

## DRAFT 2 [?] OF MILITIA ARTICLES

We the subscribers constituting at this time the Officers Musicians and privates of a Company of Infantry, enlisted agreeable to a resolve of the Legislature of this state AD 1805, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June were properly organized, and are at this time commanded by \_\_\_\_\_ and belong to the 4th Regt. 2nd Brigade & 6th 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 & 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 upon the sacred honor of soldiers, engage to each other & our officers that we will faithfully and impartially adhere to the following articles; & use all our influence that those who may hereafter join us shall do the same.

Art 1. The uniform of this Co. shall be Caps of such fashion as a majority of us shall hereafter agree to. Red coats faced with buff, white waiscoats white broadcloth or cassimere pantaloons with black welts in the seams black gaitres top'd with red Black leather belts for Bayonets & cartridge boxes, & cloth knapsacks painted of a light blue colour on the lid of which are painted the letters & figures designating the Regt Brigade & Division to which we belong.

Art. 2d Any person wishing to become a member of this Co. shall apply to the commanding officer of the same for admission; and it is the duty of such officer as soon as may be to lay the same before the Co. who shall have at least two hours time of consideration; & if two thirds of the number borne on the Co. roll including officers & musicians appear to be in favour of receiving such applicant, he shall be received and duly enrolled.

Art 3d Every person enrolled agreeable to the above article shall immediately sign this book which is kept for the purpose of recruiting the Co. & the person so enlisting shall be allowed two months from the time he is received into the Co. to furnish himself with the uniform of the same.

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

Art 5 Any person being admitted a member of this Co. shall pay for his entrance the sum of fifty cents to the Clerk.

Art 6. 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 7. 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 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 Co.

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 sd. training; shall pay a fine of fifty cents.

Art 10 Any member wishing to leave the Co. shall publicly state his reasons before the Co. for so doing. May be dismissed from the same, if two thirds of the whole number are in favour of it. [*This article X'ed out.*]

Art 10th All fines so incurred by the foregoing articles shall be paid by the delinquent to the Clerk; and any member refusing or neglecting to pay the same when demanded ~~shall be voted from the Co.~~ will be considered as an unworthy member and a person who does not merit our confidence.

Art 11 All monies received. by the Clerk for fines & on the foregoing articles shall be paid by him to the commanding officer who shall expend it for the benefit of the Co.

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

In testimony ~~of the that the~~ foregoing being our mutual agreement & that upon our honour we will comply with the same we have herewith set our hands the                      of                      AD1811

We ~~the~~ whose names are hereafter subscribed who have at the times set against our names been legally recd into this Co. and enrolled & who have with our hands subscribed our names to this book do hereby promise to comply with the foregoing articles according to the true intent and meaning thereof