

## Vice Admiral Joel Roberts Poinsett Pringle

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PRESIDENT, 19 SEPTEMBER 1927 - 30 MAY 1930

Oil on Canvas

Charles Hopkinson, 1936

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The nineteenth president of the College, Joel R. P. Pringle (1873 - 1932), had been the first commanding officer of the destroyer USS

*Perkins* (D 26) in 1910 and went on to command the destroyer tender USS *Dixie* (AD 1), Flotilla 2 of the Destroyer Force, Atlantic Fleet, and the battleship USS *Idaho* (BB 24). During World War One, he was simultaneously Chief of Staff, Destroyer Flotilla, European Waters, and Commanding Officer of the destroyer tender USS *Melville* (AD 2), Admiral Sims's flagship. He graduated from the Naval War College in 1920 and served as Chief of Staff at the Naval War College in 1923 - 1925 under Rear Admiral C. S. Williams. As a flag officer at sea, he commanded Battleship Division 3 in the Battle Force and was later Commander, Battleships, Battle Force.

The artist, Charles Hopkinson (1869 - 1962), was one of the small group of artists chosen in 1919 to paint portraits of the signers of the Versailles Treaty. Prolific as well as internationally known, he completed more than three hundred landscapes and seven hundred portraits, including the White House presidential portrait of Calvin Coolidge as well as portraits of England's poet laureate John Masefield, and several presidents of Harvard University.