A Letter from George Washington to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Fellow-citizens and Brothers;
of the Grand lodge of Pennsylvania

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