

DRAFT OF MILITIA ARTICLES

We the subscribers constituting at this time the Commissioned & noncommissioned Officers Musicians & privates of a Company of Infantry enlisted agreeable to a resolve of the Legislature of this state a short time previous to the Sixth day of June AD 1805 and on that day were properly organized, and are at this time commanded by Capt Jacob Hazen and belong to the 4th Regiment 2nd Brigade & sixth Division of the Militia of Massachusetts; viewing a well disciplined Militia of the utmost importance more especially in a free government like ours, we were induced by the love of our country and a patriotic desire to obtain martial knowledge & honest fame, to volunteer ourselves in this Company. Considering that the purposes which led us thus to associate cannot be obtained but by observing a strict discipline, and establishing certain rules and regulations among ourselves which shall be considered obligatory & binding on each and all of us. We do therefore engage to each other & our officers that we will faithfully & impartially adhere to the following articles & use all our influence that those who may hereafter join us shall do the same.

Art. 1 Any person wishing to become a member of this Company shall apply to the Commanding Officer of the same for admission; & it is the duty of such officer as soon as may be to lay the same before the Co. & if two thirds of the number borne on the Co. roll including officers & musicians who have a right to vote appear to be in favour of receiving such applicant he shall be received and duly enrolled.

Art 2d Every person enrolled agreeable to the first Art. shall immediately sign this book which is kept for the purpose of recruiting said Co. & the person so enlisting shall be allowed 2 months from the time the Co. vote to receive him to furnish himself with the uniform of the Co. after which time no excuse can or shall be recd for any deficiency in uniform or equipment.

Art 3d. The uniform of this Co. Shall be ~~of the following colours and fashion as follows viz. Red coats faced with buff white waiscoats buff or nankeen colored white broadcloth or cassimere pantaloons black gaitres bound at the top'd with red Black leather belts for Bayonets & cartridge boxes, & cloth knapsacks painted of a light blue colour on the lid or cover of which are painted with black a small oval circle surrounded by a dim yellow painting resembling a star on the sides of which are following letters & figures 4. R 2. B 6. D. and underneath the same the letters B.I. with the letters & figures designating the Regt Brigade & Division to which we belong.~~

Art 4th Any person proposed as a candidate for admission in this Co. shall not be present at the time the same is considered by the Co.

Art 5th. Any member coming on parade at any publick training with his uniform, musket or other equipment in not clean; shall for the first offence be publickly reprimanded by the commanding officer & for every offence after shall pay a fine of fifty cents.

Art 6. Any member who shall at any Battalion, Regimental or Brigade inspection come on parade without his hair being well powdered shall pay a fine of twenty five cents.

Art 7 Any person being admitted a member of this Company shall pay the sum of fifty cents to the Clerk for his entrance.

Art 8 Any member who shall suffer himself to get intoxicated on parade so as to be unfit for military duty shall be immediately expelled from the Company

Art. 9 Any member who not being legally warned to attend a publick training shall absent himself therefrom without a reasonable excuse; which excuse shall be offered to the commanding officer within eight days after said training; shall pay a fine of fifty cents

Art 10th All fines so incured by the foregoing articles shall be paid by the delinquent to Clerk & any member refusing to pay the same when demanded shall be voted from the Co.

Art 11 All monies recd. by the Clerk for fines & ~~entrance money~~ shall be paid by him to the Commanding officer who shall expend it for the benifit of the Co.

Art. 12 If upon experience it should be found ~~that the~~ foregoing articles are ~~found~~ & ~~sufficient~~ inadequate for the purposes for which they are intended and that a revision of them should be thought necessary, they may & shall be revised and altered with the concurring votes of two thirds of the Members & not otherwise.

Art 13th Any member wishing to leave the Co. shall state his reasons publicly before the Co. for so doing. May be discharged from the same if two thirds of the whole number are in favour of it.