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When he arrived in America, he knew only the names of the leaders of the Independence Revolution. He looked for a way to join in their struggle.

By chance, he made the acquaintance of Benjamin Franklin, whom he knew was a principle figure in the colonies and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. His background and eagerness to help with the impending conflict impressed Franklin, who wrote a letter of introduction to General George Washington.

Washington was also excited to meet Thaddeus and assigned him to the United States War Department the next day.

**It was also through Benjamin Franklin that he was introduced to Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and a man Thaddeus admired ever since he first read the document. Jefferson and Kosciuszko became instant and life-long friends.**

The leaders of the new nation were happy to welcome Thaddeus to their cause, and knew he would become a great asset to the war effort.

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