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[Americana] Ellsworth, Oliver Group of 2 Autograph Documents, signed

Document, signed Hartford, Connecticut, June 6, 1776. 1 p. Autograph document, signed by Oliver Ellsworth, authorizing Secretary Treasurer of the Colony of Connecticut, John Lawrence, to pay 55 pounds 5 shillings to Mr. Moses Kimball, for the purchase of 149 3/4 lbs of salt petre. Creasing from original folds. Corner mounted. Revolutionary War document, signed less than a month before the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Salt petre (potassium nitrate) was a crucial component in making gunpowder, thus indispensable in the the war effort. Together with: Autograph Document, signed Hartford, Connecticut, October 10, 1776. 1 p. Autograph document, signed by Oliver Ellsworth, authorizing Secretary Treasurer of the State of Connecticut, John Lawrence, to pay 31 pounds 6 shillings 10 pence to Mr. _____, for sundry services in service of the state. Creasing from original folds. Corner mounted and matted, with the above, as well as an engraved portrait of Ellsworth.

