

7<sup>th</sup> Apr 1777

To

Genl. Sir James Oglethorpe

By George Oglethorpe

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Landon

The Beaver hunt (George Jarvis) being the only Soldier I have who has had the small pox I shall be much obliged to you if you'll give him an Order to Cambridge for his Uniform, as I am convinced the Appearance of our men in Drift will greatly help the recruiting Service, which seems to stand in Need of every Aid that can be devised.

I can truly assure you that I have used my utmost Endeavours to enlist Men & have not been able as yet to get but four; the best of whom (Moses Cummings) has lately had the Misfortune to chop off two Fingers of his left Hand, upon which he wants to return his Bounty but as I have not seen the Wound & from the Account I have heard of it, have hopes it will not disable him from the Service I do not think proper to discharge him.

At present I dare not ride about the Country, as my Wife is under Inoculation for the small pox, & indeed my Success has been so bad, that I fear I have not the requisite Qualifications for a recruiting Officer. & if our Regiment is to be march'd in separate Divisions as fast as they are made up, should take it as a favor if the Colo<sup>l</sup> would pack me off to the Camp, & let some more successful hand stay behind to recruit. I should be glad to know if I may be allowed to get what Men I can

raise, innocented in my own Neighbourhood, on the best terms  
I can, as I should be fond of looking after them myself. I have  
heard of so many recruiting parties over the Ridge that I  
have not taken that time myself. — This County is  
full of young Men & I am in great hopes that some Mea-  
=sures will be adopted to force them into the Country's service.

Pray Dear Abigail favor me with your Instruc-  
=tions forwarded to Mr. Morris' Mill from whence they  
will soon reach the hands of D. in

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Your most Obed<sup>t</sup>

Peter Grant

P. S. Mr. Morris' Men has got bravely through the small pox  
in a very few Days, will be able to ride about — he has  
got nine Men —

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