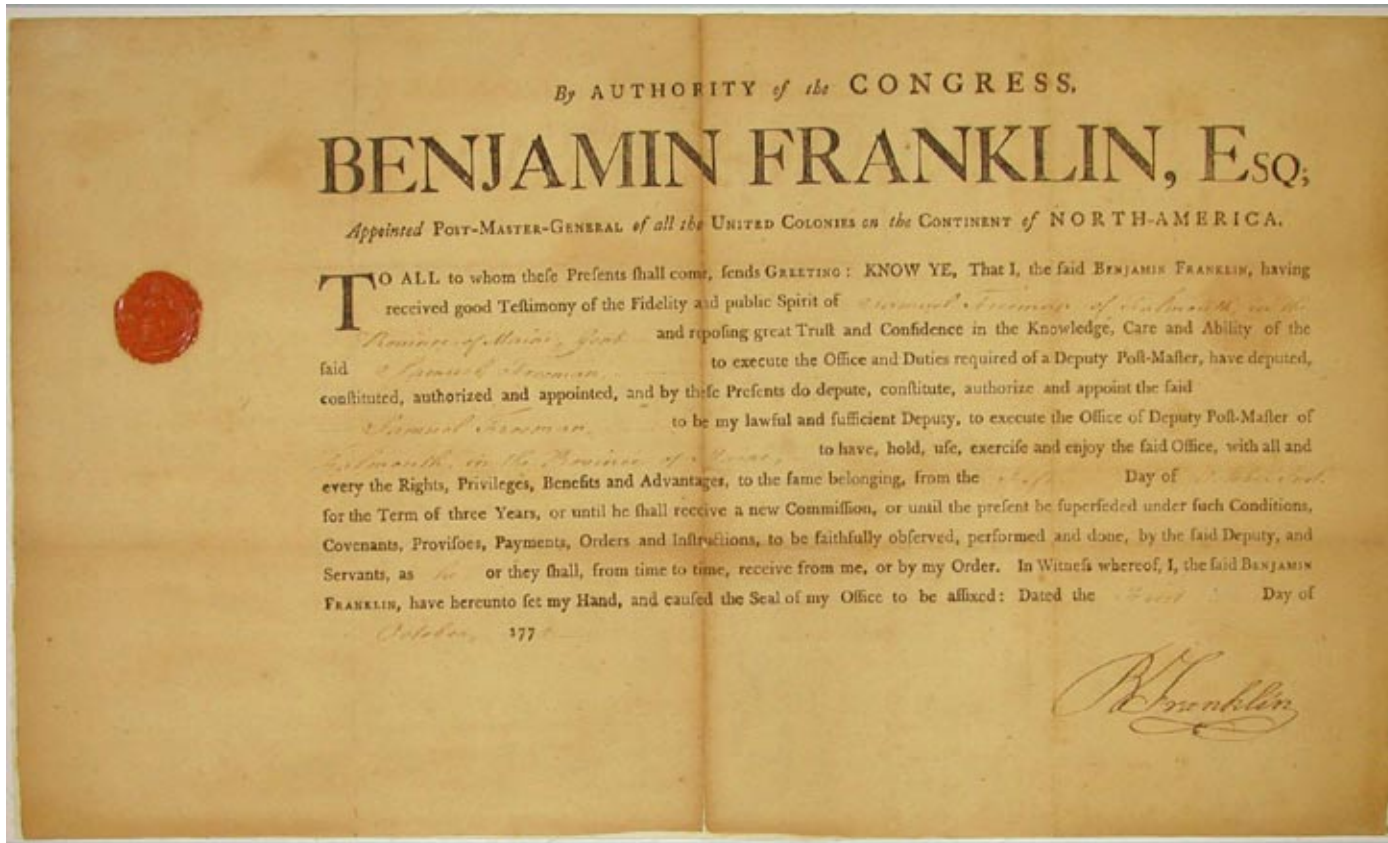


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Date: Oct. 1, 1775
Description: Benjamin Franklin's Appointment to Deputy of Post-Master of Samuel Freeman.



By Authority of the Congress.
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esq;
Appointed Post-Master-General of all the United Colonies on the Continent of North-America.

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come, sends Greeting: KNOW YE, That I, the said BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, having received good Testimony of the Fidelity and public Spirit of *Samuel Freeman, of Falmouth, in the Province of Maine, Gent.* and reposing great Trust and Confidence in the Knowledge, Care and Ability of the said *Samuel Freeman*, to execute the Office and Duties required of a Deputy Post-Master, have deputed, constituted, authorized and appointed, and by these Presents do depute, constitute, authorize and appoint the said *Samuel Freeman*, to be my lawful and sufficient Deputy, to execute the Office of Deputy Post-Master of *Falmouth, in the province of Maine*, to have, hold use, exercise and enjoy the said Office, with all and every the Rights, Privileges, Benefits and Advantages, to the same belonging, from the *Fifth Day of October Inst.* for the Term of three Years, or until he shall receive a new Commission, or until the present be superseded under such Conditions, Covenants, Provisoes, Payments, Orders and Instructions, to be faithfully observed, performed and done, by the said Deputy, and Servants, as *he* or they shall, from time to time, receive from me, or by my Order. In Witness whereof, I, the said BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed: Dated the *First Day of October, 1775*

[signed] BFranklin