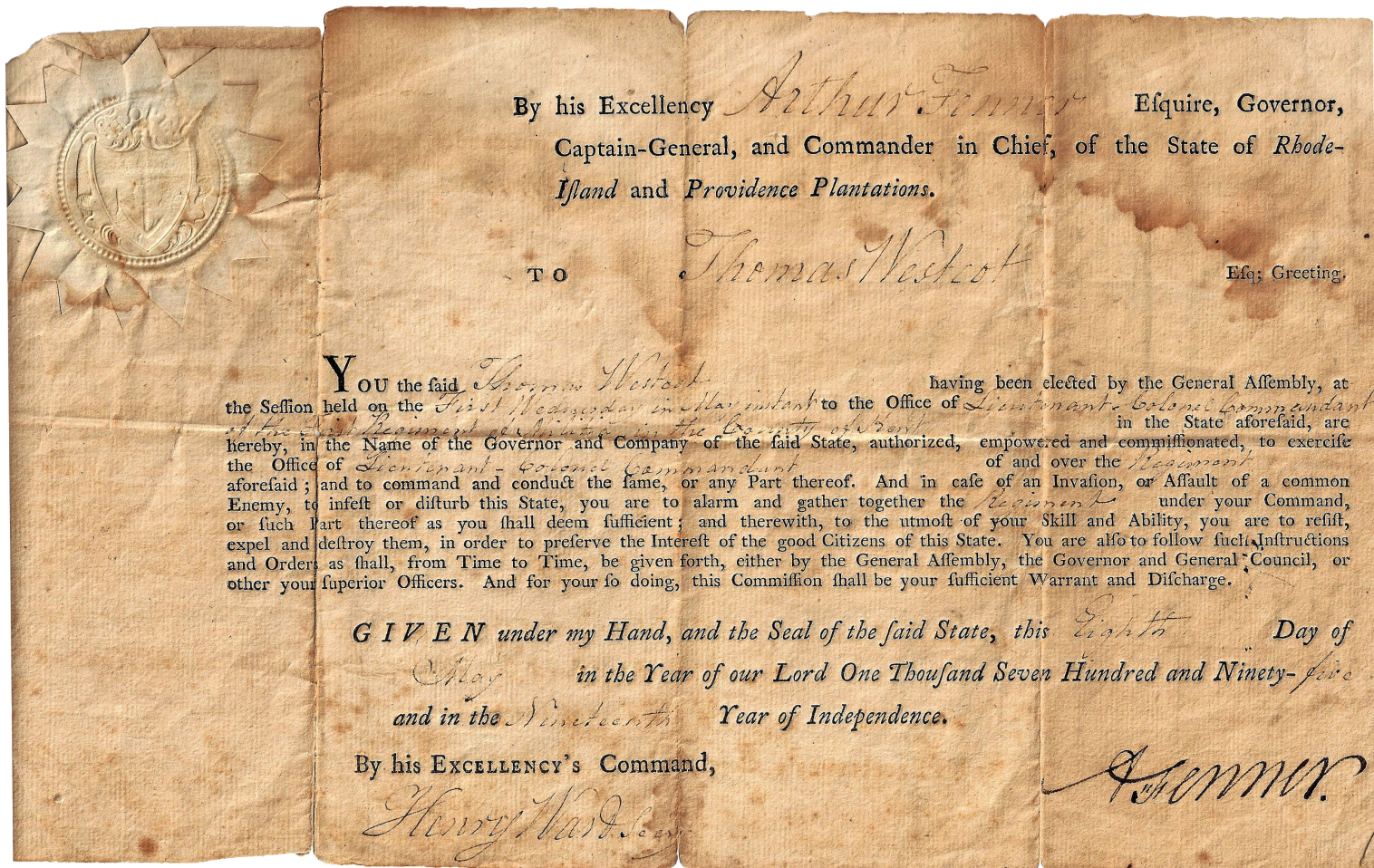


Lt. Col. Thomas Westcott Commission 1795



May 8, 1795 certificate appointing Lt. Col. Thomas Westcott Commandant of the First Kent County Regiment in the Rhode Island Militia. Westcott Collection, Warwick (R.I.) Historical Society, anonymous gift, August 8, 2020

By his Excellency Arthur Fenner Esquire,
Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in
Chief, of the State of Rhode Island and Providence
Plantations.

To Thomas Westcot Esq; Greetings.

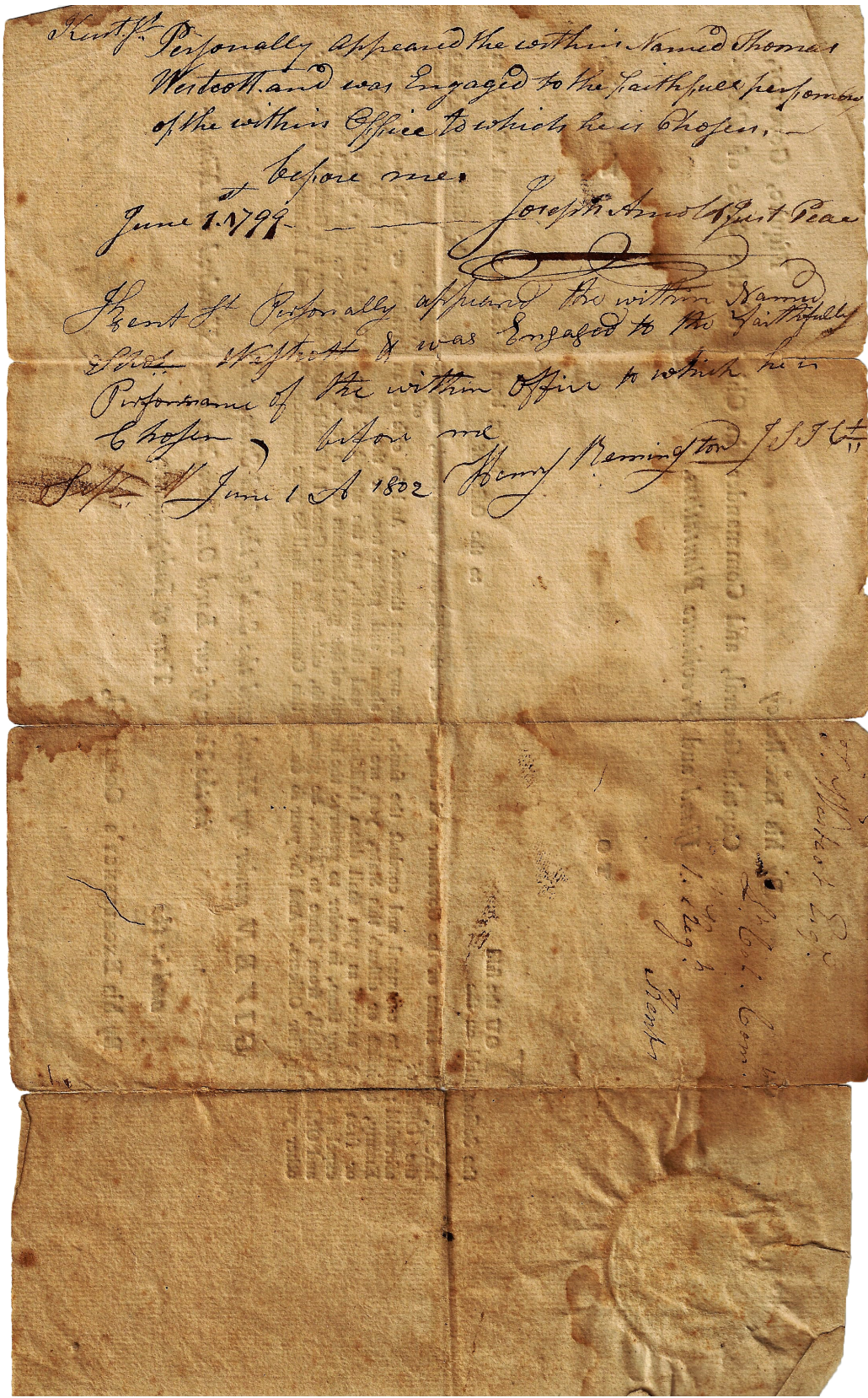
You the said Thomas Westcot having been elected
by the General Assembly, at the Session held on
the First Wednesday in May instant to the Office
of Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the First
Regiment of the Militia in the County of Kent
in the state, aforesaid, are hereby, in the Name
of the Governor and Company of said state,
authorized, empowered and commissioned,
to exercise the Office of Lieutenant Colonel
Commandant of and over the Regiment aforesaid
; and to command and conduct the same, or any
part thereof. And in the case of an Invasion, an
Assault of a common Enemy, to infest or disturb
this State, you are to alarm and gather together
the Regiment under your Command, or such

part thereof as you shall deem sufficient and
therewith, to the utmost of your Skill and Ability,
you are to resist, expel and destroy them, in order
to preserve the Interest of the good Citizens of
this State. You are also to follow such Instructions
and Orders, as shall, from Time to Time, be
given forth, either by the General Assembly,
the Governor and General Council, or other
your superior Officers. And for your so doing,
the Commission shall be sufficient Warrant and
Discharge.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the said
State, this Eighth Day of May in the year of our
Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-
Five and in the Nineteenth Year of Independence.

By his Excellency's Command
/s/ A Fenner.

Henry Nast, Sec'y



Kent Jt Personally appeared the within Named Thomas Westcott and was Engaged to the faithful performance of the within Office to which he is Chosen.

Before me.
June 1, 1799
/s/ Joseph Arnold Justice of the Peace

Kent Jt Personally appeared the within Named Thos. Westcott & was Engaged to faithful Performance of the within Office to which he is Chosen, before me

June 1 A 1802
/s/Henry Remington {four undecipherable characters}

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