Thomas Hartley

(7 Sep 1748 - 21 Dec 1800)

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A Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Reading, Pa., September 7, 1748; completed preparatory studies, member of the provincial convention at Philadelphia in 1775; served in the Revolutionary War as Lieutenant Colonel of Irvine's Regiment and as colonel of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment in 1776; commanded an expedition against the Indians in 1778; member of the State house of representatives in 1778; member of the council of censors in 1783; member of the State convention which adopted the Constitution of the United States in 1787; elected to the 1st through 6th Congresses and served from March 4, 1789 until his death in Yorktown (later York), Pennsylvania, December 21, 1800; interment in St. John's Churchyard.

Died at Yorktown, Pa., on the 21st inst., after a tedious illness, Thomas Hartley, for a long time a member of Congress for the State of Pennsylvania, aged 52 years.