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#### BY THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

HERE AS his Excellency General Washington has, by his letter of the 4th of October inflant, informed me... That by accounts received ron Coopers, he expects the arrival of an armament under his Excellency the Count D'Estaino, and that his appearance may be hearly looked for on our coafts, and is directed and authorized by Congress, to purfue measures for co-operating with the French foundaren; and for that end, to call for such aid from the neighbouring States, as he shall judge necessary; and in compliance therewith, requests of this State the number of Foundaren Minister, as their proportion, and the smalless number which will be adequate, in conjunction with the Continental troops, to enable him to attempt a decisive stroke against New York, with a reasonable prospect of success.

Taking into confideration the foregoing requifition, the important reasons on which it is grounded, and the unspeckably happy consequences, which, by the blessing of Almighty God, may attend a chearful and vigorous exertion on this peculiar and great occasion—the singularly generous and moble conduct of the French Admirel, in leaving to hazard his acquisitions in the West Indies, and coming to our aid at the request of Congress—the emotions he most fully feel, if disappointed of the spirited co-operation he has been made to expect from the several States r—IDQTHEREFORE, and the wantmous yours of the COUNCIL or SAFETY, wedge and distant.

That there he forthwish raised, armed and equipped, within this State, (it reexpected and hoped) by free, chearful, and immediate inlistment, the number of Four Thousand Militar, able bodied and estitive men, only, includive of two regiments raised by order of the General Assembly in May last, to serve under his Excellency General Warmington, for the purposes signified in his letter as atoresaid, for the term of Three Months from the time they join the army, unless sooner discharged, which they certainly will be, if the particular service for which they are drawn our can be sooner performed. The remainder of the Four Thousand Men, deducting the said two regiments, to be formed into an regiments or battalions; one of which regiments shall be raised in each of the several brigades of militia in this State; and to consist of the number of companies, commissioned and non-commissioned officers and privates, as follows, vin. The first regiment, or that raised in the first brigade, is to consist of eight companies, and each of said companies to consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Engan, and fixty non-commissioned officers and privates, as aforesid.—The furth regiment, to be raised in the third brigade, to consist of ten sempanies, and each company of the like number of officers and privates, as aforesid.—The furth regiment, to be raised in the first brigade, is to consist of t

And it is further ordered. That the whole shall be divided and formed into two brigades.—The regiment commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Levi Wells, the first, third and fifth regiments, aforesaid, to compose the first brigade.—The regiment commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Matthew Mead, with the second, fourth and fixth regiments, to compose the second brigade.—The first brigade to be commanded by Brigadier-General Jank Tyles, and the second brigade to be commanded by Brigadier-General Andrew Ward, who are appointed accordingly; and each of said regiments is to be commanded by one Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, and one Major, except that the second regiment shall have two Majors; the said said efficers to be designated and appointed by the Brigadier-General of the brigade of militia within whose limits the said said several commissioned officers by the said Brigadier in the limits aforesaid, with the advice of the Colonel, or commanding officer of the several militia regiments within the limits as aforesaid, so as that no officer be by them advanced higher than the rank they have respectively before suffained; and the said appearating Brigadier-General shall endorse on such commissioned officer's former commission, that he, the bearer, is by him designated, agreeable to a resulter of the Governor and Council of Safety of this State, bearing daw the 9th of October, 1779, to serve the United States under the command of General Washington, in a regiment commanded by

raised by order of said Governor and Council; which shall be a sufficient warrant for the bearer to execute all the powers and authorities of such commission.

And it is further ordered, That all the said General, Field, Commissioned, and Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, shall be entitled to the same pay, wages, and allowances, as the militia of this State, in their respective ranks, are entitled to; and non-commissioned officers and privates to such further allowance or premium as the General Assembly Shall, in their wisdom and goodness, see six to grant them. And all officers and privates are to exert their stmost endeavours to furnish themselves with necessary arms, blankets, and equipments, and Shall have a reasonable allowance for the use of them, and if lost without their default, a sull compositation. And their friends and neighbours, who remain at home, are earnestly called upon and requested to lend and surnish such as cannot be scherwise supplied—as they tender the happiness and sulvation of their country:—and they shall be entitled to pay or compensation as aforesaid: And where necessity requires, any civil authority, within their proper limits, are, an application, to grant warrants to impress any necessary articles.

And it is further ordered. That the Colonels, or commanding officers of the respective militia regiments, do, without delay, cause their respective quota of such battalion to be raised, to be draughted by peremptory detachment of able-bodied effective men, liable to go out of this State, to make up the compliment, who do not immediately inlist with the efficers designated as aforesaid, who are to lose no time in endeavouring to raise them by inlistment: And all the Brigadiers and Colonels of militis, and other proper officers, are ordered to afford their utmost aid to promote and facilitate the raising, equipping, and survising the said battalions.

The Select-men of the feveral towns are also directed to take care, that the quota of their respective towns be furnished with blankets, tents, and necessary camp utenfils. And where arms are wanted, they may apply to any public flores, and the keeper is directed to deliver the same to the Captain of the company where there is a deficiency, taking his receipt, and salling on him for the same when the service is over, if not speedily returned. The public flores of tents or camp utenfils at the several flations on the sea coults are to be applied to, so far as they can be spared.

And it is further ordered. That the first brigade of said troops do immediately rendezvous at Say Brook; and the forend in like manner at Stratford, agreeable to the request of his Excellency General Washington --- there to wait his further orders; and their respective Erigadiers are to give orders to them accordingly.

It is also further ordered, That there be one Chaplain, one Adjutant, one Pay Master, one Quarter Master, one Surgeon, to each of the two brigades, and one Surgeon's Mate to each regiment; and that on the recommendation of each Brigadier, appointments shall be made as shall be thought sit, and warrants given to the staff officers accordingly---And the Colonel of each regiment in this State is hereby ordered to muster the men of his regiment, either inliked or detached, and see that none but able-bedied effective men are accepted---and any descioncy thereby occasioned, instantly supplied.

EIVEN under my band in Lebanon, in this State, the ninth day of October, A. D. 1779.

State of Connelicut By the governor I John Syler Eigh Bigadier Gen's of the Third Brigade Vince forming the within Order the Hous Gen Seffrembly is Convince and have Confirmed the Same with the Following Alterations The first the giment to be trailed in the first Brigade Ly min Each Confide of y Companies -67 Min lack The 2 Migt in the 2. Brigade - 9 Compile 64 20 8 de (3 ditto \_\_ 3 - 60 5 4 90 4 90 63 8 9-20 62 20 8 00 5-8- 5- 29 62 20 8 80 6 8 6 90 with the following vin That the men Intested by Orders of the gla Inft for the Service ly gon's word & Tyler be to la as part of the Quota that The Officers detaile Such 11 on on their Highest too take Effectual measure sommeadeately to Deliver them to some one of the Commit Officer or Officers who have hectofore Delack Men to Sure in Either of the State Pregiment, Commanded by Leve Col Livi Wells and Lo Col Mathan Mind are to lake like I flutual Mungleur to Apprehend and Deliver such Men to Some one of the Offices, of the Pregiment in which they are Ordered to Serve and all Cost Shall be paid auordingly to Such lase made & provided\_ I do therefore anording to act of offembly and its divine Order and dent you for thewith to larry the Within & ale above Order into Execution in long Prespect in your brigade So far as Respects in for Brigade the Same Given at the Counsell Chamber at Harford the 18th Out 1779 forthe Tumball

At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford, on the second Thursday of May, 1780.

RESOLVED by this Affembly, That the feveral Towns whose Quota of Soldiers inlisted in the Continental Army for three Years or during the War is, or hereafter shall be or become deficient be, and they are respectively hereby impowered to Tax themselves, for the Purpose of hiring any Number of able-bodied effective Recruits to compleat such Quota during the War or for three Years as they shall agree. And each Recruit so inlisted shall be accounted as Part of the Quota of the sown to which he belongs unless the Quota of such Town is then sull and compleat, in which Case he shall be accounted as Part of the Quota of that Town by which he is hired.

RESOLVED, That any Man not of the Continental Army for three Years or during War, who shall at his own Expence, exclusive of any State or Town Bounty for that Purpose, hire and procure an able-bodied and effective Man to inlist to serve in the Connecticut Line of the Continental Army for three Years or during the War, shall be exempted from all military Detachments during the 1 erm for which said Recruit shall be engaged to serve, unless such Recruit shall defert the Service, in which Case the Exemption granted to the Person hiring him shall cease and determine.

Always provided, that a Copy of such Contract, signed by the Parties, and a Certificate of the Recruiting Officer, specifying the Name and Place of abode of such Recruit, and Person hiring him, the Time of such Inlistment, and Company and Battalion into which he shall so inlist, be lodged with the Town-Clerk of such Towns respectively.

A true Copy of Record,

Examined, by

GEORGE WYLLYS, Sec'ry.

At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford on the second Thursday of May, 1780.

An ACT for filling up the Connecticut Battalions in the Continental Army.

BE it Enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That Fifteen Hundred able bodied effective Recruits, be immediately raised within this State, and ordered to join the Connecticut Battalions in the Continental Army, to serve until the last day of December next, unless sooner discharged: And that his Excellency the Governor be desired to direct the Brigadier Generals forthwith to issue their respective O ders for raising said Recruits by voluntary Insistments, or peremptory Detachment, as the Case may require. That Twelve Hundred and seventy four of said Recruits shall be raised out of the Insantry of this State, and from the several Towns in their following Proportion, viz.

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	From the Town		Say Brook,	22	Pomfret,	25	Plainfield,	16
	Hartford,	24	Willington,	11	Killingsworth,	19	Voluntown,	17
	Wethersfield,	32	Tolland,	16	Lyme,	14	Union,	6
	Middletown,	13	Simfbury,	57	Groton,	22	Woodbury,	39
	Windfor,	10	Colchefter,	15	Stonington,	23	New M.lford,	27
	East-Windfor,	40	Enfield.	9	Prefton,	15	Kent,	6
	Farmington and ]		Eaft-Haddam,	18	Fairfield,	16	Washington,	12
	Southington, 1	70	Suffi ld,	11	St atford,	31	Gofhen,	10
9	Bolton,	19	Stafford,	16	Norwalk	7	New-Hartford,	14
The state of the s	Chatham,	14	Hebron,	15	Stamford,	12	Cornwall,	6
	Haddem,	16	New Flaven,	1	R dgefield,	10	Norfolk,	12
	Glastenbury,	12	Derby.	14	Reading,	9	Torrington,	
	Somers,	12	Waterbury and )		Danbury,	16	Hartland,	12
	Wallingford and )		Watertown, )	26	Newtown,	18	The state of the s	7
	Cheshire,	16	Killingley,			The State of the same	Canaan,	
	Guilford,		Managey,	37	New Fairfield,	6	Harwinton,	14
		17	Woodflock,	20	Windham,	34	Colebrook,	4
	Durham,	2	Coventry,	18	Lebanon,	36	Berkhemited,	5
	New-London,	25	Mansfield,	26	Canterbury,	9	Winchester,	6
	Norwich,	50	Ashford,	17				Service .
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And that the Number of Two Hundred twenty six of said Recruits shall be raised out of the Troops of Herse in said State -- And that said Fifteen Hundred Recruits be ready to march by the first day of July next, to join and serve in said Battalions, the full term aforesaid.

And in order to encourage a voluntary inliftment into faid Service, Be it Enasted by the Authority vforefaid, That a Premium or Bounty of Six Pounds, in Bills of Credit of this State, emitted or to be emitted fince the Sessions of the General Assembly in January last, shall be paid to each able bodied effective Recruit upon his Inlistment into said Service, and being mustered by the commanding Officer of the Regiment to which he belongs; and each and every of said Recruits shall be entitled to the same Pay, Wages and Resieshments, during the Term of his said Service, as othe Soldie's in the said Battalions by Law are. And that the Sum of Thirty Shillings in Bills as aforesaid, shall be paid to each such Recruit, who shall provide himself with a good and sufficient Blanket for said Service.

And be it further Enasted, That the Select Men of the several Towns be, and they are hereby directed to procure good and sufficient Blankets for such of said Recruits within their respective Towns as shall not provide for themselves. And his Excellency the Governor, with his Council of Safety, are hereby authorized to make and give all such Orders and Directions as shall be further necessary to carry the provisions of the foregoing Act into compleat and speedy Execution.

Provided nevertheless, that every Recruit who shall be detached agreeable to this A&, and shall with in three days after faid detachment voluntarily inlist to perform said Service, or procure a person who shall be accepted in his stead, shall be entitled to a Premium or Bounty of Four Pounds, to be paid agreeable to the Provisions in this A& to such as voluntarily inlist into said Service, before said first of July.

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GEORGE WYLLYS, Sec'ry:

Nowich 23 June 1/80 Agreable to Orders Vice from Gen Tyler Und the acts of the Gen! Upembly herewith Dethityou, You are to Take the Most Effectual Measures to Havry Said Ret into Executton, by Railing by Voluntary Enlistment Two able Bodied Effective Men to Sewe in the Connecticut Battalions in the Continental army Untill the Last day of December Hext, unless Dooner Discharged of in Carethey Cannot be Inlisted by the 26th day of June Instant Then your are Ordered to Draught Them by Seremptory Detachment To Serve as above, and They are to be Equipt & Ready to March to In light Days from said 26th day of Sune thutant The Sounty will be Sintone and Delivered Who are appointed Recruiting Officers for the Same ) when the men are Muster of the officers for you are to Make Return to me of the Names of the Men So Inlisted or Detachto by The 2nd day of July next without Faile! Labdiel Rogen Col. 20 Regt July 2 V180 Then Inlighted Joseph Bennet to Live in the Continental ormy three years a negro to Live for the Company Aleran Ligt a negro to Leve for Tolap Elyah Bachus



To Mr. Josiah Snelling & Greeting:

YOU Seing appointed Sergeant of a Company in the Regiment & Brigade and first.

Division of the Militia of Ma Tachusetts:

By Virtue of the Power vested in me, I do, by these Presents, grant you this Warrant: You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to difcharge the Duty of Sergeant, in exercifing faid Company, both Inferior Officers and Soldiers, and in keeping them in good Order and Discipline; and they are hereby commanded to obey you as their Sergeant; and you are yourself to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions, as you shall, from time to time, receive from your Superior Officers. Given under my Hand, at Boston this Fifteesth Day of One Thousand Eight Hundred and three for Garden L.C.C.

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## By His Excellency

# Caleb Strong, Esq.

Governor and Commander in Chief

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Josiah Inelling fun! Gentleman Greeting: YOU being appointed Insign of a Company of Infantry in the Legionary Division of the Militia of this Commonwealth. Reposing special trust and confidence in your ability, courage and good conduct, I

do, by these Presents, Commission you accordingly. You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of said Office, according to the Laws of this Commonwealth, and to Military Rule and Discipline. And all Inferior Officers and Soldiers are hereby commanded to obey you in your faid capacity; and you are yourself to observe and jollow such orders and instructions as you shall, from time to time, receive from me or others your Superior Officers.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the said Commonwealth, the Seventhe day of May in the year of our LORD, 1805 and in the Leventy winth year of the INDEPENDENCE of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

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# Caleb Strong, Esq.

Governor and Commander in Chief

OF THE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

To Josiah Snelling fun Gentleman Greeting:

You being appointed Little Mark of a Company of Infantry
In the Legionary forgate First Division of the Militia of this Commonwealth.
Reposing special trust and considence in your ability, courage and good conduct, I do, by these Presents, Commission you accordingly. You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of said Office according to the Laws of this Commonwealth, and to Military Rule and discipline. And all Inferior Officers and Soldiers are hereby commanded to obey you in your said capacity; and you are yourself to observe and sollow such orders and instructions as you shall, from time to time, receive from me or others your Superior Officers.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Commonwealth, the feventeenth day of March in the year of our LORD, SOU and in the thirtieth year of the INDEPENDENCE of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

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Call Strong

Box a April 16 1006 This day personally appeared The within named Tossah Snelling Jun Lieuxinant of a company of Infantry in the first hublegion of the Legionary Brigade first Division of Brillia and took and fubscribed the Coths as recable to Constitution and Laws of the United Sta is and of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Befor me That Badger L' Col Lib Ly:

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Head Quarters, Boston, June 20

THE GOVERNOR and Commander in Chief, has accepted the Resignation of

Lieutenant Joseph Smelling June

of the Impenitry in the Legiunary

Brigade and First Division of the

MILITIA of this Commonwealth; and he is hereby honourably discharged, at his own request, from the Office of

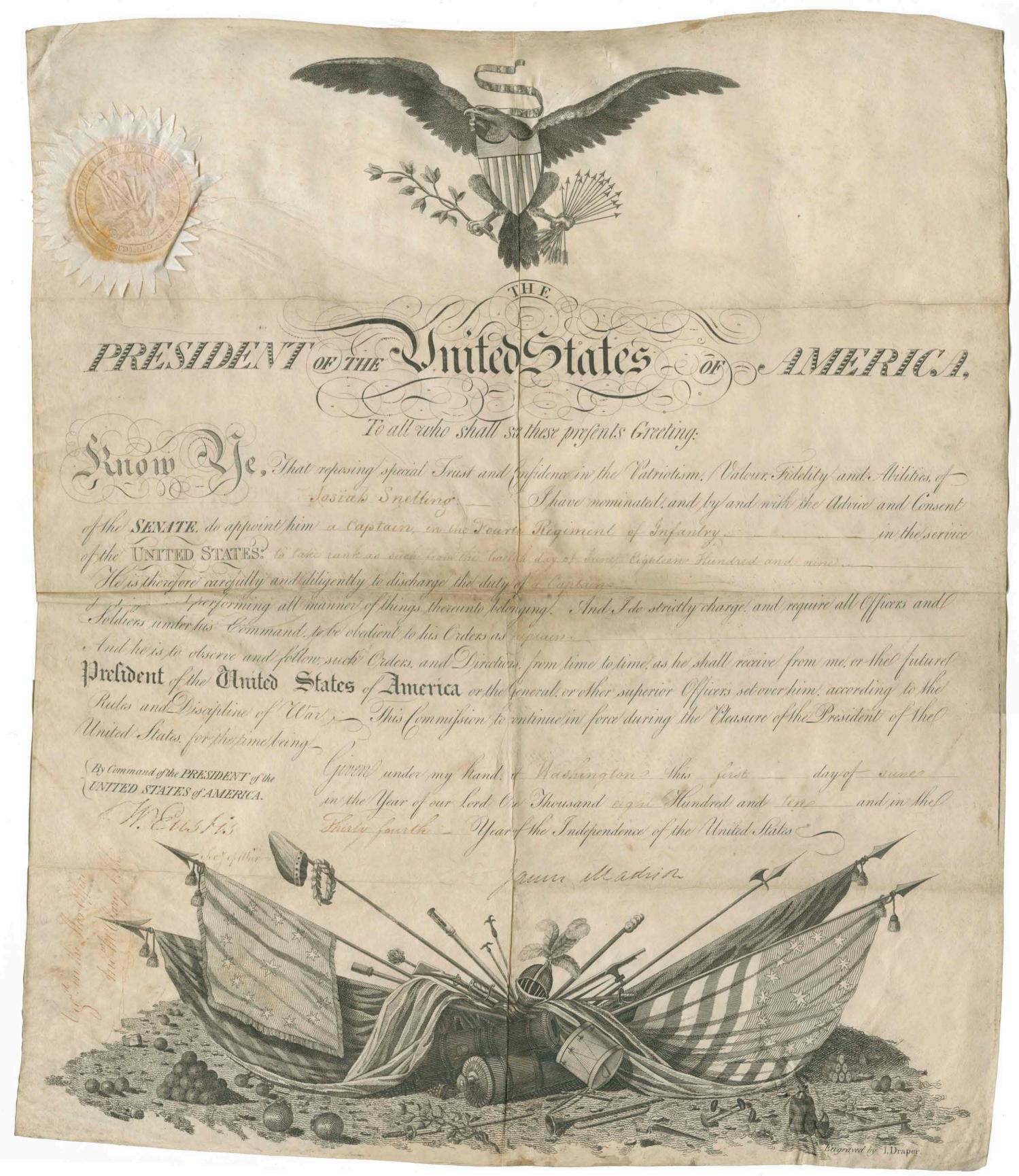
Infantry aforesaid.

By Order of the Captain General.

Adjutant General.

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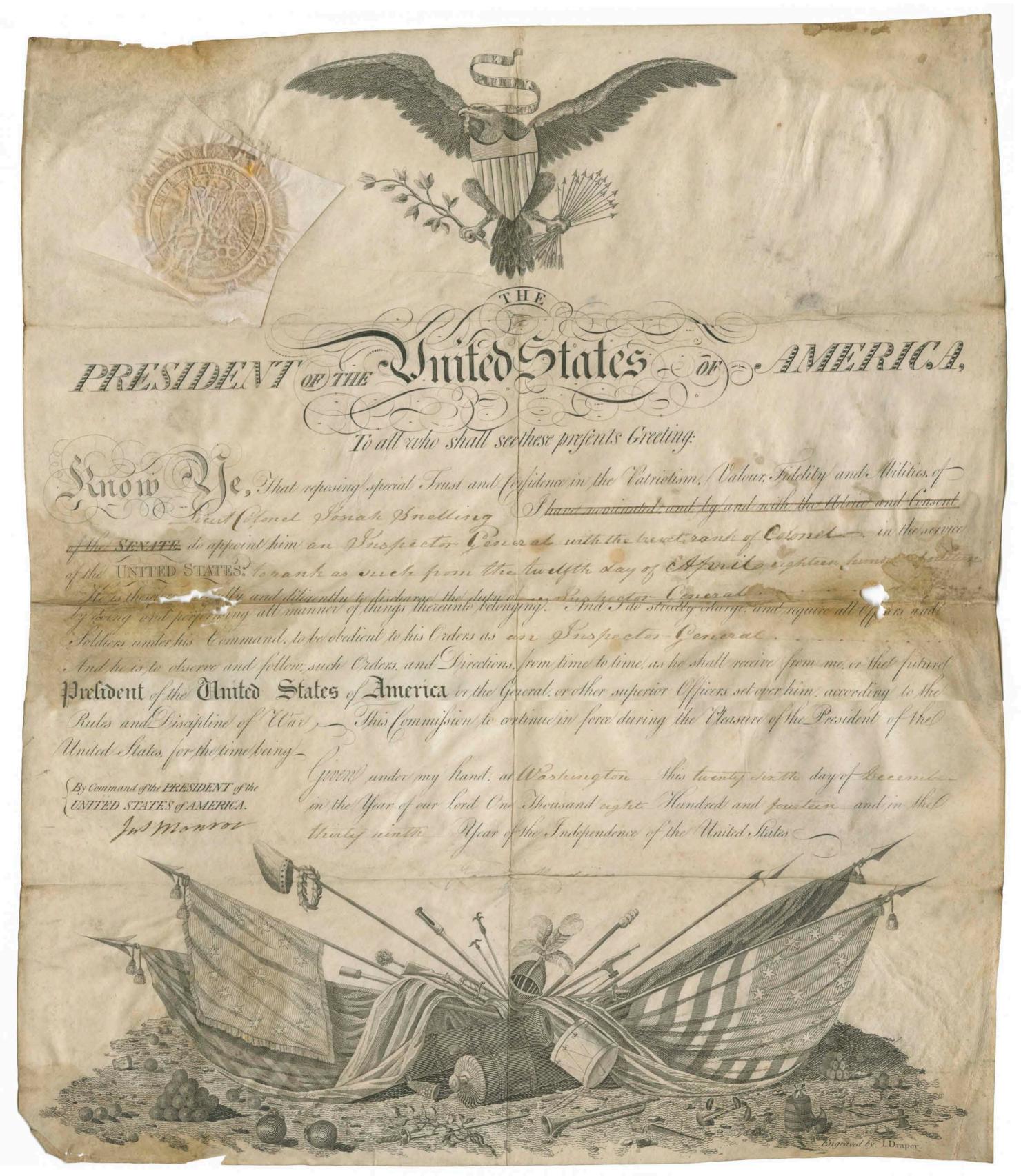




### THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

Strow Be, That I do hereby confer on Joint Smilling of the Army of the United States, the rank of Major By brevet, in said army; to rank as such
United States, the rank of Major " By stevet, in said army; to rank as such
from the Minth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Swilve 5
And I do strictly charge, and require all officers and soldiers under his command, to obey and respect him accordingly:
and he is to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as he shall receive from me, or the future
President of the United States of America and other officers set over him, according to law and the rules and discipline of
war. This commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being.
GIVEN under my hand at the City of Washington, this Eghth day of May in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thinker and in the Thirty- Sweath year of the Independence of the United States.
By command of the President,  This Finishory  James Madrim
Secretary of War.







KnowYe. That reposing special trust and confidence in the patrictism, valor, fidelity, and abilities of osiah Inelling I have nominated, and by and with the divice and consent of the fenales, I do appoint him I bolonel of the the Regiment of Infanting on on the service of the United States to rank as such from the first day of June aghten hundred and printered He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Colonel by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And I do strilly charge, and re quire all Officers and Soldiers under his command, to be obedient to his orders as a Colonelo come orders, and Liona from time to time, as he should receive from me, or the future President of the 10 neted Omerica, or the General crother superior Officers set over him, according to the rides & discipline Commission to continue in practicing the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being Given under my hand at the City of Washington this twenty forthang of Clugart in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty and in the fortyfifth given of the Independence of the United States. James Monroe Bythe President

Secretary of War