

C. S. C. that the readiness of the Inhabitants of these States, to enter into the service for limited times, in defence of their invaluable privileges on all former occasions gives good ground to hope, the same zeal for the Public Good will appear in future, when necessity calls for their assistance, and the uncertain length of time which Forces raised during the continuance of the War, may be compelled to serve, may prevent many from enlisting, who would otherwise readily manifest their attachment to the common cause, by engaging for a limited time. Therefore, Resolved, That all non Commissioned officers, and soldiers who do not incline to engage their service during the continuance of the present war, and shall enlist to serve three years, unless sooner discharged by Congress, shall be entitled to and receive, all such Bounty and Pay as are allowed to those who enlist during the continuance of the present war, except the one hundred acres of land, which land is to be granted to those only who enlist without Limitation of time, and each recruiting officer is required to provide two distinct enlisting Rolls, one for such to sign who enlist during the continuance of the war, and the other for such as enlist for three years, if their service shall be so long required.

By order of Congress
John Hancock President.

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[B. Rumsey to Jenifer.]

Philadelphia, 13th Nov^r 1776.

Sir.

Congress have this day given an answer to the Resolutions of our State, which being an entire new one, we have dispatched to the proper place to be considered. They resolve that the Troops may be enlisted for three years, and a Bounty of twenty Dollars only be given, or during the war, and one Hundred acres of land be added to the Bounty, they will not specify where the land lies belonging to the United States.

Our instructions run that they are to be inlisted during the war, of course when our State accedes to it we can proceed. Congress has got rid of the difficulty with Respect to the Land and has not closed in with either of the propositions made by our State, nor receded intirely from their own Resolution.

But if they have escaped they embarrass us. What can we do with our Regulars? they are enlisted during the war; Must we inlist them again in the service of the States for three years? I imagine our State will not incline to do so if they do we ought to have Instructions on that Head.

King brought only one of the Bundles of Commissions up,