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OBJECT NAME	Coin
DATE CREATED	1831
MATERIAL	Copper
OBJECT ENTITIES	Kapodistrias, Governor (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>branches</li> <li>coin</li> <li>copper</li> <li>cross</li> <li>Money</li> <li>phenix</li> </ul>

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Greek copper coin:

Obverse: "Kingdom of Greece" written in the Greek alphabet around the symbol of a phenix rising from the ashes, blowing smoke out of its beak with a cross above its head. Under this is a small box with greek letters spelling "aoka"

Reverse: "Governor Kapodistrias" written in Greek surrounding two branches of leaves tied together with a bow, inside of which it says "1 Lepta"

#### ORIGIN

Count Ioannis Antonios Kapodistrias (11 February 1776 – 9 October 1831), sometimes anglicized as John Capodistrias was a Greek Foreign Minister of the Russian Empire and one of the most distinguished politicians and diplomats of Europe. After a long career in European politics and diplomacy he was elected as the first head of state of independent Greece (1827–33) and he is considered the founder of the modern Greek State, and the founder of Greek independence.

#### CITATION

Coin, 1831, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/16/24.