

Commemorating the story of independence through a look  
at how French and Americans painted the American  
revolution and independence

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# Examples of "Redcoat" villains



Jason Isaacs as Colonel William Tavington. *The Patriot* [2:14:52], directed by Roland Emmerich, Columbia Pictures, 2000.

Kevin Durand as Captain Frederick Gideon. *Locke & Key*, 2022, Netflix. Season 3, Episode 3, “Five Minutes Past” [31:50].



Protesters walking towards the United States Capitol during the Taxpayer March on Washington on September 12, 2009.  
Source: [Wikipedia](#), Public Domain.



*Americans throwing the Cargoes of the Tea Ships into the River,  
at Boston*

A 1789 engraving of the destruction of tea during the Boston Tea Party. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).



The Gadsden Flag. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).

Tea Party Protest in Dallas, Texas, in April 2009 © Matthew T. Rader. Source: [Wikipedia](#), CC BY-SA 4.0.



Outside the US Capitol during the January 6, 2021 attack on the building © Tyler Merbler.  
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DELACROIX, Eugène. 1830. *La Liberté guidant le peuple*. Louvre Museum, Paris, oil on canvas, 260 cm x 325 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).



LEUTZE, Emmanuel. 1851. *Washington Crossing the Delaware*. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, oil on canvas, 378.5 cm x 647.7 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).

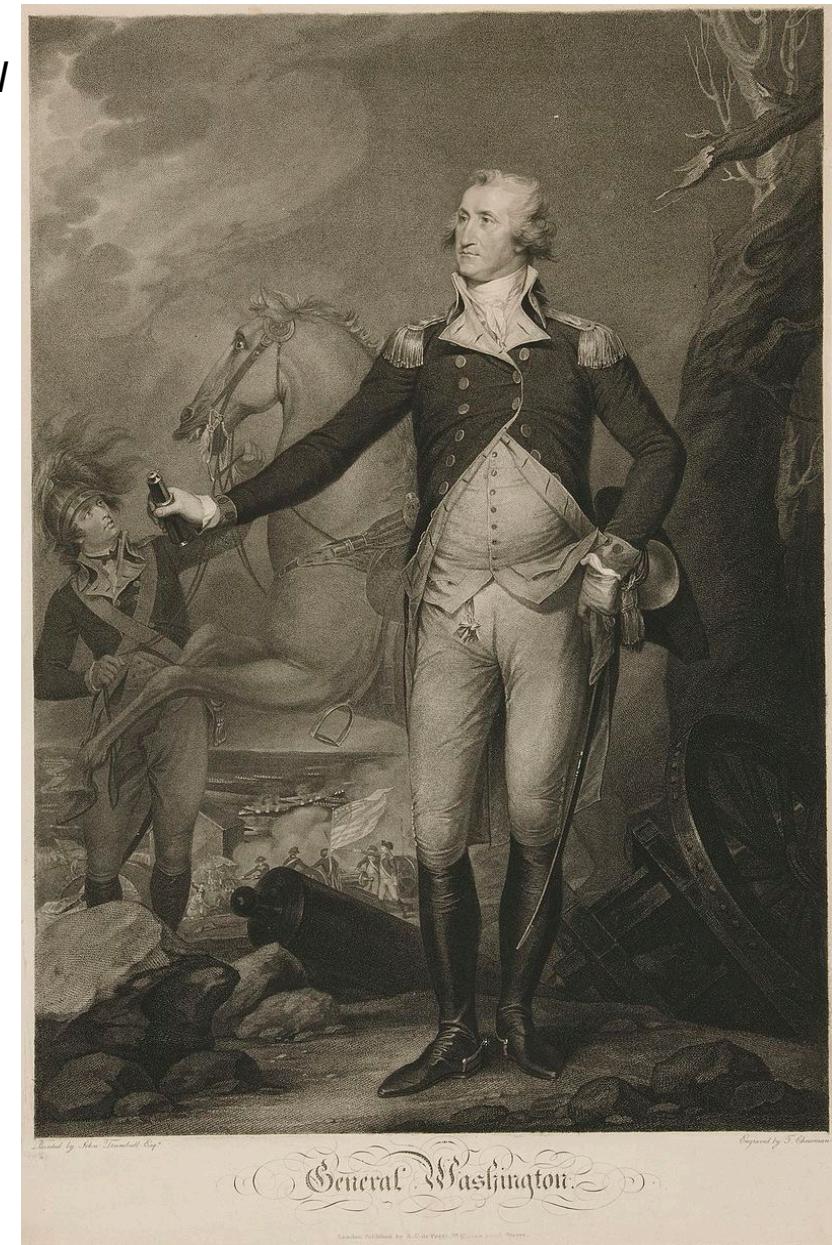


Left: TRUMBULL, John. 1792. *General George Washington at Trenton*. Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, oil on canvas, 76.2 cm x 61 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).

Right: CHEESMAN, Thomas. 1796. Engraving after *General George Washington at Trenton*. Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, 63 cm x 45 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).

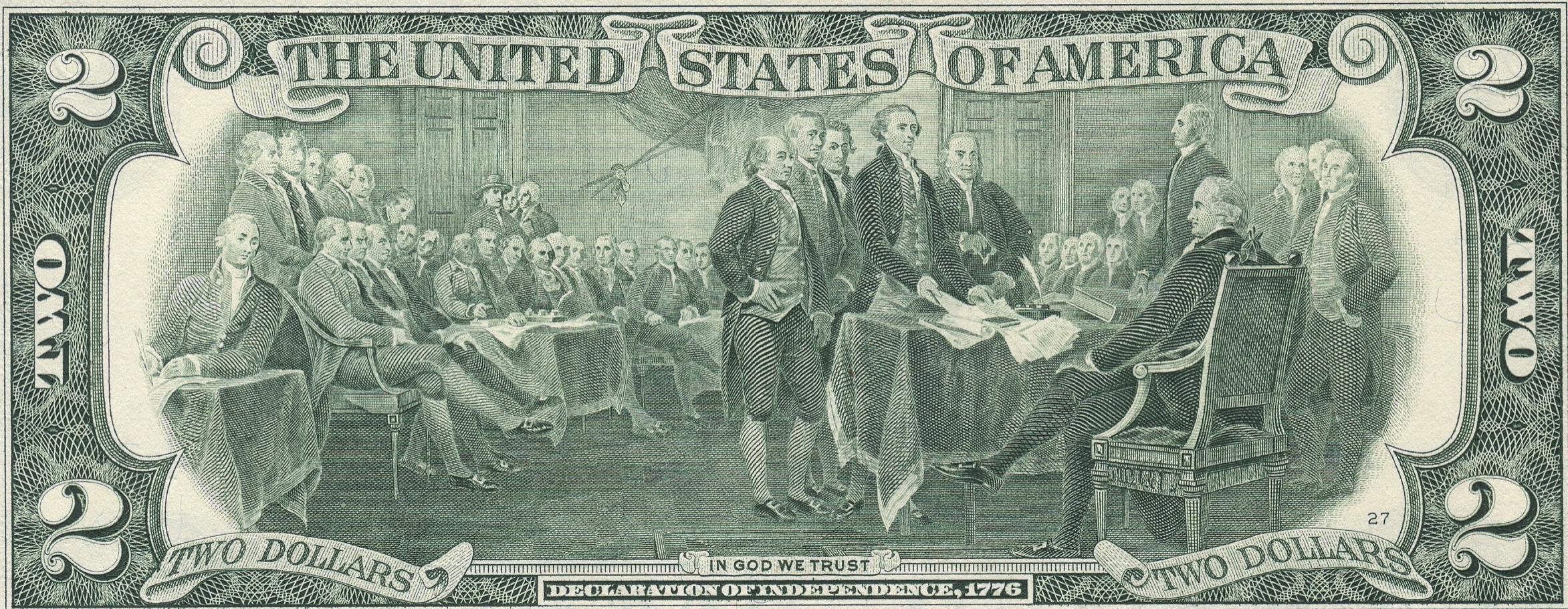


Stamps issued 1860 and 1932.





TRUMBULL, John. 1819. *Declaration of Independence*. United States Capitol, Washington, D.C., oil on canvas, 365.8 cm x 548.6 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).

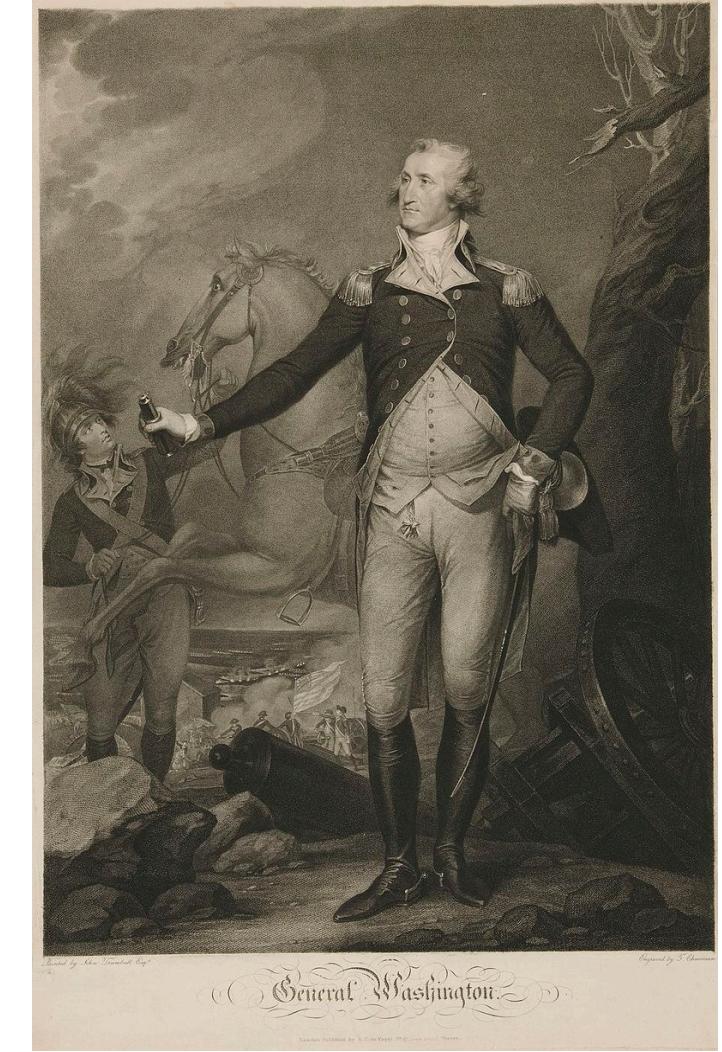
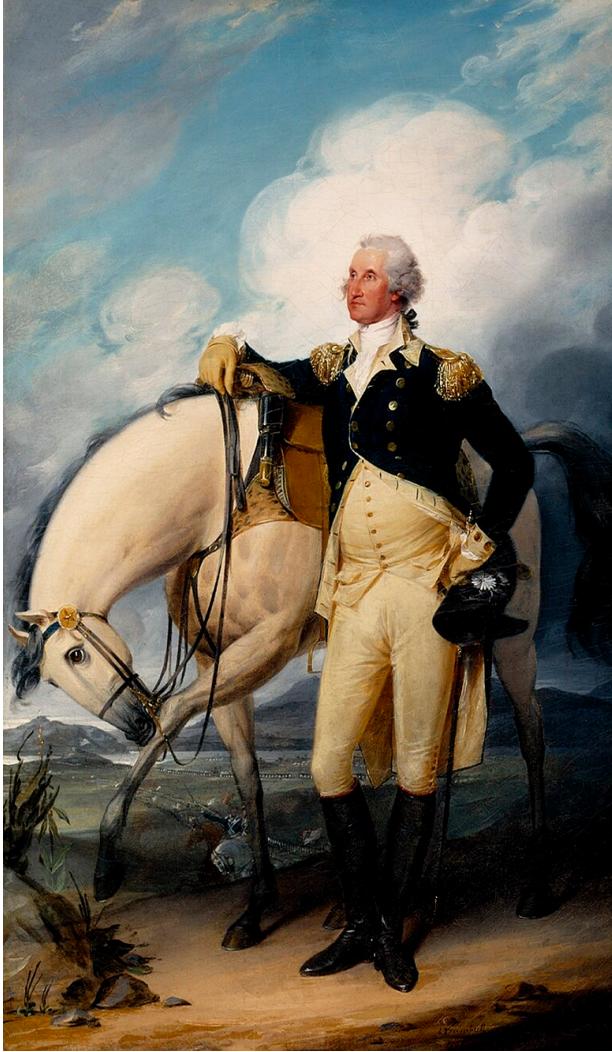


U.S. two-dollar bill, Bureau of Engraving and Printing: U.S. Department of the Treasury.  
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UNKNOWN FRENCH ARTIST. 1784. *Allegory of France Liberating America.* Château de Versailles, Versailles, oil on canvas, 266 cm x 195 cm. Source: [Bulletin du Centre de Recherche du Château de Versailles](#) © Photo RMN-Grand Palais (Château de Blérancourt) / Gérard Blot.

SAVAGE, Edward. 1796. *Liberty: In the form of the Goddess of Youth, giving Support to the Bald Eagle.* Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., mezzotint engraving, 62.2 cm x 47.8 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).



**From left to right:** TRUMBULL, John. 1792. *General George Washington at Trenton*. Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, oil on canvas, 76.2 cm x 61 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).

TRUMBULL, John. 1790. *Washington at Verplanck's Point*. Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library, Delaware, oil on canvas, 76.5 cm x 51.1 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).

CHEESMAN, Thomas. 1796. Engraving after *General George Washington at Trenton*. Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, 63 cm x 45 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).



TRUMBULL, John. 1786. *The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, June 17, 1775*. Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, oil on canvas, 91.4 cm x 122 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).



TRUMBULL, John. 1786. *The Death of General Montgomery in the Attack on Quebec, December 31, 1775*. Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, oil on canvas, 91.4 cm x 122 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).



WEST, Benjamin. 1770. *The Death of General Wolfe*. National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, oil on canvas, 152.4 cm x 214 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).

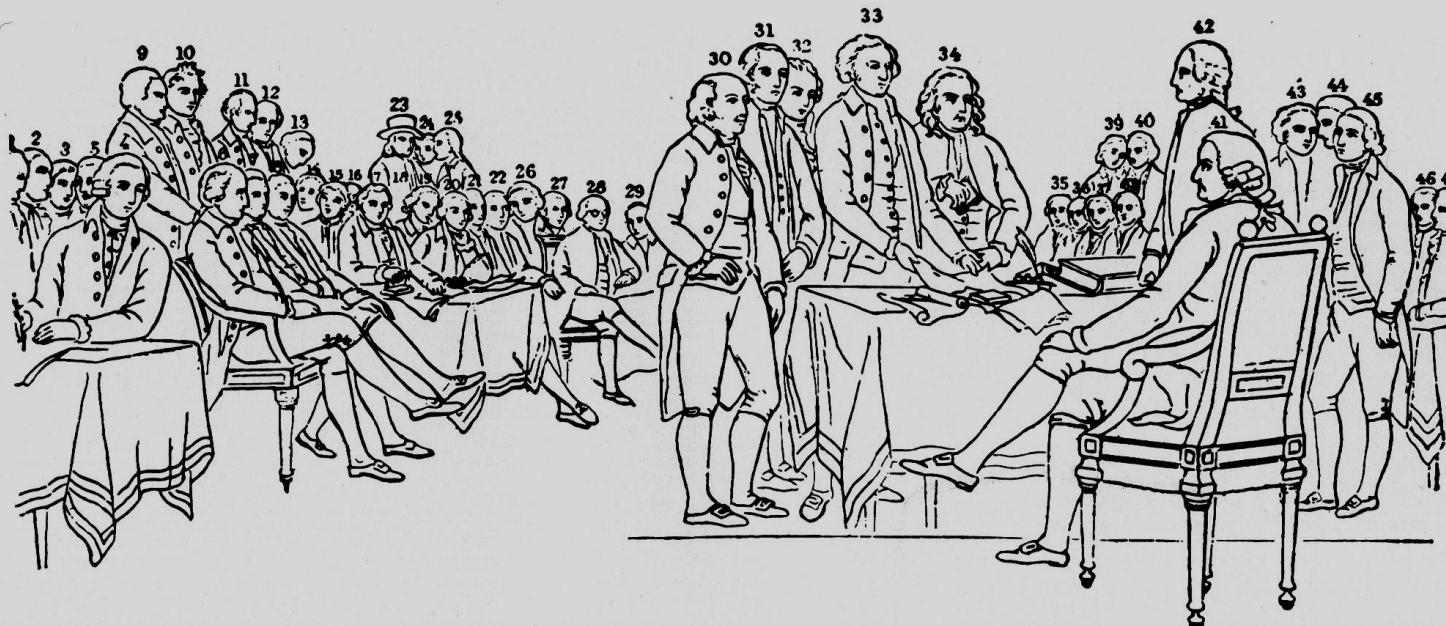


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TRUMBULL, John. 1786-1820. *The Declaration of Independence* John. Yale Gallery Art Gallery, oil on canvas, 53 cm x 78.7 com. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
In Congress, at the Independence Hall, Philadelphia, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776.



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|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. George Wythe, Virginia         | 13. Arthur Middleton, South Carolina    | 25. George Clymer, Pennsylvania     | 37. John Witherspoon, New Jersey              |
| 2. William Whipple, New Hampshire | 14. Thomas Heyward, Jr., South Carolina | 26. William Hooper, North Carolina  | 38. Samuel Huntington, Connecticut            |
| 3. Josiah Bartlett, New Hampshire | 15. Charles Carroll, Maryland           | 27. Joseph Hewes, North Carolina    | 39. William Williams, Connecticut             |
| 4. Benjamin Harrison, Virginia    | 16. George Walton, Georgia              | 28. James Willson, Pennsylvania     | 40. Oliver Wolcott, Connecticut               |
| 5. Thomas Lynch, South Carolina   | *18. Robert Morris, Pennsylvania        | 29. Francis Hopkinson, New Jersey   | 41. John Hancock, Massachusetts               |
| 6. Richard Henry Lee, Virginia    | 19. Benjamin Rush, Pennsylvania         | 30. John Adams, Massachusetts       | *42. Charles Thomson, Secretary, Pennsylvania |
| 7. Samuel Adams, Massachusetts    | 20. Elbridge Gerry, Massachusetts       | 31. Roger Sherman, Connecticut      | 43. George Read, Delaware                     |
| *8. George Clinton, New York      | 21. Robert Treat Paine, Massachusetts   | *32. Robert R. Livingston, New York | *44. John Dickinson, Pennsylvania             |
| 9. William Paca, Maryland         | 22. Abraham Clark, New Jersey           | 33. Thomas Jefferson, Virginia      | 45. Edward Rutledge, South Carolina           |
| 10. Samuel Chase, Maryland        | 23. Stephen Hopkins, Rhode Island       | 34. Benjamin Franklin, Pennsylvania | 46. Thomas McKean, Delaware                   |
| 11. Lewis Morris, New York        | 24. William Ellery, Rhode Island        | 35. Richard Stockton, New Jersey    | 47. Philip Livingston, New York               |
| 12. William Floyd, New York       |   | 36. Francis Lewis, New York         |   |

There were 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. The painting portrays only 47. The 5 men whose names are starred were not signers. The portraits of the following 14 signers do not appear in the painting.

Matthew Thornton, New Hampshire  
John Hart, New Jersey  
John Morton, Pennsylvania  
James Smith, Pennsylvania

George Taylor, Pennsylvania  
George Ross, Pennsylvania  
Caesar Rodney, Delaware  
Thomas Stone, Maryland

Thomas Nelson, Jr., Virginia  
Francis Lightfoot Lee, Virginia  
Carter Braxton, Virginia  
John Penn, North Carolina

Button Gwinnett, Georgia  
Lyman Hall, Georgia



LEUTZE, Emmanuel. 1851. *Washington Crossing the Delaware*. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, oil on canvas, 378.5 cm x 647.7 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).



COUDER, Louis Charles Auguste. 1836. *Bataille de Yorktown*. Musée national des Châteaux de Versailles et de Trianon, Versailles, oil on canvas, 260 cm x 325 cm. Source: [Wikipedia](#), [Public Domain](#).