

**Aaron Burr to Joseph Alston**

New York, New York, 20 July 1804.

Autograph letter signed, 3 pages + docket.

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Immediately on the receipt of your letter on finance, I put the thing in a train of inquiry –  
The person employed has not yet met with success – your name is not used –

The jury Mentioned in my last have adjourned over to Monday Eve<sup>g</sup> (23<sup>d</sup>.) – The  
result will determine my Movements – You perceive that a certain description of federalists and  
The virulent Clint<sup>ses</sup>. are in perfect harmony – In the estimation of the former, Cheetham is a  
gentleman and a soldier and Dewitt will probably soon attain similar dignities.

Your letter of the 20 June was particularly grateful ~ The discernment, the  
frankness and the attachment which it manifests, flatter my pride and affect my heart – I concur  
fully with your opinions.

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Enclose to Ch<sup>s</sup>. Biddle, Phil<sup>a</sup> –

J. Alston Esq<sup>f</sup>

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A.B. Aug<sup>t</sup> 1804 20<sup>th</sup> July

Joseph Alston Esq<sup>f</sup>-

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