

MUSTER AND PAY ROLLS FOR 1780.

MARYLAND ACTS—NOV., 1779.

“An ACT for recruiting the quota of troops of this state in the American army.

Whereas an enlistment of volunteers on bounty is the most eligible mode to furnish fourteen hundred men for recruiting our quota of the American army ;

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said fourteen hundred men be apportioned amongst the several counties according to the number of militia in each county.

And be it enacted, That every recruit, at the time of his enlistment, shall have his choice of the regiment or company in which he will serve, provided such regiment or company be not full, and if full, he may chuse any other regiment or company not being full, which shall be entered against his name.

And be it enacted, That the recruits aforesaid shall be carried by the recruiting officers respectively before the lieutenant, or any field officer, of the county in which such recruits are raised, to pass muster.”

Bladensburgh, February 22nd, 1780.

Sir :

Inclos'd you have certificates for Eleven men authenticated by Mr. Christopher Lowndes. The men comes under the command of Serjeant Mantle who makes the number mentioned. I have three or four others who, not being certify'd, is obliged to remain behind. If your Excellency thinks proper Serjeant Mantle & Wm. Harriss will return, as their presence with me is very essential. No doubt your Excellency will think proper to cloth the recruits immediatly, it being a part of their Bounty.

N. B. The Serjeant brings 14 Men
1 of which is not Certify'd owing to the
freshes. W. D. B.

I have the Honor to be
Your Excellency's
Most Obedient
Humble Serviant
Wm. D. Beall.

To His Excellency
Thomas Sim Lee, Esq.