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TO THE PEOPLE

NORTH CAROLINA.

FELLOW-CITIZENS:—The Whig Central Committee feel it their duty to call your attention to a very remarkable document...

Both he and the Committee affect to be moved with horror and indignation at what they consider a charge of Toryism...

The writer of the Report, and the Committee who published it, seem to consider the Toryism of Ezekiel Polk as a charge upon North Carolina and the Polk family...

Bear in mind then, fellow-citizens, that the matter in question involves the character neither of North Carolina, nor of the Polk family...

But we are told that he "took a lead." Well what is meant by this! He could not have voted in choosing Delegates...

Whig Press has stated that Ezekiel Polk, far from having furnished his descendant any claims on that score, was a Tory...

In order, therefore, to obtain and preserve the benefit of his "protection," it was necessary for Ezekiel Polk to submit to the authority of Cornwallis...

George Oiler says he was forced to take protection or leave his property to the ravages of the Tories.

Reuben Hood says, he was forced in order to save his property to take protection...

Let the matter be sifted as it may; let the Democratic Committee spread over it what mantle of charity their "piety" may furnish...

Was this the conduct of a true friend—a bold friend—a steadfast friend of his country's freedom? What would have been said, had Gen. Washington taken protection...

To consider this conduct as Toryism, Mr. Haywood thinks the judgment merely of modern Whigs...

John Brown swears that he learnt from the Old Soldiers that Ezekiel Polk was a Tory...

Dan Alexander swears, that "he has repeatedly heard his father relate to himself and others, that he was one of the men that took Ezekiel Polk to Guilford as a Tory prisoner...

Even the ladies of the Revolution scorned to put their property in comparison for a moment with the good of their country.

company—that when Lord Cornwallis erected his headquarters in Charlotte, Ezekiel Polk went in and took British protection...

And even Mr. Haywood's witness, Daniel Alexander states, that "some Whigs were so exceedingly zealous as to consider the act of taking protection (by Ezekiel Polk) as traitorous...

In conclusion Fellow-Citizens, we submit that the Revolutionary character and services of Ezekiel Polk were first brought forward by the Democratic Party as grounds upon which they claim support for his grand-son...

To discredit the charge of Toryism alleged against Ezekiel Polk, Mr. Haywood offers two arguments, which may be shortly disposed of.

because a traitor, and sought to betray his country to her enemies. No one has supposed heretofore, that there was any inconsistency in the two parts of this statement...

Mr. Haywood's second argument is this: that after Ezekiel Polk had gone in to Cornwallis, and taken a British protection, he was appointed by the Legislature of North Carolina a Colonel in their service...

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