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Sir,

When I applied to you for the Money which came from the Havana I had none on Hand, nor had I a prospect of obtaining any so early as the Recruiting Service might require from the Funds appropriated to supply me. I therefore saw the necessity of obtaining that Money, without which, this duty might have been at a stand; as it still must certainly be, if this Money is drawn out of my Hands, having not the least prospect of obtaining a competent Sum to enable me to conduct this Service from any other Source before January and February next - when the Payments for Property about to be sold for this purpose will become due.

By the former Recruiting Act passed in November Session 1781, the Money due