

Colony of
New Hampshire

1881



The Council & Assembly of said Colony

To Joseph Bass Esquire Greeting

We reposing especial Trust & Confidence in your Fidelity Courage and good Conduct DO by these Presents constitute and appoint you the said Joseph Bass to be Second Lieutenant (with the Rank of Major) of an Independent Company of Cadets, whereof Samuel Sherburne Esq is Captain — You are therefore carefully and Diligently to discharge the Duty of a Second Lieutenant in leading ordering and exercising the said Company in Arms both Inferior Officers & Soldiers & to keep them in good Orders & Discipline hereby commanding them to obey you as their Second Lieutenant and Yourself to observe & follow such Orders & Instructions as you shall from Time to Time receive from the Council & Assembly of said Colony & in their Receipts from their Committee of Safety or any your Superior Officers for the Service of said Colony according to Military Rules and Discipline in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you — Dated at Exeter the Thirtieth Day of March Anno Domini 1776

E. Thompson Secretary

Meshech Weare { President of
the Council

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