



BURR v. HAMILTON



Concerned that the newly acquired lands would soon be filled with Democratic-Republicans, some Federalists discussed **SECEDING** and becoming a "Northern Confederacy," a separate union that would include New York. They encouraged Aaron Burr, who had been **OSTRACIZED** by his own party for not dropping out of the race during his tie with Jefferson, to run for governor of New York. Burr lost (he was sitting vice president at the time).

Burr blamed Alexander Hamilton for ruining his reputation and challenged Hamilton to a duel. In July 1804, Hamilton claimed he was opposed to dueling, and he may have chosen not to shoot at his opponent, or it may have been a mistake, but Burr shot Hamilton. Alexander Hamilton died from wounds from the duel 30 hours later.

SECEDE

to formally withdraw from an alliance or association

OSTRACIZE

to exclude by general consent