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absent & out of the way to Follow after and join you
as soon as they shall be apprized of the Alarm
and when you have marched your men to some part
of our army you are to appoint some officer to head
them in case you return home your self: till some
Further Order may be taken: in this Haile Not
Given under my Hand and Seal at Amesbury this
Nineteenth Day of April in the Twelfth year
of the Reign of George the third Anno Domini: 1775

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Transcript

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