

Regular Officers of the Maryland Continental Regiments, to the End they
may be sent forward to the Camp with all Expedition and, if there should
be no Regular Officer in your County, to receive them, send them to the
Regular Officer the nearest to you or advise him of your having such
Recruits or Substitutes and request him to take Charge of them. We
cannot but repeat our Wish, that our Quota of Recruits may
be raised and, as it will depend, in great Measure, on the
Activity of the Recruiting Officers, be so obliging as to advise us
of the Conduct of those appointed under the late Act, in your
County and, if remiss, mention to us, such as you think would
be more diligent, in the Place of those.

We are &c.

To the Lieut. of the }
several Counties }

In Council Annapolis 15th April 1778.

Sir.

The fourth of March John Chaliners produced a Number of Recruits to Col^o
James Brice Lieutent. of this County, to be pass'd, Part of those he, about that Time,
brought & over from Dorchester where, we believe, he had enlisted them. The
Proceeding was not altogether so regular as we wished it, but, thinking it
not worth while to send them back for a mere Formality, we advised Col^o
Brice to pass them, if, on Examination he thought them Effectiv. He did so
their Names are Joseph Birch, John Bandy, Ruben Moore, William
Lantwell, William Beaver, Thomas Bucklar, Peter Lahaon and William
Gault, in all eight, of which we think it right to give you this Informa-
tion, to prevent your County being charged with an over Proportion.

We are Sir &c.

Henry Hooper Esq.^m }
Lieut. Dorchester County }

In Council 15th April 1778.

Sir.

We have sent you, by Martin Norris, 1500 Dollars, towards the Purchase
of Provisions. We shall be glad to receive Information from you that
more is wanted: this, we expect, may last you some Time. It will not do, by
any Means, to barrel Beef at this Time of the Year. If Gentlemen who have
Cattle fit for Slaughter will not part from them when the Army so much needs
them, we request you'll make use of the Power given you by the Law, and get
the Cattle, at all Events. If you receive Money for the Congress, and should
have Occasion to expend it in the Purchase of Provisions, do so, but we would
not have you keep it in Hand in Expectation of its being wanted for that Purpose
because we hope to have Money in Hand to supply you and we know it is
unprofitable to draw what we can into the Continental Treasury.

Patrick J. Smith, Lieut. County.

We are &c.