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ON THE  
LIFE AND CHARACTER  
OF  
JOHN ARNOT, JR.  
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ANNOUNCEMENT  
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DEATH OF JOHN ARNOT, JR.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*December 6, 1886.*

Mr. HEWITT. Mr. Speaker, it is my painful duty to announce to the House that since its adjournment in August last two members of the New York delegation have died, Hon. LEWIS BEACH, who represented in this House the Fifteenth Congressional district, and Hon. JOHN ARNOT, Jr., who represented the Twenty-eighth Congressional district.

I do not propose at this time to do more than make this sad announcement, knowing that the House will hereafter take such action as will be appropriate in the circumstances. But I send to the desk resolutions which I ask to have read by the Clerk.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with sincere regret the announcement of the death during the late recess of Hon. LEWIS BEACH and Hon. JOHN ARNOT, Jr., late Representatives from the State of New York.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate the foregoing resolution to the Senate.

*Resolved*, That as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representatives the House do now adjourn.

The resolutions were unanimously agreed to, and the House accordingly adjourned.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*February 8, 1887.*

Mr. MILLARD. I submit the resolutions which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has received with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JOHN ARNOT, late a member of the House of Representatives from the State of New York, and tenders to the family and kindred of the deceased the assurance of sympathy in their sad bereavement.

*Resolved*, That the business of the House be now suspended that opportunity may be given for fitting tributes to the memory of the deceased and to his eminent public and private virtues.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to transmit to the family of the deceased a copy of these resolutions.



ADDRESSES  
ON THE  
DEATH OF JOHN ARNOT, JR.

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DELIVERED IN THE TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS.

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Address of Mr. MILLARD, of New York.

Mr. SPEAKER: At a meeting of the New York Congressional delegation, recently held, I was directed by its chairman, Mr. HEWITT, to present to the House at this time the resolutions just read. It now becomes my sad duty to ask for their consideration, and to join in paying the last official tribute to the memory of my deceased colleague.

Scenes like this have become so frequent during the present Congress, they seem almost to constitute a part of the regular proceedings of the House. The list of our departed associates is indeed a long one. Of the three hundred and twenty-five Representatives elected to the Forty-ninth Congress who a little more than one year ago appeared and answered to the first roll-call, the seats of eleven have been vacated by the hand of death. Eleven of our number have died. With them "life's fitful fever is over." Their work on earth is accomplished, and they have passed beyond the reach of all human praise or blame.

In the death of JOHN ARNOT I cannot but feel that I have sustained a personal loss. He was not only my colleague, but my neighbor and friend. We entered Congress at the same time, and the Congressional district he represented at the time of his death comprised a portion of the constituency I had the honor to represent in the Forty-eighth Congress. In the few remarks I may be able to offer at this time I cannot hope to do justice to his memory, yet were I to remain silent I should not only do violence to my own feelings, but disappoint many of my constituents who were his admirers and life-long friends.

JOHN ARNOT was born at Elmira, N. Y., March 11, 1831. He sprang from good stock, being the second son of the late John Arnot, a native of Perthshire, Scotland. In early life the father left his Scottish home to seek his fortune in the New World, and while a young man came to Elmira, then a small village in the southern tier of New York. He was a man of great business energy and financial ability, and did more to develop the resources of Southern New York and Northern Pennsylvania than any man of his time. The elder Arnot died several years ago, leaving surviving him three sons, Stephen T., John, and Matthias. John was educated at a private school, and upon the death of his father became the head of the Chemung Canal Bank, one of the largest banking houses in the southern tier of New York. In early life he married Miss Hulit, daughter of the late Hon. Charles Hulit, a woman of culture and refinement, to whose beauty of character and patient courage he was largely indebted for his success in life.

That the people of the Twenty-eighth district of New York in 1882 should select him to represent them in Congress was one of the most natural things in the world. For many years he had been its foremost citizen, popular with all

classes, a man of great wealth, but with a heart as big as his fortune. No man in all Southern New York was better or more favorably known. For thirty years he had been identified with the growth and prosperity of his beloved city, and there was no spot in all the world he loved so well. It was at Elmira he was born, and it was there all the busy years of his life had been spent. If he had loved her, she had honored him in return. For three successive terms he had been chosen president of the village, and after it had become a thriving and populous city he was frequently elected to the office of mayor.

JOHN ARNOT at the time of his death had entered upon his second term in Congress. So satisfactorily had he performed the duties of his high office, and so greatly was he beloved, his second nomination and election was practically without opposition. Though residing in a doubtful district, the Republican Congressional convention which met at Ithaca in the autumn of 1884 made him its candidate by unanimously indorsing his nomination. He made no claims to statesmanship. He was not a debater or in any sense a parliamentarian. I think his voice was never heard in the discussion of any public question upon this floor. Protracted debate wearied him, and he was always impatient for the call of the previous question. But for all this he was an able man, thoroughly posted upon all important questions, and his vote and influence was always to be found on the right side.

JOHN ARNOT was a strong partisan, but he never permitted his party obligations to interfere with what he deemed to be a conscientious performance of official duty. Public life in Washington has many temptations, and there are few who have occupied high official positions here that have escaped the charge of corruption or venality in some