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I N C O N G R E S S .

The DELEGATES of the UNITED STATES of *New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina and Georgia,* TO

WE, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, DO, by these Presents, constitute and appoint you to be

in the Army of the United States, raised for the Defence of American Liberty, and for repelling every hostile Invasion thereof. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of by doing and performing all manner of Things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command, to be obedient to your Orders as

And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from Time to Time, as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress, for that purpose appointed, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, of the Army of the United States, or any other your superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in Force until revoked by this or a future Congress. DATED at

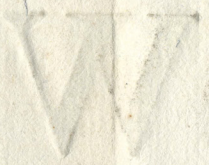
By Order of the CONGRESS,

Attest. *Cha. Thomson*

Henry Laurens, PRESIDENT.

THE CONGRESS

DELEGATES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 FROM THE STATES OF NEW-YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE, MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, NORTH-CAROLINA, SOUTH-CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.



By the Congress of the United States, in and through the President and Vice President, constituted and authorized you to be

in the Army of the United States, and for
 carrying every hostile invasion thereof.
 discharge the duty of
 of those who are belonging.
 Soldiers under your Command, to be obedient to your Orders as
 And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from Time to
 Time, as you shall receive from the or a future Congress of the United States, or from
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 Commission to continue in Force until revoked by the or a future Congress. Dated at
 the City of New York, the 17th day of September, 1776.

President



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Alonso Chappel.

Henry Laurens

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