

John Lansing, Jr.

New York (large state)

Personal Background

You were born in New York in 1754. You became a lawyer, and during the war spent a year as military secretary to General Philip Schuyler. You are quite wealthy. In addition to your law practice, you own a large estate. As a politician, you have served several terms in the New York assembly and are currently the mayor of Albany.

You came to the convention with the idea of simply improving the Articles of Confederation. As the debates go on, you are concerned that the Constitutional Convention might go too far in forming a powerful central government.

Views on Issues at the Constitutional Convention

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

Issue 2: You believe that all slaves should be counted for determining state taxes.

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

Sign the Constitution?

No. You quit the convention when it becomes clear that it will form a powerful new national government instead of simply revising the Articles of Confederation.