

Matthew St. Clair Clarke

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In this city, yesterday, about noon, Matthew St. Clair Clarke, Esq., in the sixty-second year of his age, heretofore for a long time Clerk of the House of Representatives, and in that public capacity widely known. Universally esteemed for his amiable and social qualities, he had others, never ostentatiously displayed, but well known to those who have been in intimacy with him. He was a devout Christian, an affectionate husband and parent, a faithful friend, and an upright and honorable man. Of him it may be said, with entire truth, that he had a soul for pity, and "a hand open as day to melting charity."

In lamenting his death, after a long and painful illness, we may well console ourselves with the reflection that he has left us for a better world,

Where the wicked cease from troubling,

And the weary are at rest.

The funeral of the deceased will take place this (Friday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock, from his late residence at Mr. Willard's, near F and Fourteenth streets.