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

Resolved, That General Washington be directed to cause it to be made known to the colonists that it is practicable to remove to this colony a sufficient force to take away the common warlike stores, and to destroy the docks, yards and magazines, and to take or destroy any ships or vessels to transport them belonging to the enemy.

Resolved, That two Battalions of marines be raised consisting of one Colonel, two Lieutenant Colonels, two Majors, and eight 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 influence into this Battalion, but such as are good seamen, 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 land during the present war between Great Britain and the colonies, unless discharged by order of Congress; that they be first appointed by the officers of the first and 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.

Resolved.