

In Council, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1781.

Sir,

N<sup>o</sup>. 588. Your letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> was delivered by Mr. Johnson, and though we may not be well acquainted with the Characters that compose your Troop, we are sensible of the Hardships and Inconveniences which some of them experience while they remain in Service, but cannot be so far governed by them as to countermand our Order, which is founded in good Policy and necessary for the Safety of the State. We are convinced it is our Duty and Interest to afford Virginia what aid we can, and none will be more acceptable and serviceable than the respectable Corps of Horses under your Command. Such a reinforcement will animate the Virginians, and the Army will acquire a consequence that will make them really formidable in the Eye of the Enemy. We are not unmindful of the Situation of Baltimore, and shall recall the Army as soon as we have reason to believe an attack by a body of the Enemy is meditated against it.

Capt. Nicholas Ruxton Moore?

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The Confidence we repose in your patriotic and active Zeal in Support of the Independence and Liberties of America has induced us to appoint you one of the recruiting Officers for County. You must be sensible it is of the last Importance to prevent the Enemy from penetrating our State which can only be effected by our sending a respectable Force to the Succour of our neighbouring State of Virginia, and that added to the Inconveniences consequent on a Draught will stimulate you to make every Effort to enlist before the 16<sup>th</sup> July next what recruits can be procured in your County. The Money to pay the Recruits their Bounty and to make you Compensation for your Trouble, will be furnished as soon as possible. We have appointed to receive and provide for the Recruits and have enclosed a Copy of the Law.

Circular, to the recruiting Officers.