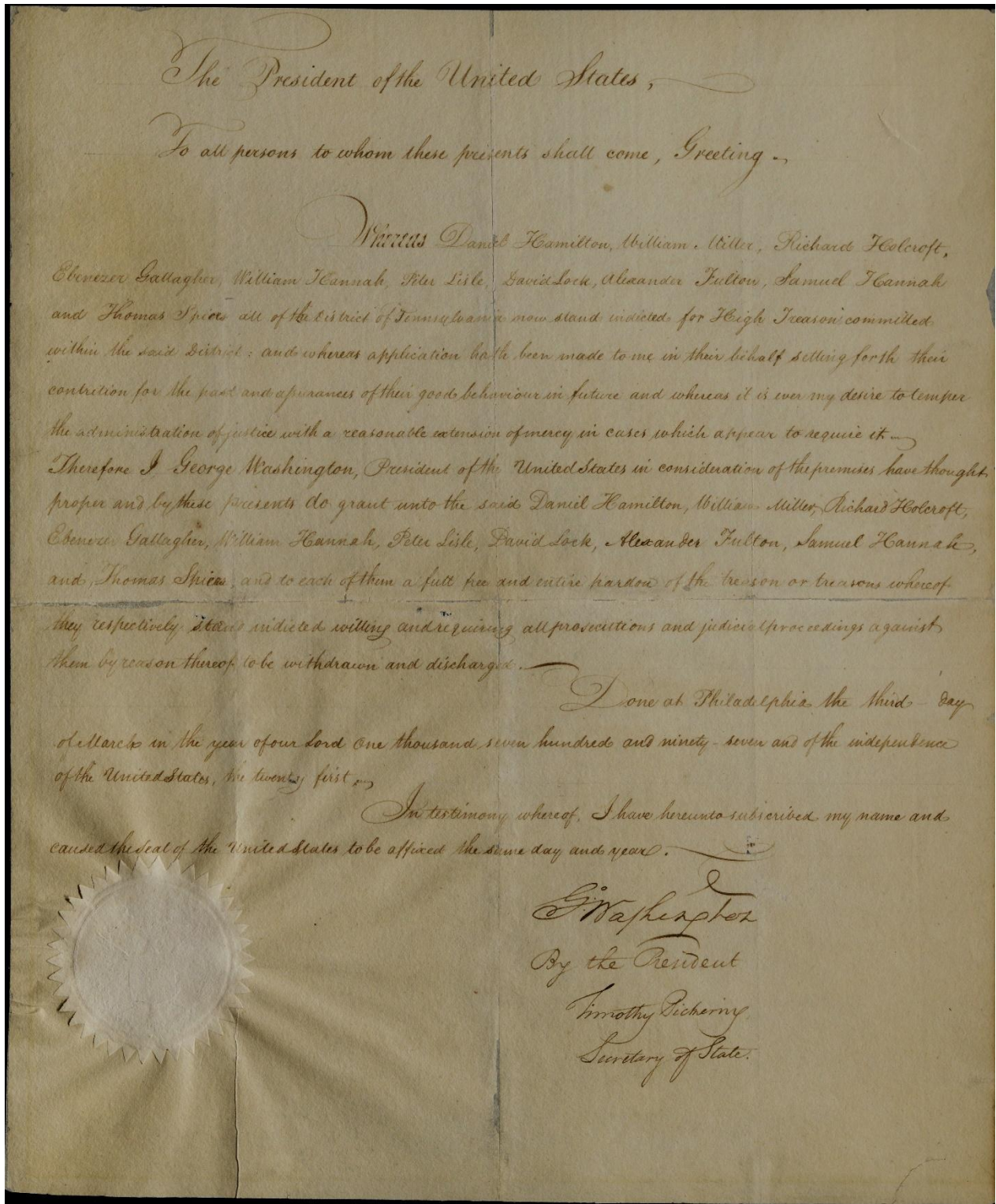


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The President of the United States

To all persons to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

Whereas Daniel Hamilton, William Miller, Richard Holcroft, Ebenezer Gallagher, William Hannah, Peter Lisle, David Lock, Alexander Fulton, Samuel Hannah and Thomas Spiers, all of the District of Pennsylvania now stand indicted for High Treason committed within the said district: and whereas application hath been made to me in their behalf setting forth their contrition for the past and assurances of their good behavior in future and whereas it is ever my desire to temper the administration of justice with a reasonable extension of mercy in cases which appear to require it - Therefore I, George Washington, President of the United States in consideration of the premises have thought proper and by these presents do grant unto the said Daniel Hamilton, William Miller, Richard Holcroft, Ebenezer Gallagher, William Hannah, Peter Lisle, David Lock, Alexander Fulton, Samuel Hannah and Thomas Spiers, and to each of them a full free and entire pardon of the treason or treasons whereof they respectively stand indicted willing and requiring all prosecutions and judicial proceedings against them by reason thereof to be withdrawn and discharged. -

Done at Philadelphia the third day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven and of the independence of the United States, the twenty first. -

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed the same day and year. -

Go: Washington

By the President

Timothy Pickering

Secretary of State