Congress should be urged to make a national reservation of this historic spot—The Annual Celebration—A Soliciting Committee Named

As the Fourth of July approaches, interest naturally centers in the affairs of the Battle Ground Company, which has for years carried on a noble, patriotic and self-sacrificing work that should be shared by the masses instead of a few public-spirited men. The annual celebrations at the Battle Ground are invariably the source of both pleasure and profit to the tens of thousands who gather there year after year, yet the widespread interest that characterizes these gatherings will be intensified this year by the fact that Congress has seen proper to make a handsome appropriation for monuments to two other Revolutionary heroes whose names, graven in stone, should properly appear at this fountain-head of patriotism. Better than our own people no one realizes the importance of preserving this hallowed spot for all time by having the government throw about it a mantle of protection. The foundations of our nation trembled until the battle of Guilford Court House turned the tide that swept the British from our fair land. The scene of that memorable conflict holds interest not for Guilford county or North Carolina alone, but for the whole nation, and there is every reason why the government should assume the responsibility of keeping up the beautiful reservation that has been reclaimed by the descendants of those who figured in the memorable conflict. No financial consideration is involved in this transfer of the property to the government. The spirit that prompted the reclaiming of the Battle Ground from a verdant wilderness would, from generous motives, now turn the beautiful park over to the government free of charge without encumbrance if it were known that it would be maintained in a manner befitting its importance. Touching the matter of a transfer of title to the government Major Joe Morehead, week embodied the following wise suggestions in a public statement prepared for the press of the city.

To THE PRESS OF GREENSBORO:

The first need of the Guilford Battle Ground Company is the adoption of its grounds by the general government. This will supersede all other needs. This ought to be done. It is due North Carolina, who has redeemed this Revolutionary battlefield, the one redeemed in America.

In the secession crisis for the first time appeared the issue of the struggle between North and South. It is due the whole nation, for it is sound policy. It is due the dead patriots of '70, who on the night of the 14th of March, 1781, in the sixth year of a dreadful war slept here literally upon the ground three men under one wretched blanket. These men thought they were lighting for something. Let Congress endorse them. This adoption ought to be made. With the snap of a finger by Congress it can be done. Will it be done? This is the question of the moment. Are our men of politics, especially the statesmen of Guilford county, as indolent, especially upon the action of the people of Guilford county as indolent, as our public officers? No. It is due the whole nation, for it is sound policy.

We have purchased twenty acres of land in the very heart of the battle site—beautifully completing the grounds. We have erected four large bronze and marble monuments—two of these of strikingly unique and appropriate design, and two of them handsome and costly. This year we have secured and will set three more.

We ask of the people of Greensboro a very large contribution now because we need it now, and because we deserve it. We have been told that we are not yet prepared for the fight, but we ask you to consider how the temptation will be resisted, nor will it be impending for another year. The coming Fourth of July. It will be needed, not only then, but for many years to come, and throughout the coming winter. It is needed now, and as a measure of self-preservation, as a measure of self-preservation, to prevent, our receiving any help from Congress, which Congress, we are told, cannot give; and as a measure of self-preservation, to protect our state's treasury from the necessity of paying interest on the additional debt to double their subscriptions. We are not asking for more than the people of Guilford county have heretofore given. We urge you to double your subscriptions.

The prospect of the coming year is bright, and public spirited citizens will not fail to increase their subscriptions.

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