

George Washington to George Clinton, October 18, 1778, The Writings of George Washington from the Original Manuscript Sources, 1745-1799. John C. Fitzpatrick, Editor.

To BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES CLINTON

Head Quarters, Fredericksburg, October 18, 1778.

Sir: With the Money you have drawn from the Pay Master General you will use your best endeavours to inlist the Drafts from the State of New York to serve for three Years or during the War.

To facilitate the inlistments you will put the Money into the hands of such Officers as you may judge proper for the occasion.

Each draft inlisting for three years or during the War is to be paid a bounty of twenty dollars. Besides this he will receive the usual allowance of Cloathing and Land.¹

Where the inlistment is for three years iris to commence from the expirations of the time of service for which the party inlisting stands now engaged.

You or the Officers appointed by you are not to inlist the drafts of any States but your own.

The names of the Men who inlist, the times when and the terms for which they engage whether for three years or during the War are all to be particularly noted and set down, that there may not be any disputes or mistakes respecting the same. I am, etc.²

Library of Congress

1y the resolve of Congress of Sept. 16, 1776, officers were granted quantities of land, according to rank, on entering the service and privates and noncommissioned officers were granted 100 acres on enlisting, and a bounty of \$20. 1y a resolve of Oct. 8, 1776, certain quantities of clothing were granted.

2n the writing of Tench Tilghman. From the text kindly furnished by Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, of New York City.