

not been very successful in getting men, the fact is  
there are no men here, the Privateers & letters of Marque  
have engaged all, by giving large advances & wages  
whilst we are confined to one month's advance, which  
is too small to purchase the least article of Cloathing  
and the winter is fast approaching. I have about  
Eighty on my list, we shall pick up a few more,  
then I do not know what measure to take, unless  
give me permission to send to the Eastward, where  
flags of truce arrive frequently, and no doubt men can  
be procured from them. I shall feel happy to be  
warrants for the above gentlemen, Mr Claude Beaufort  
Mr William Martin, Mr John Kiesel, & Mr Daniel M  
a gentleman that was recommended by Judge Nichol

which you informed ~~me~~, should receive all warrants  
has been frequently with me, his name I believe  
Boreere, and appears very desirous of going

I am Sir with respect your Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

Joshua Barney