

Poet Has Last Word
In Suffolk Mouse Case

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Riverhead, L.I.,
 Aug. 19 - The case of
 Morris, the Mouse,
 was laid to rest
 today with a quote
 from Robert Burns.

State Supreme
 Court Justice
 L. Barron Hill
 dismissed the suit of
 22 prisoners at the
 Suffolk County Jail
 who charged that
 their pet mouse,
 Morris, had been
 "assassinated" by
 guards who flushed
 him down a toilet
 while jail

him down a toilet, while jail
 officials failed to do any-
 thing about other rodents,
 flies and mosquitoes they
 said infested the jail. The
 suit asked County Sheriff
 Philip F. Corso and Warden
 Charles Cyrta to "show
 cause" why the tame mouse
 had been killed but nothing
 had been done to control
 "the wild variety."

Judge Hill said in a one-
 page decision that a tour of
 the jail he made this morn-
 ing showed it to be "an anti-
 septic, scrubbed stone en-
 vironment, which would
 prove very inimical to the
 natural proclivities of any
 but the most ascetic rodent."

Then quoting Burns, he
 noted: "The best laid schemes
 o' mice an' men gang aft
 agley and leave us nought
 but grief an' pain for prom-
 ised joy."