

THE Legislature having made an appropriation for the purpose of erecting a monument in memory of Gov. Caswell, and having authorized Gov. Jarvis in his discretion to locate it in the town of Kinston, we understand that his Excellency contemplates examining into the feasibility of having the monument put in place on the 4th day of July next. It was first proposed to erect a simple shaft at the grave of this distinguished patriot; but a suggestion being made that the citizens of Kinston would contribute to the fund and obtain a handsomer monument if it should be placed in Kinston, permission was given the Governor to exercise his discretion in the matter. By all means the people of Kinston should seek to have the monument of their great citizen placed in their own public square. There it would stand, reminding each succeeding generation of the noble Carolinian whose fame it will perpetuate. It will teach the lesson of patriotism to the young and gratify the pride of the older citizens. The life of Caswell is in itself a study for the people of North Carolina. Hardly any man was a greater popular hero than he was a century ago.

In him the people had the utmost faith and confidence, and he served them well and with a heart overflowing with patriotic emotions. If the citizens of Kinston shall make a liberal contribution, the Governor will probably have everything in readiness by the Fourth of July, and on that day unveil the monument. He anticipates, we learn, calling together a considerable body of military and making the event a gala day worthy of the occasion to be celebrated. Should his wishes be carried out there will be a large concourse of people there, numbering thousands, and the orator will be some gentleman of fine powers, and this, together with the military, will make the occasion one long to be remembered by all who attend. And so it should be. It should be made a great event. Our people should withhold nothing in doing honor to the great Caswell, and it would be singularly appropriate for the war Governor of the present generation to be the orator on the occasion of erecting a monument to the first war Governor of the State—of him who was first among his people “in the times that tried men’s souls.”