

INSTRUCTIONS for the Officers of the several Regiments of the
Massachusetts-Bay Forces, who are immediately to go upon the
Recruiting Service.

YOU are not to Enlist any Defenter from the Ministerial Army,
nor any Stroller, Negro or Vagabond, or Person suspected of
being an Enemy to the Liberty of America, nor any under
Eighteen Years of Age.

As the Cause is the best that can engage Men of Courage and
Principle to take up Arms ; so it is expected that none but such will
be accepted by the Recruiting Officer : The Pay, Provision, &c. being
so ample, it is not doubted but the Officers sent upon this Service,
will without Delay compleat their respective Corps, and March the
Men forthwith to Camp.

You are not to Enlist any Person who is not an American-born,
unless such Person has a Wife and Family, and is a settled Resident in
this Country.

The Persons you Enlist, must be provided with good and compleat
Arms.

Given at the Head Quarters at Cambridge, this 10th Day of
July 1775.

HORATIO GATES, Adjutant-General.

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