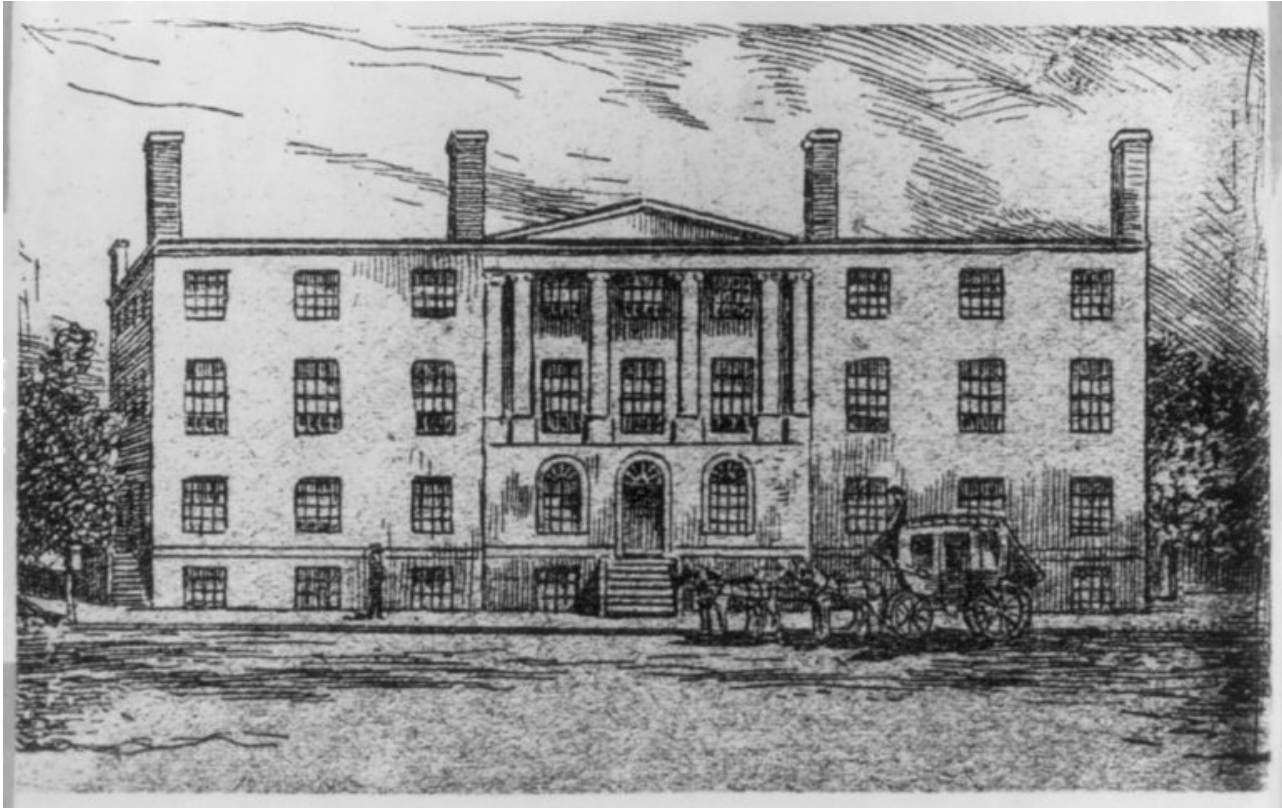
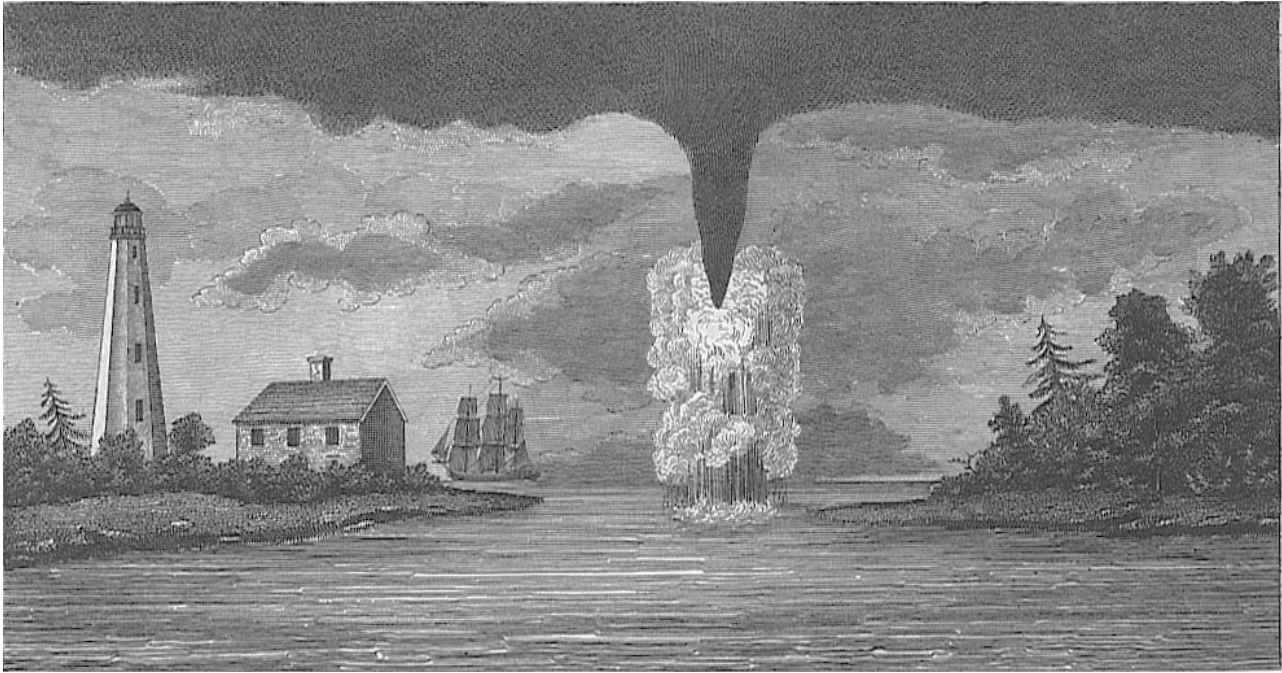


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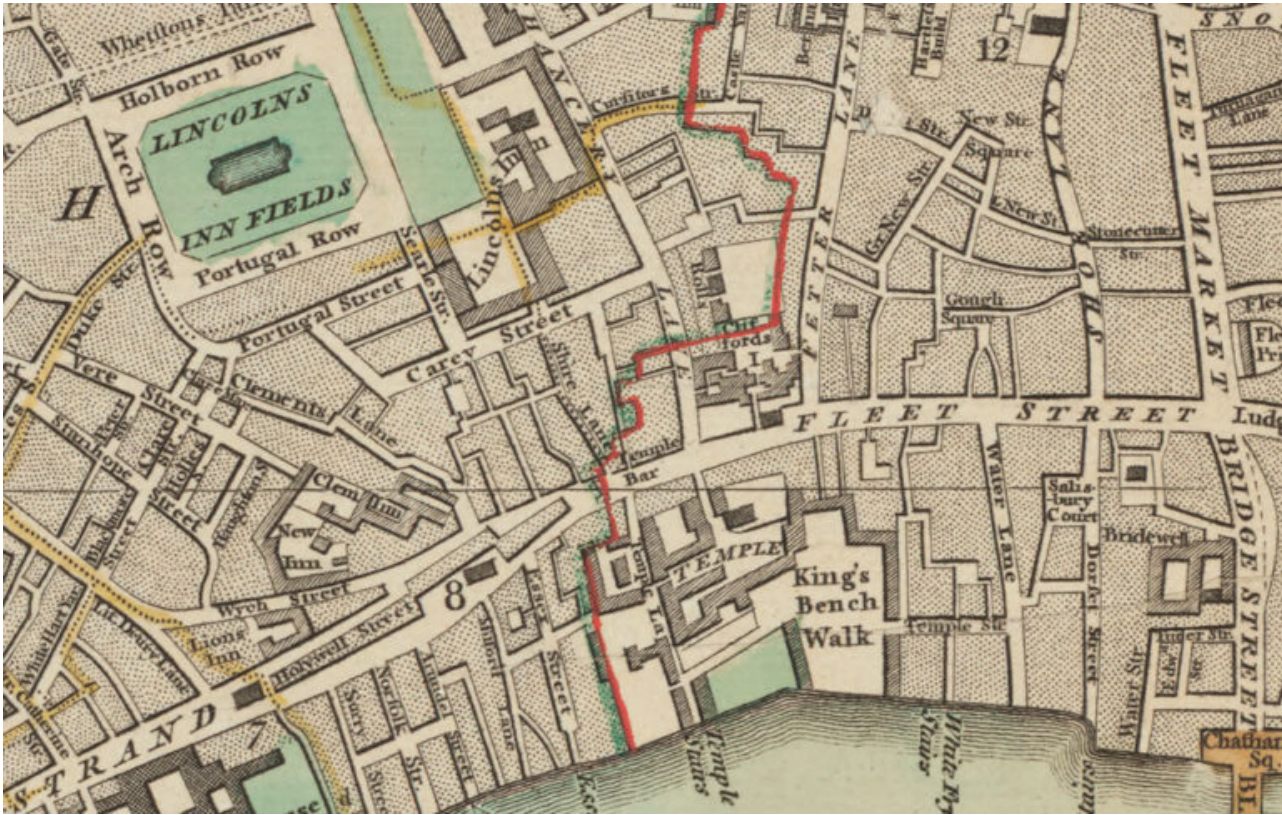
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Jefferson’s Mystery Woman Identified



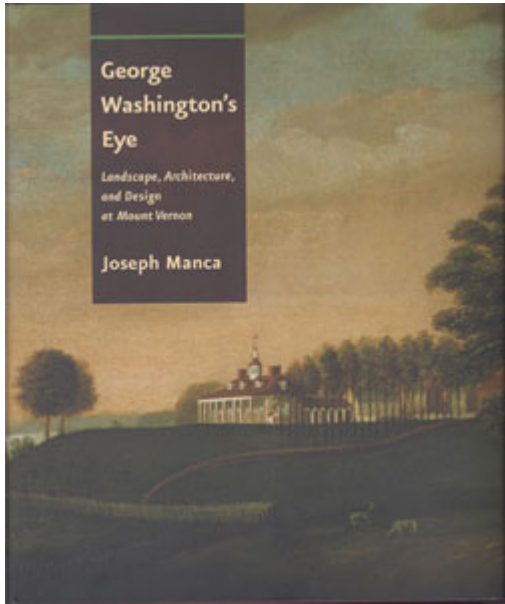
When it came to women being federal employees, Jefferson could not see the light for the lighthouse.

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Jefferson quoted in Greek to substantiate a racial hierarchy by linking racial identity and classical learning, but the Greek in that quotation has been plagued by errors.

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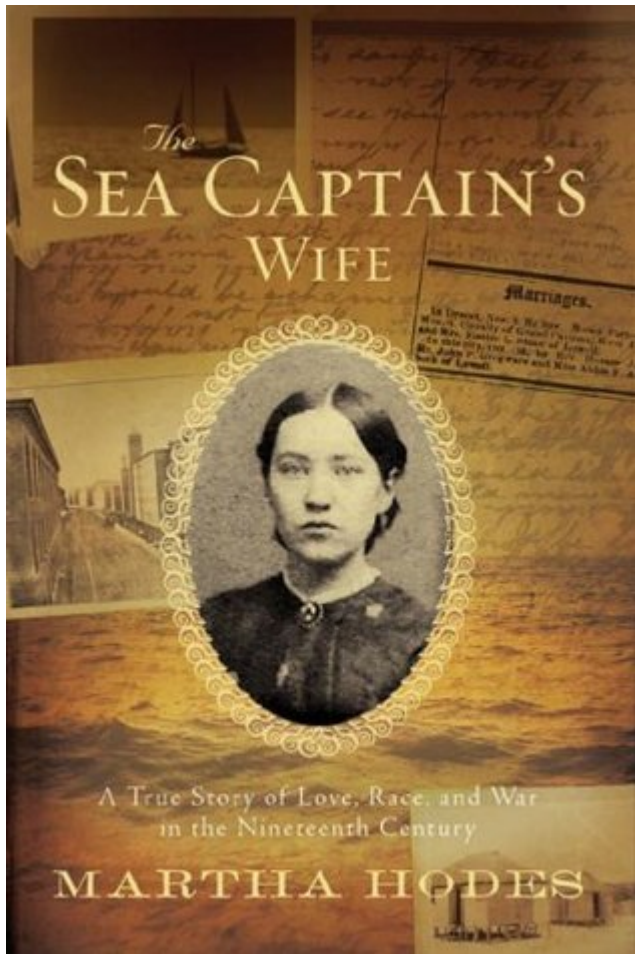
Brothel guides' positive descriptions of well-behaved, mannered, self-conscious brothelgoers suggested that if such genteel, respectable men allowed themselves to enjoy the sexual pleasures for sale in American cities, then why couldn't the reader himself?

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