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SKETCH BY GENERAL BUFUS BARRINGER.

READ BEFORE THE. Historical Bociety. Mecklenburg CHARLOTTE, MARCH 8, 1894. This action was fought June 20th 1780, at a point some 40 miles North

West of Charllotte, within half a mile of the present town of Lincolnton; and Gov. Carr's appointment of Ex-Go iluos. J. Jarvis to the late Beuste fight is scarcely noticed in any regu-Vance's place in the U.S. Senate is lar history of the Revolutionary War. untrentry good one, but we think it un Wushington had not heard of it, until for quate that Senator Jarvis, in accept ing the place, asserts his determination his Southern Tour in 1791, when here not to retain the short term, to which he in Chaflotte. Tarleton, in his Cumis now an accupant, any longer than the paigns, barely alludes to it; while nine months intervening till the meeting Light House Harry Lee, in his Memoof our next Legislature; thus declaring ies of the War, mistakes the name as opponent to our remaining. calling it Armsour's Mill; and also able, gitted and patriotic Senator, W. M merely referring toit. Bath of these We know Senator Jarvis is good man, and worthily and welt aufailnoted authors fall into the error of fied to fill the great dead Senator's place assigning the credit of the victory to but he should have let the people deside Rrig, Sen. Griffith Rutherford, the what term they desired to elect him to. Communder of the Militia in this Dis-And as Senator Ransom has thousands of friends among the best Democrats of the trict, when in funt, it was due entirely to Col. Frances Locke, une of the Milistate, we think he has added nothing to his own cause nor the cause of a united tia Colonels of Rowan County. Democracy in the State by his challenge

But I have chosen the subject of this to his eminent collegue. North Carolina sketch, chiefly because it has much will make a serious mistake if she does local interest for Charlotte and Mecknot retain her greatest living son in the lenburg people, and because it. shows Baunte just as long as he is willing to better than in any other way, the teal

struggles of the War. In fact, it sheds

much new light on the vital point of

was no permanent place in the world's fought entirely between the Whigs and a struggle between neighbors and

hastened the capture.

So, in the War of 1812; the Mexican Wier, and the great Civil War. In each and all she did her whole duty. But strangely enough, up to the present historical awakening, no one even here in North Darolina seemed to real-

ty know or care anything about the in what was then Tryon County. The history of our State. Now we are rapidly realizing the importance of teaching our children and others some thing of this glorious record; and am glad old Mecklenburg is again the lead to vindicate the truth of the grand History she so helped to make. ed men were equipped as Dragoons un-Please, Mr. President, -excuse this der the gullant Mujor W. R. Davie. preliminary discussion; but I feel deep All others, with any additions coming ly on this past neglect of our people in, remained under the immediate comspecially the teachers and other leading mand of Rutherford himself.

classes in the vital work of historic justice. I often have in my mind, the profound reflection of one of the early historian of our neighbor state in a free age and country, neglected to ty, there had always been a strong orwhite and preserve their parts history, position to the Patriot movement,

would come to regret it and live to see Charleston, and the Waxhaws, this themselves and their posterity treated discontent fook form, and on June 14th and slaudered."

marks are a proper prelude to the very singular and much misunderstood battle of Ramsour's Mill, as this battle ou the 20th of June, 1780, was also a natural prelude to the hot little skirmich here in Charlotte in . September, January, 1781-all followed in singu- ceed immediately to disperse the Tories,

ar succession by the "turning struggle" and suppress the rising; of course co-

argent appeals for help to expel The don'in command at Camden, was also in senger to Locke with instructions to French;" and Col. A. M. Waddell the Waxhaws, and within 30 miles of meet him on the evening of the 19th. shows in his "Colouial Officer" that it Charlotte. 'He instantly rei-sued his or the morning of the 20th, at a conwas a Nor h Carolina scount who first orders for the troops to rally, but this venient point a few miles in advance of detected the flight of the French and time at the plantation of David Reere Tuckaseege; with a view of a joint at-(one of the "Signer's") in upper Meck- tuck on the Camp at Ramsour's But lenburg, n-ar Poplar Tent Churc 1; the 19th was wet, and the flint locks now Cabarrus. Here 800 men had of the Rutherford men were out of

gathered by June 10th. They were order. He did not move till towards hastily organized, and so marched to mid-day, and then crossing the River, Mallard Creek, within 10 miles of made a good stride toward's Ramsour's Charlotte. Here a permanent re-or- but still 16 miles off.

ganization was effected: and again; We now turn to Locke and his par good fortune attended them. Col. Ly of citizen soldiers and minute men. Wm. Lee Davidson, a regular officer, Locke was also a "Farmer Hero," but rious grain feeds. who had missed capture at Charleston, he acted on the idea of the great Connow appeared in the camp and consent- federate Cavalry leader. Gen. N. R. ed to serve with the Militia. He took Forest: "The surest way to beat the charge of a small regiment of Light enemy is to git that' first with the Infantry of 350 men, while 65 mount- best fighters."

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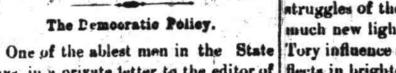
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Tory influence at the South, and says, in a private letter to the editor of flects in brighter colors the heroic a chievement of the Patriot Fathers. Carlyle was of opinion that there The battle of Ramsour's Mill was

economy for a lie--- that a lie could not | Tories of this section of country, infor long live. Is there any better text cluding a few Loyalists from South for us to act upon in North Carolina Carolina and Georgia. It was largely

Winy not acknowledge on the stump friends, kinspeople and fellowcountryat Guilsord Court House in March, 17- operating as best they could, and under that the administration has been on men opposing factions, in a might 81; and the speedy expulsion of, both Locke as the ranking officer. And the whole a dissapointment to the revolution. It occurred, too, near the British and Tories from our, State now, the sturdy old Ratherford, with close of a long war, when the passions touth, adding to that statement our shortly thereafter. this motley force of raw militia and so preference for it over any other admin- raged with intense fury and bitterness. THE FALL OF CHARLESTON AND DEFAET called "minute men," scarcely numberistration since Buchanan's time? And yet, strange to say, so complete ing a thousand in all, boldly started It challenged on this, ask the chal- was the victory of the Whigs, and so OF BUFORD. out to meet the trained and victorious lenger to name the one he prefers to fearful the loss on each side, in propor-And now, Mr. President, let us, as army of Lord Rawdon. He probably this. If our man is posted he can soon tion to numbers, that all good men residents of Charlotte and citizens of followed the well known old "Potter rout the challenger by giving the peo- stood amazed at the sigut. And, then Mecklenburg, revert to the situation Road," east of Sugar Creek Church, ple a brief summary of the history of so magnanimous were the victors, that here in June, 1780; an evenful month and on June 15th took position two the administration so preferred, let it scarcely a spark of resistance was left in our history, tho' little known a miles below Charlotte. Here he now he which it wills Our Congressmen or a trace of revenge atterwards seen such. should be able to pull through it seems or left. Altogether, it was the most = to May, 1789, occurred two events futher learned that the Tories of Tryto me, if records, practically Populist, noted Whig and Tory fight of the of fearful import o this quiet little on and other remote settlements were whole war; not including the battle of section. On the 12 h of May, the actually in camp at R im-our's Mill, to in the m.in, are of value this year. I look upon Grover as having ap- Moore's Creek, near Wilmington, Feb- City of Churleston, S. C., with alt the the number of over 1.000, with daily hind for, and received, a divorce a cin- uary "76, which was properly a strug- troops githered to defend it, surrenderaccessions to their ranks. He also cula from Southern Democracy, and as gle between the Whigs on one side, ed to the British. This surrender enilearned that certain so-called Lo yalists solly satisfied with his liberal alimony, and a body of recent Scoth immigrants braced nearly-all the best froops re of the noted Provincial Regiment of the presidency; but we should observe on the other. And here recurs a cur- fied upon to hold Cornwallis in check Col. John Hamilton, of Halifax, had the decencies and not again wash on ious reflection for historic study: That among them about 1,000 of the North appeared among the ignorant and sethe stump the dirty lucen so long two of the sharpest Tory or Loyalis Carolina regular-; and over 1,000 cluded settlers of that distant quarter, battles of the war, should have occur- the best State Militia-many of each and were using extraordinary means to wrung out in Congress. The intimacies of the past should red in North Carolina-the first Colo of these from this Yalkin and Catawplay alternately on their excited hopes close our mouths to abuse of the old ny to move for independence, and the baregion. As this main army was and fears. Two prominent men, formman with whom we have wept in fellow. one Southern state that never yielded now gone, and lay in dreary prisons of erly resilents of that section, and ship, though we may know too pain- -that struggled on untill she drove the coast and in a low country, gloom claiming to belong to the Hamilton Cornwallis from her borders, and then and despair filled the hearts of all Regiment, pretended to have express fully that he is "of the wicked." Our correspondent is undoubtedly sent her sons to South Carolina and Southern Whigs. South Carolina and authority from Lorn Cornwallis to orright. What we need this year is not Virginia to help to wrench those state- Georgia both yielded, almost without a a policy of evasion or subterfuge or de- from the grasp of British military rule struggle, to the armed rule of the ty fence, but one of entire honesty, can- and oppression -North Carolina helped | rant; and Cornwallis saw, with a mili-Nicholas Welch both appearing in Endor and openness. It would be exactly to win the victory of Greens in the tary eye, that his easist and most natuglish uniform, and with Royal Regiwise to say frankly to the people that close drawn battle at Autaw Springs. ral mode of approach to reach, and to mentals; and the latter also miking the administration has not met our es- on the Santee in September, 1781, and conquer North Carolina, now lay along some display of English gold. They p-ctations, and to tell them in what also at the final surrender of Corn- the high ways between the Wateree likewise brought with them other reparticulars it has not done so. The wallis at Yorktown in October, 17 and Catawha on the one side, and those most should be made of the matters in [81. of the great Peedee and Yadkin on the which it has justified the hopes of the I heartily commend the high pur- other, leading right to Cha lotte: On pose of this society to search for all this line, there, was not a single or people. the truth of American History in ganized force to resist his march even News and Observer. What appears all its lines, and espcially to seek, by moment; except one small Regiment to be a political movement to keep the diligent study, to vindicate the name under Col. Buford, of Virginia, made larger number were recent immigrants." negroes solid is a new-fangled notion of our good old state from many of up of several mixed commands. Buthat they must celebrate the day that the slurs and aspersions unjustly cast ford was on his way to Chatleston, had no idea of etvil-outy beyond obed-Gen. Lee surrendered. Such a celebra- upon her. In any great struggle, and when he heard of the surrender; and ience to the House of Hanover. 'It' tion took place, as we learn from the especially in time of war, the times turned back. Not dreaming of danger was also said that Jurge bodies were Tarboro Southernor, at Conetoe and that really try men's souls, this our he was somewhat carelessly resting in gathering from the disaffected mounthen the darkeys went off to her a good aid State has ever teen true to the rich Waxhaw settlement, just on t us regions near by Third party speech, in which the Deni- her plighted faith and constitutional the borders of Mecklenburg' when on THE STRATEST OF GEN. RUTHERFORD. crats were roundly abused. The pol- obligations, She has naught to fear the 29th of May, Tarleton, with his With the British in his front, and ities in that movement is very easily from the truth, and all to gain from legion, surprised the Regiment, and put the Tories in his rear, both in superior research. Every day, and every test, nearly the whole of them to the sword, numbers, Gen, Rutherford was in a compassed. will reflect credit on her name and There was a just complaint of foul dilemma sufficient to try the highest News and Observer: It is under fame. As far back as 1741, 400 of play, pending a flag of truce, which military skill and courage. But forstood that Mr. Walter Henry has de- her sons joined in the long march cast a dark shade on the name of Tar- tune again favored him. On the 17th cided that it is too risky for him to ac against the fortress of Carthegena in leton; and out of this, with the terri- he found that R indon had probably recept the appointment which has been South America. ble butchery practiced, grew the most tired from his front; and he resolved to tendered, as the insurance companies So, in 1854 5, she sent 300 of her horrible stories touching the Red Coats. move towards Ramsour's Mill, with a will not insure his life at Curacoa. He sons to share the dangers and disasters These events spread a wild panic all view of uniting with Locke, and beatis willing to serve his country, but is of the madcap Braddock in his terrible through the upper sections of this ing the Tories. But here was another not desirous of sacrificing himself on defeat. And then right off in 1758, she State. At first, consternation stagger- risk. If the movement of Rawdon the altar in these piping times of sent another 800, under the brave and ed all. But by a mere chance, Briga- was only a feint, and his own little peace, And so Senator Rausom is accomplished Col. Woddell, to help dier Griffith Rutherford, of the Dis- army left the Baitish front, any mocapture Fort DuQuesne, and drive the trict Militia, was absent from Charles- ment might see Tarleton and his place, which we hope he will be able to French from America. She had little ton at the time of the surrender, and bloody dragons in Charlotte; and Rawor no interest in these movements, be- was now at his home in Rowan. By don himself marching triumphantly yong a sense of loyalty to Anglo Saxon the 3rd of June (5 short days) the old througg the State. To divide his force The Charlotte News: Gen. Barringer supremacy. But both she and her Farmer General had 900 men in Char- was almost sure to invite attack. Thus is meeting with good success in raising gallant sons did their whole duty: yet lotte. But fortunately, Tarleton did are the problems of war ever facing a Charlotte's quote of the fund required to secure the site and the adjoining

of itself. "In the middle West of North and left this sacred duty to uther to do, With the overwhelming disasters at

unjustly, and their country sneered at ut Mallard Creek; Rutherford heard But in fact, and in truth, "these re- Catawba." He at once issued special

orders to Col. Francis Locke, the commander of the Milit a of Western Row an, now Iredelf, and to Major David Wilson, of West Mecklenburg; and to and possibly other certain "strong 780-the grand victory at King's beats." to muster, at once, their whole Mountain in October, and the match- available commands, and, crossing the less fight of Morgan at Cowpens in river at the most accessible fords, pro-

Tillman has closed his whiskey shops

and private bar-rooms are rapidlate

their place.

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lina and Georgia, who told of the List and Circular and you will sweeping conquest of those Staes, and find it to your advantage to have of their return to the Royal Standard. vovr soiled clothes dyed or In this way these artful leaders won to cleaned by us. All work guartheir work some excellent man, but the anteed or no charge. and especially simple Germans, who COLUMBIA STEAM DYE WORKS

hitherto, meither the one, nor the other not dare to advance-retiring in the di- commanding officer and only a Fredehas received the slightest concession of rection of Camden, one of the strong- rick, a Napoleon, or a Stonewall Jackhand of the famous fort. The 'Old credit or merit from outside historians. est British Posts. As harvest was at son could turn dauger into triumph. Fort" has been photographed; and each Now, thank Providence, a great change hand, the troops were briefly address- In less than 24 hourse, Col. Locke was contributor to the fund will be given is beginning to dawn. On this very ed by Rev. Dr. Alexander McWhorter, called on to face a similar emergency, a certain number of copies. This is matter of the capture of fort DuQue- President of Liberty Hall (lately and he solved it in the true heroic style. rapidly popularizing the Virginia sene, afterwards Fort Pitt, and now Queens College) and then dismissed, But Rutherford was an old Indian Dare" sentiment. Norfolk has just the vast iron mart of Pittsburg Fran- with solemn injunctions to get arms fighter, and all his movements partook

Parkman, the latest and most re- and ammunition in good order., and be of over cautions strategy. On the 18th Tieble of American historians, has this stady at a moment's call. They had he moved with his whole force to Tucksignificant admission: "North Caroli- hardly reached their homes, when userge Ford 12 miles nearer the Tory na alone while a prompt response to the Rutherford learned that Lord Raw- camp. And he now dispatched a mes-