

**Constantino Brumidi, 1865,  
“Commerce” vignette from the  
Apotheosis of Washington**

Brumidi’s canopy in the Capitol dome features George Washington in the center, but various gods surround the scene.

Here Mercury (Hermes) — discernible from his winged sandals, winged hat, caduceus, and money bag — instructs the nations fathers regarding the best practices of commerce. The smokestacks of the industrial revolution are in the background, Vulcan is clockwise and Neptune to the right. Brumidi’s name and date are on the crate at Mercury’s feet.

