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Sept. 3-1947.

His Excellency Harry S. Truman  
President of the United States of America.  
The White House  
Washington D. C.

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Most Honored Sir:

On Sept 14-1836, an ex Vice Pres<sup>t</sup> of the U.S.A. breathed his last in a little hotel on Staten Island, just across New York Bay. He was old, paralyzed and quite helpless, and almost alone. Two days later, the body was conveyed to Princeton N.J. escorted by some old friends of the military and the legal professions. After the Rev. Dr. Carnahan, the Pres<sup>t</sup> of Princeton had delivered a splendid sermon, the mortal remains were interred at the feet those of his father and maternal grandfather, former Pres<sup>ts</sup> of the College. The ceremonies were concluded with a volley fired over the newly-filled grave by the Mercer Guards. The man was Sam Burr, and he had at last found surcease from that vilification as no man in this our country's history had to endure, and be it a lasting shame to the Democratic Party that no clarion voice was raised in the defense of the name and honor of this grand gentleman, who together

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with Jefferson, built up what is today the Democratic Party.

In the Revolution, serving with Arnold, Montgomery, Washington, Putnam and McDougall, he was rated one of the most valued officers, with an unblemished record for discipline, gallantry and initiative. As a lawyer, he was all erudition and logic, and never lost a case. A Senator without reproach, and then as Vice Pres<sup>t</sup>, that was a glorious page in the history of our young Republic; — but as he rose in public office and esteem, — the biased, the envious, the malignant found in <sup>this</sup> great tribune of the people, a suitable target for all the venom and abuse imaginable, — even for those hectic days. The instigator-in-chief was the brilliant but morbid Federalist Alexander Hamilton, and aided by such degraded creatures like the Englishman Cheatham and his ilk, the falsehoods, constantly repeated, came to be believed.

After his dramatic acquittal in 1807 in Richmond of any charges as to his designs on Texas, then a part of Mexico, (and 40 years later, we took it anyway) he sailed to Europe, and the American representatives abroad, to their ever-lasting shame treated him not as an Ex Vice Pres<sup>t</sup>, but as one to avoid. On his return to this country, after 4 years of neglect and extreme poverty, he re-opened his law office in N.Y.C. with very happy results, but notwithstanding his large

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income, he was oft, 'cleaned out', as he could never refuse a soul who came to him for help, and he had many such cases every day.

His only child, his beloved daughter Theodora, the wife of Governor Joseph Alston of S. Carolina had been lost at sea, and his only grandchild, Aaron Burr Alston had died, -- and tho his cup was to overflowing, -- he remained the same serene, kindly chivalrous gentleman as of old, -- but with it all, the slanders persisted. What a field-day for the ignorant and the depraved. Always a sensitive being, he shrank from answering the human bloodhounds. His vindication he left to a kinder and more understanding posterity. We are that posterity. Let us in our lifetime -- now, right a great wrong, and restore the fair name of Aaron Burr -- unsullied, and placed with those others of our worthy great and noble.

As we approach the 111<sup>th</sup> year following his passing, the leaders, the heirs of the Burr Jefferson Jackson tradition should honor this great and good man (tho tardy) whose fault it was that in statecraft he was 40 years and more ahead of his contemporaries. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month, may eulogies picturing the true Aaron Burr, (not the one in the Hamilton guise) be delivered in every corner of our land, and pay our humble homage to our martyred Vice Pres<sup>t</sup>. We look to our leaders to be in

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the forefront in this good fight, a fight dear to the heart of every good American who loves fair play.

The old St. James Hotel in Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, (where he died), - about 3 years ago had been demolished and a high wooden boarding put up across the length of the front. It is a small plot, and were the Government or the City of N. Y. to take it over - it would make a fitting memorial in the form of a little Burr Park, beautified with trees, shrubbery and a statue of the man who was instrumental in electing Thos. Jefferson President and who years later, started the boom that placed Andrew Jackson in the White House.

It is a privilege to be counted as a fighter in the cause of the man who made the People's Cause his own, - and with the crusade once under way, all the filth, the venom and lies will have been removed, and all true Americans will again read with pride the true history of him, who in his own life-time bore his afflictions in majestic serenity, for he was at all times -

Fearless and just

Chivalrous and gallant

Charitable and gentle -

and that was Aaron Burr.

Trusting that this will find an echo in your heart as it has in mine

I remain

with every kindest salutation

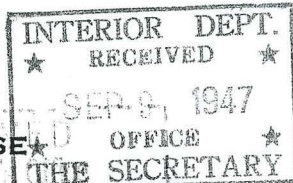
Most Honored Sir

In all esteem  
most Respectfully

Harry Paul Eisman.

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WASHINGTON



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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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September 19, 1947.

Mr. Harry Paul Eisman,  
111 East Grand Street,  
Fleetwood,  
Mount Vernon, New York.

Dear Mr. Eisman:

Your letter of September 3 to the President, concerning a memorial park to Aaron Burr, has been referred to this Service for acknowledgment.

We note your suggestion that the site of the old St. James Hotel, Staten Island, be developed as the Burr Park by planting bushes, trees, and erecting a monument to Burr.

We suggest that you bring your proposal to the attention of the City officials of New York. The National Park Service does not have funds to develop such a park as you have in mind.

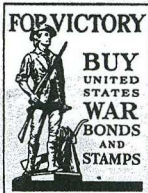
We enjoyed reading your excellent presentation in behalf of Aaron Burr.

Sincerely yours,

(SOD) HILLORY A. TOLSON  
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Acting Director.

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HON. HILLORY A. TOLSON  
ACTING DIRECTOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR  
CHICAGO 54, ILLINOIS:



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Dear Director Tolson:

Acting upon your most welcome suggestions, as of Sept. 19th. (in regards to creating a tiny Aaron Burr Mem. Park in Richmond Terrace, Staten Island), I wrote to his Honor, Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York City, and awaiting his reply, I find it but just to inform you of matters to date.

With the city taking title to the small plot, could we count upon you to help in a most modest landscaping with a few trees and some shrubbery? The city will supply several benches, and a Historical Assoc. (probably the Aaron Burr Assoc. of Arlington, Virginia) will see to the placing of a tablet with proper inscription. A monument will be added later.

Your help is most earnestly solicited, and will really start the ball a'rolling. This little we surely owe to a man who in helping others, only suffered thru ingratitude and foul vilification. As far as I can learn, there is not a street, a town, a county named after Aaron Burr, and were it not for him, Jefferson never would have become Pres<sup>t</sup>, or Andrew Jackson come to be the occupant of the White House.

Looking forward with glad some anticipations to your reply, and sincerest thanks for your most kind expressions in your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept - Permit me to remain

In all esteem

Most Respectfully

Harry Paul Eisman.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

October 8, 1947.

Mr. Harry Paul Eisman,  
111 East Grand Street, Fleetwood,  
Mount Vernon, New York.

Dear Mr. Eisman:

We have received your letter of October 3 and are pleased to know that you have found a solution to establishing the Aaron Burr Memorial Park, Staten Island.

We regret that we have neither the authority nor the funds to do the modest landscaping that you propose for the area. Doubtless the City, in taking title to the small plot, would be willing to provide for this modest expenditure, or you may find that some of the garden clubs in Staten Island would be interested in undertaking a project of this nature.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

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