

American cause and the condition of the fortifications, docks, yards, the quantity of artillery and warlike stores, and the number of soldiers, sailors & ships of war there and transmit the earliest intelligence to General Washington.

These must

Resolved, That General Washington be directed in case he should judge it practicable & expedient to send into that colony a sufficient force to take away the cannon & warlike stores, and to destroy the docks, yards and magazines ~~and~~ to take or destroy any ships of war or transports there belonging to the enemy.

Resolved, That two Battalions of marines be raised consisting of one Colonel two Lieutenant Colonels, two Majors & Officers as usual in other regiments, that they consist of an equal number of privates with other battalions; that particular care be taken that no person be appointed to office or enlisted into said Battalions, but such as are good sea men, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea, when required. That they be enlisted and commissioned to be held for and during the present war between Great Britain and the colonies, unless dismissed by order of Congress. That they be distinguished by the names of the first & second battalions of American Marines, and that they be considered as part of the number, which the continental Army before Boston is ordered to consist of.

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