

Instructions to the officers
appointed to
Recruit for the Service of the united
States of America.

The Encouragement you are to offer is so great as will, it is hoped give you a Choice of Men and ensure you Success (to wit) a Bounty of ten Dollars in Money to every non commissioned Officer and Soldier already enlisted and who has received the Continental Bounty of ten Dollars, and to every other Recruit a Bounty of 20 Dollars, and also to each a Suit of Clothes Yearly, to consist for the present Year of

- 2 Linnen hunting Shirts
- 2 pair of Hose
- 2 pair of overhalls
- a Leathern or woolen waistcoat with Sleeves
- 1 pair of Breeches
- 1 Hat or Leather Cap &
- 2 pair of Shoes

Amounting in the whole to the value of twenty Dollars more.

But each non commissioned Officer or Soldier who shall procure those Articles for himself & produce the pay-Master of the Regiment a Certificate thereof from the Captain of the Company to which he shall belong shall be entitled to received the 20 Dollars in Money, besides which every non commissioned Officer and Soldier so enlisted is to receive at the End of the War – 100 acres of Land as a further Encouragement.

2^{dly}. You are to be careful to enlist none but healthy able bodied Men, who shall engage to serve in the Army of the united States of America during the present war.

3^{dly}. You shall take the Age, Size, Complexion, Colour of Hair & Eyes and natural or accidental Marks of every Recruit, with an account of the place of his Birth and Occupation.

4^{thly}. You shall embrace all opportunities to have the Recruits drilled and disciplined & for that purpose you shall dispatch them without Delay to

such Station or place of Rendezvous as shall be appointed for that purpose.

5^{thly}. To every Recruit at the Time of Enlistment you shall administer the Oath prescribed by the Articles of War published by the Continental Congress.

6^{thly}. You shall appoint four active & capable recruiting Sergeants to assist you in this Service.

7^{thly}. If you should re-enlist for the War any non commissioned Officer or Soldier, who is at present in actual Service for a shorter Time, you are to give in his Name & Discription to the Captain, to whose Company he shall then belong, who is to take particular Charge of him, that he be delivered over to his proper Officer at the End of the Service for which he may be so pre-engaged or sooner if required.

8^{thly}. You are to have your Men mustered by the Commissary of Musters, the first opportunity after Enlistment in order that they may receive their full Bounty, five Dollars of which only you shall pay to each Recruit as an Encouragement at the Time of Enlistment.

9^{thly}. For this purpose you shall receive from the Treasury of the State of New York £100 in Hand, of the Expenditure of which you shall keep a regular account and transmit it to the Treasurer at Fish Kill, who shall supply you with Money on your Drafts in proportion to the Recruits you shall raise.

To Capt. Sam^l. V Vechten

I am Sir, Your
Hum Servant
Ph. Schuyler
M General

Saratoga Octo^r. 22^d 1776.