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## EXHIBIT D

### J. Graham's Deposition

Vesuvius Furnace, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1830.

Dear Sir- Agreeable to your request, I will give you the details of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, 1775, as well as I can recollect after a lapse of fifty-five years. I was then a lad about half grown, was present on that occasion a looker on. ....

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, 1775, .... The news of the battle of Lexington, the 19<sup>th</sup> of April preceeding, had arrived. ....

After reading a number of papers as usual, and much animated discussion, the question was taken, and they resolved to declare themselves independent. One among other reasons offered, that the King or Ministry had, by proclamation or edict, declared the Colonies out of the protection of the British Crown ; they ought, therefore, to declare themselves out of his protection, and resolve on independence. ....

The sub-committee appointed to draft the resolutions ... read their report, as near as I can recollect, in the very words we have since seen them several times in print. It was unanimously adopted, and shortly after it was moved and seconded to have the proclamation made and the people collected, that the proceedings be read at the court house door, in order that all might hear them. It was done, and they were received with enthusiasm. It was then proposed by some one aloud to give three cheers and throw up their hats. It was immediately adopted, and the hats thrown. Several of them lit up on the court house roof. The owners had some difficulty to reclaim them.

The foregoing is all from personal knowledge. ....

Yours respectfully,

J. GRAHAM

Dr. JOS. M'KT ALEXANDER

Mecklenburg, N. Carolina

## *Captain Jack's Deposition*

...for some time previous to, and at the time those resolutions were agreed upon, I resided in the town of Charlotte, Mecklenburg county; was privy to a number of meetings of some of the most influential and leading characters of that county on the subject, before the final adoption of the resolutions- and at the time they were adopted...

When the resolutions were finally agreed on, they were publicly proclaimed from the court-house door in the town of Charlotte, and received with every demonstration of joy by the inhabitants.

I was then solicited to be the bearer of the proceedings to Congress. ...

I then proceeded on to Philadelphia, and delivered the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May, 1775, to Richard Caswell and William Hooper, the Delegates to Congress from the State of North Carolina. ....

Col. William Polk, of Raleigh, in North-Carolina, was living with his father Thomas, in Charlotte, at the time I have been speaking of, and although then too young to be forward in the business, yet the leading circumstances I have related cannot have escaped his recollection.

JAMES JACK.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> December 1819, in the presence of

JOB WESTON, C. C. O.

JAMES OLIVER, Atto. at Law.

Do you think that Graham's and Jack's testimonies further prove or disprove the MeckDec? Why?