

# RESOLUTIONS

## General Council of Officers

28 April 1659

1. That it be proposed to the General Council of Officers, as necessary for the preservation of the peace of these nations and [the] good old cause, that the army be put forthwith into a condition of unity and discipline.
2. That in order thereunto, it be proposed that such as have endeavoured to divide the army and engage it in several parties in opposition to the orders of the Commander-in-Chief<sup>1</sup> shall be discharged from their respective commands.
3. That a court-martial be appointed for the hearing and adjudging the things and matters aforementioned.
4. That it be proposed in order to the supplying of such vacancies as are or shall happen, that they be supplied by the Lord Fleetwood, being Commander-in-Chief, till further orders, and that none be admitted to commands but such as are of godly and honest principles, and always faithful to the good interest in which we have been so long engaged, and that such faithful officers as have been laid aside without just cause may be first provided for.
5. That one field officer of each regiment in and about London, with such others as shall be appointed, may from time to time attend upon the Commander-in-Chief to advise upon such matters as shall be judged necessary upon this great emergency.
6. That every officer be required to be diligent in endeavouring to prevent all divisions and disturbances within their respective charges. And in case any shall attempt the same, that they do forthwith give notice thereof to the Commander-in-Chief.
7. That some officers be appointed to signify, by letters or otherwise, to the officers of the armies in England, Scotland, and Ireland the late proceedings of the forces here, and to invite them to union and concord amongst themselves, and with their brethren of the army here, in maintenance of the good old Cause and interest in which we have jointly engaged.
8. That letters be prepared to be sent to the officers of the militia forces in the respective cities and counties of England and Wales.

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<sup>1</sup> Charles Fleetwood (c. 1618–1692), Commander-in-Chief of Parliamentary forces and brother-in-law of Richard Cromwell