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STRUCTION. By charter bearing date March 24th, 1663, and enlarged in 1665, King Charles II, granted to eight ing from Virginia to Florida and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They named their country Carolina, n compliment to their king, from the Latin word Carolus for Charles. The names of these lords were Albemarle, Ashley, John Berkeley, William Berkeley, Carteret, Claren, the commissioners for not continudon, Colleton and Craven. Except log the line at that time(10th April, Sir William Berkeley, who was Gov. 1746) was among others that it was ernor of Virginia, none of these ev- not then practicable, the country, er visited their immense grant, they said, "being very thinly peo-Their possessions did not yield them | pled, nor can we be supplied with much advantage, and on the 25th corn for the horses or provisions for of July. 1729, the representatives ourselves, and those employed by of seven of the Lords conveyed us, there being no inhabitants that their interest in this territory to the can assist us west of the Saxapahaw Crown, receiving each therefor the river." This river to-day is known pounds sterling. John, Lord Car- long name, Haw River. When they teret afterwards, Earl of Granville, stopped running and made the as the heir of his father, Sir George above report they agreed to meet Carteret, (who died in 1696) refused the 22nd of the ensuing September to sell his one-eighth interest in the and continue the line westward to soil, although he ceded the right of the Mississippi at which time it is government. In 1744 he signed a supposed the line was run through quit claim for seven-eighths of the this section. Settlers came in territory on condition that the about this time very rapidly. On Crown set off to him his one-eighth the 28th of June, 1753, President of 36° 30' (the Virginia line) and 35° the counties of Anson, Orange and 34' North latitude, and from the Rowan, and that there were then Atlantic to the Mississippi river not above one hundred and fifty The southern boundary line of his whereas at the time he wrote there portion ran near the old town of were at least three thousand, most-Bath, and through the present towns ly Irish Protestants and Germans of Snow Hill and Princeton; it and their numbers were daily informed the southern boundary of creasing. the counties of Chatham, Randolph, Davidson, Rowan and Iredell, and the northern boundary of Moore, Montgomery, Stanley, Cabarras and mon, ordinary pill when they can secure a Mecklenburg. It was also ouce the valuable English one for the same money. line between Tryon and Rowan and wilderness inhabited by the wild curet or sick headache and all Liver Trons afterward between Lincoln and and savage Indian. The woods and Burke, as will be demonstrated las prairies abounded in wild animals. ter. This line crossed the Catawka There were herds of light-footed river at the Mecklenburg and Ire-deer. There were clumsy brown mais cured in 30 minutes by Woolfords dell corner about one mile above bears, and fierce wildcats and pan-Beattie's Ford. One of the large thers. There were droves of buffa-

> Southern lines. to the Crown, it was divided into expense. For killing a grown wolf thet county and parish and remain up the meadow of said river to the the Lucas Ford Road, thence to the government conforming to that of young wolf ten shillings; a wildcat Saint Thomas Parish." The Cataw- the Three Cornered Island thence Road leading from Rutherford to and Bath, and were divided into in favor of various individuals, forty- present county of Lincolp. In 1776 erected into a new and distinct to Quinn's Ferry' &c. This line as thirteen precincts; New Hanover, nine wolf scalp tickets. established in 1728, was a precinct of Bath county. It was so called tern wilds became remote from the in honor of the House of Hanover seat of government, a new county then on the English throne. Its would be demanded. The valley of eastern limits were the same as to- the Pedee was rapidly settled up baving become odious, in 1779 it Burke county line. day, the great Atlantic Ocean. We and in response to a petition setting was blotted from the county of Try. At Hillsboro in 1782 it was enwill now follow the changes taking forth that there were from eight on and its territory divided into acted "That a line be run as folplace to the west and note the for- hundred to twelve hundred inhabis two counties "by a line beginning owe, viz.;" Beginning at the Sharmation of new counties.

> erement and that the said precinct | Only last week our Register of by the name of Rutherford county." line was added to Lincoln county. be bounded to the northward by Deeds obtained from the Secretary Lincoln took its name from Maj. In 1784 it was enac'ed "That located runs from the stone on south Black river, &c." Bladen then com of State a copy of a grant for 600 Geu. Benj. Lincoln, who was at that the boundary line between the side of old county line road along prehended the whole of the State acres of land out here on Indian time fighting the battles or his countries of Burke and Lincoln shall ridge road north nine degrees and west of this line as far as the limits Creek, which was entered in 1753, try against the British at Charles- hereafter be as follows, to wit : Be-

in the formation of new counties the indefinite one just cited,"the bounds of the government."

At the Assembly held in Newbern in 1738 an act was passed establishing the office of Sheriff in the place of the Marshall and his deputies in the province and by it the original counties were abolished and the precincts erected into counties. This made the precincts of New Hanover and Bladen, counties.

In the winter of 1743-44 Lord Granville's line was ran from the coast to the town of Bath, and in the spring of 1746 from Bath to Peter Parker's house on the northwest side of the Cape Fear river, now the south east corner of Chatham county. The reasons given by sum of two thousand five hundred by simply the last syllable of its uterest. This was done and the Rowan wrote that in the year 1746, territory lying between the parallels he was in the territory comprising was allotted to him in severalty lighting men in all that country,

In those days this section of the country that is now filled with beautiful homes and fine farms, dotted with towns and villages and noisy with the hum of machinery was a poplars that stands near Sydney J. loes, and plenty of beavers building Forney's shops about one mile from their dams on the creeks. Wolves Denver is a marked tree on this line. were namerous even at the time of It passes between three and a balf the Revolutionary war. We still and four miles north of Lincolnton, have Indian, Beaver Dam and Bufand out of the county at the "3 falo Creeks, Bear Ford, Wolf Gulch,

tauts on the Pedee and that the at the south line near Broad River rol's Ford, leading toward Hanry Bladen presinct was formed in Court House of Bladen was about on the dividing ridge between Buf- Whitners as far as Mathew Wilson's, seven minutes west one thousand 1734 from New Hanover precinct one hundred miles from the nearest falo Creek and Little Broad river, the nea a direct course to Simon five hundred and fifty poles to stone and called in honor of Martin Blas inhabitant, the Legislature in 1749 thence along said ridge to the line Huses on the waters of Clark's in the south side of old County-line den, one of the Lords Commission- erected a new county, the boundary of Burke county . and all Creak, thence a direct course to the road; this line continued to the ers of Trade and Piantations. It between it and Bladen being the that part of the said county which Fish Dam Ford of the South Fork Burke corner cut off and left between the said county which is t was bounded as follows, viz. : "Be- Little Fedee River to the head of lies on the east of said line shall be of the Catawba river between James tion of Rutherford county. ginning at the mouth of Livingston's its main branch and thence a line called and known by the name of Wilson and David Robinson, and In 1842 it was enacted "That all Creek and bounded by said creek to equi-distant between the Haw and Lincoln county and all that part of from thence a south west course to that portion of Rutherford county the head thereof, and then by a Great Pedee river, and all west of the county which lies on the other Ear! Granvill's old line." The por-lying between the counties of Linwest line to the bounds of the gov- said line was called Anson county, or west side thereof shall be called tion of Burke south east of said colu and Cleveland be ceded to and

of North Carolina extended. At- while this territory was in Anson ton, and afterwards, on account of gianting at the Horse-ford on the

tention is directed to the fact that and signed by Matt. Rowan, who his great services, was appointed to Catawba river, running thence to western termious seeming to be the Johnston to the inauguration of called in honor of Griffith Rutherford river, and thence to the intersec-

other parts of America already gain our Independence. overstocked with people, and some

westward of said dividing line Nathaniel Greene. bould thenceforth be one other dis- The county of Wake came near inct county and parish, and called sparing the same fate as the others, by the name of Mecklenburg county but when the proposition was made and Saint Martin's parish. When in the Legislature to change its aid off this new county comprised a: me, it was replied that the county ill the territory between the Gran. was named after a woman who was ille line and the South Carolina a: charming in manner as lovely in ne from Anson county westward. person, and with one consent our be first deeds registered in Book gallant aucestors declared that the No. 7 in the Register of Deeds office | ui me should remain as a memorial, ere made when the present terri- n t only of the beauty and attracory of Lincoln was in Mecklenburg tions of Esther Wake, but of the

Anson derived its name from fe settled on the Pedee in South scread westward and note the conlarolina. On the breaking out of sequent formation of new counties, he Spanish war he re-entered the the remainder of our time will be avy and was raised to the peerage d voted to toe discussion of Lincoln or many brilliant services including or inty. First, however, as a porbe circumnavigation of the globe ti n even of the Lincoln of to-day, f bringing to her marriage with tile the establishment of some of George III., Charlotte of Mecklen- the counties above his line. In 1753 on is the county of Mecklenburg to begin where the Anson line was

ith the county seat at Charlotte. | to cross Earl Granville's line, and In 1764 there came over from En from thence in a direct line North land a handsome, polished and ge- to the Virginia line, thence with ial officer who wore the uniform of the Virginia line westward and to trov. Dobbs, and left a name that ville's land and erected into a counill never be forgotten in North ty and parish by the name of Row. arolina. Gov. Tryon was accome an county and Saint Luke's Parish. name is still preserved in our midst and most of Tennessee, This was as the name of our metropolitan called for Matthew Rowan, at that 3)th of June, 1771.

county corner, the corner of Lincoln, and Buffalo Mountain, Buffalo divided and the western portion sions, Tryon county, this entry is 35 00 Burke and Cleveland. The rectan- Shoal, as well as the Catawba, Tuck- cilled Tryon in compliment to the made, "Ordered by the court that 16 00 gular shape of Randolph and other asegee, and many beautiful Indian Royal Governor. It was divided "by Jacob Ramsanr be appointed overcounties within the limits of his do- names, memorials of these primeval a line beginning at Earl Granville's seer of the road leading from Indimain is caused by their boundaries days. The early settlers waged a line where it crosses the Catawna an Creek by Ramsaur's Mill to Rocoinciding with or being parallel or relentless war on these animals and river, and the said river to be the wan county line." perpendicular to his northern or set a bounty on many of their scalps. line to the South Carolina line, * * In 1777 Rowan county was "di-The records of Tryon Court show and that all that part of the county vided by a line, beginning at the At the time of the transfer of the the paying of "scalp tickets" to have lying to the westward of the said Catawba river as the line between province from the Lords Proprietors been the principal item of County dividing line shall be one other dis- Rowan and Tryon counties thence county "to the thirteen mulepost on counties, precincts and parishes, the the price paid was one pound; a by the name of Tryon county and North end of an Island known as twelve milepost on the New Postthe Church of England. The coun- five shillings. Take the year 1774 Da river is the present eastward and North &c" and all the territory ties were two in number, Albemarle for instance, and there were audited and the oldest boundary line of the west and south of the said line was milepost leading from Lincolnton the settlements had extended bes county by the name of Burke, in recently run in the opposite direc-As those who penetrated the wes. youd the present limits of the State honor of Thomas Burke, afterwards tiou from the charter, begins at the and the colonists were fighting for Governor of the State. The road Gaston corner and runs North

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directly from Europe. Many thous Dobbs, was appointed Royal Gov- in the clerk's office. sand people, he said, had come in, ernor in 1754; a county named after Now to summarize you will obsettling mainly in the west so that him was, in 1791, divided into the serve that Liucolu county was formthey had nearly reached the moun- counties of Glasgow and Lengir, ed 1779 from Tryon which in that Thus another name offensive for our year was divided into Lincoln and On the 11th December, 1762, it association with oppression was Rutherford; Tryon erected in 1768 was enacted that the county of Ans | quietly shelved. Glasgow county | from Mecklenburg; Mecklenburg in son should be divided into two was named for James Glasgow, el- 1762 from Anson; Anson in 1749 counties by a line beginning at Lord ected Secretary of State for North from Bladen; Bladen in 1734 from Carteret's line six miles northeast Carolina in 1776. Having been tried New Hanover; and New Hanover rom Captain Charles Hart's plan at d found guilty of issuing traudu- formed in 1728 was a precinct of tation on Buffalo Creek, and to run leat patents to the Continental solrom thence to the mouth of Clear diers, his dishonored name was ex-Creek which empties itself into punged and Glasgow county was Rocky River and from thence due forgotten in the substitution of that south to the bounds of the province of Greene, a memorial of the great of South Caroline, and that all that and untarnished man and soldier of part of the said county lying to the the Revolutionary War, General

gallantry of our forefathers. While it would be interesting to

eorge. Lord Anson, who in early to low the tide of emigration as it urg, and hence carved out of An- Ar son county was divided by a line error. At April sessions, 1775, of In 1768 Mecklenburg county was the Court of Pleas and Quarter Ses-

orders after this date refer to the thirty seven degrees west one hun-The name of the royal governor road from Ramsaur's Mill to the dred and twenty-eight poles to the

was president of the Senate and receive the sword of Cornwallis at John Hawnson's Hendry river, line only cutting off is given, the acting Governor from the death of Yorktown. Rutherford was so thence to William Orrison's, Jacob a Brigadier-general in the Revolu- tion of the counties of Burke, Lin-On the 15th of February, 1751, tionary war. Thus, as might have coln and Rutherford as they now Gov. Johnston wrote to the Board been expected, it is seen that our stand "The boundary of Lincoln of Trade that inhabitants flocked in forefathers early showed their ap-stood thus until 1841, a period of daily, mostly from Pennsylvania and preciation of those who helped to fifty seven years and I am able to exhibit to you a good map of the The predecessor of tryon, Arthur old county found among the records

Bath county.

As those old counties became popular they 'were subdivided until to-day they cover a small space on the map of North Carolin-

It may be of interest to observe that the counties formed from the time Granvill's line was run until the Revolution observed his line. During this time Granville had his land offices in operation. But the war of the Revolution put an end to his possessions. Not satisfied with the arbitrament of arms he instituted suit in the circuit court of the United States at Raleigh. It went by appeal to the Supreme Court at Washington, and during the present century was dismissed for want of an appeal bond.

It is further interisting to note in connection with the Proprietary Government the origin of "North Carolina". The charter of 1663 granted to the Lords Proprietors the land from the Spanish possession of Florida to the "North end of an island which lyeth in the Scuthern Virginia Seas and within a search of hostile Spaniards. In lies in the former possesstons of six and thirty six degrees Northern 761 he was charged with the duty L rd Granville, we will briefly no. latitude," and from these points "West in a direct line to the South Seas," the Pacific Ocean. This line of thirty-six degrees run South of Edenton, Hillsboro and Greensboro. By the second charter in 1665 their boundary was extended northward to thirty-six degrees thirty minutes the Virginia line. For a number of ie Queen's Guards. He succeeded the southernmost line of Earl Gran- years when "North Carolina" was spoken of only the additional ter_ ritory covered by the recent charter was referred to that covered by anied by his wife and her sister, As established it comprised most of the first being called "Carolina." Miss Esther Wake, whose family the western part of North Carolina In the course of time "North Carolina" came to embrace all the territory north and east of the Cape county. His administration lasted time President of the Senate, and Fear, the other portion being called from the death of Gov. Dobbs on who, for a short time after the death simply "Carolina." Finally Carolina tie 28th day of March, 1765, to the of Johnson, was in place of the Gov. na was divided into the provinces by legal enactment by a line begining yet further to the south, the contentions between North Carolina and South Carolina over its exact location extending even down to the

The first slice taken from Lincoln was in 1841 to form with a siice from Rutherford the county of Cleveland. This divided Lincoln by a line from the corner of Burke Liscolnton, thence to the twelve twelve milepost on the New Posts Road ; thence north twenty degrees west eight hundred and fifty two poles to the thirteen milepost on the Lucas Ford Road; thence north twenty-seven degrees and thirty-

land." This territory as recently

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