

18th Century Material Culture

Portrait Artists in America

Charles Willson Peale - II of II



Charles Willson Peale

- Born in 1741 to Charles and Margaret Peale of Chester, Queen Anne's County, Maryland
- Older brother to painter James Peale (1749 - 1831)
- Apprentice to a saddle maker at the age of 13
- Studied for a time under John Hesselius, John Singleton Copley, John Beale Bordley and Benjamin West in London in 1767
- Married Rachel Brewer in 1762 who bore him ten children including Raphael in 1774, Rembrandt in 1778, Rubens in 1784 and daughter Angelica Kaufman,
- Returned to America and settled in Annapolis, Maryland where he taught painting to his younger brother, James
- Moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1776
- Served as a Captain of the Philadelphia Associators during the American War for Independence
- Served in the Pennsylvania State Assembly in 1779 - 1780
- After his wife Rachel's death in 1790, he married Elizabeth de Peyster who bore him six children
- Painted "The Staircase Group" in 1795 of his two sons, Raphaelle and Titan Peale

Charles Willson Peale

- With a strong interest in natural history, organized the first United States expedition in 1801
- Found the Philadelphia Museum, later known as Peale's American Museum which featured a diverse collection of biologic, archeologic, and botanical specimens. It was the first to display a mastodon skeleton
- Married Hanna More, a Quaker from Philadelphia, in 1804
- Moses Williams, slave to the Peale family, trained in the arts and became a silhouette artist
- Purchased a farm in Germantown, Pennsylvania in 1801 which he named "Belfield" where he lived with his son Rubens after the death of his wife Hannah
- Had expertise in carpentry, dentistry, optometry, taxidermy and shoemaking and wrote several books
- Passed away on 22 February, 1827



The Edward Lloyd Family
by Charles Willson Peale 1771
(Winterthur)



Member of the Maryland Convention of 1775 & Colonel of the Kent County Militia, Richard Lloyd
by Charles Willson Peale 1775
(Christie's)



Richard Benett Lloyd
by Charles Willson Peale 1771
(Winterthur)



Judge John Lowell
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1772
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



Judge Benjamin Mackall
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1770
(Private Collection)



James Madison of the Continental Congress, Age 32
by Charles Willson Peale 1783
(Library of Congress)



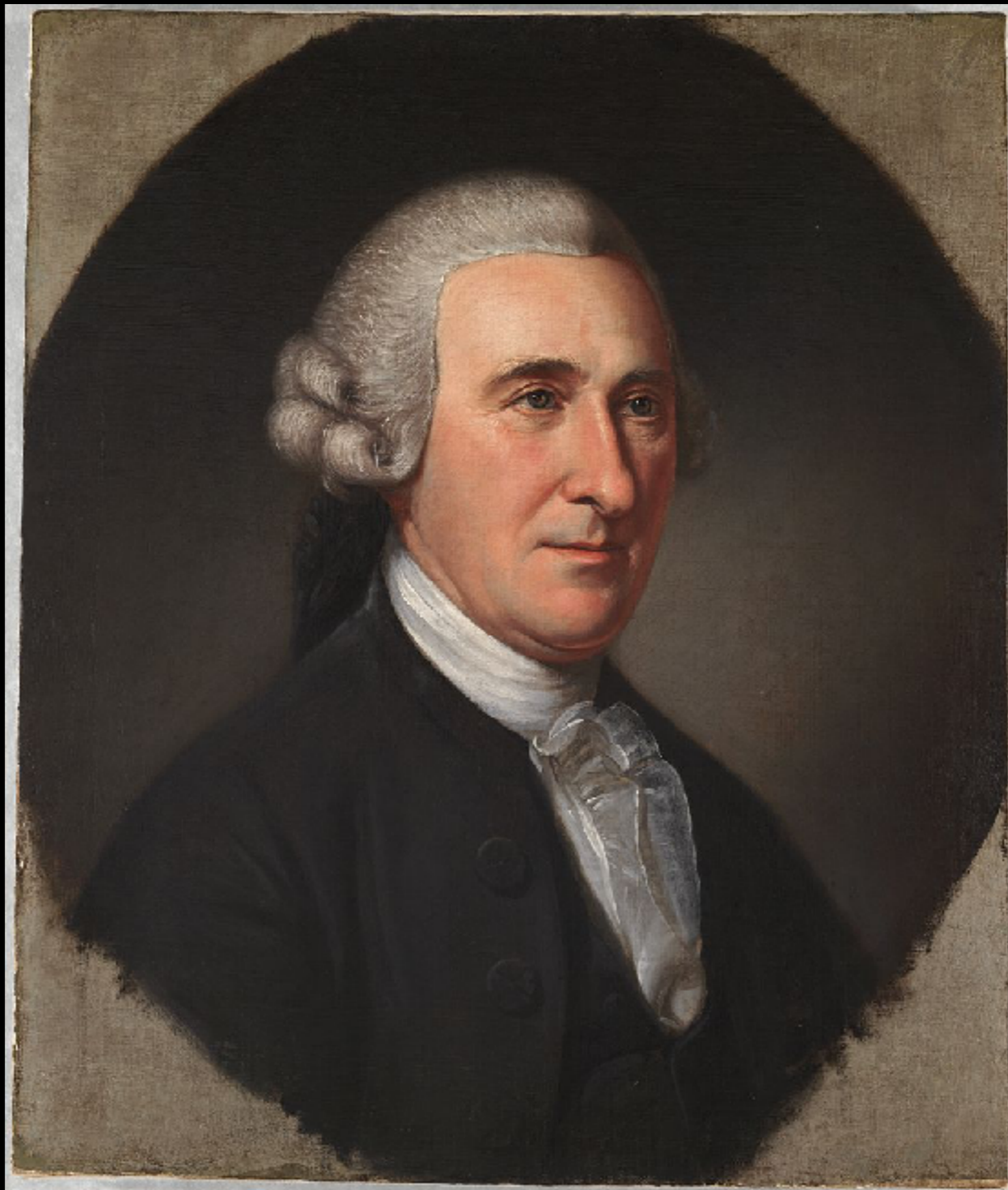
James Madison
by Charles Willson Peale 1792
(Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma)



Timothy Matlack - Colonel, Philadelphia Associators & Transcriber of the Declaration of Independence
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1790
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



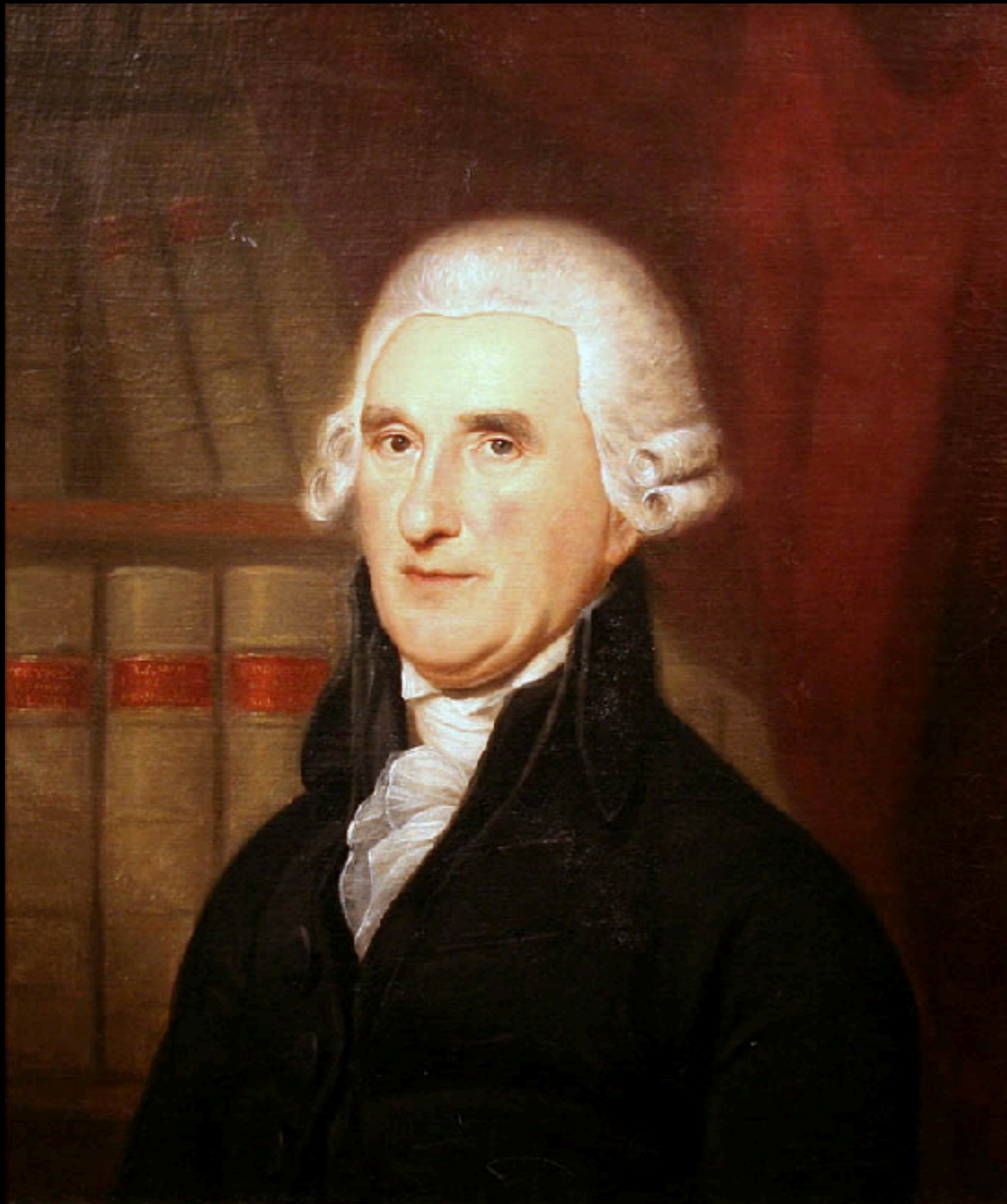
Thomas McKean
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1776 (?)
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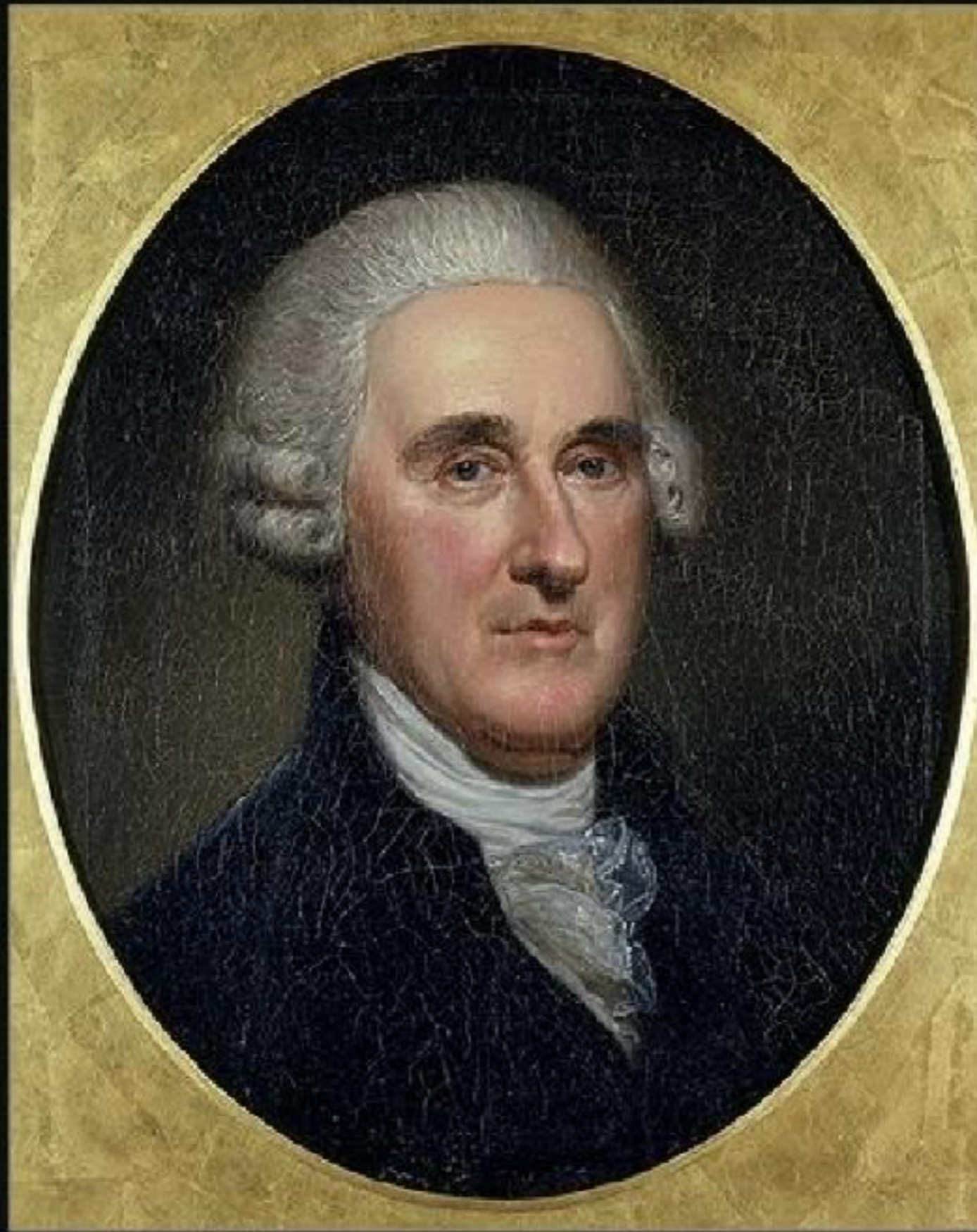
Thomas McKean
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1781 - 1782
(Harvard University Art Museums)



Thomas McKean and His Son, Thomas, Jr.
by Charles Willson Peale 1787
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Governor Thomas McKean
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1788
(National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C.)



Governor Thomas McKean
by Charles Willson Peale 1797
(Independence National Historical Park)



Mrs. Thomas McKean and Her Daughter, Maria Louisa
by Charles Willson Peale 1787
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Mary Ann MacNeal Macpherson
by Charles Willson Peale 1799
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



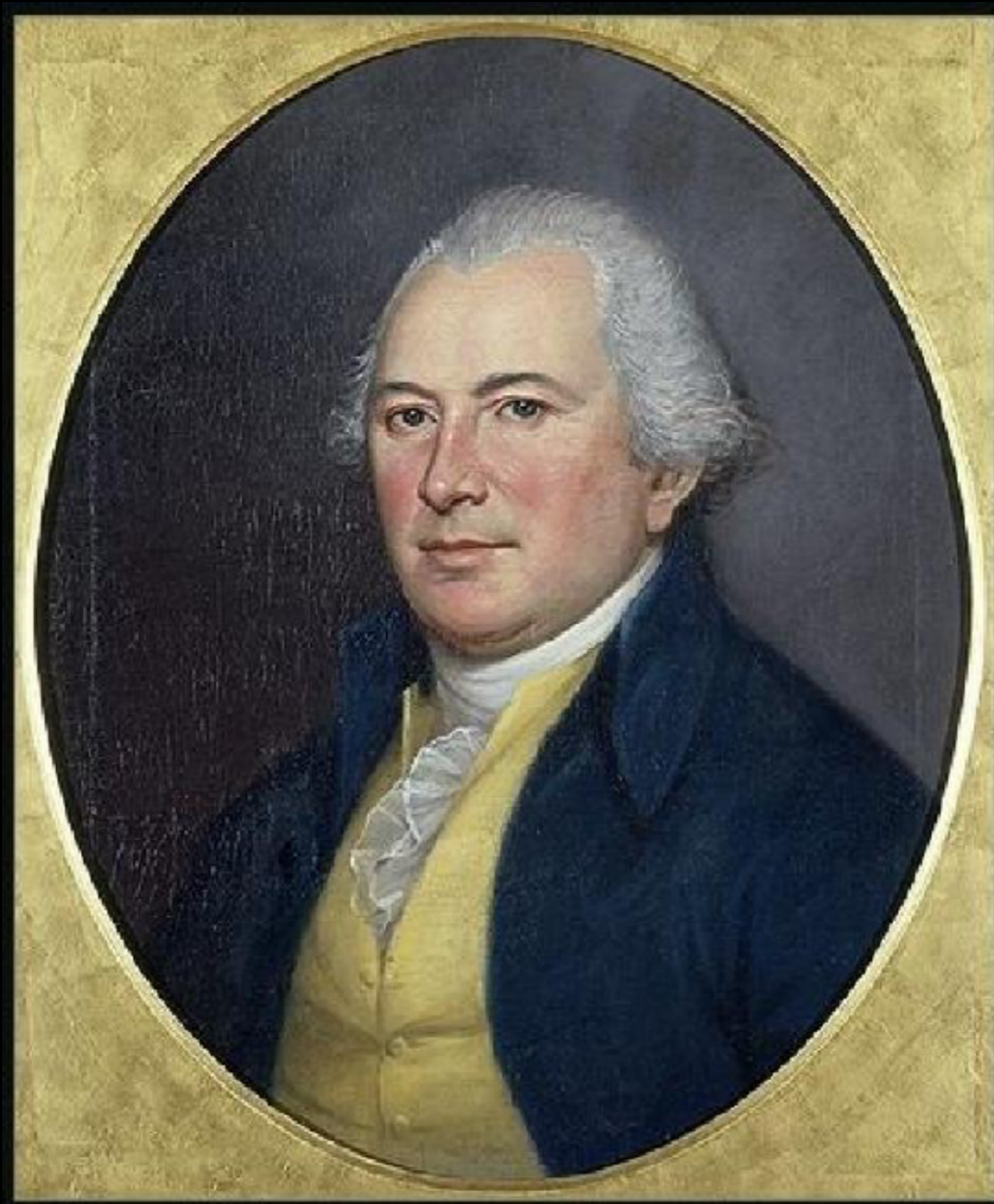
John Fishbourne Mifflin
Possibly Attributed to Charles Willson Peale 1782
(Thomaston Place Auction Galleries, Maine)



Samuel Mifflin, Commander of 3 Artillery Battalions & Member of Pennsylvania's Council of Safety During the American Revolution
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1777 - 1780
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Mrs. Samuel Mifflin and Her Granddaughter, Rebecca Mifflin Francis
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1777 - 1780
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



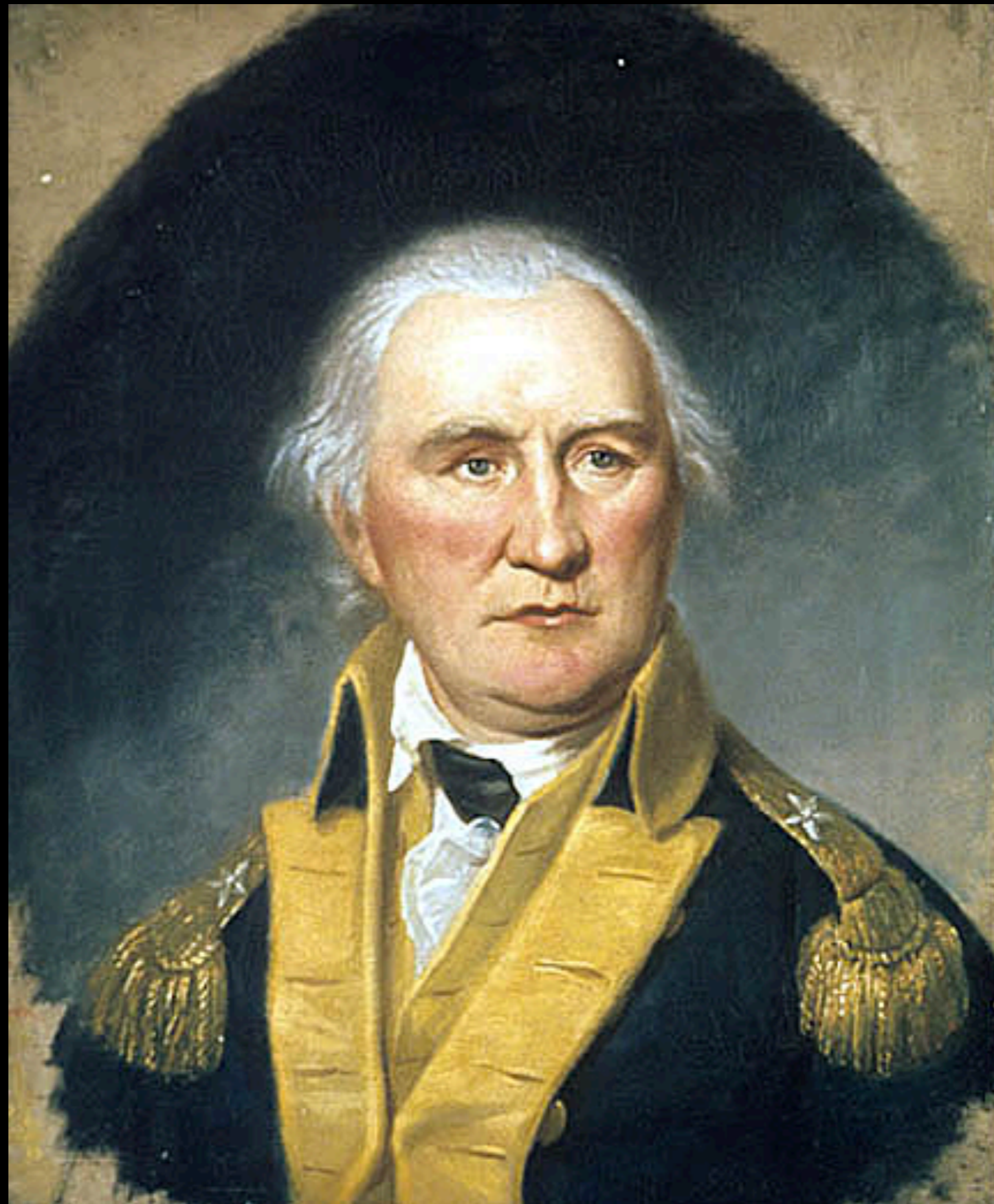
Thomas Mifflin
by Charles Willson Peale 1784
(Independence National Historical Park)



Mrs. Robert Milligan (Sarah Cantwell Jones) and Her Daughter Catherine Mary
by Charles Willson Peale 1791
(Winterthur)



Richard Montgomery
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1784 - 1786
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Daniel Morgan
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1794
(Independence National Historical Park)



Daniel Morgan
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



General Jacob Morris of the 4th New York Regiment
by Charles Willson Peale
(Louis Diami, LLC)



Mrs. Jacob Morris (Mary)
by Charles Willson Peale
(Louis Diami, LLC)



Robert Morris, United States Minister of Finance & Signer of the Declaration of Independence
by Charles Willson Peale 1783
(Independence National Historical Park)



Robert Morris and his Brother, and Assistant, Gouverneur
by Charles Willson Peale 1783
(Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts)



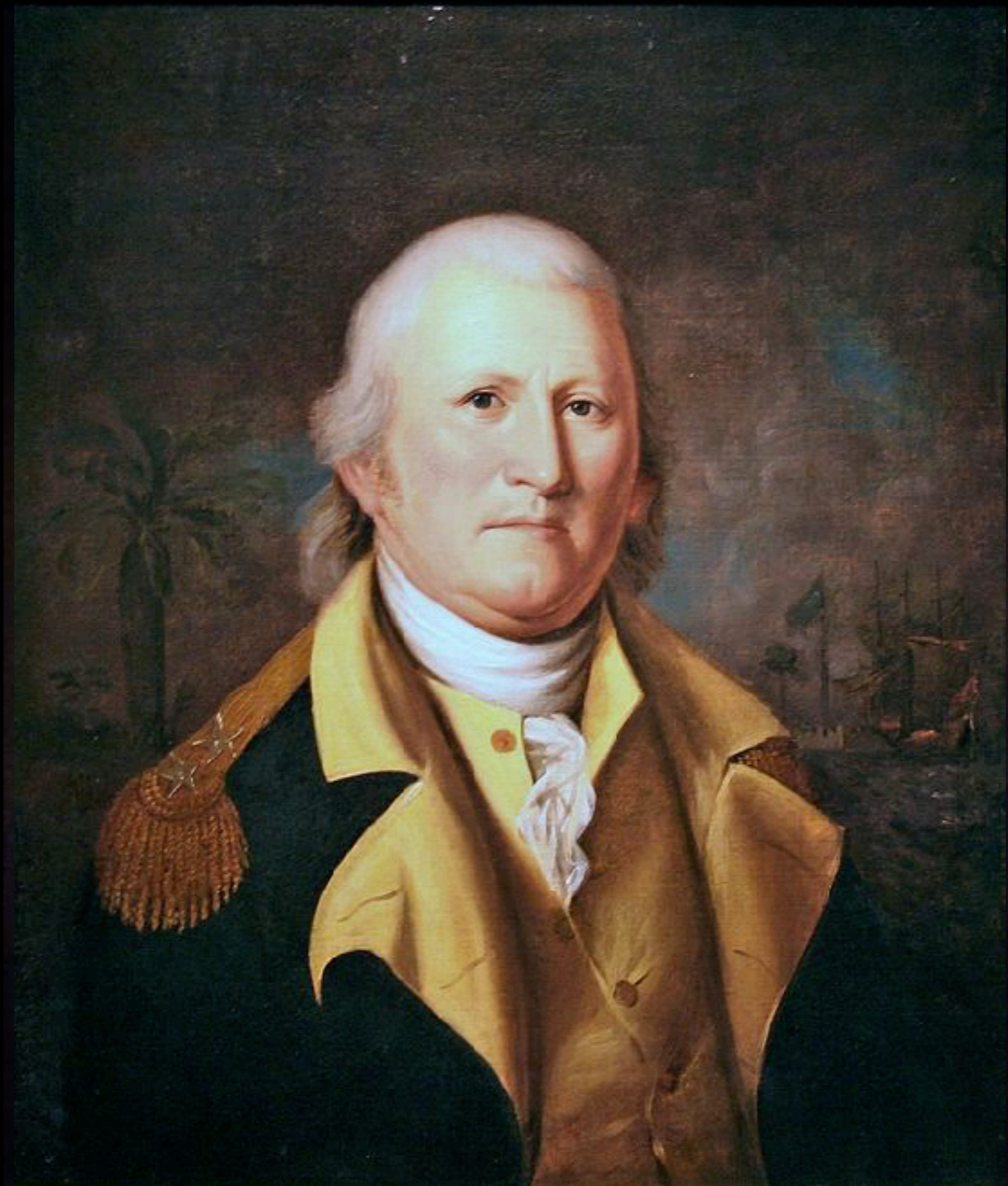
Mrs. Robert (Mary) Morris
by Charles Willson Peale 1783
(Independence National Historical Park)



Hannah Cadwalader Morris (1715 - 1787)
by Charles Willson Peale
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Otto Louis - Guillaume, Comte de Mosloy
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1780
(Smithsonian American Art Museum, Renwick Gallery)



Major General William Moultrie
by Charles Willson Peale 1782
(National Portrait Gallery)



John Nicholson
by Charles Willson Peale 1790
(Art Institute of Chicago)



Mrs. John Nicholson (Hannah Duncan) and John Nicholson, Jr.
by Charles Willson Peale 1790
(Art Institute of Chicago)



General William North
by Charles Willson Peale 1785
(Detroit Institute of Arts)



Mrs. John O'Donnell
by Charles Willson Peale 1787
(Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, Virginia)



Mrs. John O'Donnell
by Charles Willson Peale 1787
(Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, Virginia)



Mary O'Donnell
by Charles Willson Peale 1791
(Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, Virginia)



William Paca of Maryland
by Charles Willson Peale 1772
(Maryland State Art Collection)



William Paca
by Charles Willson Peale
(Maryland State Archives)



John Philemon Paca
by Charles Willson Peale
(Historic Annapolis)



Captain Charles Willson Peale of the Philadelphia Associators
by Charles Willson Peale
(American Philosophical Society)



Self Portrait with the Artist's Daughter, Angelica, Painting a Portrait of His Wife, Rachel
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1782 - 1785
(Museum of Fine Arts, Houston)



Self Portrait
by Charles Willson Peale 1790
(Unknown)



“Rachel Weeping” (Mrs. Charles Wilson Peale with the Couple’s Daughter, Margaret, Who Died of Smallpox)
by Charles Willson Peale 1772
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Mrs. Charles Wilson Peale, the Artist's First Wife (Rachel Brewer)
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1790
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Mrs. Charles Wilson Peale (Rachel Brewer) with the Couple's Daughter, Baby Eleanor
by Charles Willson Peale 1790
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Mrs. Charles Wilson Peale, the Artist's Second Wife (Elizabeth DePeyster)
by Charles Willson Peale
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



The Artist's Mother, Mrs. Charles Peale, and Her Grandchildren
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1783
(Private Collection)



The Peale Family
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1771 - 1773
(New York Historical Society)



James Peale
by Charles Willson Peale 1788
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



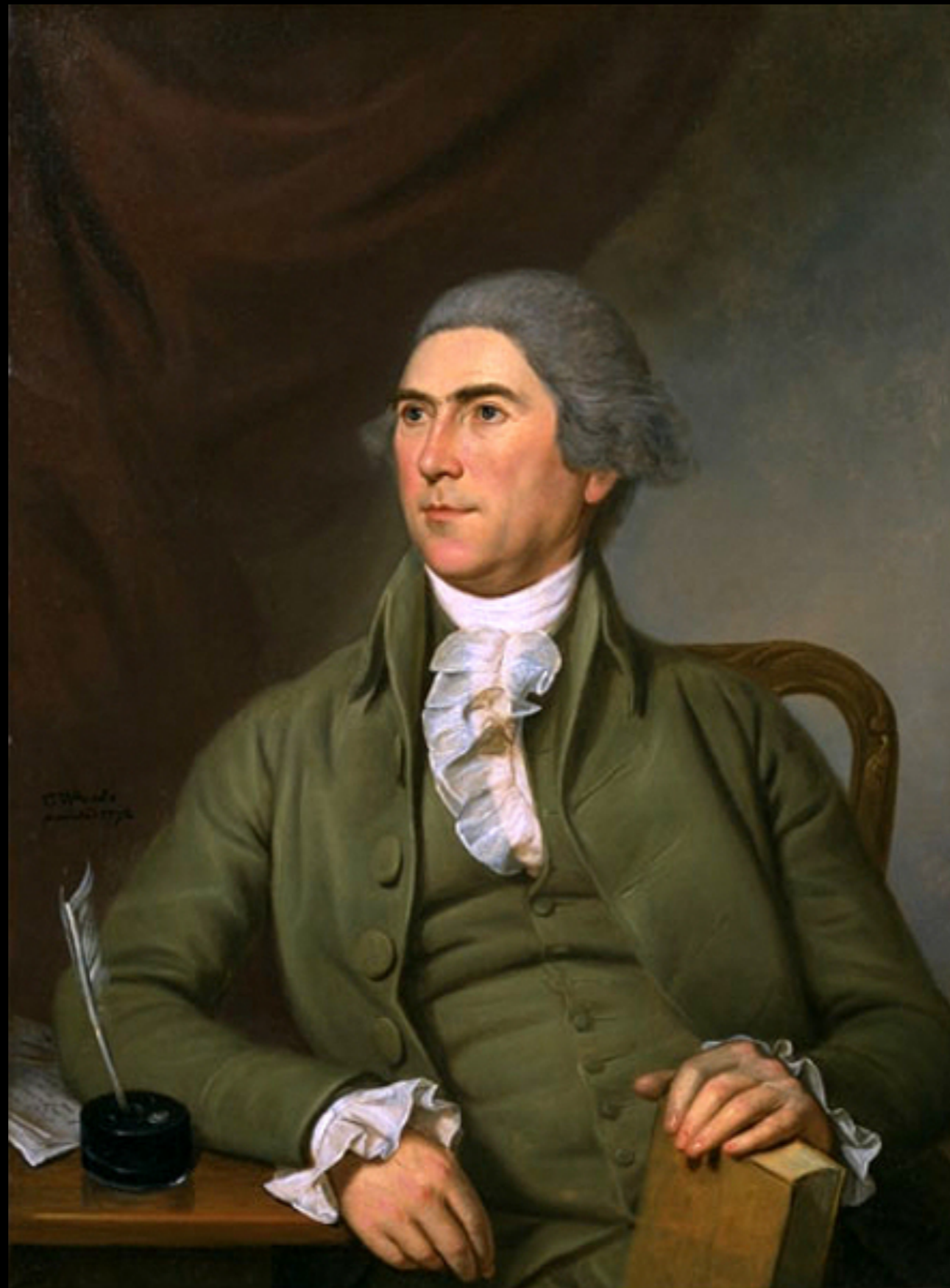
James Peale, the Artist's Younger Brother
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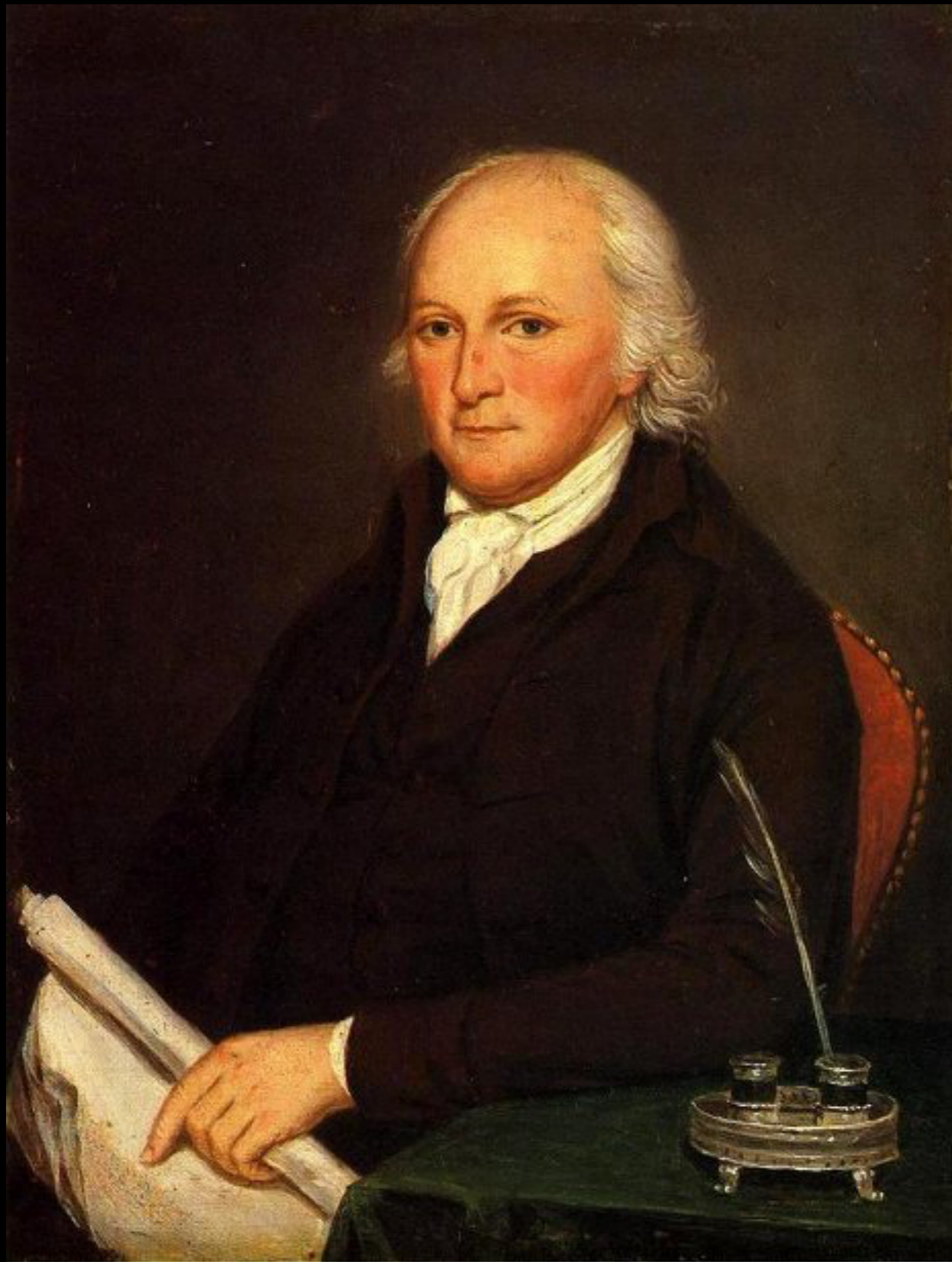
Mrs. James Peale (Mary Claywood)
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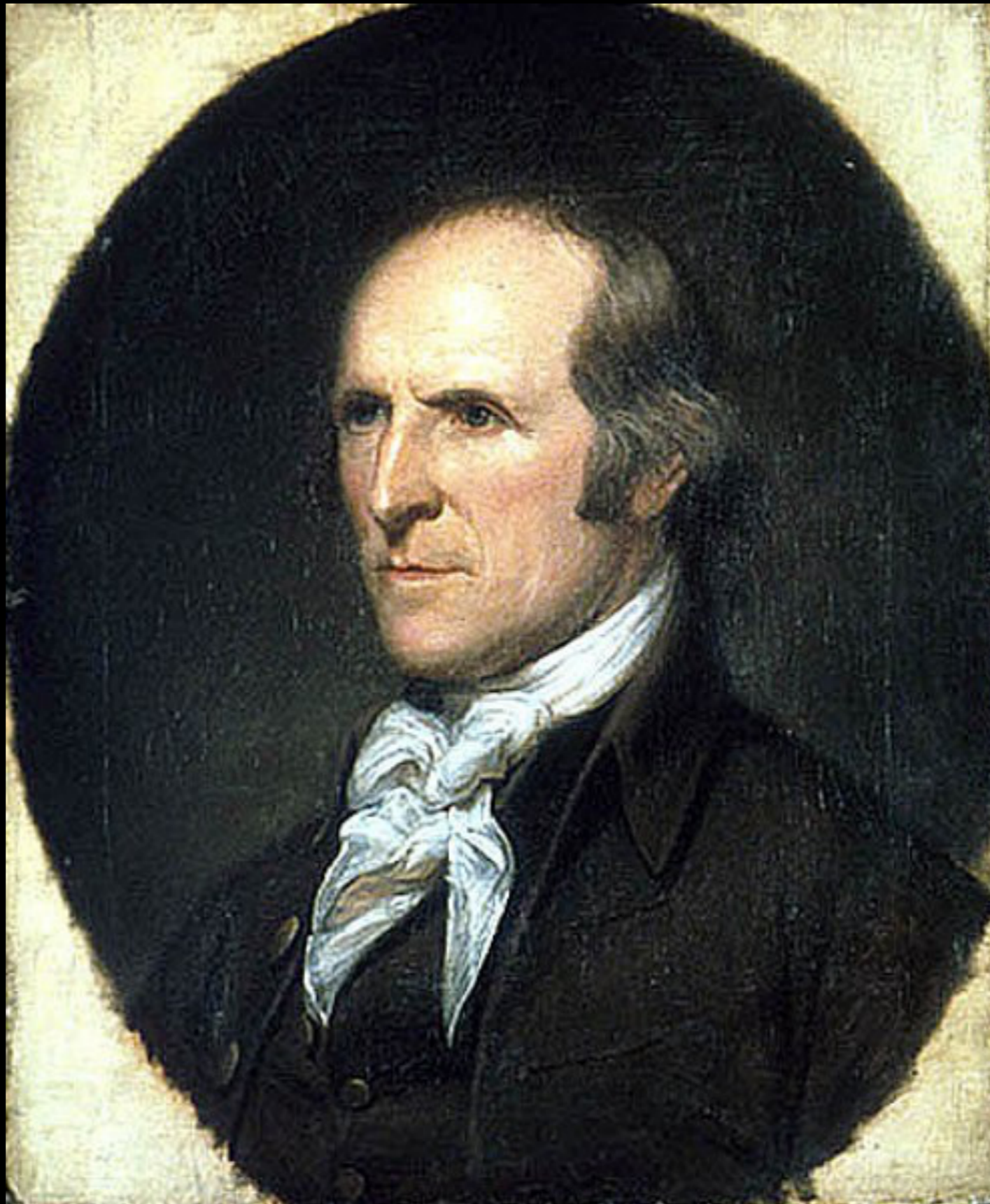
The Staircase Group – Raphaele Peale And Titian Ramsay Peale
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(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



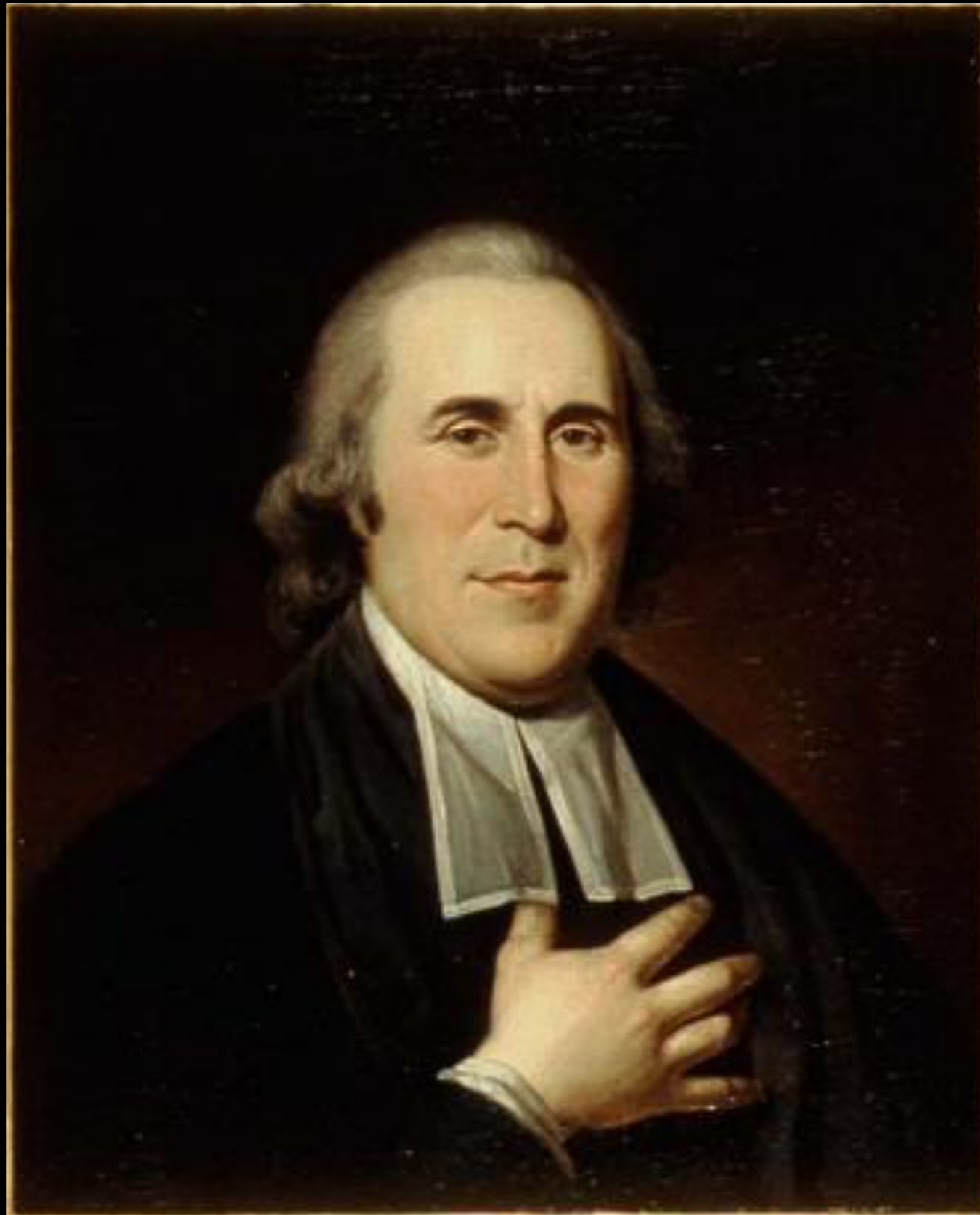
Charles Petit
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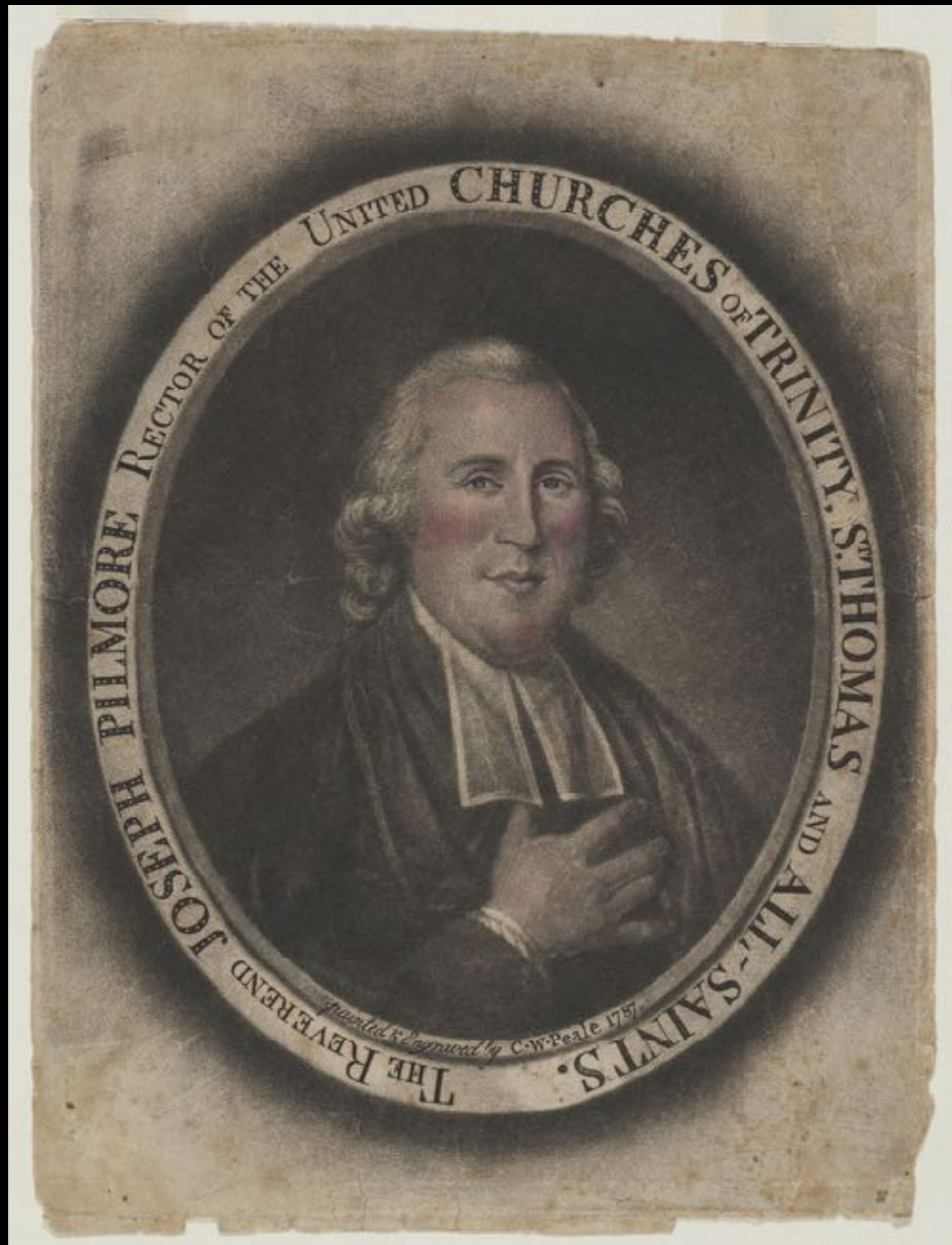
Edmund Physick
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



Timothy Pickering
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1792 - 1793
(Independence National Historical Park)



The Reverend Joseph Pilmore
by Charles Willson Peale 1787
(Kalamazoo Institute of Arts)



The Reverend Joseph Pilmore
“painted & Engraved” by Charles Willson Peale
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Mary Wood Pilmore (Mary Benezet)
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1775
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Mrs. Robert Polk (Elisabeth Digby Peale)
by Charles Willson Peale
(Heritage Auctions)



Ann Proctor
by Charles Willson Peale 1789
(Harmond - Harwood House)



Robert Ralston
by Charles Willson Peale
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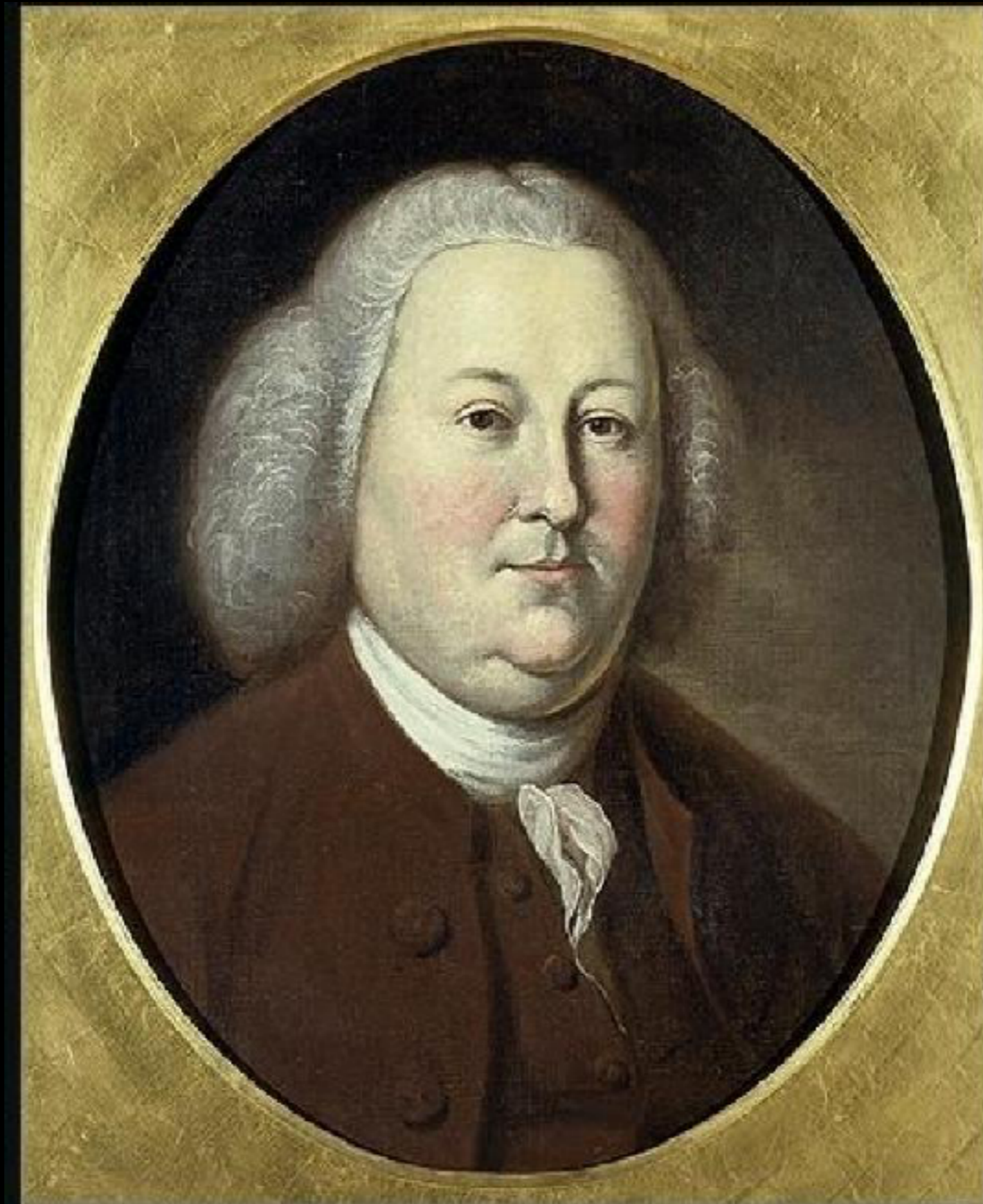
Lieutenant Colonel Nathaniel Ramsey of the 3rd Maryland Regiment
by Charles Willson Peale
(Independence National Historic Park)



Lieutenant Colonel Nathaniel Ramsey of the 3rd Maryland Regiment
by Charles Willson Peale
(Private Collection - Frick Art Reference Library)



Benjamin Randolph (1721 - 1791)
by Charles Willson Peale
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



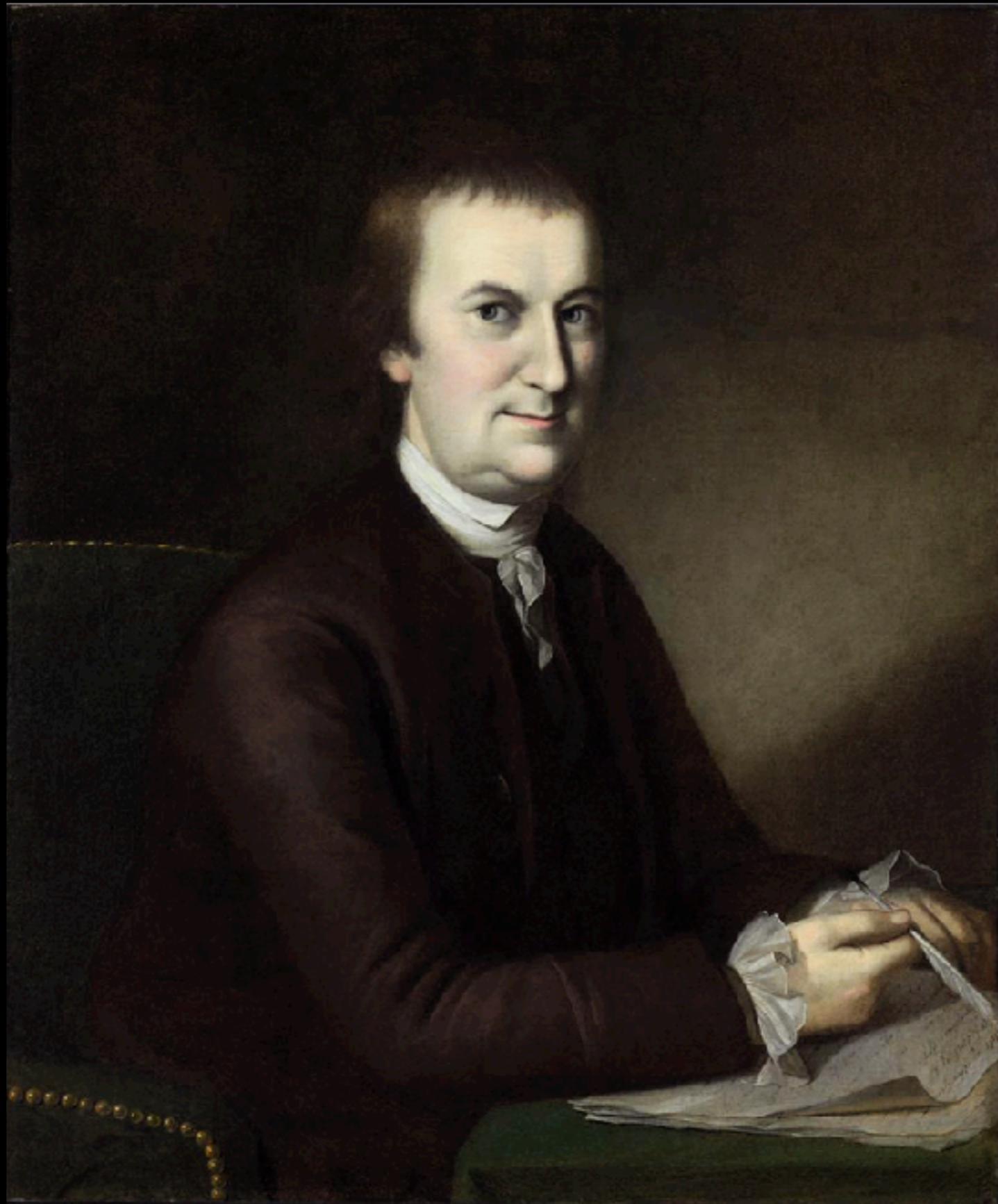
Peyton Randolph
by Charles Willson Peale 1782
(Independence National Historical Park)



Joseph Reed of Pennsylvania
by Charles Willson Peale
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Mrs. Joseph Reed (Ester De Berdt)
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



Mr. Thomas Ringgold, Jr.
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1773
(Baltimore Museum of Art)



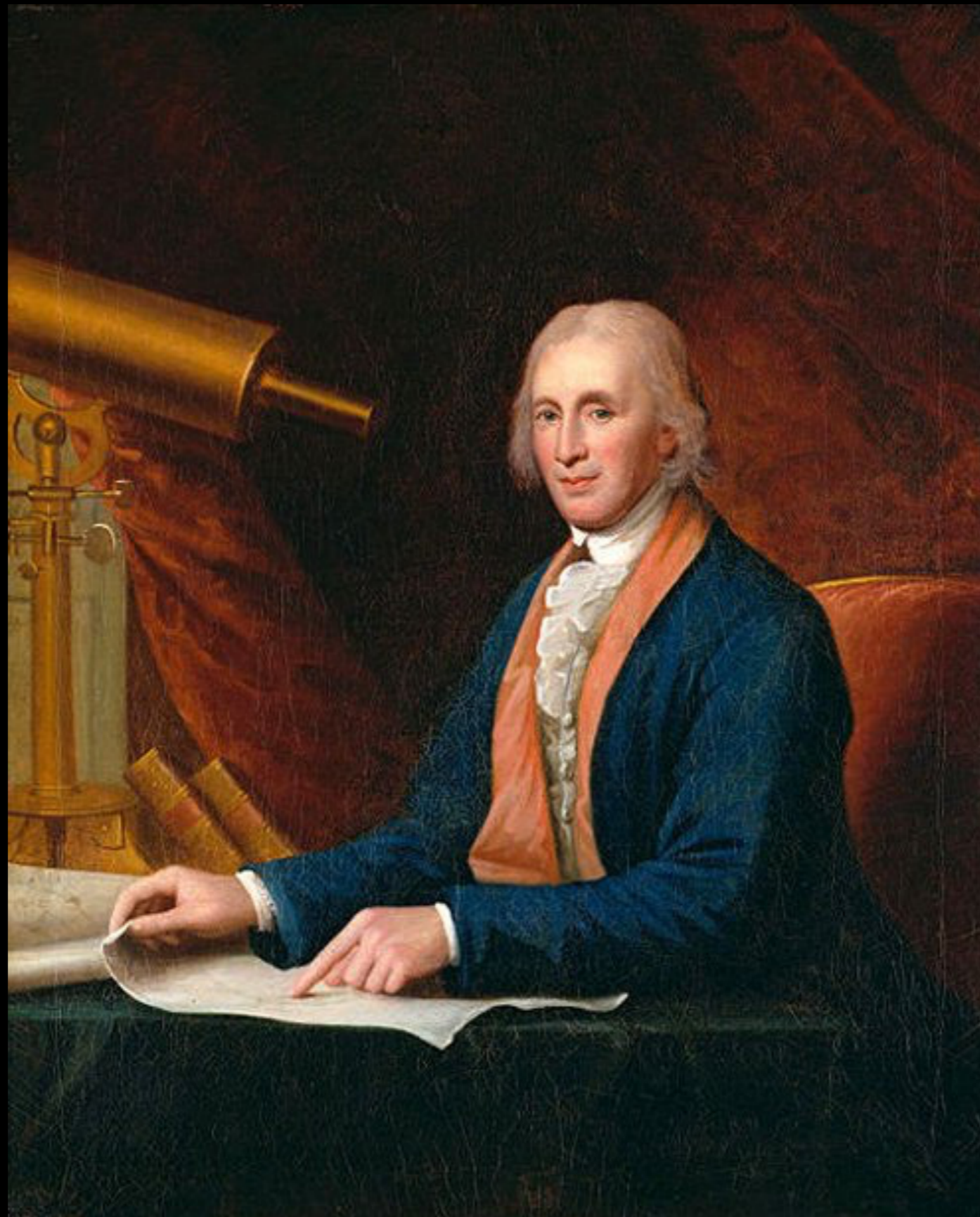
Mrs. Thomas Ringgold, Sr.
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1773
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David Rittenhouse, Astronomer, Surveyor, Mathematician & Scientific Instrument Craftsman
by Charles Willson Peale 1791
(National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C.)



David Rittenhouse, Astronomer, Surveyor, Mathematician & Scientific Instrument Craftsman
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1795
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



David Rittenhouse, Astronomer, Surveyor, Mathematician & Scientific Instrument Craftsman
by Charles Willson Peale 1796
(National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C.)



Mrs. Edward Roberts (Mary Tighman)
by Charles Willson Peale
(Maryland Historical Society)



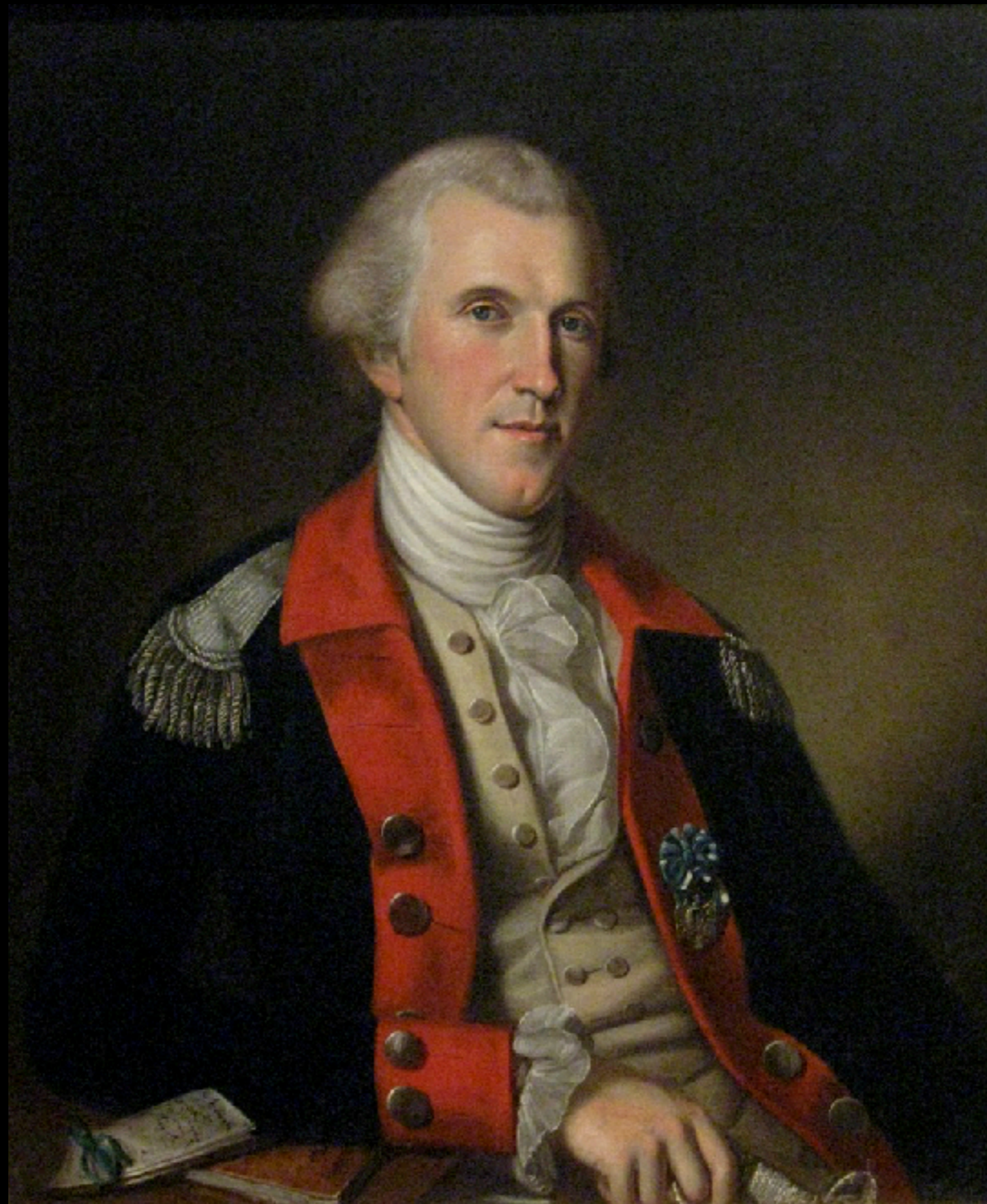
Jean-Baptiste-Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1782
(Independence National Historical Park)



Jean-Baptiste-Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau
by Charles Willson Peale 1782
(Independence National Historical Park)



Mr. And Mrs. Alexander Robinson
by Charles Willson Peale
(Reynolda House Museum of American Art)



Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Robinson of the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment
by Charles Willson Peale 1784
(2nd Bank of the United States - Photograph by Gregory Urwin)



Brigadier General Tuffin Charles Armand, marquis de la Rouerie
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



Dr. Benjamin Rush
by Charles Willson Peale
(Winterthur)



Mrs. Benjamin Rush (Julia Stockton)
by Charles Willson Peale 1776
(Winterthur)



Thomas Russell
by Charles Willson Peale
(Private Collection)



Mrs. Thomas Russell
by Charles Willson Peale
(Private Collection)



Major Jonathan Sellman of the Maryland Line
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1776
(Private Collection)



Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant
by Charles Willson Peale
(Princeton University Art Gallery)



Thomas and Henry Sergeant
by Charles Willson Peale 1787
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



Colonel Isaac Sidman of the Pennsylvania Militia
Possibly by Charles Willson Peale 1776
(The Museum of the American Revolution)



Major General William Smallwood
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1781 - 1782
(Independence National Historical Park - National Park Service)



Major General William Smallwood
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1788
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Mrs. James Smith and Grandson
by Charles Willson Peale 1776
(Smithsonian American Art Museum, Renwick Gallery)



Richard Samuel Smith
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



William Smith and His Grandson
by Charles Willson Peale 1788
(Virginia Museum of Fine Arts)



Mrs. Simon Snyder (Elizabeth)
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



Mrs. William Strachan
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1770 - 1772
(Brooklyn Museum)



Colonel Walter Stewart of the Pennsylvania State, Later 13th, Regiment
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1781
(Yale Center for British Art)



Colonel Walter Stewart of the Pennsylvania State, Later 13th, Regiment
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1781
(Ann S.K. Brown Collection, Brown University)



Mrs. Walter Stewart (Deborah McClanahan)
by Charles Willson Peale 1782
(Yale University Art Gallery)



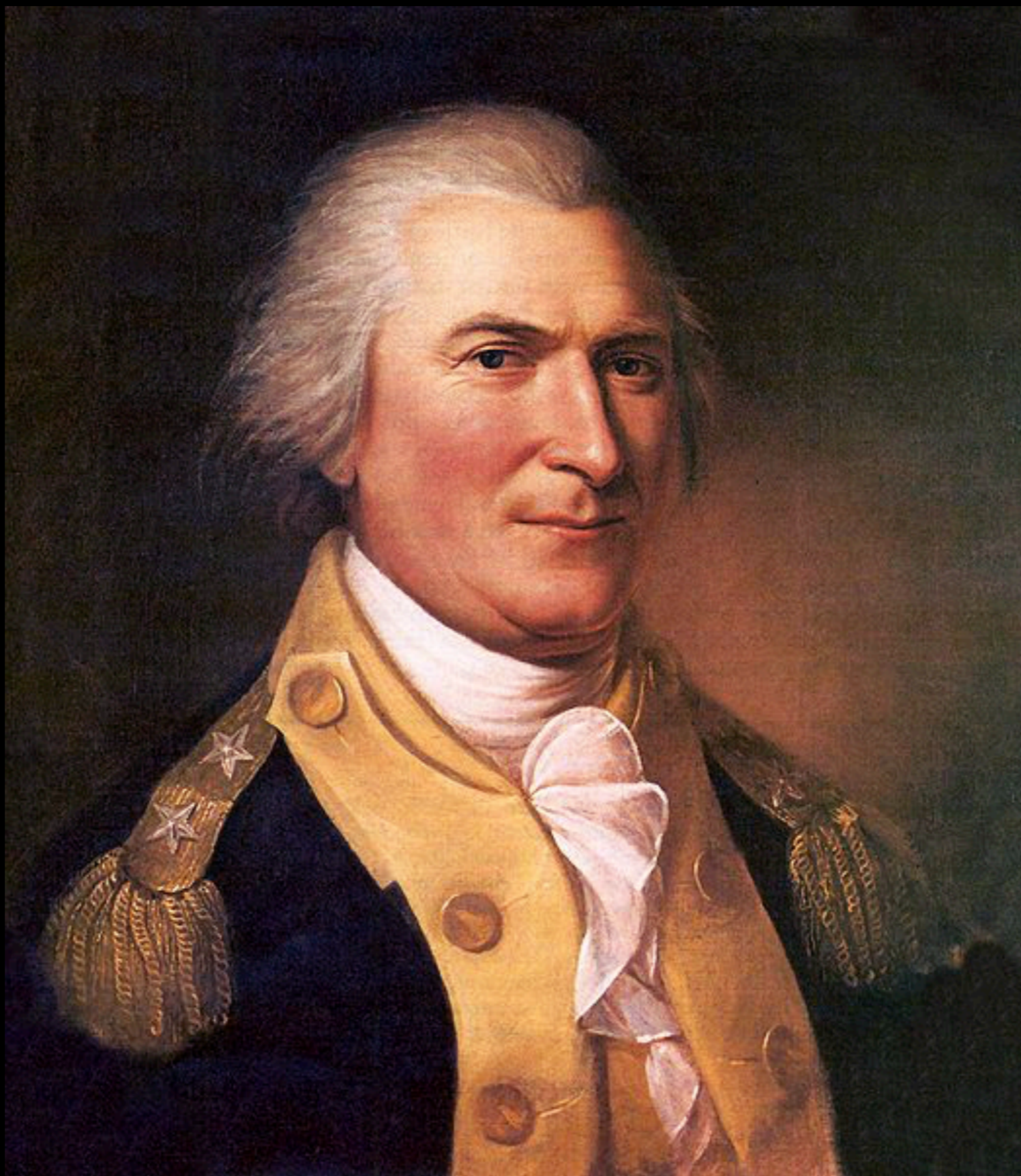
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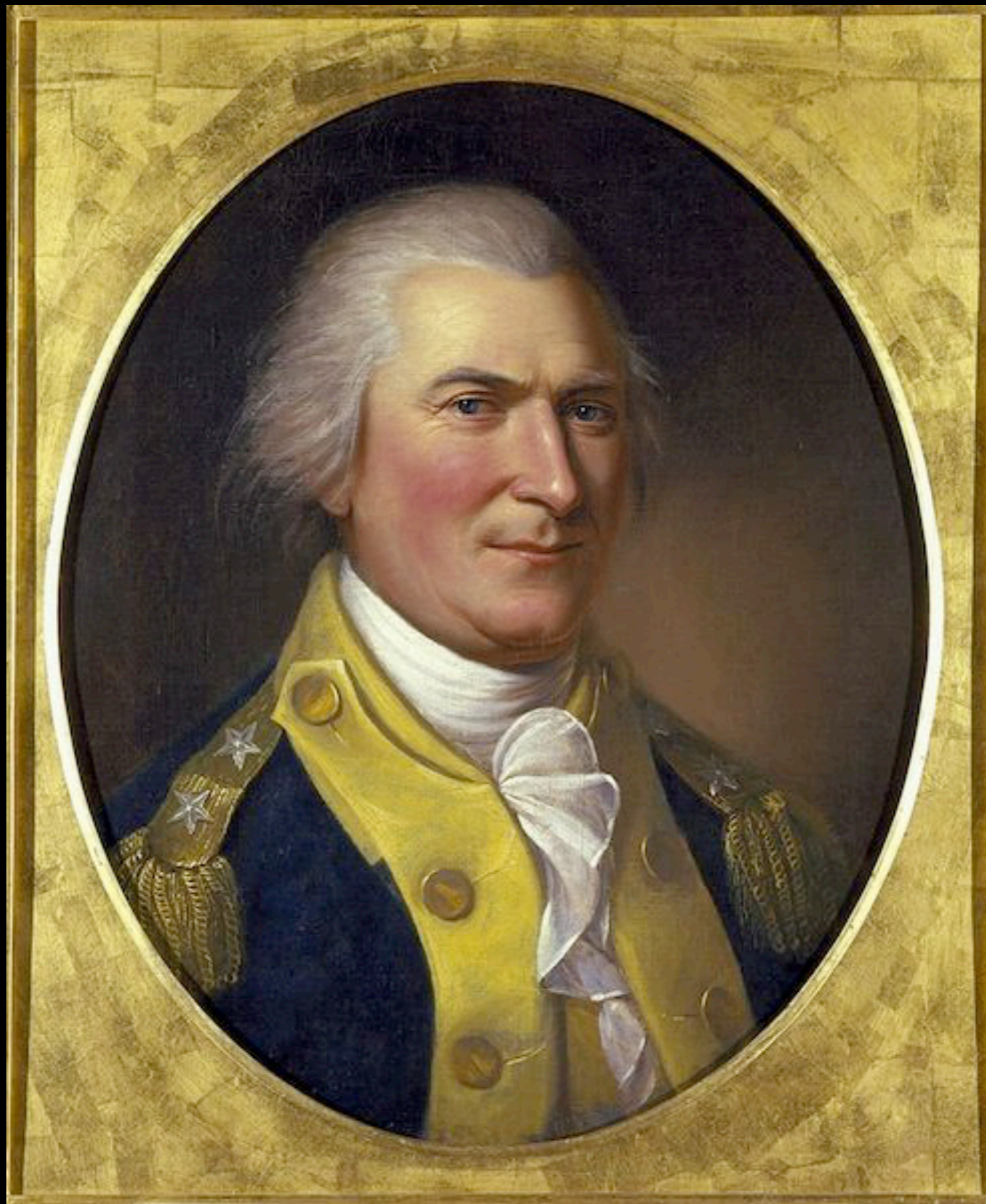
Isabella and John Stewart
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1772 - 1773
(Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid, Spain)



Major General Arthur St. Clair
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



Major General Arthur St. Clair
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



Major General Arthur St. Clair
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



Major General Arthur St. Clair
by Charles Willson Peale 1780
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Captain William Trueman Stoddert of the 5th Maryland Regiment
by Charles Willson Peale
(Private Collection)



William Stone Pointing to the Sloop "Charming Polly"
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1774 - 1775
(Maryland Historical Society)



Gilbert Stuart
by Charles Willson Peale and His Son, Rembrandt 1805
(New York Historical Society)



Thomas Sumter
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1795 - 1796
(Independence National Historical Park)



George Sutton
by Charles Willson Peale 1783
(Colby Museum of Art)



Rachel Bolitho Sutton
by Charles Willson Peale 1783
(Colby Museum of Art)



John Swan
by Charles Willson Peale 1788
(Baltimore Museum of Art)



Mrs. John Swan
by Charles Willson Peale 1788
(Baltimore Museum of Art)



Mrs. Charles Swift (Mary Riche)
by Charles Willson Peale
(Heritage Auctions)



Mrs. Michael Taney (Monica Brooke)
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1770
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



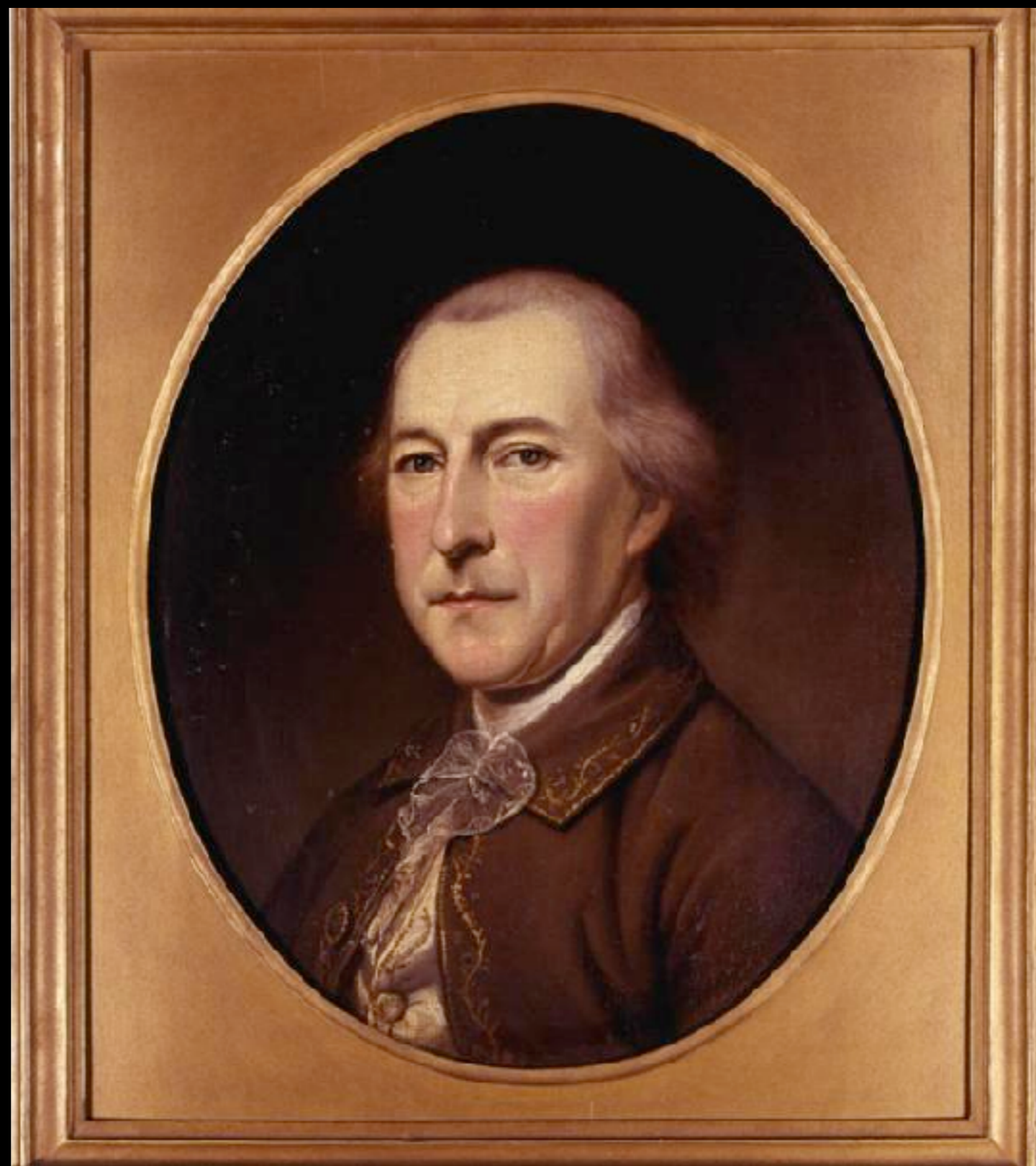
Jean-Baptiste Ternant
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1781
(Independence National Historical Park)



Richard Tighman
by Charles Willson Peale 1790
(Maryland Historical Society)



Mrs. James Tilgham (Susanna Steuart)
by Charles Willson Peale 1775
(Harvard University Art Museums)



Pieter Johan van Berckel
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1782
(New York Historical Society)



Brigadier General James Mitchell Varnum
by Charles Willson Peale (painted 1802)
(Independence National Historic Park)



Baron Friedrich William von Steuben
by Charles Willson Peale 1780
(Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts)



Baron Friedrich William von Steuben
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1781 - 1782
(Independence National Historical Park)



Captain Richard Walters of the 3rd Maryland Regiment
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1779
(Mead Art Museum, Amhurst College)



George Walton
by Charles Willson Peale 1781
(Yale University Art Gallery)



Colonel George Washington of the Virginia Regiment
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1772
(Washington & Lee University)



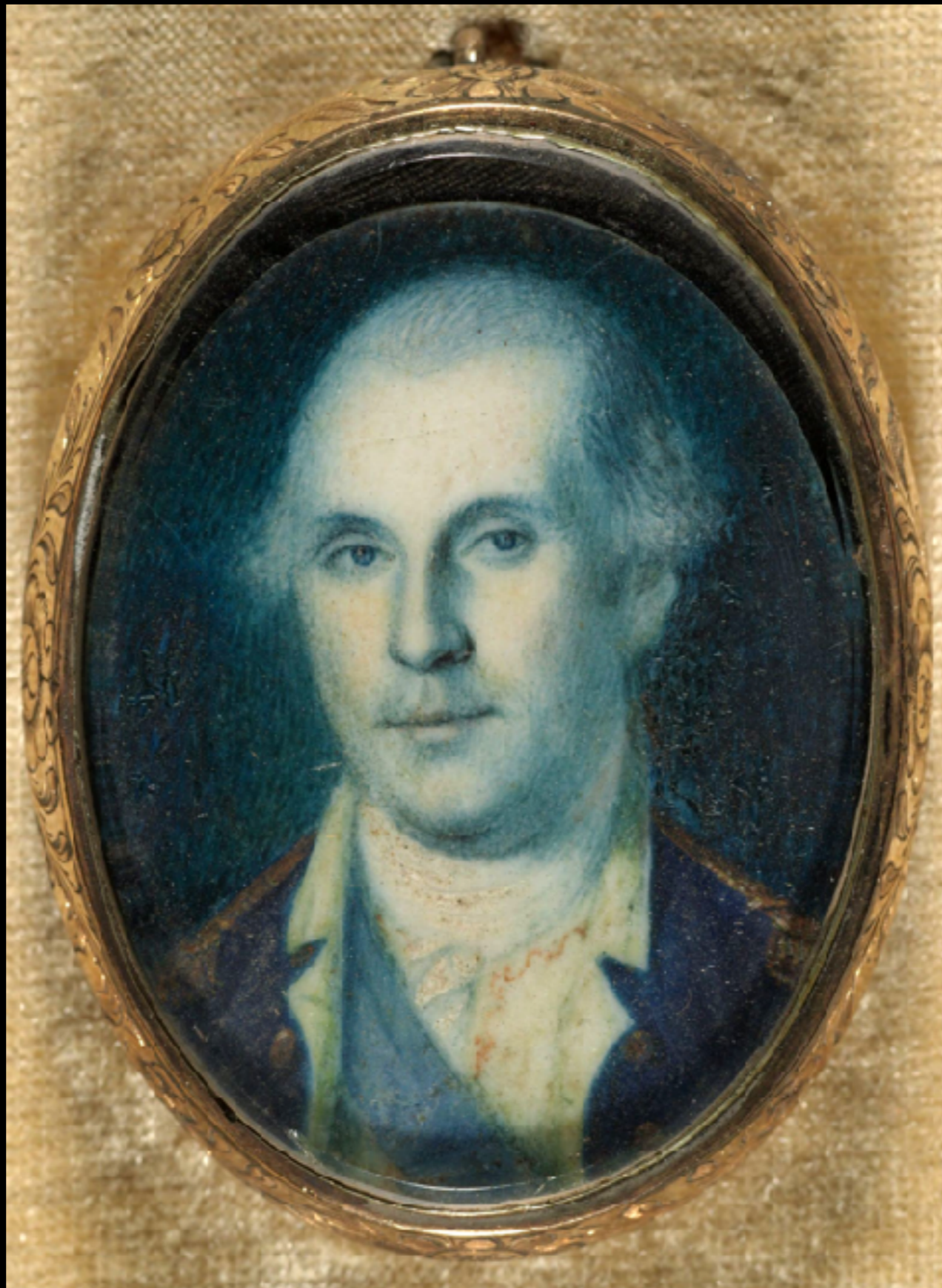
General George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



General George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



Sketch of General Washington "from life"
by Charles Willson Peale 1777
(Historical Society of Pennsylvania)



General George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1775
(Houghton Library at Harvard University)



General George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1777
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



General George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1776
(Alexander Gallery)



General George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale
(Detroit Institute of Arts)



General George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale
(Private Collection)



General George Washington on Dorchester Heights after the Siege of Boston
by Charles Willson Peale 1776
(The White House & White House Historical Association)



General George Washington on Dorchester Heights after the Siege of Boston
by Charles Willson Peale 1776
(The Brooklyn Museum)



General George Washington at Trenton
by Charles Willson Peale 1779 - 1782
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



General George Washington at Trenton
by Charles Willson Peale 1779 - 1782
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale 1779
(United States Senate)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale 1779
(Christie's)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale 1779
(Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1779 - 1782
(Princeton University Art Museum)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale 1780
(Colonial Williamsburg)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale 1781
(Yale University Art Gallery)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale 1784
(Princeton University Art Museum)



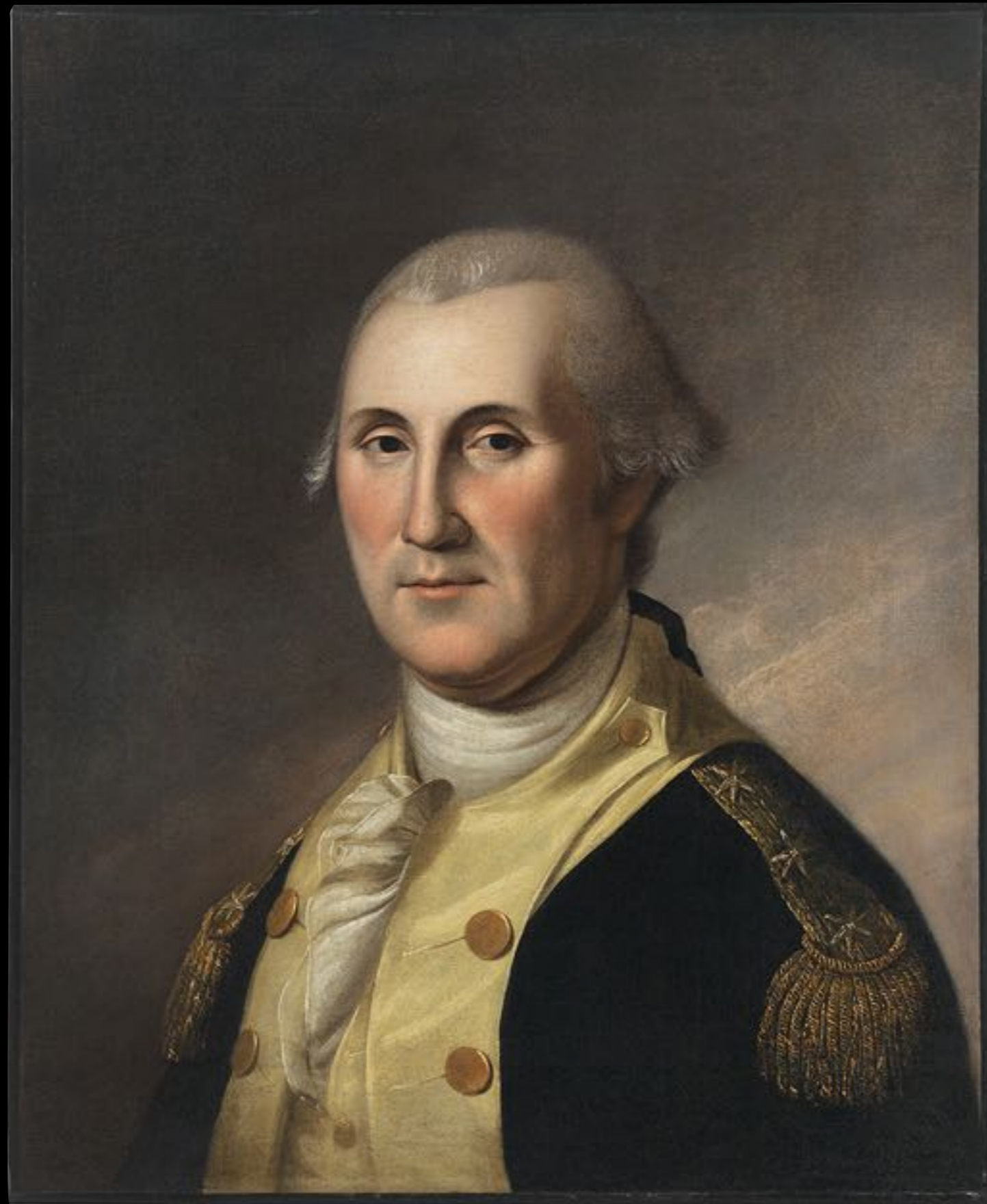
General George Washington at Yorktown
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(Harvard University Art Museums / Fogg Museum)



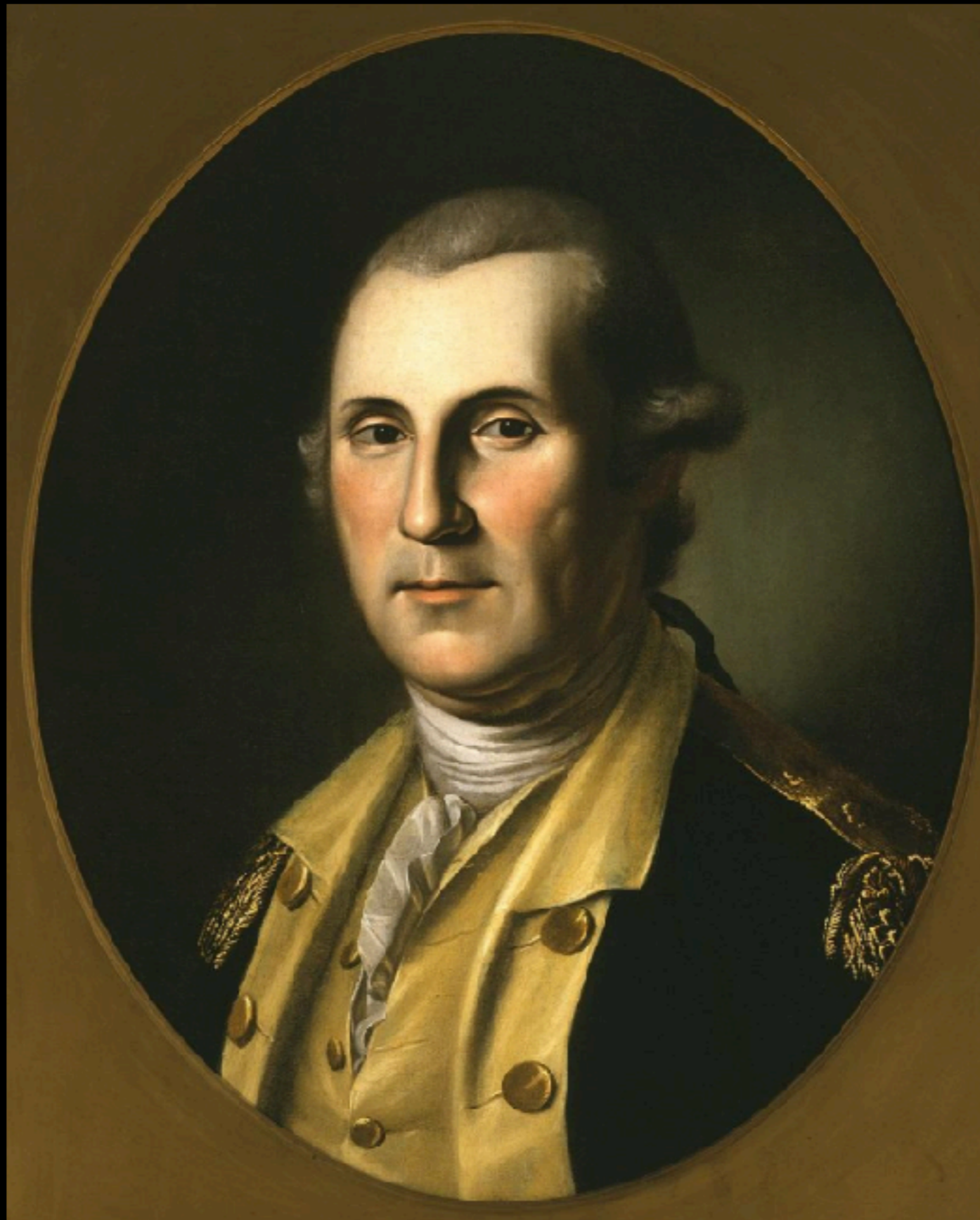
General George Washington, Lafayette, & Tighlman at Yorktown
by Charles Willson Peale 1784
(Maryland State Art Collection)



Washington & His Generals at Yorktown
by Charles Willson and James Peale
(The Maryland Historical Society)



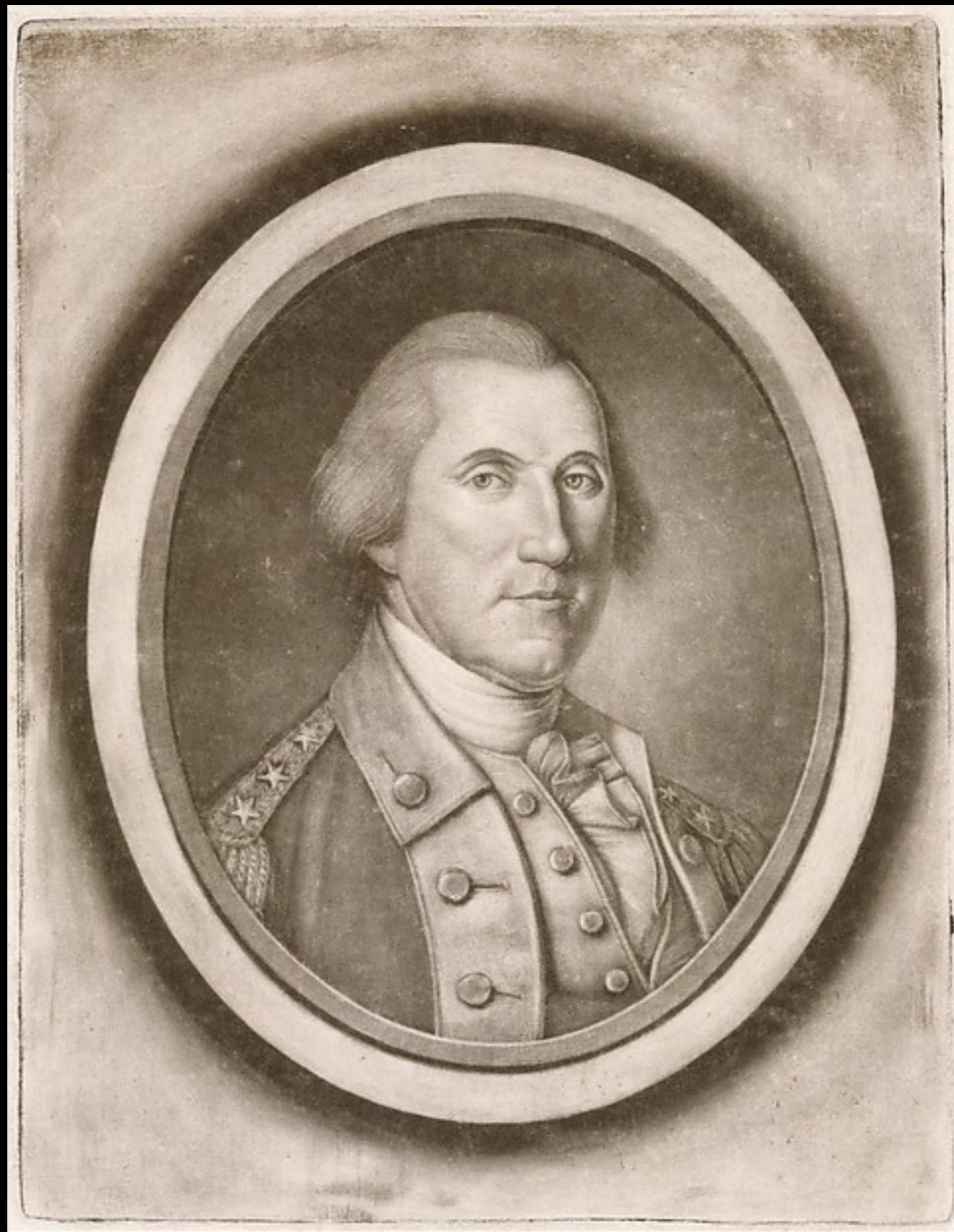
General George Washington
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(Mead Art Gallery at Amherst College)



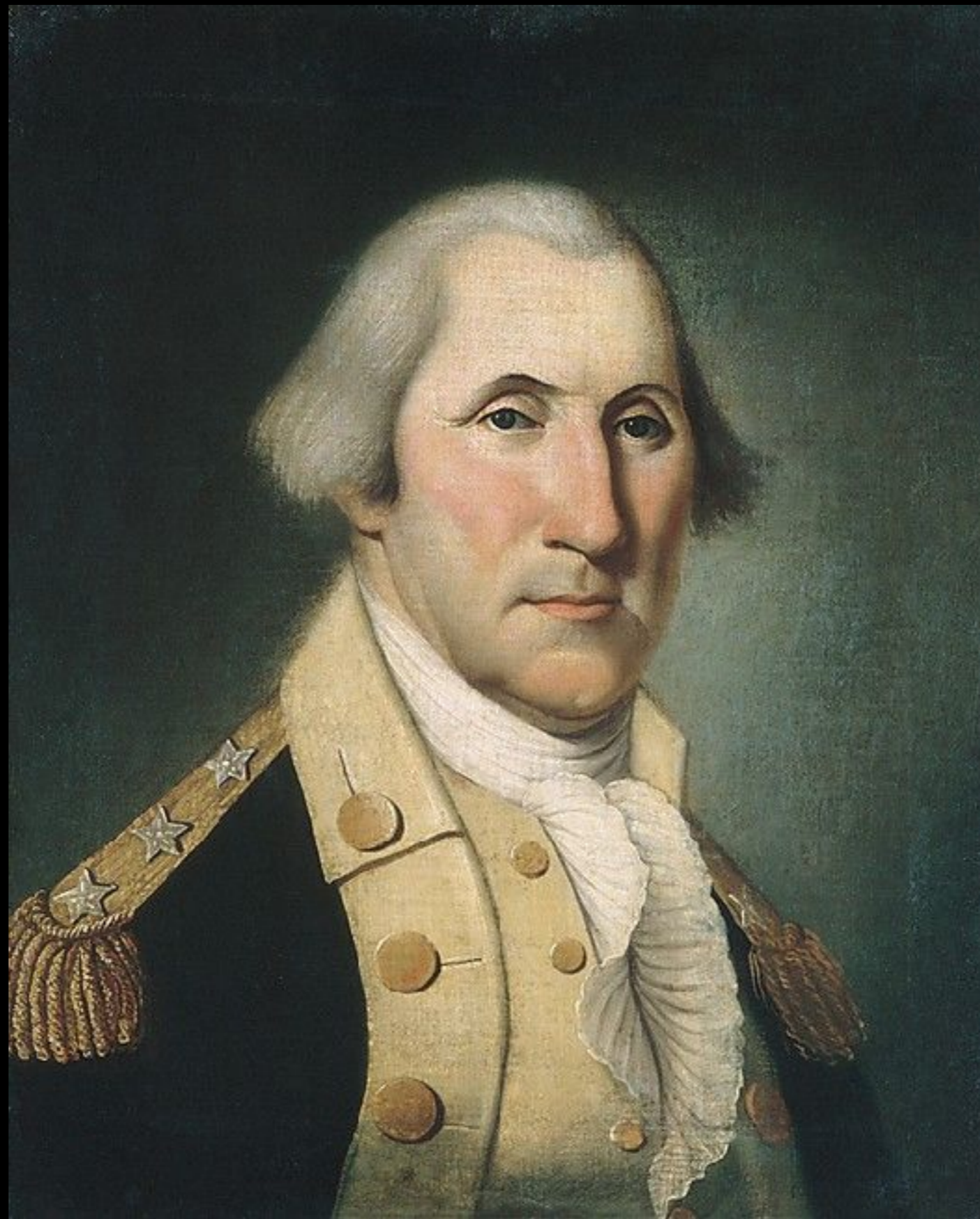
General George Washington
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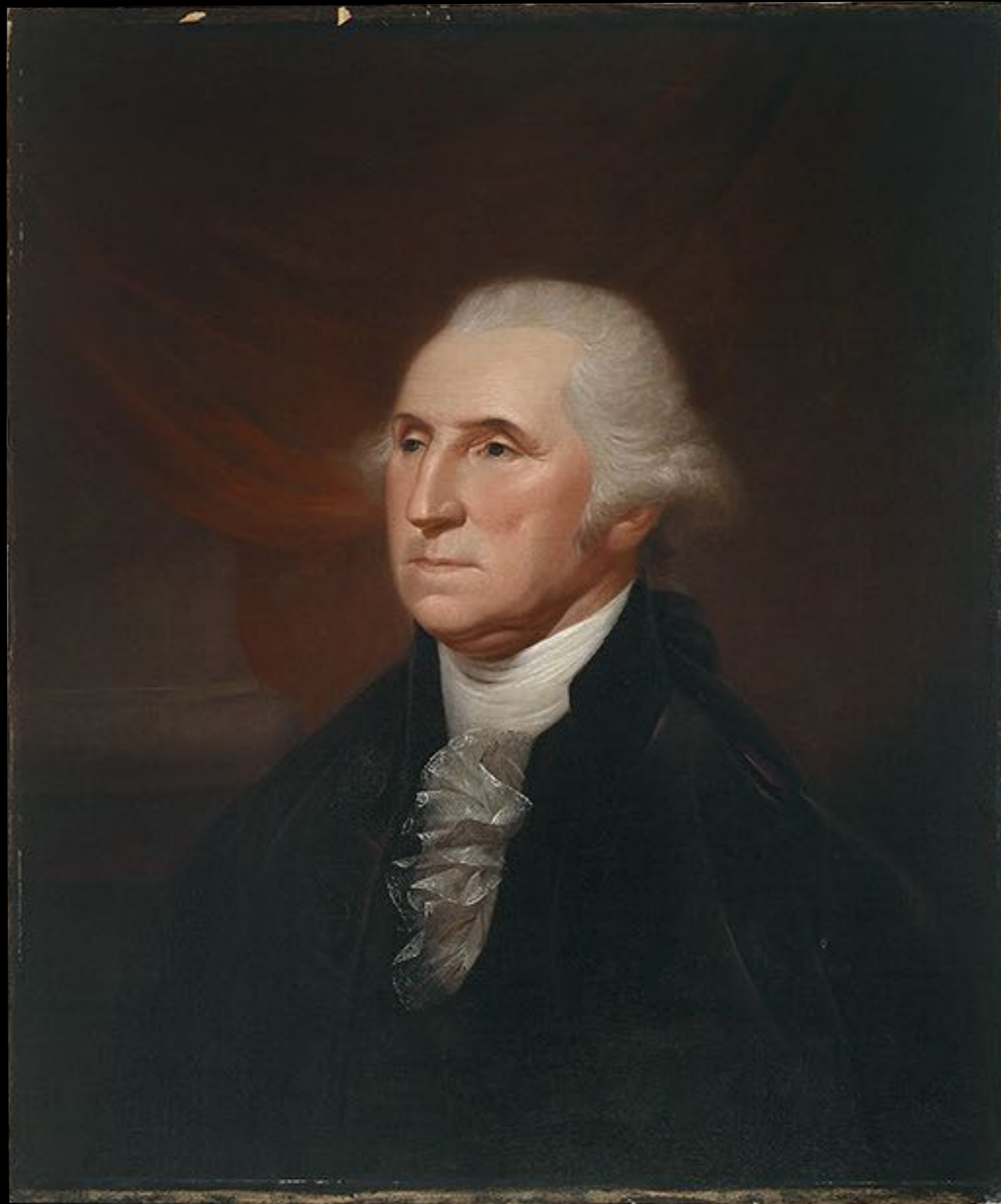
General George Washington
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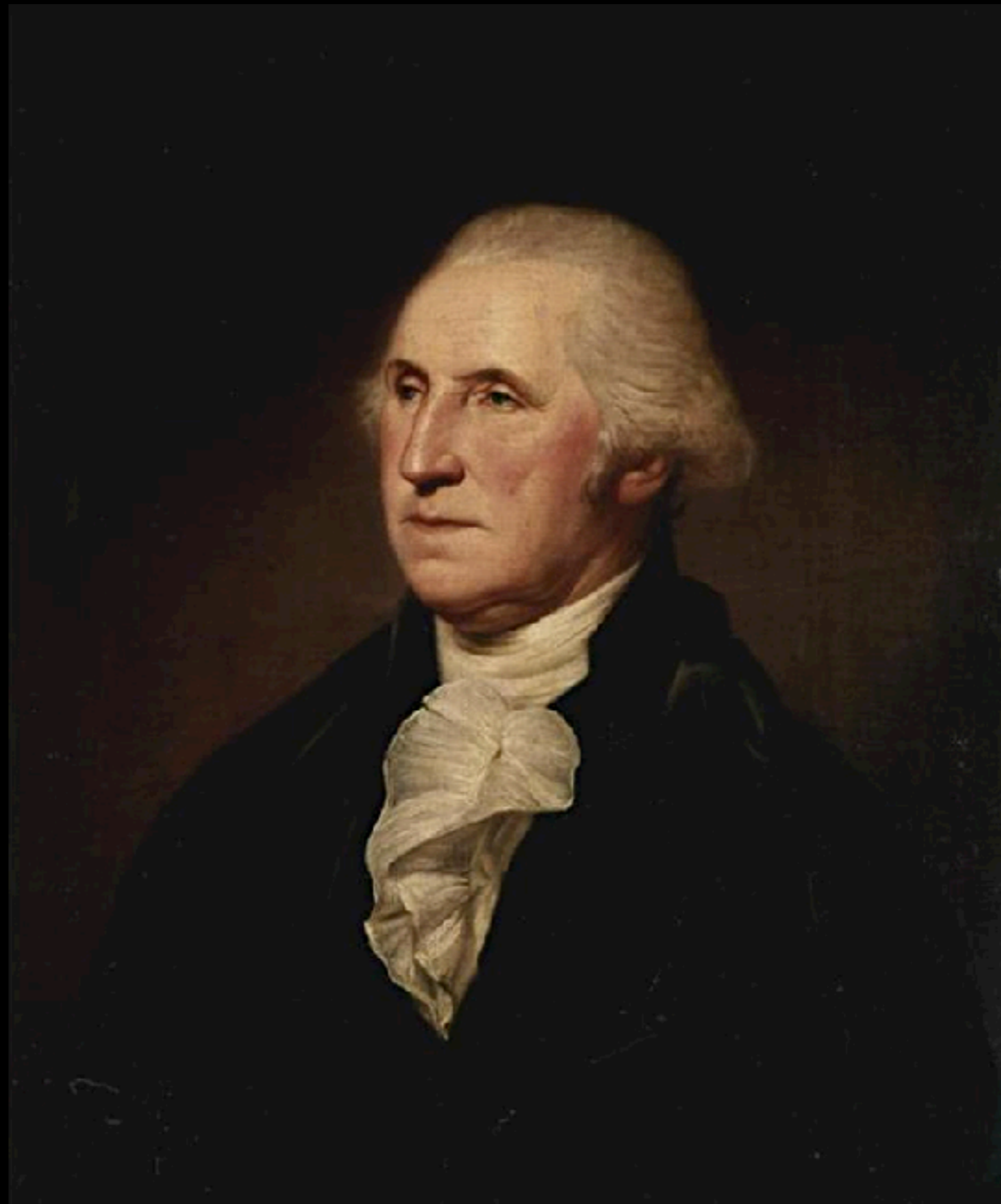
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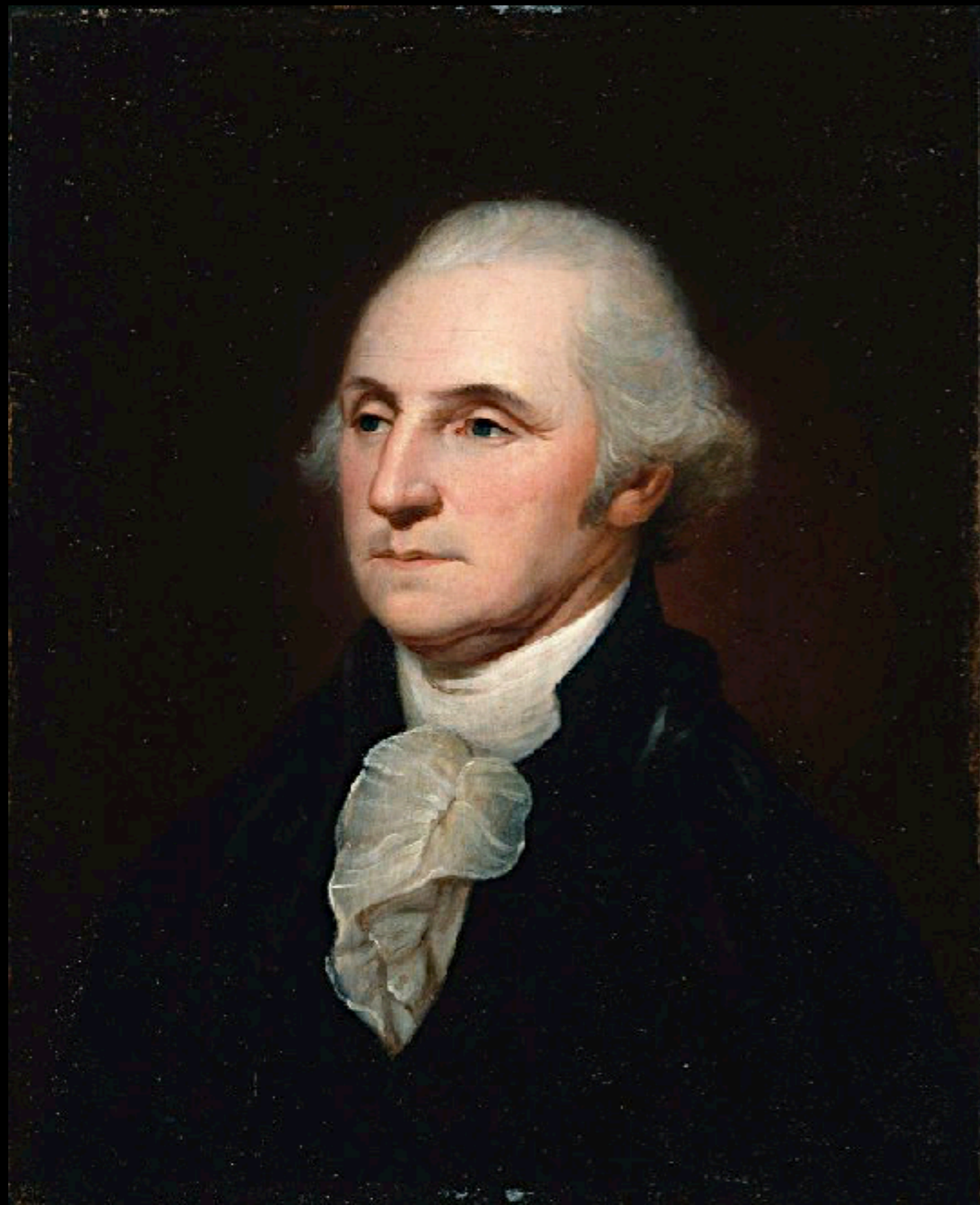
General George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1790
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



President George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale 1795
(Mead Art Gallery at Amherst College)



President George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale 1795
(New-York Historical Society)



President George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale 1795
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



Mrs. George Washington (Martha Dandridge Custis)
by Charles Willson Peale 1776
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



Mrs. George Washington (Martha Dandridge Custis)
by Charles Willson Peale 1776
(Yale University Art Gallery)



Mrs. George Washington (Martha Dandridge Custis)
by Charles Willson Peale
(Virginia Historical Society)



William Washington of the 3rd Continental Light Dragoons
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



Anthony Wayne
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown / Waynesboro)



Brigadier General Samuel Webb of Wethersfield, Connecticut
by Charles Willson Peale 1779
(New York Historical Society)



Thomas Wharton, Jr.
by Charles Willson Peale 1777
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Thomas Wharton, Jr.
by Charles Willson Peale 1777
(Private Collection)



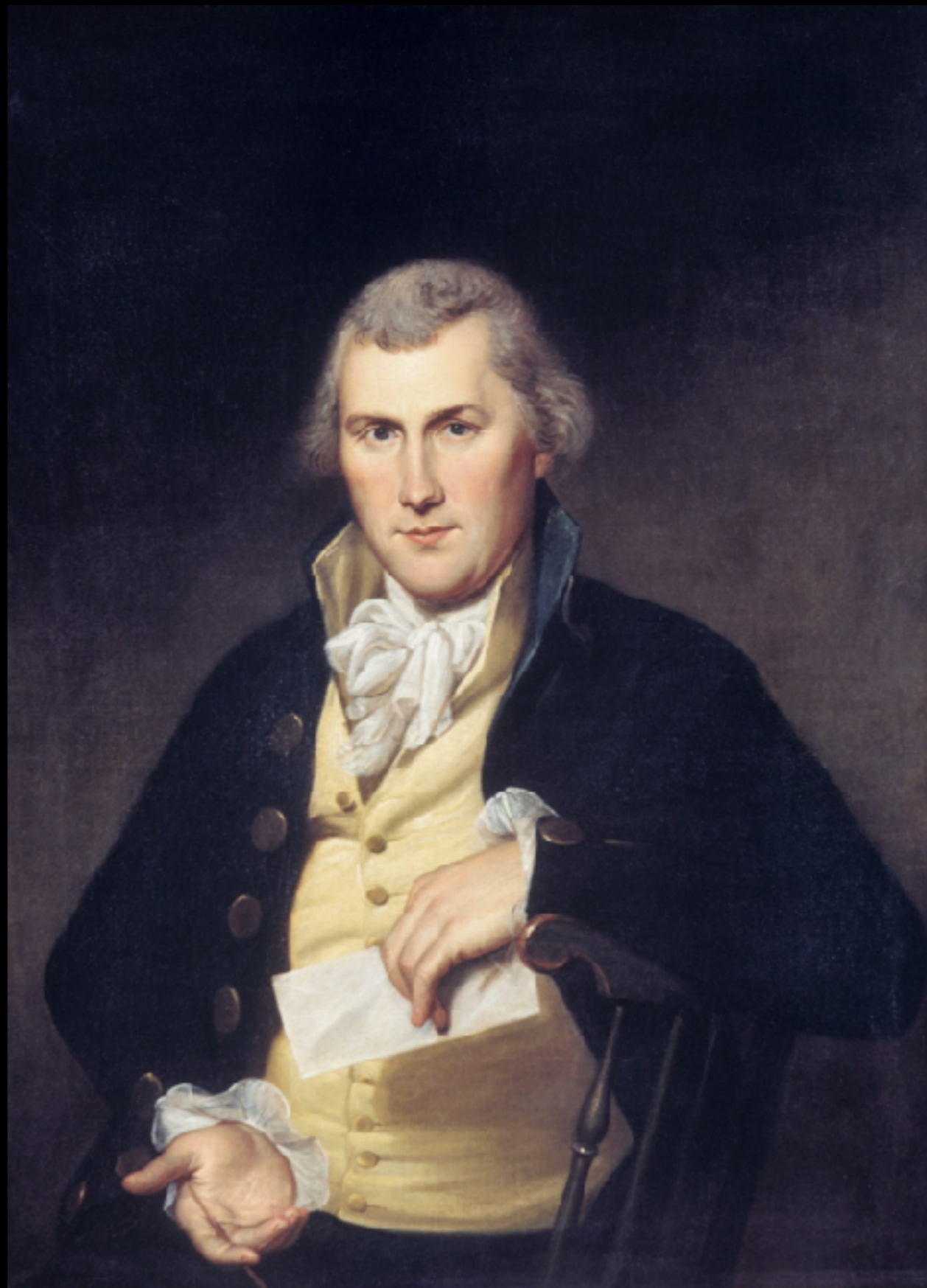
William Whetcroft
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1785
(Yale University Art Gallery)



Bishop William White
by Charles Willson Peale 1788
(Independence National Historical Park)



James Wilkinson
by Charles Willson Peale 1797
(Independence National Historical Park)



Elie Williams
by Charles Willson Peale 1788
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Major Ennion Williams, 1st Battalion Pennsylvania State Rifle Regiment
by Charles Willson Peale 1776
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Brigadier General Otho Holland Williams
by Charles Willson Peale
(Private Collection)



Brigadier General Otho Holland Williams
by Charles Willson Peale 1782
(Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts)



Brigadier General Otho Holland Williams
by Charles Willson Peale 1784
(Independence National Historic Park)



Thomas Willing Delegate to the Continental Congress
by Charles Willson Peale 1782
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



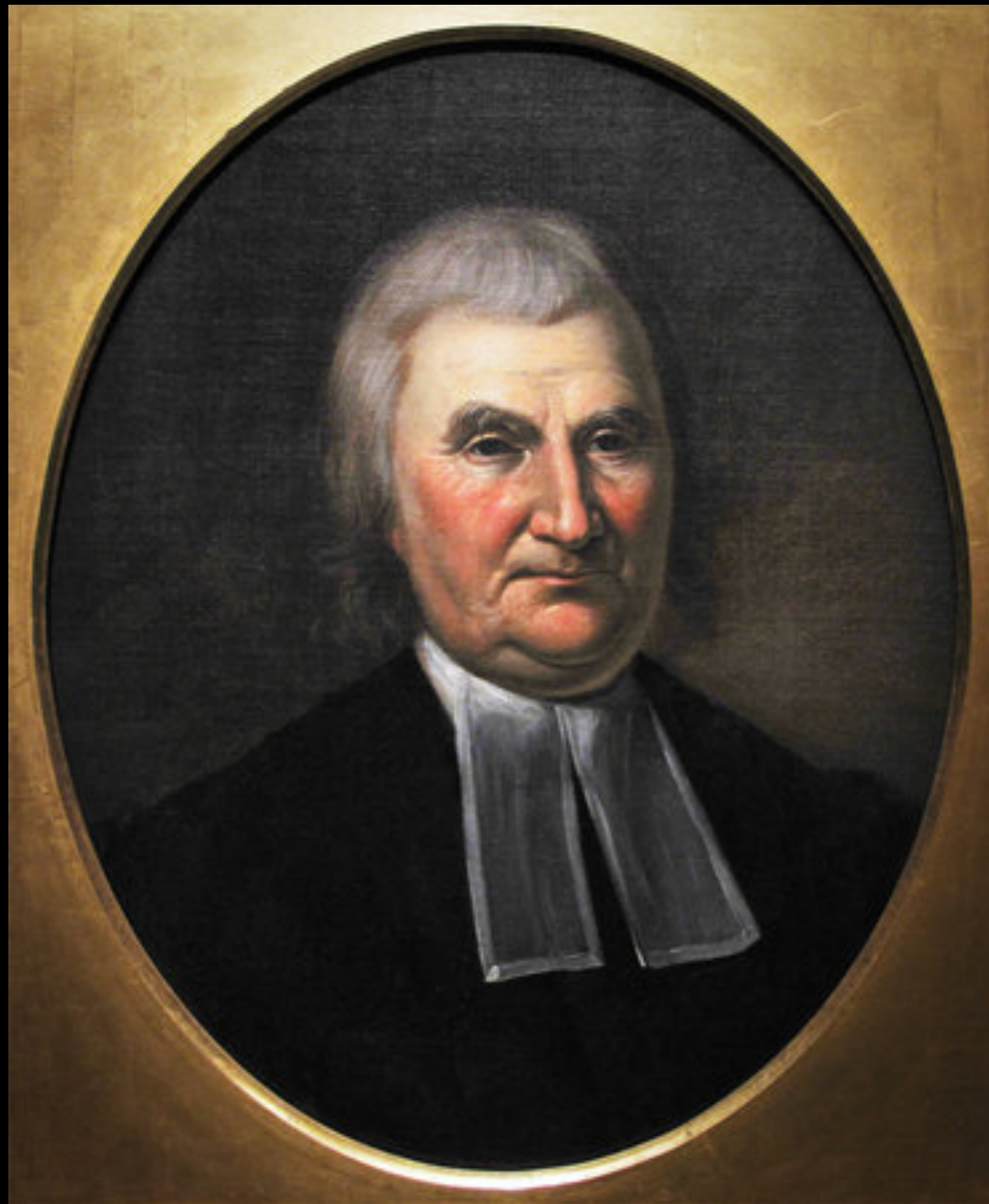
Mrs. James Willison (Ann Stuart)
by Charles Willson Peale
(Unknown)



John Custis Wilson of Somerset County, Maryland
by Charles Willson Peale 1791
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



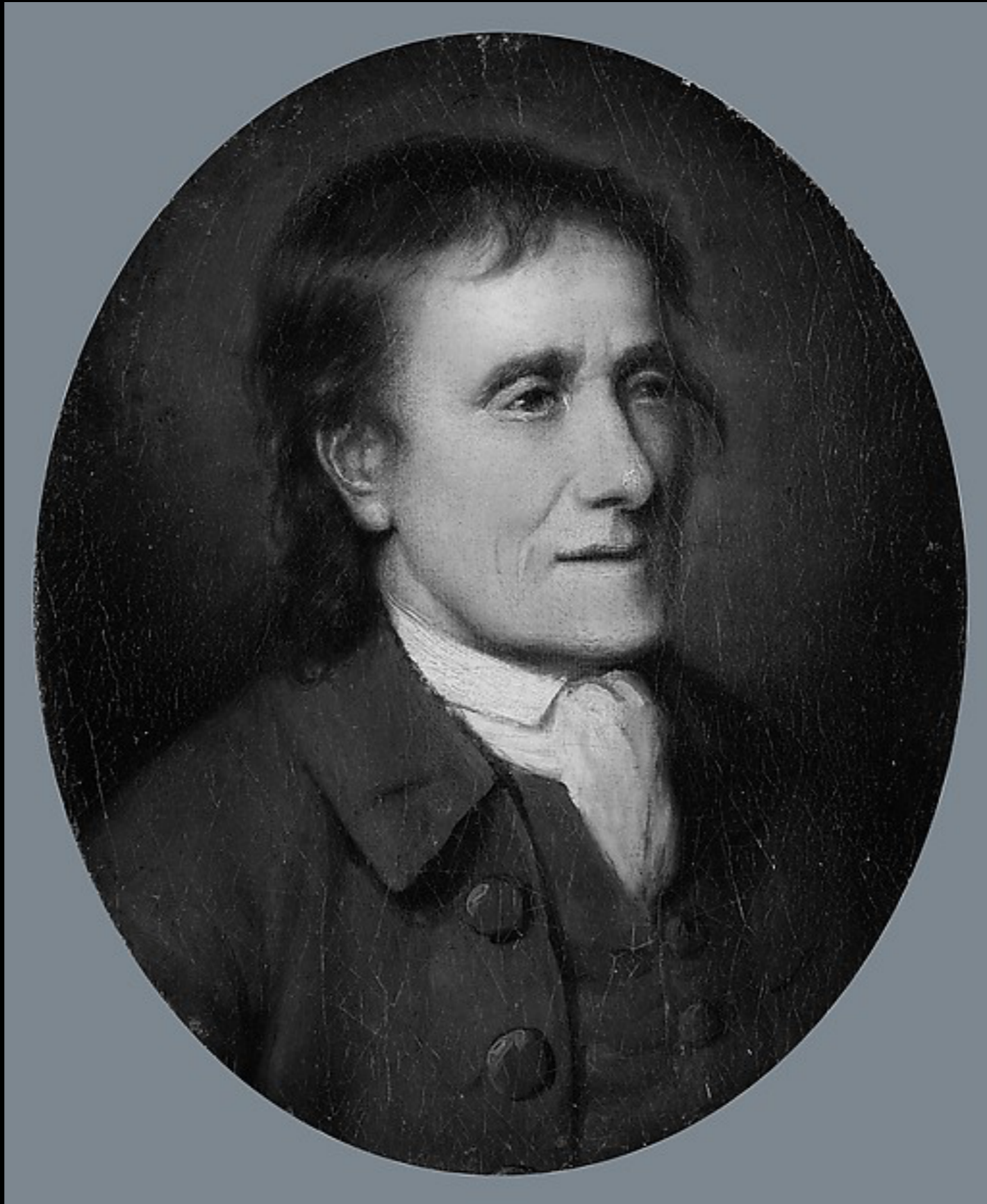
Mrs. John Custis Wilson (Margaret "Peggy" Custis)
by Charles Willson Peale 1791
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



John Witherspoon
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1783 - 1784
(Independence National Historical Park)



Portrait of a Gentleman from Maryland
by Charles Willson Peale 1775
(Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Alabama)



Portrait of a Gentleman
by Charles Willson Peale 1775
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Portrait of a Woman
by Charles Willson Peale 1775
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Portrait of a Gentleman
by Charles Willson Peale 1777
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



A New England Merchant
Attributed to Charles Willson Peale 1765
(New Britain Museum of American Art, Connecticut)



Portrait of a Lady
by Charles Willson Peale 1778 c.
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Portrait of a Clergyman
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1790
(Sotheby's)



Portrait of a Boy
by Charles Willson Peale 1768
(Museum of Fine Arts, Houston)



Portrait of a Boy
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1768
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An Unknown Officer of the Maryland Continental Line
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1778
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Unknown Officer of the 3rd Continental Light Dragoons
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