



## 71<sup>st</sup> Reg't

# “Nemo Me Impune Laccessit”

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## After Action Report

Dear NCHR/ 71<sup>st</sup> Highlanders,

The regiment mustered on the grounds of the Alston House this past Friday, with the hopes of ridding the countryside of another notorious Whig. As the president was attending an event in the Moravian settlement of Salem Friday night the camp was set up by our most able Quartermaster Kirk Smith and his two assistants, the heirs of Dunning, Gary and his progeny Miles. As always, we are most appreciative of the efforts of the quartermaster and his minions.

Being of a rather delicate nature I opted to return to my lodgings in the New Garden settlement on my way to the Alston farm. I arrived early Saturday morning to find the quartermaster tending the fire. After unloading the wagon in the mud pit, we were soon joined by Brett and his daughter Kit who also attended festivities with the Moravians in Salem the night before. Those Moravians. The rest of the regiment soon followed with Gary and Miles returning from a foraging detail in the village of Southern Pines and Scott and Mary joining us a little later in the morning.



Kirk tending the fire

This year for the battle the leadership opted to recreate the battle of Cowpens.... wait that's every other event. No, we maintained the same battle plan as before, Pillage, plunder, and burn the house down. We still struggle with which comes first. We were asked to be on the left this year or was it the center. I am not entirely certain but as the men spoke mostly Gaelic it was interpreted as the left of the line. Surrounding the house, we took pot shots at the chimneys and put on a good show for all the loyal subjects of the Crown. Sunday's battle went much as before with the battle ending when



Mrs. Alston came out the door to negotiate with our “honorable” commander David Fanning.

The wonderful provisions secured by Kirk must be mentioned here. Fresh eggs from the Smith farm and the perennial favorite breakfast hash for breakfast and excellent coffee as always. We must not forget Kirk’s signature dishes of beans and hamburger stew! The King’s loyal colonists ate well.



Yes, the president does dishes

A few items of business to attend to. Our next event is Latta. I will be the Provost for the British camp. So, if there are any complaints, you know where to send them....to the American camp! The Caledonia Festival has been cancelled so that will affect our annual meeting and elections. We have a few options, we have hold the meeting at Latta, Walnut Grove, or Camden. In the past we have used both Walnut Grove and Camden but this year I believe will be missing several members and will have the largest turnout at Latta. I have heard from some of you already but please let me know your preference if I have not.

Here is the schedule of events for the rest of the 2018!

- Sept 1-2 Latta, Charlotte, NC
- Sept 8 The Festival of Yesteryear
- Sept 22 Malcolm Blue Festival, Aberdeen
- Oct 6-7 Walnut Grove, SC
- Nov 3-4 Camden, SC

## Gaelic Phrases

This is a new feature I am adding to the newsletter and AAR report. A fun way to add a few Gaelic Phrases to our dialogue around camp and with the public. I will actually give three in this dispatch. Two you will know if you are a veteran and one will be new.

**Beannaich Dhe an Rìgh!** *bay-a-nach de an ree*  
God Bless the King or God Save the King

**Mortaibh an Rhiatachan!** *more-tave an ree-a-tach-n* Kill the Bastards

**Faillte!** *fal'-tchuh* Welcome

**Slainte!** *Slanj-uh* Cheers

**Slainte an Rhi!** Cheers to the King

**Madainn mhath!** *Ma-teen Va* Good Morning

Your Humble and Obedient Servant,

Denis Byrd  
**God Save the King!**

