

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.

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## CHAPTER DCCXXX.

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### 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.