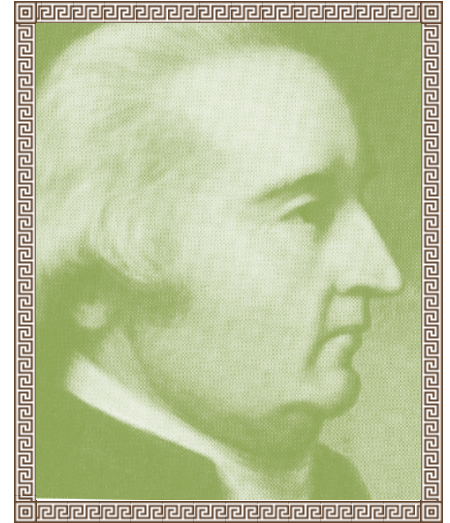


WILLIAM WHIPPLE



STATE - New Hampshire

AGE - 46 (Born: 1/14/1730)

HOME - Portsmouth, New Hampshire

EDUCATION - Local Schools

FAMILY - 1 Marriage, No Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Slave Ship Captain, Slave Owner, Businessman

WHAT HE IS LIKE - Wealthy, Tough, Independent

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - Down at the docks

BEFORE THE CONGRESS William Whipple grew up in Maine and went to sea while still a boy. He became a ship master and engaged in the slave trade. At the age of thirty he gave up the sea and opened a business in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He became one of the most important citizens of Portsmouth. Later, William gave up his business to devote all his time to public service. William became a member of the colonial legislature.

AT THE CONGRESS William Whipple arrived at the Continental Congress in 1776. He concerned himself mainly with naval and military affairs in Congress. He thought the colonies should not make peace with England but should beat them on the battlefield.

DATE OF DEATH 11/28/1785, (55 Years Old)

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CONGRESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONS: You like Thomas Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration of Independence. However, you object to the passage that is critical of slavery because you used to be a slave-ship captain. You will agree to accept the Declaration of Independence only if Congress takes the passage out.

FINAL VOTING: After the passages are taken out and the final vote is called to accept the Declaration of Independence you stand and say: *I, William Whipple of New Hampshire, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

Wm Whipple