

THE SENTINEL.

MR GOODLOE'S REPLY TO COL JNO H WHEELER

WARRENTON, July 16, 1873.

My Dear Sir: I learned a day or two ago, from the Wilmington Journal, that the Charleston Democrat would in a few days publish a reply to my letters on the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. I immediately wrote to the editor of the Democrat for a copy of the paper, and in the mean time, while it is coming to hand, I will briefly notice a reply of Col J W Wheeler, the historian, which appeared in the Journal of the 12th inst. It seems that some one has sent to my friend, the Colonel, not his letters, or any one of them, but a copy of the Journal, which, as you will remember, merely re-narrates with me for the wickedness of my conduct in raising an issue about a long settled historical question, with which the editor was well pleased. Col Wheeler states that his friend, the historian, says that Goodloe asserts that neither Wheeler or Craigher is right in using the date of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. He asks in conclusion, "if Goodloe is from Virginia?" From this piece of misinformation my mind very naturally concludes that I have in fact and in my book the target at which I have directed my batteries. Now, you will bear me witness, that nothing could be further from the fact. It never entered my head to take issue with the Colonel on account of his very innocent and natural acquiescence in the popular belief, in regard to this matter. On the contrary I found his valuable historical objections very convincing, and almost indispensable. If he had seen and read my letters he would not have been satisfied with a mere reference to the authorities which I have reviewed at length, but would have attempted to show that my deductions were erroneous. He merely reiterates the arguments of his master's vessel. He goes over the ground which was argued with far greater elaboration by me. He adds and adds not one essential fact. Indeed, he adds nothing which is new to the testimony.

When I have reviewed in detail, I called upon Mr Martin of the Earl of Dunmore, dated June 30th, 1775, in which he declares the Mecklenburg resolves, and gives the proclamation of that date dated a few weeks later, and I also drew attention to the explicit admission of Dr. Hawks, that these official documents refer to the "Declaration" of May 20th, but to the resolves of the county committee of May 31st. Yet Col Wheeler parades the extract from Martin's letter, as if it were confirmation strong as proofs from holy writ, in favor of the 20th of May a declaration. Whoever carefully reads the two series of resolves, and then the letter of Martin, will see at once, that the 20th of May paper was not referred to in the same place, Hawks admits the 20th May paper had never been printed, and therefore could not have been referred to by Martin; for the latter refers to it, by printing it in a newspaper. The 31st May resolves were printed in various newspapers, North and South, in the year 1775, as Hawks admits, while in the same breath he admits that the 20th May paper was never printed—in other words, never printed until the year 1819.

Col Wheeler states that the late Andrew Stevenson of Virginia, while Minister to England in 1837, obtained from the State Paper Office a copy of the original paper sent to Lord Dartmouth by Governor Martin, and that he never returned it. He thinks that the son of Mr Stevenson, now a Senator in Congress from Kentucky, may find it. I hope that he may do so, and send it to me. I am bound to be here with Dr. Hawks, that the printed paper, if it has any relation to the subject, contains the 21st May resolves. A man argument of Dr. Hawks is, that the 20th May paper was suppressed on account of the very advanced position it took, for which the President of the country at large were prepared at the time. Col Wheeler has discovered in the records of the Pension Office that General Joseph Graham, in 1832, made oath, in his application for a Pension, to the facts stated by him in his letter of October, 1830, viz that he was present in Charlotte, May 20th, 1775, when the county of Mecklenburg made their celebrated Declaration of Independence of the British crown, &c. Now, if I had expressed a disinclination to believe the earlier statement of Gen. Graham because he had not sworn to it, there would be some pertinence in the production of this sworn statement. But, on the contrary, as I had expressed my confidence in the sincerity of all the witnesses, the value of the Colonel's discovery in the archives of the Pension Bureau, will not be great as it regards this controversy. Still it will be necessary to show that a man, seventy-three years old would not be likely to remember the exact date of a public meeting which took place when he was under sixteen, as well as the wording of the resolutions which were adopted on the occasion. All will admit that he would be likely to remember, if intelligent, as General Graham was, the general purpose and results of such a meeting, and the principal actors in it; but little more. It is also certain that the memory of General Graham, and of all the witnesses, had been refreshed by the publication of what purported to be the official report of the meeting on May 20th. This publication was made April 30th, 1819, nearly twelve years before his letter was written, and more than thirteen years before he applied for his Pension. With this one oath before him, Col Wheeler jumps to the conclusion that all the certificates and letters were sworn to, and triumphantly concludes that their authors must have been guilty of barefaced fraud and perjury, or that the Mecklenburg Declaration was made on May 20th. In my letters I have shown how glibly, and at the same time how contradictory the witnesses are; and have explained how these things might very well be reconciled with the most perfect integrity of the venerable men who made the statements. They remembered the leading events and the leading actors; and their memories were unconsciously aided by the printed paper which appeared in 1819, as to dates and the language employed. As to the language of the resolutions, no one will pretend that they could remember it after the lapse of half a century; and as to the date, it must be considered that everybody had lost sight of it, so that when the Raleigh Register first published the so-called Declaration it was accompanied with the announcement that "it is not probably known to many of our readers" that such an event had ever happened; while John Adams had never heard of it, and Thomas Jefferson was incredulous about it. The careful reader who gave particular attention to my letters will deem this re-

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