may be, I hope it may be considered by the
State as definitive; and that they will not
in future pay any regard to the importun-
ities of those who may be discontented with
the arrangement which is about to be
made —

I have sent off as many Officers as
can possibly be spared, with recruiting Ser-
jeants Drums and Fifes. They are directed
to wait upon your Excellency for instructions
and Money — I have but one matter to re-
commend, which is, that the Officers be
ordered in the most express manner not to
enlist any British Deserter under the pe-
nalty of being obliged to refund the Bounty
as the Recruit, upon being discovered to be a
Deserter, will be dismissed the service. Those
people not only debauch our other troops, but
are sure to desert again to the enemy upon the
appearance of an offer of pardon, or any the
least encouragement, and more than probable
carry others with them — I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's Most Ob.

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