Nov. 14th 1782.

The commissioners appointed by the President and Trustees of the University of N.C. to fix the place where the buildings should be erected, determined on the ground that the University should be established on New Hope Chapel Hill, in Orange county, between the seat of government of Hillsborough, about 25 miles west of the former, and 13 miles from the latter. The gentlemen of Orange displayed great liberality on the occasion. They gave in donations of land 1400 acres & in money about 1000$ for the benefit of the Institution.

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Halifax Sept. 25th 1783.

We are authorized to assure the public that the corner stone of the building of the University, undertaken by Mr. Patterson will be laid on the 10th of Oct. next, when the commissioners & a number of gentlemen will attend to assist at the ceremony. The sale of the lots in the village will take place on the same day. The town consists of one principal street divided off into lots of two acres each, parallel with the North front of the buildings. There are also lots of four acres each, located on the most elegant situations contiguous to the University.

The seat of the University is on the summit of a very high ridge. There is a gentle declivity of 300 yards to the village, which is situated on a handsome plain considerably lower than the site of the public buildings, but so greatly elevated above the neighboring country as to furnish an extensive and beautiful landscape, composed of the heights in the vicinity of one little and flat rivers.

The ridge appears to commence about half a mile directly East of the buildings, where it rises abruptly several hundred feet. This peak is...