

My Dear Sir

Boston July 7. 1778

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(Addressed) Honbl. Elbridge Gerry Esqr.
Member of Congress
York Town
Pensylvania

(Docketed) Massa. Letter
General Warren
July 7 1778
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Commonwealth of MASSACHUSETTS.

To all unto whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting,

KNOW YE, That WE have assigned and constituted and do by these Presents, with the Advice and Consent of the Council, constitute and appoint *Nahum Cager of Northampton* to be one of the Justices to keep the Peace in our County of *Hampshire* for the term of seven years; if he shall during that time behave well in the same office. And to keep, and cause to be kept, the Laws and Ordinances made for the Good of the Peace, and for the Conservation of the same, and for the Quiet, Rule and Government of our Citizens and Subjects in the said County, in all and every the Articles thereof, according to the Force, Form and Effect of the same, and to chastise and punish all Persons offending against the Form of those Laws and Ordinances, or any of them, in the County aforesaid, as according to the Form of those Laws and Ordinances shall be fit to be done; and to cause to come before him the said *Nahum Cager Esq^r* all those that shall break the Peace, or attempt any thing against the same, or that shall threaten any of the Citizens or Subjects in their Persons, or in burning their Houses, to find sufficient Security for the Peace, and for the good Behaviour towards the Citizens or Subjects of this Government; and if they shall refuse to find such Security, then to cause them to be kept safe in prison until they shall find the same; and to do and perform in the County aforesaid, all and whatsoever, according to our Laws and Ordinances, or any of them, a Justice of the Peace may and ought to do and perform; and with *others* Justices of the Peace for the same County (according to the Tenor of the Commission to them granted) to inquire by the Oaths of good and lawful Men of the said County, by whom the Truth may be better known, of all and all manner of Thefts, Trespasses, Riots, Routs and unlawful Assemblies whatsoever, and all and singular other Misdeeds and Offences, of which by Law Justices of the Peace in their General Sessions may and ought to inquire, by whomsoever or howsoever done or perpetrated, or which shall hereafter happen, howsoever to be done or attempted, in the County aforesaid, contrary to the Form of the Laws and Ordinances aforesaid, made for the common Good of our Citizens and Subjects; and with *others* Justices of the Peace for the same County (according to the Tenor of the Commission to them granted as aforesaid) to hear and determine all and singular the said Thefts, Trespasses, Riots, Routs, unlawful Assemblies, and all and singular other the Premises, and to do therein as to Justice appertaineth, according to the Laws, Statutes and Ordinances aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, WE have caused our public Seal to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, *His Excellency Samuel Adams Esq^r* Our Governor, and Commander in Chief.

DATED at BOSTON, the *fourth* Day of *February* Anno Domini, One Thousand Seven Hundred and *ninety six* and in the *20th* Year of the INDEPENDENCE of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

By HIS EXCELLENCY'S Command.

John Avery Secy

Samuel Adams

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampshire May 21st 1796. Personally appeared Nathum Leger Esq.
and took and subscribed the oaths and declaration prescribed by the
Constitution of this Commonwealth ; also the oath to support the Consti-
tution of the United States, to qualify him to execute the trust reposed in
him by the with^a Commission.

*Before Cleary Porter }
Sam. Mather }*