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“FABULOUS FOURTH” HOSTED BY THE CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN TO FEATURE BATTLE AND CANNON NIGHTFIRE. LORD GENERAL CHARLES CORNWALLIS HUMBLER CHARLOTTE WITH INVASION. ORDERS MAJOR PATRICK FERGUSON TO BATTLE AT KINGS MOUNTAIN. ENTIRE REGION THREATENED, “TO BE LAID TO WASTE BY FIRE AND SWORD.”

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(Kings Mountain, June 15, 2009) In a heroic nod to the history of the regions families and City of Kings Mountains (www.cityofkm.com) people, the 2009 Fabulous Fourth will feature reenactors brought together by the American Revolutionary War Living History Center and Experience (www.revwarexperience.com). Beginning at 6 p.m. on July fourth will be friends, patriots and music until dusk when a massive fireworks show will launch. Just prior to that, around 8:45 p.m. - a musical parade, and then stunning attack, will begin all at the Jake Early Walking Track next to the Kings Mountain YMCA. The gunfire and blasts will also consist of threats against the people of this region, made aloud, and against all who will not bow - to the power of the richest and strongest King and Queen on earth. Those living in these parts will, “*have their houses torched beginning the night of and men put to death by sword,*” – in accordance with the statements made against residents by Major Patrick Ferguson.

The City of Kings Mountain hosts numerous mega-events on an ever growing scale – annually. Highlights of their events include the annual Gateway Festival, Beach Blast and Over-the-Mountain

Triathlon. Rick Murphrey is the Mayor and encourages historical events linked to the survival of America due to the heroic actions at the battle of Kings Mountain.

The American Revolutionary War Living History Center & Experience (ARWLHC) is an organization of reenactors, advisory board members from industry and academia in the Cleveland County region. They endorse the publishing and spread of a new history magazine, "American Revolution," (now on it's third issue), paintings and oils by Kelly Pauley and Don Troiani's newest, "the Battle of King's Mountain," large and magnificent 2009 work of art. They are presently working on the building of a new resort attraction which will feature battles, log cabins, the Nature & Earth Spa, horse riding and the capability for guests to enter into the colonial war, fully dressed, and fight or command up to the level of General. Their construction headquarters and base camp is located at The Inn of the Patriots Bed and Breakfast Hotel. They profess this battle to be the bell of liberty ringing for the entire world to hear. They take note of three Presidents writings about it turning the tide of the entire war effort and colonies. They agree with the Presidents of the United States, the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service - that this was not a minor battle. It was the only major battle fought during the colonial war made up of all local folks and senior leaders. Numerous of which went on to become Governors and Congressmen. There were no British troops at his battle.

Major Patrick Ferguson's army arrived at the top of King's Mountain. Having the high ground made it a landmark and drew Ferguson's attention. It was "almost 600 yards long varying in width from 60 to nearly 120 yards, the top mostly bare of trees, but the sides wooded and rough. Once he was on top of the mountain, Ferguson declared *"I am king of this mountain and God Almighty himself could not drive him from it."* This marked a serious affront against the Lord and locals. It was here that Ferguson decided to fight the battle to decide who would control the destiny of America, but little did he know it. The war, stalemated for four years - had recently unleashed the invigorating, fresh invasion of the South. With the fallings of Charleston, Savannah, Charlotte and master control of all (including Georgia) Lord General Cornwallis was going to meet and crush Washington in Virginia – thus ending the struggle. Nothing stood in his way. Yet into his left side, would come the blackboard eraser of one third of all his troops on the continent - in less than an hour. A portion of what enraged the people around Kings Mountain and the Kings Creek Settlement was a published flyer that Major Ferguson dictated to the locale.

**Denard's Ford, Broad River,
Tryon County, *October 1, 1780***

Gentlemen:—Unless you wish to be eat up by an inundation of barbarians, who have begun by murdering an unarmed son before the aged father, and afterwards lopped off his arms, and who by their shocking cruelties and irregularities, give the best proof of their cowardice and want of discipline; I say, if you wish to be pinioned, robbed, and murdered, and see your wives and daughters, in four days, abused by the dregs of mankind—in short, if you wish or deserve to live, and bear the name of men, grasp your arms in a moment and run to camp.

The Back Water men have crossed the mountains; McDowell, Hampton, Shelby and Cleveland are at their head, so that you know what you have to depend upon. If you choose to be degraded forever and ever by a set of mongrels, say so at once, and let your women turn their backs upon you, and look out for real men to protect them.

PAT. FERGUSON, *Major 71st Regiment.*

(Published in the Virginia Gazette, November 11, 1780; Wheeler's North Carolina, ii., 103; Ramsey's Tennessee, 233, Draper's King's Mountain and Its Heroes, 204)

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