

# Samuel Huntington

First President of the United States of America  
in Congress Assembled

March 1, 1781 to July 6, 1781



**Huntington, Samuel:** Document signed in text 9" x 5", 1 page, Norwich, November 19, 1789, Hartford, Connecticut, as Governor in Connecticut issuing an arrest warrant to be executed by Sheriff of Windham, within said County, by the authority of the State of Connecticut:

*"You are hereby commanded to summon Nathaniel Dennison to appear before Benj. Huntington, Justice of the Peace ... to be delivered March next ... at 2 o'clock in the afternoon."*

Boldly signed, **Saml. Huntington, Governor** in very good condition.

HUNTINGTON, Samuel, a Delegate from Connecticut; born in Windham (now Scotland), Conn., July 3, 1731; attended the common schools; learned the trade of cooper; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1758 and commenced practice in Norwich, Conn., in 1758; executive councillor in 1763; member of the colonial assembly in 1764; appointed Crown attorney in 1765; judge of the superior court from 1774 to 1784 and served as chief justice in the last-named year; Member of the Continental Congress and US Congress Assembled in 1776, 1778-1781 and 1783, and served as President from September 28, 1779, to March 1, 1781. After the ratification of the Articles of Confederation he served as the first President of the United States in Congress Assembled until July 6, 1781, when he retired, receiving the thanks of the Congress. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Lieutenant Governor of the, Connecticut in 1785, and Governor from 1786 until his death in Norwich January 5, 1796. He is interred in Old Colony Cemetery.

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