

purchaser of cloathing I have received with an enclosed Law to seize all articles suitable for that purpose. The difficulty of purchasing without anything to purchase with, must be very apparent to your Excellency & to seize those articles from merchants, who have very few goods, and nothing else to depend on, will prove their ruin; yet I am fully convinced of the necessity of supplying the Soldiery with cloathing; & was it in my power to forward this business with any degree of propriety, I would undertake it, notwithstanding I am of opinion that Lieutenants of Counties are very improper persons to execute Laws of this Nature. Should you think it necessary to have seized, the few goods in our Town, you will please to appoint some other person for that purpose, as I am already fully employed. I have enclosed a list of the recruits obtained by virtue of the Law passed last Session, & have engaged Capt. Kemp to carry them to Annapolis in his Vessel from our Town, the drafted men are endeavouring to procure substitutes which I will send with all possible dispatch, those who do not get recruits may be very difficult to collect, a few of them are poor men with Families. The 27th battalion have furnished their proportion of select militia, the 13th battalion is Classed for the purpose of Drafting. Mr. George Hanson who was appointed collector of horses refused to Act, he being Lieut. in the troop of Light Horse, had not time to execute the Law. On his refusal, I appointed Capt. George Hartshorn who has been very unsuccessful, he has brought for examination about six horses, & tells me that the nonjurors have not horses fit for the purpose. I have done all in my power to spur him to execute the Law with dispatch & have requested him to call on the commissioners for their direction. I am apprehensive that I shall not be able to send all the recruits agreeable to my list, some of them being in the Country without permission.

I am Sir with respect yr.

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To His Excellency

W. Bordley.

Thos. Sim Lee, Esq.

Kent County. A List of Recruits. [Enlisted for 3 yrs.]

Charles Ogilby

William Grant, (during
the War)

Samuel Whitehouse, (dead)

John Pearce

Nicholas Smith

William Caulk, (during
the War)

Daniel Norris

Peregrine Reed

John Kelly

Beal Thomas