* (late *Learned's* ) and *Glover's*, in behalf of themselves and the Soldiers under their Command.

*Resolved*, That the Selectmen or Committees of the several Towns and Plantations in this State appointed for this Purpose, be and they hereby are enjoined to supply the Families of all Non-commissioned Officers and private Soldiers inlisted from their respective Towns or Plantations (for three Years or during the War in the fifteen Battalions raised by this State) with Necessaries in manner directed by a Resolve of the Great and General Court of this State passed upon the 10th Day of *October*, One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy seven, and to keep an exact Account of all such supplies, to the intent that the Towns may finally have the same paid by the State, and also that such Supplies may be charged to the said Non-commissioned Officers and private Soldiers when their Pay, on which they entered the Service, shall be made good to them, as is herein after provided. And the Selectmen and Committees respectively shall make up their Accounts for past Supplies as soon as may be, and for future Supplies on the first Day of *January* Yearly, and lay them before the General Court for Examination and Allowance.

*Resolved*, That if any Selectmen or Committees shall be so regardless of their Country's Interest as to neglect to see the said Resolve of the tenth of *October* fully executed, and Complaint be thereof made to the General Assembly, there shall be added to the Tax of the Town or Plantation, whose Selectmen or Committees shall be so delinquent, a Sum not exceeding five Times the Value of such Supplies which they upon Request shall unreasonably refuse to make.

*And whereas there is no Provision made for Supply of the Commissioned and Staff-Officers Families: It is therefore Resolved*, That there be advanced and paid out of the public Treasury of this State to the Commissioned and Staff-Officers of the fifteen Battalions aforesaid, who are engaged to serve for three Years or during the War, the following Sums, *viz.*

To each Field Officer the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*.

To each Captain, Chaplain, Surgeon and Surgeon's Mate, engaged for three Years or during the War, and being an Inhabitant of this State, *Two Hundred Pounds*.

To each Subaltern Officer *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*.

One Moiety of said Sums to be paid to them respectively upon the Fifteenth Day of *April* next, and the other Moiety upon the Fifteenth Day of *July* next. And in Case it shall so happen that the Treasurer shall not be able to pay such Sums at the Times above mentioned, he is hereby impowered and directed to give said Officers, or any of them who shall apply therefor, his Note upon Interest, payable upon or before the first Day of *January* One Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty; which several Sums, when, either to Notes or Money as aforesaid, shall be charged to the Account of the respective Officers who shall receive the same, and be deducted from their Wages when adjusted and made good as is herein after provided.

*Resolved*, That the Constables and Collectors of the State Tax, now ordered to be issued, shall exchange with Commissioned or Staff Officers of said Battalions belonging to their respective Towns the Notes aforesaid, giving such Officers current Money for the Principal and Interest due upon such Notes at the Time of such Exchange.

And the Treasurer is hereby directed to receive such Notes of all Constables and Collectors in Payment of the Tax aforesaid. And the Officer having the same so exchanged shall indorse his Name on the same and thereon set the Day of the Month and Year when the Exchange shall be made, at which Time the Interest on such Note shall cease.

*Resolved*, That this Government will, at the Close of the present War, receive an Account of the Time which the Officers and private Soldiers belonging to this State shall have served in the said Battalions, and will then make good to them and the Heirs of such of them as shall then be dead, the Wages of the Establishment of Congress whereon they engaged, according to a late Act of this Government, intituled, an Act against Monopoly and Oppression, taking for a Measure of their Wages the Prices set to the Articles enumerated in the same Act, taking into Consideration by the same Measure all Bounties, except the Continental Bounty of *Six Pounds* and the State Bounty of *Twenty Pounds*, Supplies, Gratuities and Sums already advanced, or which shall hereafter be given, supplied or advanced.—Provided nevertheless, that if the Honorable Continental Congress shall make the Wages of said Officers and Soldiers good to them, as aforesaid, this Government shall not be held by this Resolution.—And also provided that this Provision shall not extend to those who shall without a regular and honorable Discharge leave the said Service before the Time for which they are engaged shall expire.

Sent up for Concurrence, JOHN PICKERING, *Speaker*.

*In* COUNCIL, February 6, 1779.

Read and concurred, JOHN AVERY, *Dep. Sec'ry*.

Consented to by the Major Part of the Council.

A true Copy, Attest, JOHN AVERY, *Dep. Sec'ry*.

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To the Gentlemen the Selectmen of the Town of Sloughtonham

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