

from hence to Squakeheage,* & y^e timorousnesse of y^e scouts, it turned to little account; thereupon I found it very difficult to know what to doe. Major Treat was gone from us, and when like to return, we knew not. Our orders were to leave no men in garrison, but keepe all for a feild armye, w^{ch} was to expose the Towns to manefest hazzard. To sitt still and do nothings is to tire o's: and spoyle o' souldiers, and to ruin y^e country by y^e insupportable burden and charge. All things layd together, I thought it best to goe forth after the enemy wth o' p'sent forces. This once resolved, I sent forth warrants, on y^e 14th instant, early in the morning to Capt. Mosely & Capt. (as he is called) Seely at Hatfeild and Northampton, to repair forthwth to y^e head-quarters, y^t we might be ready for service. Capt. Mosely was accordingly wth us, wth his whole company very speedily. Capt. Seely,† after a Considerable time, came wthout his company, excused their absence by his want of Comission. His comission he produced, & upon debate about it, seemed satisfied; expressing y^t his purpose was to attend any ord^r y^t should be given; I wrote another warrant and gave into his hand, to appear wth his company w^{ch} are about 50 men, the next morning; but in y^e night, he sent a messenger to me wth a note about intillegence from

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† Capt. Seely was stationed at Northampton with a company of Connecticut troops.