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1841.

Colonel Burr was in England in 1809, and it was in agitation to order him to quit the country, as a notoriously bad character. But he claimed the rights of an English Subject, as having been born in America before the Separation. The Question was referred to the Attorney Genl. who declined giving a decided opinion against his being a British Subject, because Lord Kenyon had decided a former Question on a

a similar Subject, in favor  
of this claim of persons so  
circumstanced. The result was,  
the Lord Liverpool was clearly  
of a contrary opinion, that it  
was agreed that Burr should  
leave England for France -  
He went to France, & has  
been lately taken on his  
return to America, on board  
an American vessel from  
the Seal, which has been  
captured under the order in

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Council. Burr was one of  
50, or 59 Passengers on board  
the same vessel, and it is  
~~been reported~~ they have been  
allowed by the Home Dept  
to take their passage, as they  
could, on board other ships.  
Some are gone - & others are  
coming to London (among  
the last is Colonel Burr)  
on their way to some port  
in the West - or with a  
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view to get a passage on board  
some ship in the River - but  
all under the engagement  
that they shall remain as  
short a time as possible in  
England.

Rather than again stir  
the question of Law, the  
decision of which in favor  
of the Americans might be  
attended with unpleasant  
consequences, It has been  
thought advisable to  
allow Burr to come London  
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for a short time, & I watched  
him strictly - for which  
the proper measures have  
been already taken by the  
Home Department.

Burr is expected in  
London this evening.

W. Hamilton

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Burr represents himself  
to have been very ill treated  
while in France. W. H.

