

desired, and will also prevent a speedy compliance
of any future orders that may issue.

The exigencies of the present times are such that
frequent orders will become necessary, and we
have no doubt, but your desire to serve your
country will point out to you the necessity of
particular attention to these objects. - perhaps
on considering the subject fully it might become
incompatible for you to command a Regiment
so distant from your place of Residence

I am &c

Colonel Joseph Foreman

Mr. Henry

In Council July 17 1798

Sir

By a late Report from the adjutant General,
he gives assurances to the Executive that your
exercises shall not be wanting to complete the
Returns of the militia and the Drafts from
your Division. Having the strongest reliance
on your zeal and patriotism, I entreat you by a
laudable and vigorous display of both in the
present conjuncture of our affairs, to rouse
in others a similar spirit.

The times require a manly and prompt
obedience to the orders of the Commander in Chief,
whoever the will of the people shall place
in that station it instantly becomes the duty
of all to respect and obey him in his official
character

His orders have been repeated with very
little effect and from the defects of the militia
law, there being no compulsory provisions to
enforce a compliance, it is only on the zeal
patriotism and good sense of the officers that