James Lent

(b. 1782 – 22 Feb 1833)

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A Representative from New York; born in Newton, Long Island (now a part of the Borough of Queens), New York in 1782; engaged in mercantile pursuits in New York City; judge of Queens County and served from February 5, 1823 to March 4, 1829; elected as a Jackson Democrat to the 21st and 22nd Congress and served from March 4, 1829 until his death in Washington, D.C. February 22, 1833. Reinterred in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Newton, Long Island, New York.

The National Intelligencer, January 28, 1833

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Lent, Representative from New York, is confined to his bed by serious indisposition.

The National Intelligencer, February 23, 1833

The death of the Hon. James Lent, of New York, occasioned yesterday a melancholy cause of interruption to the action of the House of Representatives on the various business before it, and especially of that assigned for that day, (on the affairs of the District,) for which, however, no doubt another day will be set apart by the House.

In the Senate

Some further remarks were made by Mr. Webster, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Clay, Mr. Foot, and Mr. Miller, when the bill was, on motion of Mr. Dudley, laid on the table, in consequence of a message from the House, announcing the death of the Hon. James Lent, a Representative from New York, and inviting the Senate to attend the funeral, tomorrow, at 11 o'clock.

The usual resolution was then adopted, and, on motion of Mr. Clay, it was Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at one o'clock. The Senate then adjourned

In the House

... Mr. Hoffman rose and announced to the House the decease of James Lent, Jr., a member of the House of Representatives from the State of New York. After some appropriate remarks, Mr. H. submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

1. Resolved, That the members of this House will testify their respect for the memory of James Lent, deceased late a member of this House from the State of New York, by wearing crape on the left arm for the remainder of the present session of Congress.

2. Resolved, That this House will attend the funeral of the late James Lent, tomorrow at 11 o'clock, a.m. and that a Committee be appointed to take order for, and to superintend the said funeral.

3. Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate to notify that body of the death of James Lent, late a member of this House, and that his funeral will take place tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

The House then adjourned.