

The People of the State of New-York,  
By the Grace of GOD, Free and Independent:  
To Jasper Parish Gentleman  
Greeting.

We, reposing especial trust and confidence, as well in your patriotism, conduct and loyalty, as in your valor and readiness to do us good and faithful service, HAVE appointed and constituted, and by these presents, DO appoint and constitute you the said Jasper Parish Second Lieutenant of Captain Thomas Morris's Troop of Horse in the County of Ontario, in the Brigade of Militia whereof Othneil Taylor Esquire is Brigadier General

You Are therefore, to take the said Troop into your charge and care, as Cornet thereof, and duly to exercise the Officers and Soldiers of that Troop in Arms, who are hereby commanded to obey you as their Second Lieutenant and you are also to observe and follow such orders and directions, as you shall from time to time receive from our General and Commander and Chief of the Militia of our said State, or any other your superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you; and for so doing, this shall be your commission, for and during our good pleasure, to be signified by our Council of Appointment. In Testimony whereof, we have caused our seal for military commissions to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, our trusty and well-beloved John Jay Esquire, Governor of our State of New-York, General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia, and Admiral of the Navy of the fame, by and with the advice and consent of our said Council of Appointment, at Our City of Albany the twenty third day of April in the Year offer Lord, one thousand seven hundred and Ninety-seven and in the twenty first Year of our Independence.

Passed the Secretary's Office, the 28th day of March 1797.  
Jasper Hopper D, Secretary.