Guest Costume Policy
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“...Her [Mrs. Washington's] wishes coincide with my own as to simplicity of dress, and everything which can tend to support propriety of character without partaking of the follies of luxury and ostentation.”
George Washington to Catherine Macaulay Graham, January 9, 1790

In order to provide a positive guest experience to all of Mount Vernon’s guests, individuals or groups who wish to wear period costumes are asked to observe and adhere to the following guidelines:

I. Guests may not portray or resemble George Washington, Martha Washington, or other important or recognizable historical figures.

II. Guests may not, in any form, interpret or perform for other Mount Vernon guests, outside of their party or group.

III. Guests may not act, or appear to act, as a representative of Mount Vernon.

IV. Mount Vernon reserves the right to refuse access to guests in costume if deemed inappropriate or distracting, as determined by Mount Vernon staff.