

Then follow eighty-two names, and among them :

Matthew Clarkson,	-	-	-	-	£2500
Gerardus Clarkson,	-	-	-	-	2000

“It is a page in our national history, one most gratifying to the citizens of Philadelphia, and especially to those who inherit the names of these worthies.”

On the 19th of February, 1785, the Legislature of the state elected two delegates to the Congress of the United States. In the journal of that body, New York, April 21st, 1785, is this minute: “Mr. David Jackson, a delegate from Pennsylvania, attended and produced credentials by which it appears that on the 19th day of February, 1785, the Hon. Matthew Clarkson and David Jackson, Esq’s., were elected delegates to represent said State in the Congress of the United States for the present year;” but I find no record of Mr. Clarkson’s taking his seat, nor of his name in the daily calls of ayes and nays. Mr. Jackson’s name, as present, first appears in the journal of May 19th. I conclude that Mr. Clarkson declined the place; perhaps on account of holding the office of Marshal, and Congress having its sessions out of Philadelphia. Mr. James Wilson was elected from Pennsylvania, April 7, 1785, and appeared in Congress April 26th, having probably been chosen in Clarkson’s place, and holding, as has been said of him, in that body, the first name “among the ablest men of the country.”