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From the N.Y. Commercial.

DEATH OF DE WITT CLINTON.

(Yesterday's mail) brought intelligence of this melancholy event, which occurred at New York on the evening of Monday the 11th inst., and with great suddenness. He had discharged his official duties during the day, and written several letters in the course of the afternoon. About 7 o'clock in the evening he was sitting in his study, conversing with two of his sons, when his head suddenly fell backwards, and he died almost instantly. The internal hemorrhage, which had deprived him of his physical faculties during the day, and which was again elected to the mayoralty of New York in 1814; and was annually reelected until 1815. In 1816, while Lieutenant Governor, he was recommended by a portion of the New York Delegation in Congress, as a candidate for the Presidency. In the following year he was almost unanimously elected Governor of N.Y. In 1823, through the management of those who had all along opposed his measures, he was removed from the office of chief commissioner—a post unusually honorary, though excessively laborious. But a respite ensued, and De Witt Clinton was called from retirement in 1824, by an immense majority of his fellow citizens, to the Chief Magistracy of New-York—a station which he still occupied at his death.

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