

Brown know his Family to be reputable and his Brother has served under  
 Book No. 2 my Command ever since 1776 and is a good Officer from which  
 circumstances and the inclosed Recommendations I am induced to  
 think if there shou'd be any Vacancies in our Line he would be proper  
 to fill one of them. he does not wish nor can it be desired that his  
 Appointment should interfere with the Rank of such Serjeants and  
 others who have applied & have been recommended before and who  
 may be thought worthy of commissions if therefore you should judge  
 it expedient to recommend him for an Appointment to the Board  
 of War I believe he wou'd fill it with Propriety & he wou'd wish to  
 be appointed in the 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> Regiments if there should be a  
 vacancy in either of those.

April 18  
 Brown  
 Book No. 5  
 Letter  
 No. 66

[John Sears, Ens. 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. Cecil County to His Excellency  
 Govr Lee]

Sir The Order that your Excellency granted In Council on the  
 Collector of Kent County for four Thousand Dollars I have Recv<sup>d</sup>  
 and I believe for the Time that I have had the Publick Money in  
 my hands I have had as good success as an Officer in the Line which  
 was not till The Last of March which I have all Expended in the  
 Recruiting Service I should have Come Down myself and brought  
 my Acc<sup>ts</sup> with me but Col<sup>o</sup> Thompson Advised me not but to write  
 to your Excellency to let know my Success. You Told me Sir that if  
 my Prospect was Good which I think is to let you know and you  
 would send me a fresh Supply of Cash now if your Excellency sees  
 Proper that I should Continue Recruiting any longer Please to let  
 me know by the Post, if not I am Very my Acct<sup>s</sup> and March  
 To Camp with what men I have got.

I wait your Orders Sir which I shall Obey with Pleasure.

April 19

[Timothy Pickering by order of the Board War Office to  
 Colo Hollingsworth]

Sir We are Just informed that the troops destined for Reinforc-  
 ing the Southern Army are march'd, and will be at Trenton this  
 Night, this inteligence (totally contrary to that we had received  
 yesterday, on which our letter to you was grounded) obliges us to  
 desire that you would retain all the Craft in your power at the Head  
 of Elk ready to receive the Troops, and collect as many more as will  
 be sufficient, in the whole to transport about two thousand men, we  
 doubt not your Exertions on this occasion, to accomplish a business  
 of so much Importance in due Season

N. B it will also be necessary that you provide waggons to carry  
 the baggage and Stores of the Troops across from Christiana to the  
 Head of Elk. Your return provision waggons can doubtless Assist  
 in this transportation