Culper Substitution Cipher
WTC VITSVX GSRJMVQI

Cipher key (left column):

A → E
B → F
C → G
D → H
E → I
F → J
G → K
H → L
I → M
J → N
K → O
L → P
M → Q
N → R
O → S
P → T
Q → U
R → V
S → W
T → X
U → Y
V → Z
W → A
X → B
Y → C
Z → D

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Pmfivxc, alir mx fikmrw xs xeoi vssx, mw e tperx sj vetmh kvsaxl.

– George Washington

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Kmzi qi pmfivxc, sv kmzi qi hiexl!

– Patrick Henry

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During the American Revolution, General George Washington relied on secret messages to outsmart the British. One of the tools used by the Culper Spy Ring was a substitution cipher—a simple but effective code where each letter of the alphabet was replaced with another. This allowed spies to hide names, locations, and military plans inside everyday letters. The Culper cipher shifted every letter forward by four places, so A became E, B became F, C became G, and so on. Even if a message was intercepted, it looked like nonsense to anyone without the key. Now it's your turn: use the Culper substitution system to encode and decode messages just like a real Revolutionary War spy.