

Dear Mr. Campbell:

My wife and I recently visited Colonial Williamsburg and greatly enjoyed all that we saw and did. One of the highlights of our visit was attending the remarks of some of the Nation Builders at the St. George Tucker House.

I am writing to particularly compliment Mr. Chris Hull, who portrays the lawyer and law teacher George Wythe. Mr. Hull is a treasure; you have placed the eminent Mr. Wythe in good hands and have entrusted him to one who does him great honor in his portrayal.

I had the inestimable pleasure of meeting Mr. Hull as Mr. Wythe for the first time at the St. George Tucker House. It was there that I came to know Mr. Hull's knowledgeable and personable presentation of the character of George Wythe. He spoke in character and answered all questions eloquently, truly a masterful performance. He was so good that I felt compelled to take notes of what he said. Mr. Hull then dispensed with his characterization, became his own charming self, and answered still more questions. He said he himself was not a lawyer, but as a lawyer myself, I was impressed with his familiarity with the legal principles of George Wythe and his time.

Later, my wife and I had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Hull, still in costume, on the Duke of Gloucester Street, and he gave unstintingly of his time; we had a stimulating conversation. He is most amiable, truly a gracious and charismatic ambassador for Colonial Williamsburg. We also had the pleasure of meeting his delightful wife, Kate Burnham-Hull, who is also employed at CW and who was accompanying him.

I have been favorably impressed by all of the people who portray Nation Builders, and Mr. Hull in particular has secured my admiration for the fine job he does and my appreciation for the enormous amount of work he must do to be able to so convincingly interpret George Wythe.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
R.S.

P.S. I am sending this same message to Mr. James Horn.

ICMA Comment from November 2012:

"George Wythe was the highlight of the conference. His intelligence, demeanor and passion all came through wonderfully in your interpretation. I'll have more to say about the potential for educating and inspiring leaders in local government through a partnership with CWF and ICMA, but our choice of Mr. Wythe as the founding father to lead the way proved spot on because of you. Thanks again."

ICMA Comment from November 2013:

"By far the highest rated program on the group's evaluations was the interaction they had with George Wythe and Lydia Broadnax. This session according to the group's feedback was very powerful and moving. Speaking to Mr. Wythe they were able to see a man who really believed in the promise of the revolution and who worked hard on a local and colonial level to make that promise a reality. When the group then saw the interplay between the two characters when Lydia asks Wythe not to sign the Declaration of Independence, they saw on a very personal level that the promise of the Declaration was not a reality for all people. The group also commented on how eye opening it was to see the impact slavery had on a specific individual. Several of the group commented on this scene during the evening debrief and mentioned that it made them want to work harder to reach out and engage those in their communities who were not taking full advantage of their rights."

Chris Hull as George Wythe was amazing. I truly hope you will keep him as George. The history he gives is really much appreciated. I also think it would be great to see him more in the Wythe House, Tucker, and Museum Theatre. He was truly a treat to see him each and every time when we come to Williamsburg. We do come 4-5 times a year.

Thank you. We really do appreciate all he does and his dedication to Colonial Williamsburg.

L.A., Lancaster PA

I must also tell you how very much we enjoyed the talk given by "George Wythe" at the Coffee House Grounds. We did not find out the name of the gentleman who portrays Mr Wythe, but would like to pass on our appreciation of a wonderful performance by a consummate actor and interpreter.

S.P.

The George Wythe program today was exceptional! First time seeing it here and hope it won't be the last.

J.K., Pittsburgh PA

After seeing the George Wythe performance I can only sum it up with another "stellar performance," that keeps us coming back year after year (for the past 35 years) the quality and attention to detail in your actor's interpretations is of the highest level. We look forward to these presentations on each trip. Please continue to provide these excellent glimpses back into our nation's history!

M.M., Roselle Park NJ

George Whyte gave a splendid presentation. Thoughtful, humorous. He explained the questions when necessary. Thanks.

J.T.

Chris Hull presentation as George Wythe was outstanding.

S.K., East Troy WI

Also we were honored to attend George Wythe's Nation Builder program. How he educated the audience on this Founding Fathers life. I waited 40 years to see a performance that told his whole life's story! Chris Hull is superb!

L.G., Millersville PA

The gentleman who portrays George Wythe gave a superb presentation at the Art Museum on Oct. 5! Apparently others agreed with me, because he received a standing ovation from us. His portrayal introduced me to a George Wythe whom I knew very little about and whetted my appetite to know more. His observations on famous people of that period were fascinating. I wrote down some of his quotes, because they so struck me. He drew me into the life and the mind of Mr. Wythe.

P.C., Princeton IL

This was an absolutely intriguing presentation about a man little known to most Americans, Thanks!

M.G.

The presentation of George Wythe at the art museum was fantastic. I had no knowledge of this great man until today.

B. & J.W., Mesa AZ

My Wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the dynamic and most interesting presentation by the interpreter of George Wythe! This man is outstanding. He received a rousing ovation upon the completion of his performance.

Mr. and Mrs. C.D., Malvern PA

We cannot express enough about how much we enjoyed George Wythe's discussion. From my young boys, aged 8 & 11, to my mother-in-law of 75 years, we were moved by his story and his performance on a number of levels. I think my sons now want to study law! Thank you many times over.

L.H., McGayheysville VA

George Wythe was excellent. Brought the story to life and was amazingly interactive while in character.

No address given

We just attended a talk given by George Wythe and it was EXCELLENT! Very educational and very well acted. This is a great program and should be made a centerpiece of Colonial Williamsburg's programs.

J.N., Springfield VA

George Wythe was fabulous. We really appreciated his passion and deep knowledge. Thank you for bringing him alive in such a compelling way.

M.W., Alexandria VA

The George Wythe presentation was excellent! A one man show.

A. & J.W., Lynchburg VA

George Wythe presentation was fantastic – Superb Job! Informative, vigorous and entertaining – full of interesting stories about somebody (Wythe) I'd never even heard of before.

L.H., Buffalo Junction VA

The Founding Fathers – Meet a Nation Builder presentation was wonderful. I got more out of this presentation than almost anything else at Williamsburg. This presentation needs more visibility in all your marketing materials.

N.S., Memphis TN

The performer was superb! Informative and captivating – George Wythe

No address given

Re: George Wythe-Inspiring commentary and a depth of knowledge regarding this very influential person in history. Well done!

C.G., Williamsburg VA

The George Wythe presentation by Chris Hull was the highlight of my trip to Williamsburg! His bringing forth a living history of George Wythe and the times and the Q&A made the times memorable, interesting and fun. You must be proud to have such a talent and asset for all visitors.

No address given

Loved the Meet a Nation Builder: George Wythe. Learned a number of facts – need to continue with more programming such as this.

No address given

The presentation by George Wythe we attended on Sunday, July 14th was excellent! His story was told with clarity and good humor. His response to questions was well done and informative. He gave a very engaging performance. Everyone should have the opportunity to meet and listen to Mr. Wythe. Thank you for making this program available.

G. & E.C., Williamsburg VA

Re: Meet a Nation Builder: George Wythe

Excellent presentation and clarification of a lot of the educational and philosophical origin of our country – many lessons for today!!

J.R., MD, Mechanicsville MD

Enjoyed the George Wythe presentation immensely! Wonderfully creative way of presenting history by an admirably accomplished actor. Thank you for this opportunity.

E.E., Lyndhurst VA

We just heard George Wythe speak in the auditorium. He was EXCELLENT. As a speaker, Chris Hull, was extremely well versed and most articulate. And the character – George Wythe – is someone we hear little about – too little. It seems to us that this program should be repeated often – here and in other venues. George Wythe (and Chris Hull) deserve more exposure.

S.S., Williamsburg VA