What would George Washington wear?

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The first president wore a BANYAN, a loose robe that fit over his undergarments. Our cartoonist has here taken some liberties with the historical record.

Washington’s ARMY UNIFORM is kept at the Smithsonian.

This sword is based on the one carried by Washington in the painting WASHINGTON CROSSING THE DELAWARE.
For his inauguration on April 30, 1789, Washington selected cloth made in Connecticut by the HARTFORD WOOLEN MANUFACTORY.

There is still a coat that looks like this at MT. VERNON, George Washington’s home.

REMEMBER: The president sometimes wore buff. That’s a light pink. But he would look good in any color.