

John Langdon

New Hampshire (small state)

Personal Background

You were born in New Hampshire in 1741. Your father, whose family came to the colonies sometime before 1660, was a prosperous farmer. As an adult, you spent time at sea before making your fortune as a merchant and trader. You were a strong Patriot, and you fought in the Revolutionary War. You also added to your wealth by building privateers (armed ships) for use against the British. As a politician, you have been speaker of the New Hampshire assembly, a delegate to the Continental Congress, and president of New Hampshire.

An optimistic and cheery man, you are an active speaker in the debates at the Constitutional Convention.

Views on Issues at the Constitutional Convention

Issue 1: You firmly believe that all states should have an equal vote in the national legislature. You think that the legislature should have one house.

Issue 2: You believe that slaves should be counted for determining the taxes paid by a state, but not for determining a state's representation in the national legislature.

Issue 3: You believe that the executive should be elected by the national legislature.

Sign the Constitution? Yes.