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AT YOUR DOORSTEP

Once, while visiting Washington, D. C., and making the rounds of its many interesting spots, we made a startling discovery. To our amazement it developed that many Washingtonians with whom we conversed were yet to take the time and trouble to tour the Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, the White House, and the Washington Monument.

In a few short days we saw more, including the fabulous Smithsonian Institute, than some Americans who live a lifetime in Washington see. Aware that the great national landmarks and shrines are close at hand, citizens in the Capital City keep putting off their visit until tomorrow or next week. Some die still putting it off.

That's the way a lot of New Bernians feel about Tryon Palace. The admission charge stops some, but we have no doubt that hundreds of citizens wouldn't take the trouble to see it if admission was free. This is understandable for those who simply aren't interested. The people we are talking about in this instance are ones who are interested but don't get around to doing something about it.

Turning away from Tryon Palace, let's consider another place worth visiting. It's all for free, and figuratively speaking, hardly more than a stone's throw away. We refer to Fort Macon—so attractive and historically important that its structure and a surrounding tract of 412 acres have long since been made a North Carolina State Park.

If you're a parent and haven't taken your youngsters down to see Fort Macon, they've been cheated out of an exciting experience. It's an excellent example of the type of fortification built along the Eastern Seaboard in the 1800's, but departs from tradition to forecast architectural features of the 20th Century.

Millions of visitors (and we do mean millions) have studied its gun-emplacements and brick walls, photographed its graceful arches and stairways, visited its museum, and peered into its labyrinth of quarters and powder magazines.

For any newcomers to New Bern who may not know the location of this famed fort, it is on the northern tip of Bogue Island, across Bogue Sound from Morehead City and Beaufort. It is accessible by paved road and free causeway linking up with U. S. Highway 70.

High dunes covered with waving plumes of sea oats, old cedars, twisted liveoaks and red-berried yaupon are the setting for a State Park that is edged by surf or sound waters on three sides.

Historical Gleanings

—By—
ELIZABETH MOORE

"Estimate of the allowances due and payable to the Members of Assembly at New Bern, Clerk, Officers, and others this present Assembly—March, 1773 at New Bern, Josiah Martin, Governor, John Harvey, Speaker.

John Ashe, Thomas Person, Henry White, Richard Caswell, Alexander Martin, William Haywood, Joseph Montfort, William Hooper, Thomas Macknight, Samuel Jarvis, Cornelius Harnett, Francis Williamson, Jacob, Shepard, Lemuel Hatch, Benjamin Ward, Matthew Lock, William Graves, Christopher Neale, Ezekiel Hunter, Stephen Blackman, Benjamin Harvey, Jephtha Atherton, Joel Lane, John Smith, Edward Starkey, Martin Phifer, Isaac Brooks, Allen Jones, John Alston, Thomas Stewart, Thomas Gray, John Dawson.

James Coor, Joseph Jones, William McRee, Thomas Robinson, Jr., John Kimbrough, John Hooker, William Bryan, William Thomson, James Kenan, Samuel Smith, Roger Ormond, Griffith Rutherford, Anthony Hampton, John Simpson, Aquilla Sugg, William Person, Benjamin Spruill, Jeremiah Frazier, John Gray, Thomas Respass, Robert Lanier, Thomas Hines, Charles Robinson, Robert Lewis, Jonathan Herring, Lemuel Sawyer, Robert Howe, Alexander McAlister.

William Davis, Benjamin McCulloch, Andrew Knox, James Blount, Benjamin Wynns, Benjamin Wynns, Jr., Thomas Oldham, Joseph Hawes, Samuel Johnston, George Evans, Ralph McNair, Francis Nash, James Moore, Ferquard Campbell, Wyrriot Ormand, James Picket, William Slade, Nathaniel Williams, Hugh Montgomery, Robert Blackburn, Maurice Moore, Thomas Benbury, Rotheas Latham, John Campbell, David Stanly, James Green, Clerk, Benjamin Fordham, Mace Bearer; Francis Lynaugh, D. Keeper; Evan Swann, D. Keeper. James Green for three transcripts of the Journals; James Glasgow....

.....Rigdon Brice, John Sitgreaves, John G. Blount, Samuel Budd, Thomas Sitgreaves, William Euen, John Williams, James Green, Francis Lynaugh, Evan Swan, Benjamin Fordham,....The trustees for the use of the school in New Bern; Report of the Committee of Claims:

Catherine Henry, Joseph Hines, John Tygart, Dr. Thomas Hall, Robert Lusk, Joseph Sprull, Andrew McIntire, Dr. James Gaskie, John Pope, Sans Stanly, Rigdon Brice; Thomas McGuire, Arthur Benning, Alderson Ellison; James White, Thomas Sitgreaves, Memucan Hunt; Peter Little, John Northcot; William Mersault, James Gatlin, Francis Daniel, Adam

Village Verses

CUPID'S WAY

You can't run away from romance,
You can't cheat the beat in your heart;
When your soul gaily sings
And your hopes ride on wings,
It's got you, ah yes, you are caught.
You can't slam the door on a dream,
You can't dim the light of a star;
Love's bound to gift you—
Someday it will hit you,
And you'll tumble, right where you are.
—JGMCD.

Alexander, Edward Vail, Jr., William Picket, George Barrow, Wyrriot Ormond, Capt. Benjamin Crane; James Green, Jun. James Glasgow; John Council Bryan; Thomas Johnston, Ralph McNair.

Griffith Rutherford, William Brown, William Skinner, Rotheas Latham, Thomas Jordan, Felix Keenan, John Orr, William Bryan, Michael Rogers, John Lyons, Dempsey Sawyer, Thomas Johnston, his Excellency the Governor; James Biggleston, Samuel Strudwick, Esq. Robert Salter, John Cooke.

William Branch, Richard Quince, John Cains, James Glasgow, Thomas Benbury, Thomas Sitgreaves.

Amounts paid listed under shillings pence and pounds

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Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. IX, P. 587.

Poisonous Tomatoes?
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