

ing remained but to settle preliminaries for a meeting of the parties. At one o'clock, on Wednesday, July 28, Colonel Smith and Mr. Riker met at Mr. Little's [in Broad Street], and on the twenty-ninth selected the place of meeting, and, on the thirtieth, agreed upon the following arrangement :

“ 1st. To leave this island [Manhattan] from different points in two boats precisely at five o'clock, on Saturday, p.m., and to proceed to the place proposed. The party first arriving will wait the landing of the other : each boat shall be rowed by four confidential persons *only*, who shall remain in their respective boats until called for. These persons are not to be armed in any manner whatever. There will be but seven persons in each boat, viz., the principal, his second, one surgeon, and four oarsmen. The surgeons may attend in silence on the ground.

“ 2d. The distance between the parties to be ten yards, measured by the seconds, and the positions shall be distinctly marked.

“ 3d. The seconds shall determine by lot the choice of position.

“ 4th. The pistols are not to exceed eleven inches in the barrel. They are to be smooth bores, and to be loaded by the seconds in each other's presence, showing a smooth ball.

“ 5th. The gentlemen will stand with their backs to each other at their respective stations, and in this position shall each receive a pistol, and the seconds having determined by lot who gives the word, he to whom the lot falls shall take his position in the centre, retired from the line of fire, and shall distinctly say : “ Attention, gentlemen—*To the right face* ”—upon which they shall face to the right and fire with promptitude ; if one fires before the other, the opposite second shall say, “ one, two, three, fire,” and he shall fire.

“ 6th. The left hand shall not be brought in support of the right arm, nor be placed on the right breast or side.

“ 7th. If either should be wounded before he has fired, and means to fire, he shall, if he can stand *unsupported* be entitled to his shot, and not otherwise. If either has fired, is wounded and means to proceed, he shall receive no assistance ; his second will only exchange the pistol. If he falls forward, the second will repost him.

“ 8th. At the exchange of pistols correct positions are to be resumed, and the words given as in article 5.

“ 9th. A snap or flash to be considered a fire. The pistol must not be recovered.

“ 10th. Neither party to quit his station without the order or consent of the two seconds.’

“ R. RIKER,

“ W. S. SMITH.

“ New York, July 30, 1802.”