the Military Forces of this Colony be read.

2. Resolved, that Charles Snetter be appointed Adjutant of the Military Forces of the Colony with the rank of Captain, and that the Colonial Secretary be instructed to inform the petitioners the reasons why this Council could not fully grant their petition

3. Resolved, that the bill presented by William Reynolds as one of the ex-selectmen for last years services be laid over for further consideration, except the one for six days work on the High way, which it is agreed shall be paid.

4 Whereas, the natives of the surrounding country have unitedly demanded an increased price for provisions, - and whereas our almost entire dependance on them for rice and other articles of food, as also our present necessities in regard to provisions, have been the cause to tempt them to take the advantage thus afforded — Resolved, that the Agent and the Council recommend to the Colonists generally the propriety of paying every attention to Agriculture - to embrace the proper seasons for planting, and that the Agent & Council afford the citizens every facility & assistance in their power to promote this object

5. Whereas serious inconvenience is experienced by resident proprietors, from the neglect of nonresident proprietors of land from allowing the same to grow up in bushes and brush affording shelter to beasts and vermin destructive to stock, & thus tending to discourage the industrious farmer - Therefore be it resolved, by the Agent and Council that all persons holding farms lots or tracts of land shall be bound to have the same cut and cleared of bushes and brush once every year, and any land holder failing to have the same cleared of undergrowth as before mentioned; it shall be lawful for the Selectmen of this Colony to have the same cut and cleared, and recover against the owner or owners of such lots or land the expenses so incurred, before any Justice of the peace, according to the meaning and intent of this resolution.

Resolved, that from and after this date, no person shall have any aid from the Society's Store, unless he put under cultivation, and keep at least one acre of land in potatoes, cassada, plantains, cotton or rice.

Adjourned to meet on Saturday 26th inst. at 3 o'clock P.M.

Harper August 26th 1837

Council met pursuant to adjournment from last meeting, present WB Russwurm Esq Agt. Geo R McGill Esq, Jacob Gross Vice Agent & Jas Scrivener Councillor.

1. Resolved, that the petition of Oliver A Chambers & others praying that the privelege might be granted of forming themselves into a volunteer Military Company, to be called Russwurm's Legion of Honor, be read.

2. Resolved, that the petition to raise a new company be granted provided they accept the name of Howard Volunteers in honor of the late president of the Board Col. Benjamin C Howard, instead of Russwurm's Legion of Honor.

3. Whereas, our present defenseless condition in an open country, scattered as we are, render it necessary to build for our mutual protection and security several blockhouses or Stockades: and whereas every good citizen must see at once the importance of erecting fortifications at different stations on the farm lands, as well the propriety of immediate and united effort on the part of the Colonists - Therefore be it resolved by the Agent and Council, that the citizens of this Colony turn out at stated periods to do public duty, in the erection of Stockades, & that they be divided into two divisions for that purpose - that each

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