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Dear Mayor Stephen Murray, President St. Andrew's Society of the Lowcountry South Carolina Philip Cromer, and friends,

On behalf of the Scottish Government, I would like to offer my support and congratulations on the ongoing work to unearth the history of Stuarts Town, a settlement on the frontier of the Carolina colony near present-day Beaufort, South Carolina.

I applaud the work by Drs. Chester DePratter and Charles Cobb - supported by Mayor Murray, and a host of local supporters and patrons - which has resulted in the recovery of 17th century artifacts beneath a section of Beaufort. While this has not yet uncovered definitive evidence of Stuarts Town's location, Drs. DePratter and Cobb are convinced that Stuarts Town is in the area they searched, and in the process have brought more attention to the rich Scottish American history in the area.

The Scottish Government values enormously the strong links between the US and Scotland, and I commend those in the local community who have devoted their time and skills to documenting this chapter in our shared history. While they may not have found all they hoped to find, the search has renewed interest in the Stuarts Town settlement and the intrepid Scots who sailed to Carolina in search of a new and better life.

I shall follow your future work with great interest and wish you all the best.

Kind Regards,

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Christopher Thomson  
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