



By His Excellency George Washington Esquire
General and Commander in Chief of all
The Forces of the United States of America

To Israel Shreve Esq^r. Colonel of the
Second New Jersey Regiment of Foot.

You are hereby authorised to constitute and
appoint a General Court martial consisting
of a President, who shall be of the Rank of a
Field Officer and Twelve members for the trial
of William Seeds and such other offenders
belonging to the army of the United States as
shall be brought before them; You are to give
notice to the President and members and all
others whom it may concern when and where the
said Court martial is to be held, and you are
authorised to summon such witnesses as shall
be able to give Testimony in any matters brought
before the Court. and I do authorise and empower
the said Court martial to be by you appointed to
hear and examine all such matters and infor-
mations as shall be brought before them touching
the said William Seeds and others, who in giving
sentence are to be guided and governed ac-
cording to the Rules and articles of War for the
better government of the american Army which
sentence you are to lay before me for my consid-
eration. and for so doing this shall be to
you as well as to the Court martial to be by you
appointed and all others a sufficient Warrant

Given under my hand & Seal
at Head Quarters Valley Forge
this the 6th day of April 1778

G. Washington

Order for a Court
Martial. from Gen
Washington - to Col
Israel Thorne,

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Jury