1776, January 25. Resolution by the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay Colony that discharged officers or soldiers must return arms and cartridge boxes. 1 p. (copy)
In Congress July 28th 1776

Resolved that all fire arms and Cartridge Boxes belonging to this Colony or to any Town within the same or which are or shall be in the hands of any Officer or Soldier belonging to the government shall when such Officer or Soldier is discharged his name be Edged either with the Commanding General of the Colony or with the Quarter Masters General or Deputy or the Ordnance Store Keeper of the Continental Army who shall give his Receipt for the same taking care particularly to mention whether they belong to this Colony or any Particular Town in the Colony or to any Town to what town & in what County which Receipt the receiver General is hereby directed to Annex to the Book of the Company to which such Officer or Soldier belongs and pay all such Sums as shall have been made for the same without any Special warrant from the Council therefor and the Treasurer is also hereby directed upon receiving any Receipt of the Quarter Master General his Deputy or the Ordnance Store Keeper if the Continental Army for any Arm or arms Cartridge Box or Boxes which have been delivered him by any Officer or Soldier belonging to this government to Charge the Continental with the Arms & Cartridge Boxes so delivered.

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For a true copy of this resolution

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Read and Concurred in Gentlemen

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Concurred to by the Major part of the Council

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