

In Congress August 12. 1790

Congress took into consideration the report of the Com^{rs} on the Memorial of the General Officers whereupon

Resolved, That the said General Officers be informed that Congress have at no time been unmindful of the Military virtues, which have distinguished the Army of the United States thro' the course of this war, and that it has been constantly one of the principal objects of their care not only to provide for the health and comfort of the Army but to gratify their reasonable desires as far as the public exigencies would admit

That patience and self denial, fortitude and perseverance and the cheerful sacrifice of time, health and fortune are necessary virtues which both the Citizen and the Soldier are called to exercise, while struggling for the liberties of their Country: and that moderation, frugality and temperance must be among the chief supports as well as the brightest ornaments of that kind of civil government which is wisely instituted by the several States in this Union

That it has been recommended to the several States to make compensation to the Officers and Soldiers to them respectively belonging for the depreciation of their pay, and that Congress will take speedy measures for liquidating & paying what is due on that account to Officers & Soldiers who do not belong to the Quota of any State

That from and after the first day of August 1790, the Army shall be entitled to receive their pay as stated before the first day of January 1797 in the bills emitted pursuant to the Resolution of Congress of the 18. day of March last

(That)

That the Officers shall hereafter be allowed five dollars per Month in the said new bills for each retained Station

That the board of War be directed to report to Congress a list of the Officers not belonging to the quota of any State with an account of the balance due to each to make their pay good for past Services agreeably to the resolution of the tenth day of April last

That such of the States as have not made compensation to their Officers and Soldiers agreeably to the recommendation of the 17th of August 1779 be and they are hereby requested to do it as soon as possible

That the provision for granting land by the resolution of the 16th Sept^r 1776 be and is hereby extended to the General Officers in the following proportion to wit

A Major General 1100 Acres
A Brigadier General 850 Acres

That the Officers of the Army be furnished as soon as possible with two Months pay on account to relieve their present wants mentioned in the Memorial

Resolved, That the half pay of General Officers be proportioned to their pay

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In Congress August 24th 1780

Resolved, That the officers of the Line of the Army Commanding corps when in Camp be allowed to draw so many of the Rations of provisions heretofore withheld as the Commander in Chief, or the Commander of a Separate Army shall judge necessary, but that no provision be issued for such Rations not drawn on the days they became due —

That if it shall appear that the Subsistence Money allowed to officers in Line of the Rations withheld is not equal to the cost of the Rations, the deficiency shall hereafter be made up to them —

That the Resolution of the 15th day of May 1778 granting half pay for seven years to the officers of the Army who should continue in the Service to the end of the War, be extended to the Widows of those Officers who have died or shall hereafter die in the Service to commence from the time of such Officers death, and continue for the term of seven Years, or if there be no Widow or in case of her death or intermarriage the said half pay be given to the Orphan children of the Officer dying as aforesaid, if he shall have left any: and that it be recommended to the Legislatures of the respective States to which such Officers belong to make provision for paying the same on account of the United States —

That the restricting clause in the Resolution of the 15th of May 1778, granting half pay to the officers for seven Years, expressed in these words "viz" and not hold any office of profit under these States or any of them" be and hereby is repealed —

Extract from the Minutes —

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