

In Council Annapolis 3^d Jan^y 1780

Sir. Circular.

No 39. This Board reposing Confidence in your Zeal and Activity to promote the Cause of Liberty have appointed you one of the Recruiting Officers for Annapolis County and have to observe, by Way of Instructions that you must, in discharging your Duty, pursue the Directions contained in the "Act for recruiting the Quota of Troops of this State in the American Army" herewith sent. Upon Application to this Board, you may be supplied with Money to recruit with, you must render us an Account of the Money expended in paying the Bounties and inform us when more Money will be necessary for this Service. You are to use every Precaution to avoid enlisting British or foreign Deserters: the most particular Attention to this Object of your Instructions will be necessary to prevent Imposition. Your Recruits are to be allowed the Continental Rations for their Subsistence and you must draw on the Commissary of Issues in this City. As soon as your Recruits are passed, you must deliver them to the Recruiting Officer from Camp in this County; should there not be one here, you are to deliver them to Capt John Palmer in this City.

To the Recruiting Officers in }
Annapolis County }

We are &c

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No 40. This Board reposing Confidence in your Zeal and Activity to promote the Cause of Liberty, have appointed you one of the Recruiting Officers for _____ County and have to observe, by Way of Instructions, that you must in discharging your Duty, pursue the Directions contained in the "Act for recruiting the Quota of Troops of this State in the American Army", herewith sent. For the Subsistence of the Recruits enlisted by you, we advise you to purchase Provisions sufficient for that Purpose and to allow each Recruit the Continental Rations. To enable you to make such Purchase, we have sent you an Order on the Sheriff of your County for _____ Should there be a Recruiting Officer in your County from Camp, you must deliver your Recruits to such Officer, as soon as you can, after they are passed, if not, you must deliver them to the Recruiting Officer in any other County that is most convenient.

To the Recruiting Officers in }
Somerset, Worcester, Caroline }
and Berkeley Counties }

We are &c

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Sir.

No 41. Enclosed we send you an Act for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing and for other Purposes therein mentioned, containing Matters, we apprehend, necessary for your Information

Ch. Ephraim Blaine.

We are &c

Maryland

Sir.

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No 42. you will perceive by the enclosed Act, that the General Assembly of this State have invested you with Authority to appoint one of the five gentlemen nominated therein Trustee for the Purpose of carrying the same into Execution in case the Trustees heretofore appointed by the Province of Maryland should neglect or refuse to act. We request your Excellency to transmit a Copy of the Act, to Mess^{rs} Russell, Grou and Stanbury, Trustees appointed by the old Government, and desire their immediate Answer, whether they will execute the Business, sell out the Stock, accept and pay the Bills drawn in pursuance of the Act. If they will execute the Trust, we request you to direct them to do so.