

Letters to the Editor

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Those who do not consider it at the least inappropriate that we mark the 250th anniversary of the City of Frederick by honoring the memory of the military forces of those who would preserve slavery in this country, with the abominable conditions that forced on blacks; who in that also honor the greatest and the most dangerous of subversions that would have ended the United States of America, which is what the Confederation was - and it was that by political and military action, not as was imagined most of this century of those whose ideas some did not like - ought remember that those being honored held this city for ransom, blackmailed the city fathers with threat of what would happen to their ~~own~~ women and threats to burn the city down if what for those days ~~they did not pay~~ what was a heavy ransom was not paid and past fast.

The interest on that debt extorted by those being honored ^{was} paid until relatively recent times when before he retired from the Congress Frederick's own Charles "Mac" Mathias had that ended.

And for all those many years, more than a century, that extorted money denied Frederick and Fredericktonians many needs.

Or is it that those who persist in this honor after objections to it were raised are as ignorant of their city's history then are commemorating as they are insensitive to the feelings of their black now fellow citizens despite the military efforts of those who memory they persist in honoring.

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And in this bring shame upon us by national news and TV reporting.