

Editorial

A Call to Action

Calhoun Strikes Again, and Many Demand a Reckoning

"Emerald Jim" Calhoun, admired by many but despised by some, has accomplished another coup in North Carolina. He has convinced the Catholic Church that he has a prior claim on the land belonging to Saint Teilhard's Monastery and Orphanage, based on lien documents his agents found in the archives of the British Museum. These documents, undated but purportedly signed by King George III, give Calhoun's ancestors rights to the land in perpetuity; since the Church has no right to it, the monks and orphans must go. He has announced plans to convert the historic structure--one of the oldest churches in America--into something he calls a "strip mall."

Once again, Calhoun has profited at the expense of the community. Not only is his bizarre "mall" concept doomed to failure, he is continuing his pattern of pillaging and moving on. This time, he needs to contribute. The upcoming vote to heavily tax developers should be passed, and Calhoun's holdings in the Carolinas, particularly his huge plantation, should be
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