

BACKGROUNDS OF SELECTIVE SERVICE

Military Obligation: THE AMERICAN TRADITION

*A Compilation of the Enactments of Compulsion
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of the Original Thirteen Colonies in 1607
Through the
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their inlistment, they supplying themselves with a blanket, knapsack, cloathing &c., to the acceptance of their respective captains; and that one month's pay shall be advanced and paid to each of said officers and inlisted inhabitants.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the establishment of pay and wages shall be as follows, viz. the pay for their whole services.

To the major-general,	£ 20	0	0,	per	calendar month.
To each of said brigadier-generals,	17	0	0,	per	do. do.
To each colonel,	15	0	0,	per	do. do.
To each lieutenant colonel,	12	0	0,	per	do. do.
To each major,	10	0	0,	per	do. do.
To each captain,	6	0	0,	per	do. do.
To each lieutenant,	4	0	0,	per	do. do.
To each ensign,	3	0	0,	per	do. do.
To each adjutant,	5	10	0,	per	do. do.
To each quarter-master,	3	0	0,	per	do. do.
To each chaplain,	6	0	0,	per	do. do.
To each surgeon,	7	10	0,	per	do. do.
To each surgeon's mate,	4	0	0,	per	do. do.
The wages of each sergeant,	2	8	0,	per	do. do.
of each corporal,	2	4	0,	per	do. do.
of each fifer and drummer,	2	4	0,	per	do. do.
of each private,	2	0	0,	per	do. do.

[431] *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each inhabitant so inlisted shall be furnished with good fire-arms, and that the fire-arms belonging to this Colony, wherever they are, shall be collected and put into the hands of such inlisted inhabitants as have not arms of their own; and that each inlisted inhabitant that shall provide arms for himself, well fixed with a good bayonet and cartouch box, shall be paid a premium of ten shillings; and in case such arms are lost by inevitable casualty, such inhabitant providing himself as aforesaid shall be allowed and paid the just value of such arms and implements so lost, deducting only said sum of ten shillings allowed as aforesaid: said premium of ten shillings to be paid as soon as such inhabitant shall provide such arms as aforesaid. That where the aforesaid provision fails, sufficient arms shall be impress'd, completely to arm and equip said inhabitants: the said impress to be limited only to the arms belonging to house-holders and other persons not on the militia roll; and in case any householder or other person shall voluntarily furnish any inlisted inhabitant, not able to procure arms for himself, with a good gun, well fixed with a good bayonet and cartouch box, shall have and receive a premium of ten shillings, and in case of loss shall receive the value thereof, deducting the said ten shillings as aforesaid; and also that every person from whom any gun shall be impress'd, as aforesaid, shall be paid for the*

use of such gun the sum of four shillings, and in case of loss shall be paid the just value of such gun, deducting the sum of four shillings aforesaid; and that a particular account be taken of the arms that may be used, and the same be all apprizd by indifferent judges; and that if any inlisted inhabitant through negligence shall lose or damage the arms found for him, as aforesaid, such loss or damage shall be deducted out of his wages.

And it is also further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That three thousand stands of arms be procured as soon as may be, and held in readiness to be used for the special defence and safety of this Colony. And also, that the number of five hundred spades, five hundred pick-axes, three hundred narrow axes, and five hundred tents be procured for the use of this Colony.

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony have ordered and enacted that one-fourth part of the militia of said Colony should be forthwith inlisted, equipped and assembled, for the special defence and safety of said Colony &c.: For the encouragement of such able-bodied and effective men of said militia, or others, as shall voluntarily offer and inlist themselves for said service to the acceptance of the proper officers,

It is resolved by this Assembly, That each inlisted inhabitant or person as aforesaid shall be entituled to a premium of fifty-two shillings upon their inlistment, they supplying themselves with a blanket, knapsack, cloathing &c., to the acceptance of their respective captains, and also to one month's advanced pay. That each sergeant shall receive forty-eight shillings, each corporal forty-four shillings, each drummer and fifer forty-four shillings, and each private forty shillings per kalendar month, during their continuance in said service. That each enlisted inhabitant or person as aforesaid, who shall provide arms for himself, well fixed with a good bayonet and cartouch box, shall be paid a premium of ten shillings, and in case such arms are lost by any inevitable providence, such inhabitant so providing himself shall be allowed and paid the just value of such arms and implements so lost, deducting only the said sum of ten shillings allowed as aforesaid: said premium of ten shillings to be paid as soon as such inhabitant shall be so provided as aforesaid. That a particular account shall be taken of all the arms that may be used, and the same shall be all apprizd by indifferent judges. That each inhabitant, as aforesaid, upon his inlistment shall be entituled to six pence *per diem* for billeting money, until they are otherwise provided for by the Colony.