

Narrative respecting a dispute between Mr. Thomas
Tillotson and Stephen D. Venable.

On Tuesday the 6th day of Nov: 1792. Mr. Tillotson
requested me to inform Mr. Van Rensselaer that he
wished to speak to him and that he would remain
in the Senate Room with a friend after the Senate
adjourned — I did so. When Mr. Tillotson in the presence
of Mr. Ganniswoot and myself asked Mr. Van Ren-
selaer whether he did not at the Table of Will^m Ganniswoot
say that Mr. Tillotson was a Rascal Mr. V. R.
answered in the Affirmative without assigning
any reasons — ~~nor was any requested~~
Some time after Mr. Tillotson requested me to
deliver a note to Mr. V. R. — I took it back to
Mr. T. that I should take the liberty of asking
a further Explanation before I delivered it and
would talk with Mr. Ganniswoot upon the
Subject. Mr. T. — Consented after which ^{on Wednesday} several
Conversations took place between me & Mr.
G. — None of which were satisfactory however
I did not deliver the note that day — Thursday Mr. T.
came to me to know if I had executed his
request I told him I had not and gave him
my reasons for the delay he told ^{me} he thought they

had had Time sufficient to make up their minds
and by all means to deliver the Note that day
which I did and Mr. V. R. said he would stand an
Answer I desired if Mr. G. was to be the bearer
to call on me before he saw Mr. T. this I
did knowing the propriety of adjusting a
dispute and making Confusion previous
to the acceptance of a challenge which I did
I had already suggested to Mr. G. —

Tuesday. Morning — Saw Mr. G. and knowing
no satisfaction told him he might as well
deliver the Answer which he did about 2 P.
that day observing at same time that I wished
him to make some proposals in writing
agreeable to a ^{series of} requests which was not ^{yet} supplied
with which I would consider of — he said he
would be accordingly come to my Quarters
at 6 P.M. and produced a statement of
facts with an apology for Mr. V. R.'s
conduct. Substance ^{mostly} as follows — That at
the Table of Wm Cooper in Otago after dinner
a heated conversation took place relative the
Carrying Committee where a person —

Mentioning the Name of Mr. T. — said that he
heard Mr. T. say while Carrying at the
Wild Curbe the proud spirit of Otago — upon
which Mr. V. R. — expressed himself as before
represented — and this Mr. G. wanted
me to accept as a Compensation for the
Injury done Mr. T. — I rejected this
proposal but told him I would take the
paper and would make amendments
for his consideration I did so and had an
Interview the final Issue of which was
that I delivered him his paper at 9 P.
that Evening telling him that our
Negotiation was at an end he said yes
as I cannot see you any more on the
Subject as I am not going out with
Mr. Chamberlain but I will deliver this
paper to his friend I said he might do
as he thought proper only I wished
to meet in a more private place than
the one he had proposed and mentioned
back of Colclough's Shop I then went and
informed Mr. Tilton what I had done all

of which met his approbation only expressed
a desire that I would be certain that no
mistake should take place as to the time I
planned. I went back and was assured that
Mr. V. R. - understood it -

Saturday morning. 6. O. C. - Mr. T. called at
my Quarters we went to the Ground and
was joined by Mr. V. R. - and Capt. D. De
Pynter his friend when I took Mr. T. P.
aside and shew him my Pistol demanding
a Sight of his and talked of the distance
& when looking at me he said have you
not - something to propose I answered
Nothing worse than what I expected our
arms ammunition & Distance - he then
said he had and made a Proposal of adding
to what Mr. G. - ^{had said, and after talking} gave him ~~which~~ was
Accepted; ~~and~~ it was ^{then} urged by me that
Mr. V. R. - should acknowledge his Exception
expressions which they admitted to be such
taken under all the circumstances to be Impro-
per and that ^{Mr. V. R. -} ~~with respect~~ was sorry for the same

They answered they could not consent to have
the ~~express~~ word made use of which I insisted
on but they understood them as fully implied
and if they did not carry that construction
I was at liberty to consider it as such
Upon which I told Mr. T — that I remained
considering the advanced stage of the business
that he had no further cause to be dissatisfied
with and so the affair ended

Sunday. Nov.
1792

D. S. C. —

Narrative of the
Visit of Mr. T.
to Mr. T.

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