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Ibid.
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[Council Circular to the Lieutenants.]

We wrote you on the 23^d of July requesting you to forward the Recruits and Draughts immediately to this Place, we now repeat our requests. As there have been many Applications to this Board from the Draughts, we think it proper to save them Expence and Trouble to empower you to give Discharges to such who may come within the following Description, being indigent and having a wife and Child or having two or more small Children who depend on his Labour only for Support or who may be debilitated by Sickness, or rendered incapable of performing military Duty by other Infirmary.

Ibid.

[Council to Thomas Sprigg, Esqr.]

Francis Matthews a Substitute for the 34 Class under the Act to procure recruits passed October Session 1780, has presented a Petition to this Board setting forth that James Prather of the above Class sometime in March last engaged to give him five half Joes in Gold and what the Class in which he might be entered should amount to, provided he the said Matthews would go as a Substitute for the Class, that the Amount of the Money in the Class in which Prather is entered is £31. .15. .6 that he in Consequence of the Engagement aforesaid enlisted to serve for three years that he has only received one silver Dollar and paper Money to the Amount of four half Johannes, that he has applied repeatedly to you for the Balance without Effect. You will observe in the eleventh Section of the law, you are empowered to issue your warrant against the Person or Persons who shall contract with any recruit to give or pay him any Sum of Money for enlisting as a Recruit, on hearing or Default of Notice, and cause the same due to be levied for the use of the recruit. We think it highly necessary that every Species of Fraud should be discouraged and that Justice should be done in every Instance more particularly in the present, for if the recruits and substitutes are treated in the Manner represented it will certainly discourage others from entering into the Service, we therefore request you to enquire into the Matter and if it should appear to you as represented to us that you will take the Measure pointed out by the Act to compel the Payment of the Money due

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Saturday 4th August 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r one hundred and twenty five pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.