

INSIDE THE VAULT

Destruction of the King George Statue, 1776 with Dr. Benjamin Carp

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024



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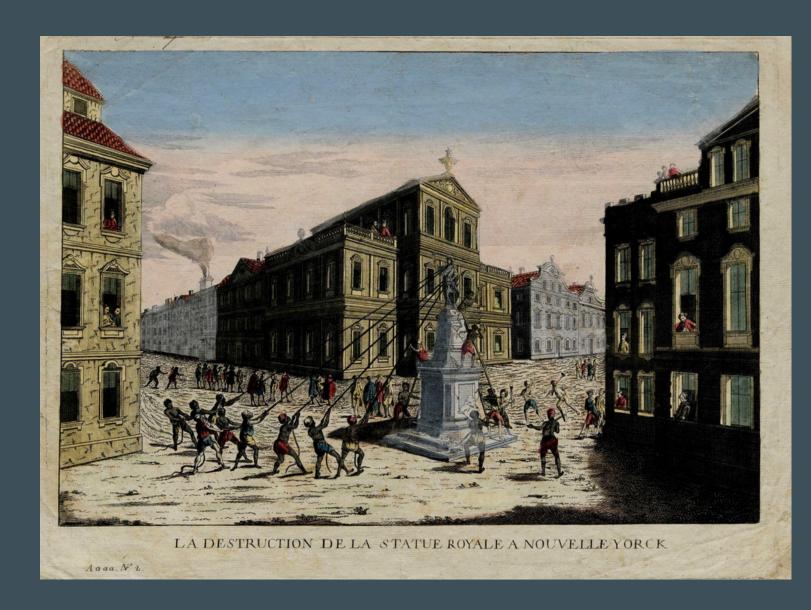
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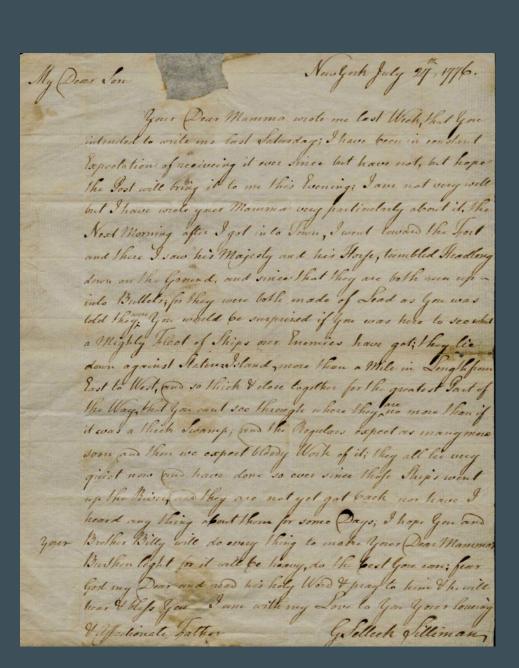


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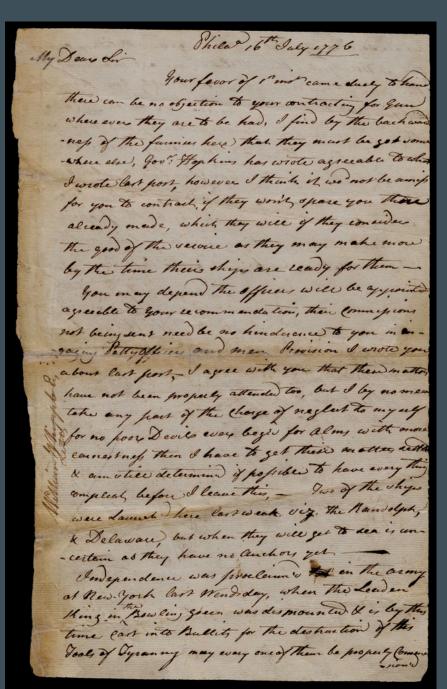




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Gold Selleck Silliman to his son, July 27, 1776. (Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC07480.01)



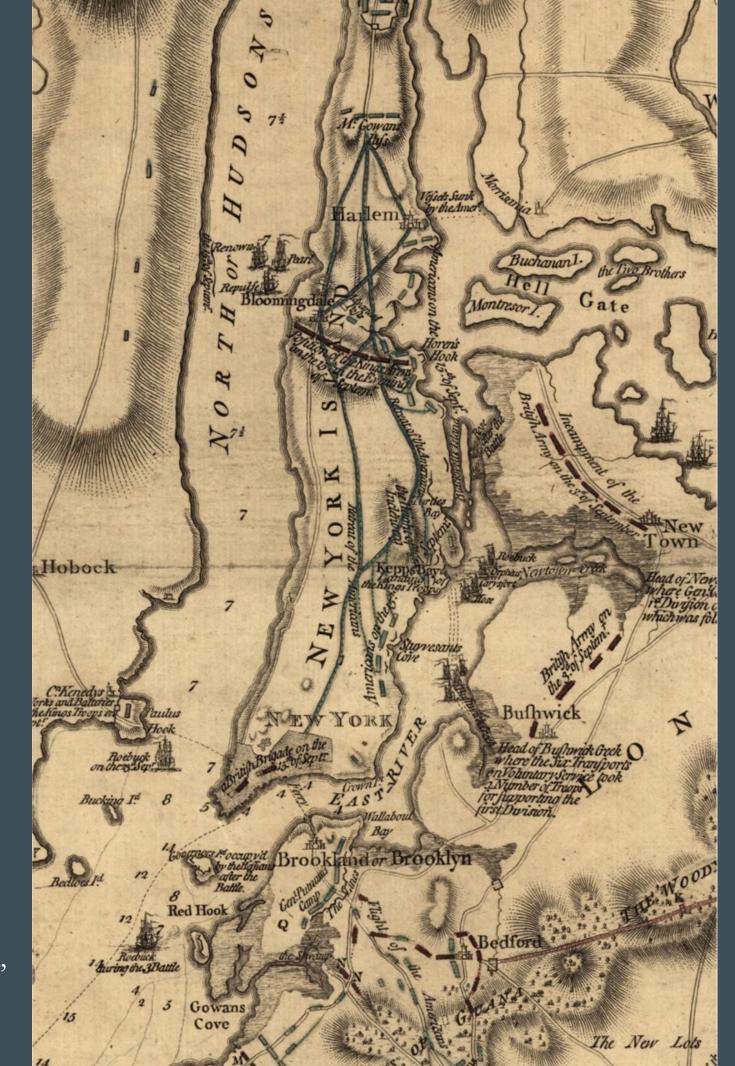
William Whipple to John Langdon, July 16, 1776. (Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC03186)

Dr. Benjamin Carp



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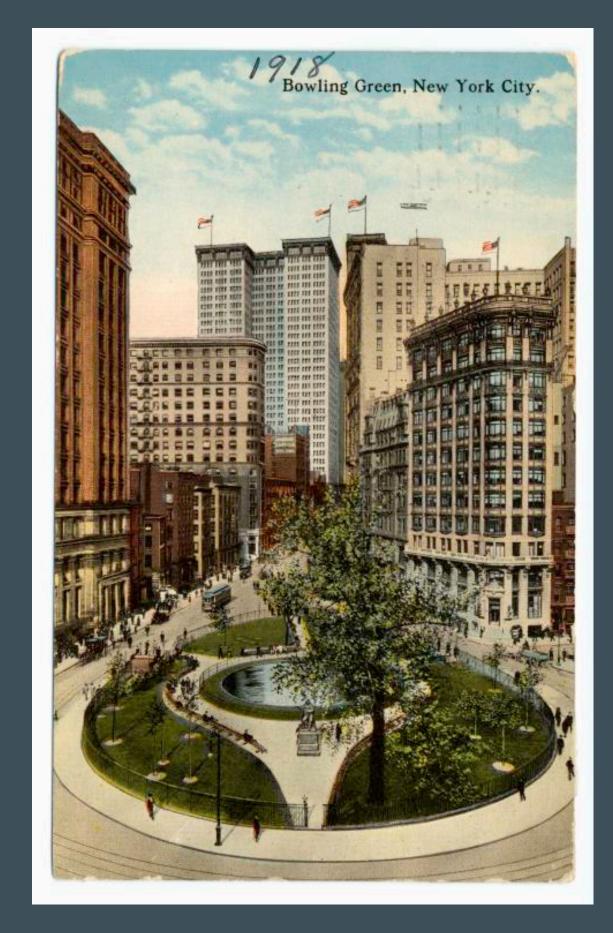
William Faden, A Plan of New York Island with Part of Long Island... [first issue], London, England, 1776. (Library of Congress)



John Kirk, *Bronze medal of George III*, British Isles, 1760. (British Museum)



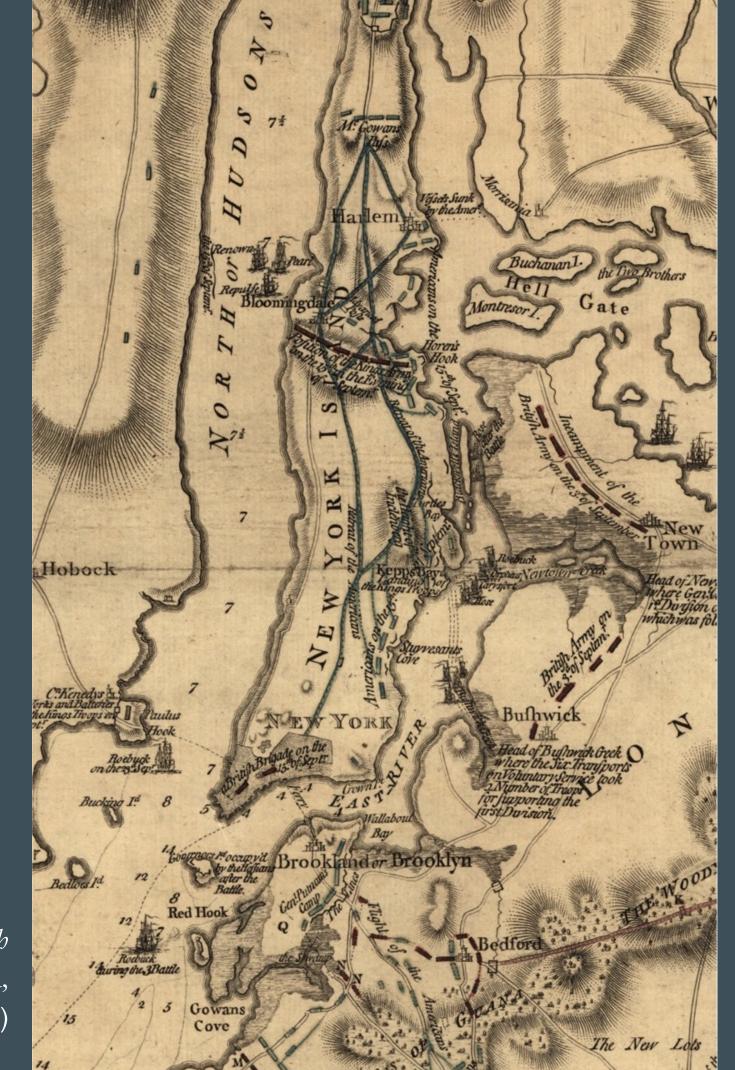
Joseph Wilton, William Pitt, the Elder, First Earl of Chatham (1708-1778), circa 1770. (New-York Historical Society)



H. Finkelstein & Son, Bowling Green, New York City, American Art Publishing Co., 1916. (New York Public Library)



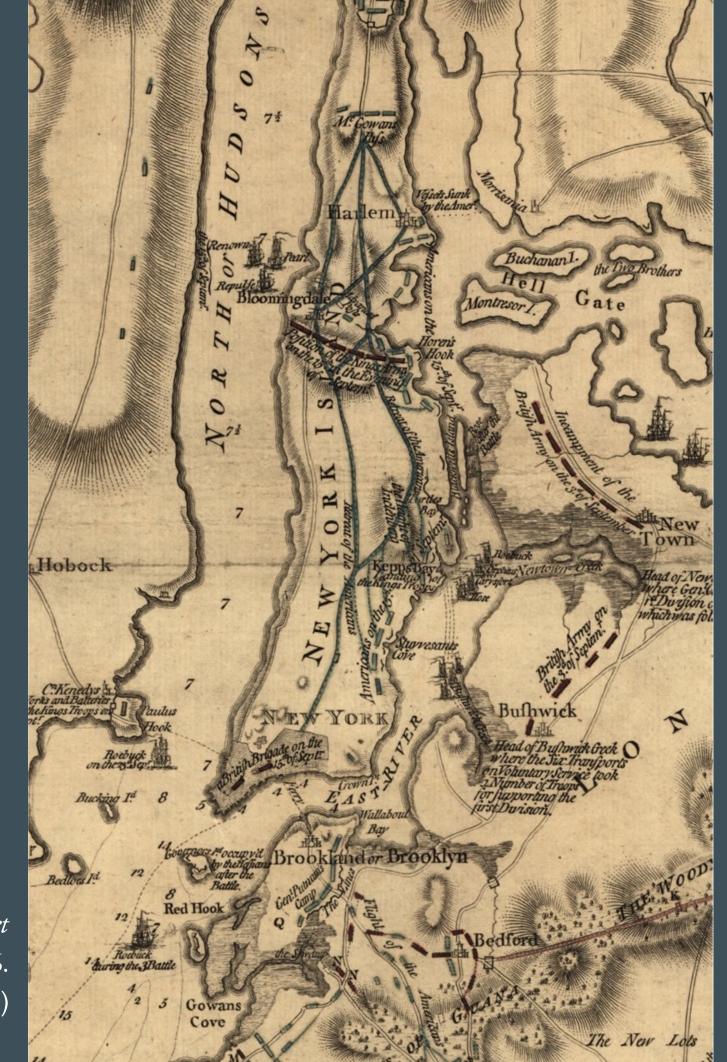
Arturo Di Modica, *Charging Bull*, New York, NY, 1989. (Photograph by Andrew Henkelman, 2020)



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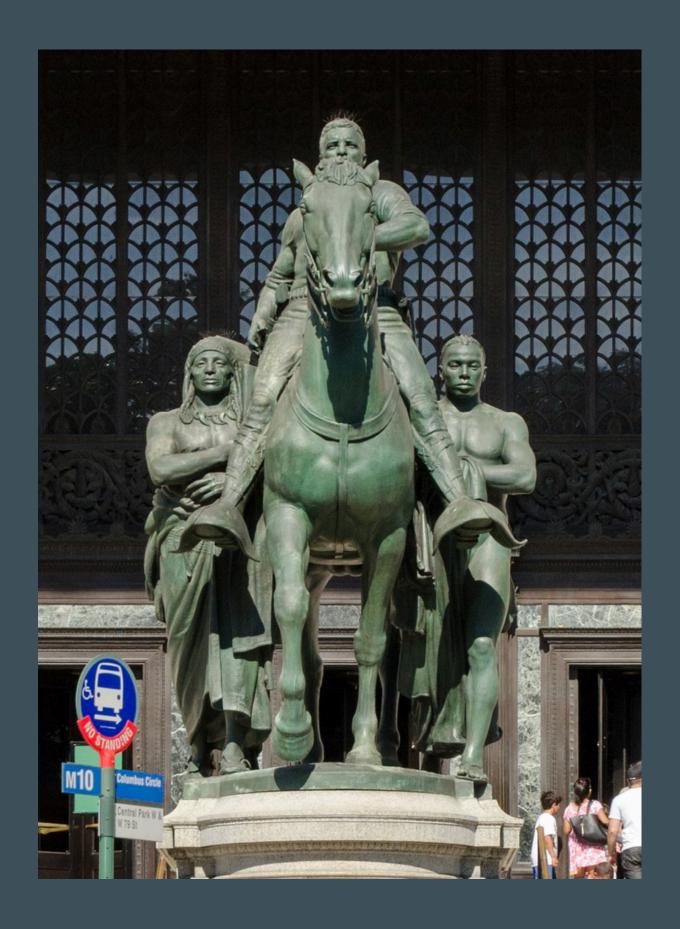


The Yankie Doodles Intrenchments near Boston 1776, 1776. (British Museum)



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James Earle Fraser, *Equestrian Statue of Theodore Roosevelt*, New York, NY, 1939. (Photograph by Edward Blake, 2015)



Johannes Adam Simon Oertel, *Pulling Down the Statue of King George III*,

1852–53. (New-York Historical Society)

La Destruction de la Statue Royale a Nouvelle Yorck



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LA DESTRUCTION DE LA STATUE ROYALE A NOUVELLE YORCK

Pulling Down the
Statue of George
III by the "Sons of
Freedom," at the
Bowling Green,
City of New York,
July 1776

John C McRae, Pulling Down the

Statue of George III by the "Sons of

Freedom," at the Bowling Green,

City of New York, 1859.

(New York Public Library)



William Whipple to John Langdon

"Independence was proclaim'd in the army at New-York last Wendsday, when the Leaden King in the Bowling Green was dismounted & is by this time cast into Bullets for the destruction of this Tools of Tyranny may every one of them be properly commission'd"

My Down Lin Shilar 16th July 1776 your favor of 1 ms came duely to have there can be no objection to your contracting for gun where ever they are to be had, I find by the back wa - nep of the furnises here) that they must be got son - where alse, goo! Hopkins has wrote agreeable to who I wrote last port, however I think it wo not be amy for you to contract of they won't space you there already made, which they will of they consider The good of the serve as they may make more by the time their ships are leady for them you may depend The Officer will be appointed. agreeable to your se commendation, their Commencers not being sent need be no hundercome to you in a going Satty allier and men Provision I wrote you about last frost, I agree with you that thew matters have not been properly attended too, but I by no men take any part of the charge of neglect to my uly for no poor Develo every begin for almy with more consist nels then I have to get their matter, with & am where determined of possible to have every thing completely before I leave this, - Two of the shyps were Launch here last weak, vez, the Randolph, & Delaware, but when they will get to see is un-- certain as they have no auchors yet Independence was proclaim's ten the army at New york last Wendsday, when the Leaden thing in Bowling green was des mounted & es by this time cast into Bullets for the destruction of this Tools of Syrammy may every one of Them be properly Comers

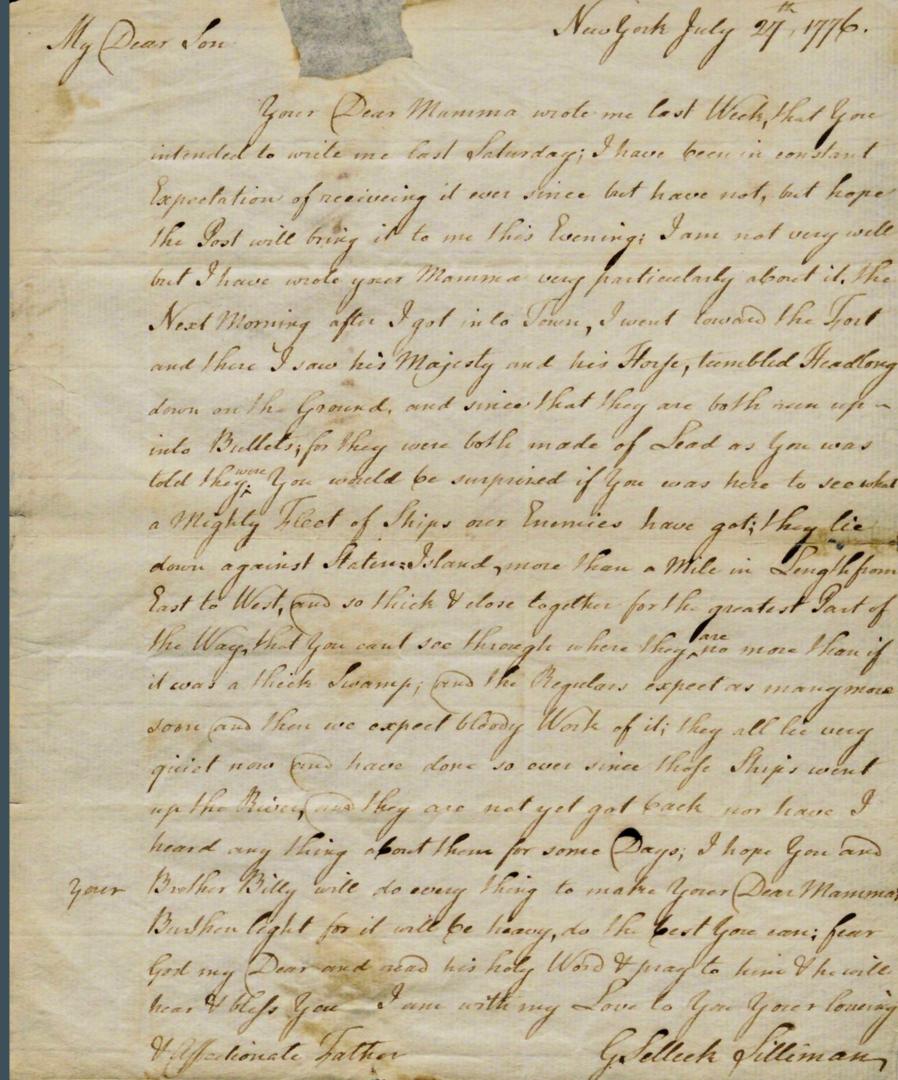
we are dayly in expectation of some green thitition offered tions at New-york the Melitia are all marching from this colony, the aprovators ale mostly gone from this City. Col Tukerson Cadwaleday & at the heard of there Regiment, no doubt in a very few days 20,000 men will be im bodied at Mew Jersey besides The army at york, this Declacetion has had a glorcous ofthe has men a there Colonies all alead, ale The Colonies forming governments as you're see by the papers I Expect There wice be some interruption in the Communitation but pope of worklass long moery greathan yours please to sent the indon paper to the north end I have sent the play you mention . to Mrs Browker the state of the s where I was they is to get to do The state of the s Syperiterio war your come to the on the co

William Whipple to John Langdon, July 16, 1776. (Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC03186)

Gold Selleck Silliman to his son

"The Next Morning after I got into Town, I went toward the Fort and there I saw his Majesty and his Horse, tumbled Headlong down on the Ground, and since that they are both run up into Bullets; for they were both made of Lead."

Gold Selleck Silliman to his son, July 27, 1776. (Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC07480.01)



Representation du feu terrible a Nouvelle Yorck

REPRESENTATION DU FEU TERRIBLE A NOUVELLE YORCK. Collection des Prospects

Francois X. Habermann, La Representation du feu terrible a Nouvelle Yorck, Augsburg, Germany, 1778. (Library of Congress)

Schröckenvolle Feuersbrunft welche zu Neu Yorck von denen Americanern in der Nacht vom 19. Herbst Monath 1776. angeleget worden, wodurch alle Gebäude auf der West Seite der neuen Börse, längst der Broockstrent bis an das Königt Kollegiu mehr als 1600. Häufser, die Dreifaltigkeits Kirche, die

Représentation du Feu terrible à Nouvelle Yorck, que les Americains ont al, lume pendent la Niut du 19. Septembre 1776. par le quel ont été brules, tous les Batiments du Coté de Dest, a droite de Borse dans la Rue de Broock jusqu'au College du Roi et plus que 1600. Maisons avec l'Église de la S. Trinité la Chapelle Lutheriene et L'École des pauvres Lutherische Kappelle u. die armen Schule in Asche verwandelt worden. De la S. te Trinité la Chapelle Lutheriene e Se vond à Augsbourg au Nègoue commen de Wandemie Imperiale d'Empire des Aris libereaux avec Privilege de Sa Majesté Imperiale et avec Desense ni d'en faire ni de vendre les Copies.

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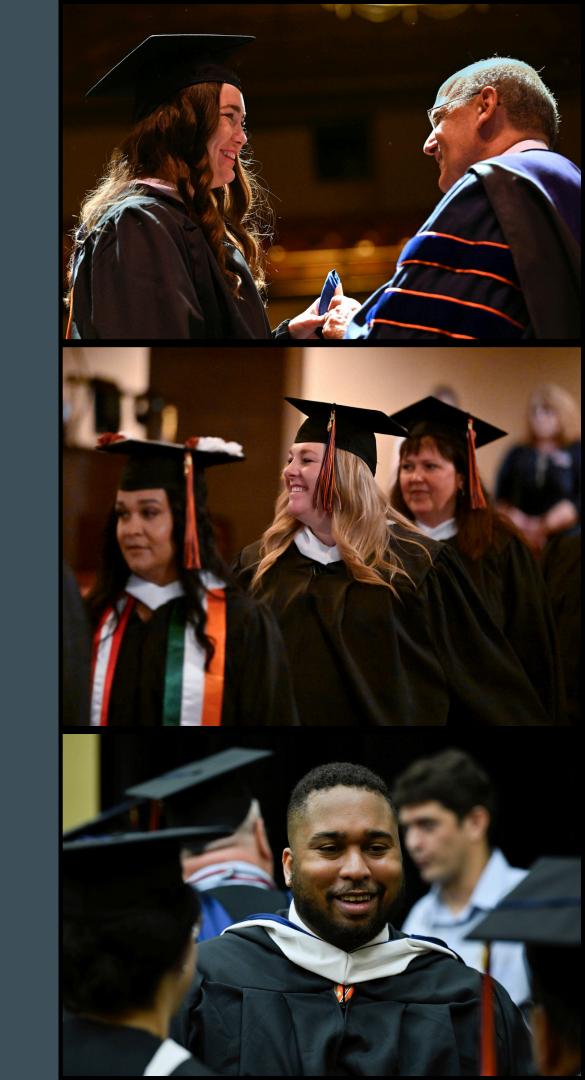
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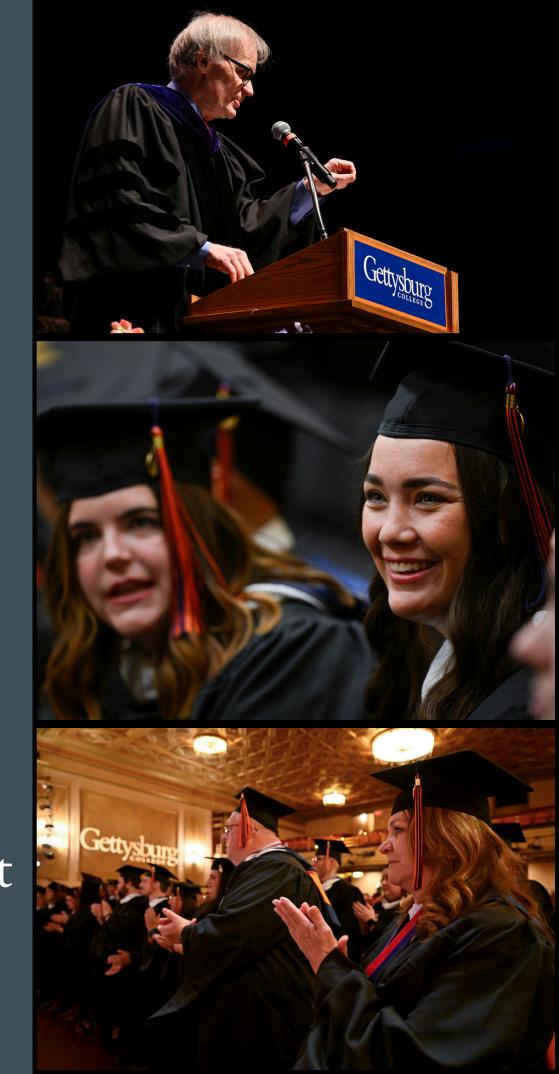
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