

## In Congress, April 29, 1777

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**RESOLVED, THAT** it be recommended to the several States forthwith to order the sums advanced by them for recruiting the Continental Battalions, raised by the said States, together with the names of the Officers receiving the same, to be transmitted to the Pay-Masters of such battalions, and that the said Pay-Masters be respectively required to call such Officers to account therefor, who shall produce certificates from the Muster-Master or Deputy Muster-Master General, specifying the number of non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers; and also, if Officers of the Light Horse, the number of horses and arms and equipage, belonging to their respective regiments, companies or troops, together with such other vouchers as shall be necessary to prove the sums expended for these articles, the subsistence of the troops before their joining the army, the loss of money by death or desertions of non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers before muster, or other necessary expences. And it is further recommended to the said States, That they order the said regimental Pay-Masters to report to them the settlement of the said accounts, together with the vouchers, to be produced, when confirmed by the said States, to the Treasury Board, on adjustment of their accounts.

That it be recommended to the said States, if any of the regimental Pay-Masters shall neglect to obey their directions as aforesaid, to order their names to be transmitted to the Commander in Chief of the department, who shall thereupon remove from office such delinquent Pay-Masters, and supply their places with such others as he shall think qualified therefor.

That if any Officer shall not, within one month after application for that purpose, render such account, the regimental Pay-Master requiring the same shall make report thereof to the Commander in Chief of the department, who shall order a Court-Martial on such

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Officer, and also on such other Officer or Officers as shall be guilty of embezzling the public money, and, the fact being ascertained by their report, shall immediately cause him to be cashiered, and a copy of the report delivered to the regimental Pay-Master, to be transmitted to the State to which he belongs, that such State may give proper orders for compelling the delinquent Officer to account in a Court of Justice.

That duplicate accounts of all monies advanced by Congress, by General Officers and by the Pay-Master and Deputy Pay-Masters General, for recruiting Continental Battalions, be transmitted by the Treasury Board, such General Officers and Pay-Master and Deputy Pay-Masters General respectively to the Commissioners of Accounts for the army in the Northern and Middle Departments, who shall deliver the same to the respective regimental Pay-Masters, to enable them to call the Officers chargeable with such money to account in the manner before directed: And the said regimental Pay-Masters shall transmit to the respective Commissioners aforesaid, the settlement of such accounts with the vouchers, who shall report to the Treasury-Office those which are approved of by them, and shall proceed with the regimental Pay-Master neglecting to obey their directions herein, and Officers not accounting for the monies by them received as aforesaid, in the manner proposed to be pursued by the States in the preceeding resolve.

That the General Officers, Pay-Master and Deputy Pay-Masters General respectively, be also directed to transmit to the Treasury-Office duplicate accounts of all monies advanced by them for recruiting Continental Battalions as aforesaid.

That all regimental Pay-Masters be directed to apply to the respective Commissioners for accounts of the sums advanced to their Officers as aforesaid.

That all Commissioners of claims or accounts be empowered to administer oaths or affirmations to persons examined by them in the execution of their office.

*Extract from the Minutes, CHARLES THOMSON, SECRETARY.*

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