

forward the Recruits and Draughts immediately to this place, we  
repeat our requests. As there have been many Applications to this  
N<sup>o</sup> 685. Board from the Draughts, we think it proper to save the Expenses  
and Trouble to empower you to give Discharges to such <sup>who</sup> may  
come within the following Description, being indigent, and having  
a wife and Child or having two or more small Children who depend  
on his Labour only for Support or who may be debilitated by  
Sickness, or rendered incapable of performing military Duty by other  
Infirmity.

Circular to the Lieutenants.

In Council, 3<sup>d</sup> Aug. 1781.

686 Sir, Francis Matthews a Substitute for the 34<sup>th</sup> Clap under the  
Act to procure Recruits passed October Session 1780, has presented  
a Petition to this Board setting forth that James Prather of  
the above Clap sometime in March last, engaged to give him  
five half pices in Gold and what the Clap in which he might  
be entered should amount to, provided he the said Matthews  
would go as a Substitute for the Clap, that the Amount of  
the Money in the Clap in which he Prather is entered  
is £31. 15. 6 that he in consequence of the Engagement aforesaid  
enlisted to serve for three Years that he has only received one  
Silver Dollar and paper Money to the Amount of four half  
Johannes, that he has applied repeatedly to you for the Balance  
without Effect. You will observe in the eleventh Section  
of the Law, you are empowered to issue your warrant against  
the Person or Persons who shall contract with any recruit  
to give or pay him any Sum of Money for enlisting as a Re-  
cruit, on hearing or Default of Notice, and cause the same due  
to be levied for the use of the recruit. We think it highly neces-  
sary that every Species of Fraud should be discouraged and  
that Justice should be done in every Instance more particular-  
ly in the present, for if the Recruits and Substitutes are treated  
in the manner represented it will certainly discourage others  
from entering into the Service, we therefore request you to  
enquire into the matter and if it should appear to you