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"For the next year (1812) Dr. McHenry was elected
President

"Dr. James McHenry was a native of Ulster, who had
migrated to America in early life, and had fought through the Rev-
olutionary War, serving for a large part of the time as one of Wash-
ington's aides-de-camp. He had also served in the Maryland legisla-
ture and in the Continental Congress, and was an intimate friend of
Alexander Hamilton, of the Marquis de la Fayette, and Timothy Picker-
ing. He had amassed a considerable fortune in business, but had been
called back to public life by Washington in 1796, to become Secretary
of War, a position he continued to hold throughout the most of the ad-
ministration of John Adams. Since 1800, he had lived in retirement in
Baltimore, and the probability is that he was induced to accept this
position through the ^{persuasion} ~~persuasion~~ of the Rev. James Inglis of the First
Presbyterian Church, of which McHenry was one of the Trustees. It was
McHenry's last public office, and he closed his long and useful life
in 1816."