

John Chandler's Commission as a Major of the 16th Regiment of Horse and Foot

Jonathan Trumbull Esquire Governor and Commander in Chief of his
Majestys Colony of Connecticut in New England

To, John Chandler, Esq^r,, Greeting

Whereas You are appointed, by the General Assembly of said Colony
Major of the sixteenth Regiment of Horse and Foot in said Colony,
reposing special Trust and Confidence in Your Loyalty, Courage Care
and good Conduct, I do by these presents constitute and appoint You to
be Major of said Regiment, You are therefore to take the said Regiment
into Your Care and Charge as their Major and carefully and diligently to
discharge that Care and Trust in Ordering and exercising of them, both
Officers and Soldiers in Arms, according to the Rules and Discipline of War,
keeping them in good Order and Government, and Commanding them to
obey You as their Major for his Majestys Service; and they are Commanded
to observe and obey You accordingly. And You are to Conduct and lead
forth the said Regiment on such part of them as You shall from Time to
Time receive Orders from me or from the Governor of this Colony for the
Time being, to encounter repel pursue and destroy by force of Arms and
by all fitting Ways and Means all his Majestys Enemies who shall at any
Time be [illegible] in a Hostile Manner attempt or enterprize the Invasion
Detriment or Annoyance of this Colony. And You are to observe and obey
such Orders and Instructions as from Time to Time You shall receive from
me or other Your Superior Officers, pursuant to the Trust hereby reposed in
You and the Laws of this Colony

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony in New Haven
the first Day of November in the 12th Year of the Reign of
Our Sovereign Lord George the third King of Great Britain etc.
Annoque Domini 1771

Jonth Trumbull

By His Honors Command
George Wyllys [illegible]