

August 22 I do hereby testify that the above mention'd James Russell is  
 [Indorsed: draughted in the Militia which are to serve until the 10<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> next.  
 "Application of James Russel William Henry.  
 a Draught from Kent County to be Dis- 23<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1781  
 charged."]

[John Stewart, Lt Col. to Gov. Lee.]

August 23 From the example of other Officers I am induced to request that  
 Red Book you will be pleased to order a Marquee to be made for the Field  
 No. 23 Officers of the first Regiment which I have the honor to command  
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I should not have made this application but that I see other Offi-  
 cers applied, with whom I am equally installed.

I therefore hope my request will not be thought extravagant.

August 23 [William Bordley, Chester Town, Kent County, to Gov. Lee.]  
 (Fav<sup>d</sup> by Capt. Kemp.)

I have lately receiv'd Several Letters from you, two of which re-  
 late to the forwarding the recruits to Annapolis, those raised in con-  
 sequence of the Law passed last October, have been long since at  
 Annapolis & that part of the Law empowering the Lieutenants to  
 excuse any indigent person drafted, who has a wife & children, we  
 have nothing to do with, having hired recruits for three years. Your  
 appointment as purchaser of cloathing I have receiv'd with an en-  
 closed Law to seize all articles suitable for that Purpose. The dif-  
 ficulty of purchasing without any thing to purchase with, must be  
 very apparent to your Excell<sup>cy</sup> & to seize those Articles from Mer-  
 chants, who have very few goods & nothing else to depend on, will  
 prove their ruin; yet I am fully convinced of the necessity of sup-  
 plying the Soldiery with cloathing; & was it in my power to forward  
 this business with any degree of Propriety, I would undertake it, not-  
 withstanding 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 obtain'd by virtue of the Law,  
 passed last Session, & have engaged Cap<sup>t</sup> Kemp to carry them to  
 Annapolis in his Vessel from our Town, the drafted men are en-  
 deavouring 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 27<sup>th</sup> battalion have  
 furnished their proportion of select Militia, the 13<sup>th</sup> battalion is  
 Classed for the Purpose of Drafting. M<sup>r</sup> 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 Cap<sup>t</sup> George Hartshorn who has been very unsuccessful