

COMMONWEALTH
OF
MASSACHUSETTS.

By His Excellency

JOHN HANCOCK, Esq;

Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the COMMONWEALTH OF

MASSACHUSETTS.

To *Charles Cushing Esq* Greeting.

YOU being appointed *Colonel of the Second Regiment*
of Militia in the County of Suffolk.

By Virtue of the Power vested in me, I do by these Presents, (reposing Special Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct) Commission you accordingly,---You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of a *Colonel* in leading, ordering and exercising said *Regiment* in Arms, both Inferior Officers and Soldiers; and to keep them in good Order and Discipline: And they are hereby commanded to obey you as their *Colonel* and you are yourself to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall from Time to Time receive from me or your Superior Officers.

John Hancock
GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the said Commonwealth, the *first*
Day of *July* in the Year of our LORD, 1781 in the Fifth
Year of the Independence of the United States of AMERICA.

John Hancock

By His Excellency's Command,

John Avery Secy

Suffolk Co Oct: 3^d 1782

Personally appeared Charles Cushing Esq^r and
took and subscribed the oaths & Declaration
required by the Constitution of this Common-
wealth to Qualify him for the Service of the
within Commission

Witness me Benja^a Cushing Just: peace

Chas^r Cushing's
Commission
1782