

c. c. self to receive the Assessment Tax and that you have already received fully sufficient for this Purpose, if you have not, pray exert yourself, that the Recruiting Service, which it is the Duty of every Man to forward, may not suffer for want of Money.

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To the Sheriffs of the }  
several Counties. }

[Council to County Lieutenants.]

Circular. In Council Annapolis 12<sup>th</sup> April 1778.

Sir

We inclose you several Copies of the Act to procure Troops for the American Army, one of which is designed for each of the Field Officers of your County, which be pleased to distribute: the others of them for the Magistrates and those who  
165 are more immediately concerned in the Execution of the Law. We very much wish a proper Spirit may diffuse itself throughout the State, so that the Number of Recruits we want may be made up, by voluntary Inlistments and in order that there may be a Supply of the Bounty Money, the inclosed Letter to the Sheriff of your County, containing Orders to him to pay the sixty Dollars Bounty on your Certificate or the Certificate of a Field Officer, for every Recruit you or he may pass, agreeable to the Act. All Recruits and Substitutes within your County, we request may be delivered, as soon as may be, to any of the 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 Officers 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,

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