4/4 Litchfield: The Hospitalities of my Fathers House, & his public character, introduced Members of Congress and distinguished Officers of the Army, to my acquaintance, enlarged my ideas of men & things & extended my journeys eastward. In 1779, I first became acquainted with the Generals Steuben, Du Portail & Kosciusko. In 1780, I had my first personal interview, with General Washington & his attendants among whom I recollect, Hamilton & the amiable Meade: I made provision for my [illegible] and escorted them through the district, in the character of an Assistant Quarter Master, in the Department of General Green. I was admitted to the practise of Law, the latter part of the week, and during the week I arrived at Twenty one years of age, in January 1781. I left my Fathers House, to settle myself at Hartford.

I was then very poor, as was the whole Country, having left home with not more than three Dollars at my command. To ef defray my expenses I accepted a Clerkship in the Office of the Committee of Pay Table, of which the Compensation in Specie, on time, did not exceed fifty cents per day including my support.

My diligence in this employment, attracted the notice of the General Assembly of Connecticut, who without any solicitation on my part, even appointed me one of the members of the Committee of Pay Table, which then the antral Board of accounts. Being the Junior Member, it became a part of my duty, to call upon the Council of Safety, at their almost daily sittings & receive and execute their directions. There, under the Fear inspection of the first Governor Trumbull, and the sage vigilance of the Council of Safety,