May it please your Excellency

port Tobacco april 22d 1778

I Received yours of the 12th Inst by Post With Several Copies of the act to Procure troops for the army, Which I have distributed as you directed – and be Assured that I Shall do Every thing in my power to promote The Service. tho fear the Recruiting Strane Will be Some what impeded in this County, as our Sheriff has not been able to Give Security for the Collection of the assessment, and I Believe Cap have no other Public money in hand; Therefore Doubt that the orders Contained in your Excellencys Letter to Him the Sheriff. Will not answer the desired purpose – I have understood the General assembly have been acquainted With This matter and have agreed to enable the Commissioners Of the County to appoint a private Collector, in that Case I Should be glad to be favoured With orders on him for Such Sums of money as the occation may Require –

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The Recruiting officers appointed in this County under The Late act I believe Will answer the purpose as Well As any that I could Recommend. for I doubt We are To Expect but few volunteers – The Indulgences Granted The Militia in Regard to Substitutes having Greatly – impeded if not totally distroy'd the Recruiting Service

I have the Honour to be With Great Respect your

Excellencys most obedt Humble Servt

Francis Ware