

1775 Message of **Barack Obama** to Militia Members on:

# ASSAULT MUSKETS

It has come to my attention that citizens occasionally shoot each other with muskets. To prevent such tragedies, I've enacted a law that limits musket lethality and helps track criminal misuse of firearms. Anyone who violates the law will be judged to own an **ASSAULT MUSKET** and will be subject to both fines and imprisonment. I realize that British army units may soon march on LEXINGTON & CONCORD. Nevertheless, safety is more important than freedom, especially for disadvantaged citizens in urban areas.

Therefore, muskets shall be regulated as indicated below:

No militia member shall carry more than ten musket balls

Each ball shall be tagged (engraved) with its owner's name and address

No musket shall have a bore size greater than fifty-caliber

No single musket charge shall use more than one thimble-full of powder

To reduce rate of fire, right handed shooters must load muskets left handed

Bayonets and attachment hardware will be removed from all muskets

Civilian muskets must not look like military weapons

- Only shiny hardwood musket stocks are allowed - no black paint or dark wood-stain is permitted
- Only polished brass musket fixtures are allowed - no blackiron metalwork is permitted

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