

May 31, 1780, Chapter 911; September 22, 1780, Chapter 918; December 19, 1780, Chapter 921; December 22, 1780, Chapter 923; December 23, 1780, Chapter 924; February 20, 1781, Chapter 927; April 7, 1781, Chapter 939; (repealed by the the Act of Assembly passed) June 21, 1781, Chapter 945; April 13, 1782, Chapter 978; January 31, 1783, Chapter 1003; March 12, 1783, Chapter 1008. By Article I, Section X, paragraph 1, of the Federal Constitution, the states are prohibited from making anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts.

CHAPTER DCCXXIX.

AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING THE ARMS OF NON-ASSOCIATORS.

Whereas the non-associators in this state have either refused or neglected to deliver up their arms according to the resolves of the honorable Continental Congress and the assembly of Pennsylvania, and effectual measures have not been taken to carry the said resolves into execution:

[Section I.] Be it therefore ordained by the authority of this Convention, That the colonel or next officer in command of every battalion of militia in this state is hereby authorized, empowered and required to collect, receive and take all the arms in his district or township nearest to such officer which are in the hands of non-associators in the most expeditious and effectual manner in his power, and shall give to the owners receipts for such arms, specifying the amount of the appraisement; and such as can be repaired shall with all possible dispatch be rendered fit for service, and the value according to the appraisement of all such arms, together with the repairs and transportation, shall be paid to the officers by the treasurer on the order of the council of safety for the use of the owners and defraying the charges.

[Section II.] And be it further ordained, That the same arms shall be appraised by any three reputable freeholders appointed by the commanding officer; but if the owner of any arms shall neglect or refuse to apply for such money within six months the same shall be applied towards the repairs of the arms; and

the colonels are hereby authorized to draw for the necessary sums of money for the purposes aforesaid on the council of safety.

[Section III.] And it is further ordained, That the colonels aforesaid shall arm the associators with the said arms and keep an account to whom they are delivered and return the same to the council of safety; and every associator shall be answerable for such arms or the value unless lost or destroyed by some unavoidable accident or in actual service.

[Section IV.] And be it further ordained, That in case any arms so collected shall not be worth repairing, the same shall be laid by until such time as may be thought proper by the committee of the county to return them to the owners.

Passed July 19, 1776. See Appendix XXXV, and the Act of Assembly passed March 31, 1779, Chapter 836.

CHAPTER DCCXXX.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE RELEASE OF COLONEL JAMES EASTON.

It appears to the convention upon the report of their committee upon the case of Colonel James Easton, a prisoner confined in the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia on actions for debt, that there is no equitable cause for continuing the said Colonel Easton in confinement:

[Section I.] Therefore, Be it ordained and it is hereby ordained by the Convention of the State of Pennsylvania, That William Dewees, heretofore appointed high sheriff of the said city and county of Philadelphia (under the late constitution of Pennsylvania), do forthwith discharge the said Colonel James Easton out of custody.

Passed July 27, 1776. See Appendix XXXV.