

of Pennsylvania Avenue, not far from Rhodes's. It was in the evening. I knocked, or pulled the bell, several times before a servant came, who informed me that Colonel Burr was not to be seen, he was engaged with company. I gave the servant my name, and directed him to go and tell Colonel Burr that I had called.

"Colonel Burr came, and invited me upstairs, and requested me to sit with Mrs. Wheaton half an hour, when he would be with me. In about three-quarters of an hour he came, and apologized for his delay. I observed to him that he had a large company, among whom I recognized the voices of Generals Wilkinson and Dayton, although I had not heard of the latter gentleman's being in town; I hoped he had not hurried himself from them on account of seeing me; that I had been well entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton, and would have been so an hour or two longer, if he wished to remain with his company.

"Colonel Burr said the meeting was about some land concern in the western country, and they had gone as far as they could with it at that time; my coming had been no interruption; he was glad to see me, and soon commenced on the coming election in Tennessee. I repeated what I had said to General Wilkinson. He admitted the probability of success in the course I pointed out; but did not seem to be so much enamored with the project as General Wilkinson.

"He said he was obliged on the fourth of March to go to Philadelphia, from there he would go to Pittsburg, and thence to the western country by water. I offered him a passage in my boat from Pittsburg, if he should be there when I should have done my business on the Monongahela, and descended to Pittsburg. I assured him, however, all chance of obtaining the election in Tennessee would be jeopardized, if not lost, by such a delay. He told me he had ordered a boat prepared for him at Pittsburg; and he talked as if his business at Philadelphia was indispensable as well as his voyage down the Ohio."¹

From Philadelphia, on the tenth of April, Colonel Burr wrote to General Wilkinson: "Your letter of the eighth is received this morning, and it has so far influenced my movements that my departure from this place is delayed until the twenty-first. I shall be at Pittsburg before the first of May, but will wait there till that day in the hope of seeing you."²

The boat in which Colonel Burr descended the Ohio River from Pittsburg "was a rude floating house, or ark, sixty feet long and fourteen wide, containing four apartments: a dining-room, a kitchen with a fire-place, and two bed-rooms, all lighted by glass windows, and the whole covered by a roof, which served as a promenade deck."

¹ Colonel M. Lyon's deposition. Memoirs of my own times. By General James Wilkinson, vol. ii., appendix, doc. lxxviii.

² *Ibid.* doc. lxxix.