

the vessel or of his daughter, that face which had before shown no gloom or sadness, began to exhibit the signs of deep and deeper concern. Every means was resorted to to obtain information, but no tidings were ever heard of the vessel, or of her upon whom all the affection of his nature had been bestowed. 'Hope deferred,' did indeed in this case, make sick and nearly crush the heart.

"His symbol, which he loved occasionally to stamp upon the seal of a letter, was a rock in the tempest-torn ocean, which neither wind nor wave could move. But his firm and manly nature, which no danger or reverse, nor any of the previous circumstances of life had been able to shake, was near giving way. It was interesting though painful, to witness his struggle; but he did rise superior to his grief and the light once more shone upon his countenance. But it was ever after a subdued light.

"Something will be expected to be said by me, with regard to his duel with Gen. Hamilton. So much has been written on this subject already, that I can add nothing to the history of the transaction. Every one will form an opinion for himself as to who was to blame in that unfortunate affair. I will say, however, that it was a matter to which Col. Burr, from delicacy, never referred. He was no boaster, and no calumniator, and certainly he would have no word of censure for his dead antagonist. I will relate, however, an anecdote told me by him, indicating the degree of hostility felt towards him by some after that transaction, and at the same time his own intrepidity, although to the latter he seemed not to attach the slightest importance.

"He was travelling in the interior of the State, and had reached a country tavern where he was to stay for the night. He was seated by a table in his room engaged in writing, when the landlord came up and announced that two young men were below and wished to see him, and added that their manner seemed rather singular. He had heard that two very enthusiastic young gentlemen were on his track, and he was not therefore surprised at the announcement. Taking out his pistols, and laying them before him, he told the landlord to show them up. They came up, and as one was about to advance into his room Burr told them not to approach a foot nearer. Then addressing him he said, 'What is your business?' The foremost said, 'Are you Col. Burr?' 'Yes,' said the Colonel. 'Well,' says the young man, 'we have come to take your life, and mean to have it before we go away. Upon this, Burr, laying his hand upon one of his pistols, replied,