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Dear Gil:

Thank you for your letter of July 19. You did not need to write concerning the material I sent you. I am just glad to have found you and a place to put any new material on the family which comes to light.

You surely have my permission to use anything I have sent you or may send you in the future in any way you wish. It is not necessary for you to credit me with the items I sent or may send. I wish that I had time to dig further into some of the original records.

The other day I was going through the original papers of the War of the Regulation for a client and found the enclosed paper which I had the Archives people copy.

In case you may not be familiar with North Carolina early history, there were some unscrupulous officials like county clerks and others who preyed upon the settlers. They had an uprising which eventually came to a head in the Battle of Alamance in which the Governor (Tryon) led the "King's Troops" in a pitched battle in which about a thousand people on both sides participated. I am writing from memory and so could be off in facts, but I think the above skirmish took place about a year after this paper.

The "battle" lasted about an hour and the settlers had to surrender. Many of them had to leave the area, but some were caught and about half a dozen were hanged at Hillsboro which had been the seat of government ~~at~~ one time.

Though the men in the enclosed paper met at Col. Bryan's, they were almost entirely leaders from Bute County which was cut off from old Granville County in 1764 and divided into Franklin and Warren in 1779.

Though I realize that Lodwick Alford, the first, could have been the same as the one through which Alford's in Georgia became DARs, ~~but~~ I am not convinced of this. These officers in the militia were not young men. The first Lodwick Alford would have been in his fifties in 1770, a prominent land owner, and no reason to move to Georgia with his son. With few exceptions, these people left NC for a better life and old Lodwick was one who had it where he was. I would be the first to admit that I have no proof of what I am saying, so would easily accept correction from someone ~~who~~ has proof that Lodwick, brother of Julius Alford, went to GA.

You are doing a ~~great~~ **TREMENDOUS** work and future generations will be grateful to you as well as we who are benefitting in this generation.

Please don't bother to reply. Just let me know if I may be of help and know that whatever I send is yours to use as you wish.

Sincerely,

Bill
William A. Mitchiner