

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
September
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Consequence of this Letter, and agreeable to the inclosed Instructions, shall be honourably repaid, and I hereby make myself answerable for the Sums that you shall so advance: But I hope you will proceed as frugally as possible, and let all your own, and your Officers Recruiting Accounts, be methodically kept, and sent properly signed to me, with the Levies from your County, at the End of Three Weeks from the date hereof. The Recruits, as they are raised, are to be Billeted on any of the Ordinaries, at the Rate of a Shilling Currency a Day for the Diet and Lodging of each Man, unless by any Method you can get them Victualled and Lodged at a cheaper Rate. I heartily wish you Success; and am, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,
Hor.° Sharpe.

Annapolis, August 31, 1756.
To Colonel
Commander in Chief of the Militia of County.

Copy.
Recruiting Instructions to Colonel , and the Officers
under his Command.

You are not to enlist any Roman Catholic or Deserter, knowing them to be such; but if any of the latter should offer themselves, or be discovered to you, you are to have them committed to the Sheriff's Custody, and advise me thereof.

You are not to enlist any Persons that are ill-limbed, sick, weak, pot-bellied, or who have any Ailments, particularly such as have their Legs Frost-bitten; but you may enlist any other Man between 18 and 40 Years of Age, if he be not less than 5 Feet 6 Inches high. .

You may also enlist any Lad under 18 Years of Age, if he be 5 Feet 4 Inches high, or upwards.

As soon as possible, after any Person shall be enlisted, he is to be taken before a Magistrate and Qualified; of which you are to return me a Certificate similar to the Inclosed.

You are to endeavour to Recruit as Cheap and on as good Terms as you possibly can; but you are, on no Account whatever, to give to, or expend more, on one Man, than Five Pounds Currency.

If any Recruit shall be willing to accept an Order on me, for the Bounty-Money that the Officer enlisting him shall agree to give him, such Officer's Order shall, on the Recruit's presenting it to me, be duly accepted and paid.

Hor.° Sharpe.

Given at Annapolis the 31st of August, 1756.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.