

NORTH-CAROLINA GAZETTE.

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The several Printers of News-Papers in the United States are requested to insert the Resolves of Congress on the Commissary's Department, for the information of the Public.

RESOLVED,

THAT for supplying the army of the United States with provisions, one Commissary General and four Deputy Commissaries General of purchases; and one Commissary General and three Deputy Commissaries General of Issues, be appointed by Congress.

II. That each of the said Commissaries and Deputy Commissaries be authorized to appoint for himself one Clerk.

III. That the Deputy Commissaries General have authority to appoint as many Assistant Commissaries to act under them as may from time to time be necessary, and the same to displace at pleasure, making returns thereof to the Commissaries General respectively, who shall have full power to limit their numbers, to displace such as they shall think disqualified for the trust, and direct their respective Deputy Commissaries General to appoint others in their stead: That special care be taken by the officers empowered as aforesaid, to appoint none but persons of probity, capacity, vigilance, and attachment to the United States, and the cause they are engaged in, and to make returns to the Board of War, the Commander in Chief, and the Commander of the respective Department, of the Assistant Commissaries by them respectively appointed, their several places of abode, the time of their appointment and dissolution, and the post, place, magazine or district to which they are severally assigned, and that the Deputy Commissaries General of purchases and issues in the same district make similar returns to each other.

IV. That the Commissary General of Purchases shall superintend the Deputy Commissaries General of Purchases, and assign to each a separate district, who shall constantly reside therein, and not make any Purchases beyond the limits thereof; and every Purchaser employed therein shall also have a certain district assigned him by the respective Deputy Commissary General, in which he shall reside, and beyond the limits of which he shall not be permitted to make any purchases, unless by special order of his Superior, directing the quantity and quality of the provisions to be purchased beyond his limits, and informing such purchaser of the prices given by the stationed purchaser in the district to which he may be sent.

V. That the present Commissary General of Purchases shall direct the Deputy Commissaries General in their respective Districts to inform themselves and Assistants, as nearly as may be, of the prices for which the articles, which they are to procure, may be purchased, and that neither they nor any of the said Assistants employed under their direction, exceed such prices; and any Deputy Commissary General of Purchases shall neglect his duty, or be guilty of any fraud or misconduct in his office, the Commissary General may suspend him, and shall immediately certify the same to Congress, with the reasons for such suspension, and appoint a person to act in his stead with all the powers of a Deputy Commissary General, until the sense of Congress shall be known thereon.

VI. That the present Commissary General, by himself or his Deputies, deliver unto the Commissary General of Issues, or his Deputies or Assistants, all and every kind of provisions and other public stores in the Commissary General's department, now are, or, at the time when such delivery shall be made, shall be, in any of the posts, places, magazines and storehouses belonging to the United States, taking duplicate receipts for the same, one set whereof, together with a general return of all so delivered, to be sent to the Board of Treasury, that the Commissary General of Issues may be charged therewith.

VII. That it shall be the duty of the Commissary General of Purchases, with the assistance of the Deputy Commissaries General and Assistant Commissaries of Purchases, to purchase all provisions and other necessaries allowed, or which may hereafter be allowed by Congress to the troops of the United States,

and deliver the Commissary General of Issues, or his Deputies or Assistants, in such quantities and at such places or magazines, as the Commander in Chief, or the Commander in the respective Department shall direct.

VIII. That the Commissary General of Issues shall direct the respective Deputy Commissaries General to station one of their Assistants at every fort, post, place, or magazine where provisions are or may be stored.

IX. That the Commissary General of Purchases shall furnish each of the Deputy Commissaries General and Assistants with a book, in which is to be entered every purchase by them respectively made: And that all the accounts may be kept in the same form, he shall cause the pages of such books to be divided into ten columns, in the first of which shall be entered the year, month and day in which any purchase is made; in the second, the names of the persons from whom; in the third, in what place; in the fourth, the species and quantity of provisions, and if live stock, the number, colour, and the natural marks; in the fifth, the artificial marks and number; in the sixth, the prices; in the seventh, the amount of the purchase money; in the eighth, ninth and tenth, the weight of the meat, hides and tallow of the live stock as hereafter directed: And the Commissary General of Issues shall furnish each of the issuing Deputy Commissaries General and Assistants with a similar book, in which shall be entered all provisions received by them from the purchasers respectively, the first column to contain the time of receiving such provision; the second, the name of the purchaser; and in each of the other columns the entries before directed.

X. That each purchaser shall enter, in different pages of said book, each species of provisions by him purchased, and, at the end of every month shall foot and transfer the said entries to a general account specifying the quantity, amount and average cost of each article, and shall also, in the course of the next succeeding month, send a copy of such account to the respective Deputy Commissary General; who shall thereupon make out a monthly return of all the provisions purchased in his district, specifying the quantity, amount and average cost of each species, as before directed, together with a copy of each purchaser's accounts, to the Board of War and Commissary General of Purchases, within the time limited as aforesaid.

XI. That the purchasing Commissaries deliver live stock and other provisions required by the Commissary or several Deputy Commissaries General of Issues at such places as they shall respectively direct.

XII. That the Deputy Commissary General of Purchases in each district shall specially appoint one or more Assistants to purchase live stock, who shall cause to be branded on the horns of all cattle by them purchased the number and initial letters of their names respectively, and shall also have power to employ drovers and a person at each place to which they may respectively be directed to send cattle, to receive, kill and deliver the same as hereafter directed.

XIII. That each drove of live stock, or quantity of provisions or other stores, that may be sent to any post, place or magazine, by any purchaser, shall be accompanied with duplicate invoices, taken from the entries directed to be made in the books of the purchasing Commissaries, one of which, together with the live stock or other stores, shall be delivered at such post, place or magazine, to the person appointed to receive live stock, or to the issuing Commissaries respectively, who on the other shall give his receipt for the articles received, to be transmitted to the purchaser by the person delivering the said articles; provided that if any live stock, under the care of the drover, shall be wanted at any other post than to which they were ordered, the purchaser's Deputy at such post may detain them, taking a copy of the invoice, as far as it respects the live stock detained, and giving his receipt for the same on the back of the said invoice, specifying their marks and numbers, and the person to whom the residue may be delivered, shall give his Receipt therefor on the same invoice, and detain the other for his use as aforesaid.