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In Congress; March 16th 1778

Resolved,

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That it be earnestly recommended to the several States to take the most speedy & effectual measures for raising their quotas of men, agreeably to the resolutions of Congress of the 26th Ult^o., & to cause the men so raised, or which had been raised previous to the passing that resolve, to march to their places of rendezvous without the smallest delay; taking care that as many as possible come armed & accoutered.—

And that a more certain & adequate supply of accoutrements may be provided,

Resolved,

That it be recommended to each State to appoint some suitable person or persons to get made with all possible dispatch, as many compleat setts of accoutrements & spare bayonet sheaths, as shall be sufficient for their respective quotas of troops; the cartridge boxes to be made to hold twenty nine rounds of cartridges when made up with ounce balls, & the cover of good substantial leather, with a small cover or flap under it, that the ammunition may be most effectually guarded against rain: and to prevent impositions from the workmen, that proper inspectors be appointed to examine and receive the accoutrements, with orders to reject such as are bad and insufficient; & that the accoutrements so provided shall be sent forward with the troops, or as soon after as possible:

That in case in any State they have quantities of tin, instead of the cartouch boxes, an equal number of tin cartridge cannisters be furnished agreeably to a pattern or description to be sent by the board of war.—

Extract from the minutes

Chas Thomson Secy

Rec^d Green Secy 27th.

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