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Portsmouth 28<sup>th</sup> August 1779

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am Your Honours Most Obed<sup>t</sup>: Sub<sup>t</sup>: Serv<sup>t</sup>: Joseph Basse



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Joseph Bass



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Maj. Bass Letter  
Inclosing his Commission  
Aug 28. 1779

Stampton Hall

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