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Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

A correspondent of the New York Sun from Washington City pronounces the Mecklenburg Declaragress, too, is never heard of. It is tion of Independence a canard, not known even a twelvemonth af and reproduces the letters of ter, when a similar proposition is Adams and Jefferson written over first made in that body. Armed sixty years ago in reference to this with this bold example, would not subject. Of course it is rank trea-brethren in peals of thunder, on son for a North Curolina paper to their tardy fears ! Would not LA GRANGE ACADEMY. acquiese in such a view, but the every advocate of independence JOURNAL has taken a similar posi- have rung the glories of Mecklention heretofore, and as a matter of burg County, in North Carolina, in curiosity we publish the Adams and others, who hung so heavily on Jefferson letters.

We are satisfied that there was a burg County, in North Carolina, (local) Mecklenburg Declaration of was never once quoted. The part J D. MURPHY, Ph. B. Independence on May 20 1875, but per speaks, too, of the continued exertions of their delegation, Casit was not a State matter and the well, Hooper, Hughes [Hewels], in State of North Carolina deserves no the cause of liberty and independinteresting:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNsometimes firm, sometimes feeble, Sir: On the 20th of May last the according as the day was clear or hundred and seventh anniversary cloudy; that Caswell, indeed, was a of the so-called Mecklenburg Dec- good Whig, and kept these gentle- of public patronage. laration of Independence of 1775 men to the notch while he was was celebrated at Charlotte N. C., present; but that he left us soon, attended by several distinguished and their line of conduct became gentlemen, including at least one then uncertain until Pena came, Senator from another State. I who fixed Haghes and the vote of undertake now to prove that the that State. I must not be underaforesaid Declaration of indepen- stood as suggesting any doubtful- Beard, thebadag beats and fuel. dence is a clumsy canard. Its first ness in the State of North Carolina. publication was in the year 1819, as No State was more fixed or for. versity of North Carolina and to our st pays for six months for any specified day will appear from the following corward. Nor do 1 attirur positively respondence: that this paper is a fabrication because the proof of a negative can JOHN ADAMS TO THOMAS JEFonly be presumptive. But 1 shall FERSON.

caped Ritchie, who culls what is (Martin)knew nothing of it. He good from every paper, as the bee was alarmed only at the "horrid from every flower, and the Nation and treasonable" resolutions of al Intelligeacer, too, which is edited May 31, signed by "Eph. Brevard, by a North Carolinian, and that the Clerk of the Committee," whom fire should blaze out all at once in Wheeler makes to be the author of Essex [Mass.], 1,000 miles from the Declaration of May 20th, where the spark is said to have fal- Wheeler endorses the authenticity len. But if really taken from the of the Declaration, but Bancroft Raleigh Register, who is the narra- dodges the question.

tor; and is the name subscribed The fact that Jefferson and swer or a real, or is it as fleticious as the Adams never heard of it until 1819, advised. name itself? It appeals, too, to and that it parallels so closely with June 18, 41 W Mr. Alexander, who is dead, to a the Declaration of 1776, is sufficient joint letter from Caswell, Hughes, presumptive proof of its being a and Hooper, all dead, to a copy canard. But the published prosent to the dead Caswell, and another sent to Dr. Williamson, now probably dead, whose memory did not recollect, in the history he has written of North Carolina, this gigantic step of its county of Meck-lenburg. Horry, too, is silent in his history of [Gen.] Marion, whose sent to the dead Caswell, and ceedings of May 31, 1775, together

his history of [Gen.] Marion, whose HORSES, MULES, FONIES, scene of action was the country bordering on Mecklenburg. Ram-Marshall, Jones, Girardin, Wagons, Phaetons, Buggies, Wirt, historians of the adjacent States, all silent. When Mr. [Pat rick] Henry's resolutions, far short HARNESS, WHIPS, SADDLES, of independence [March, 1775] flew like lightning through every paper, and kindled both sides of LOUIS COOK'S CELEBRATED WORK. the Atlantic, this daming declara-tion of the same date, of the inde-GOOD YOUNG STOCK pendence of Mecklenburg County, of North Carolina, absolving it from British allegiance, and abalways on hand, and for sale juring all political connection with

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concealed from me to this day? The san correspondent adds the Had it been communicated to me following: in the time of it, I know, if you do

The Mecklenburg resolutions purnot know, that it would have been printed in every Whig newspaper port to have been signed by Abraupon this continent. You know ham Alexander, Chairman; John that if I had possessed it I would McKnitt Alexander, Secretary, have made the hall of Congress Ephraim Brevard, and twenty-four with especial reference to their peculiar echo and re-echo with it fifteen others. Jefferson in his letter men- fitness for the duties assigned them ; and months before your Declaration of tions only McKnitt (sic); has not the number of students will not be in-Independence. What a poor, ignorant, malicious, short-sighted, But it may be asked. Is there not crapulous mass is Tom Paine's a possible basis of fact for these "Common Sense," in comparison seemingly apocryphal proceedings with this paper! Had I known it, at Mecklenburg ? Yes, and it is I would have commented upon it doubtful whether either Jefferson from the day you entered Congress or Adams was aware of what actill the Fourth of July, 1776. The tually occurred at Charlotte, N. C., genuine sense of America at that about that time. On the 31st of moment was never so well ex. May, 1775, a county committee met

pressed, nor since. Richard Cas. and passed a preamble and twenty well, William Hooper, and Joseph resolutions of a revolutionary char-Hewes, the then Representatives of acter, but containing no language North Carolina in Congress, you knew as well as I, and you know that the unanimity of the States finally depended on the vote of Clerk of the Committee," and were Joseph Hewes, and was finally de- printed in the South Carolina Gazette termined by him. And yet history of June, 1775. On the 20th of June is to ascribe the Revolution to Gov. Martin transmitted a copy to Thomas Paine! Sat verbum sapi- the Secretary of State at London,

enti.

THOMAS JEFFERSON TO JOHN ADAMS.

MONTICELLO, July 9, 1819.

saying: The minutes of a council held at this place the other day will make the impotence of Government here as apparent to your lordship as any-

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I am in debt to you for your let- thing I can set before you. * * ters of May the 21st, 27th, and The resolves of the Committee of June, the 22d. But what has at Mecklenburg, which your lordship tracted my peculiar notice is the will find in the enclosed newspaper, paper from Mecklenburg County of North Carolina, published in the able publications that the inflamma-Easex Register, which you were so tory spirits of the continent have kind as to enclose in your last of yet produced. * * * A copy of June 22. And you seem to think these resolves was sent off, 1 am it genuine. I believe it spurious. informed, by express to the Con-I deem it to be a very unjustifiable gress at Philadelphia as soon as quiz, like that of the volcano, so they were passed in the committee. minntely related to us as having broken out in North Carolina some London by the Hon. Geo. Bancroft, broken out in North Carolina some half dozen years ago, in that part of the country, and perhaps in that very county of Mecklenburg, for I do not remember its precise locali-ty. If this paper be really taken from the *Raleigh Register*, as quo-ted, I wonder it should have es-

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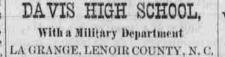
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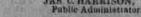
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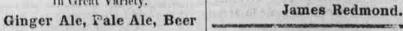
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