

John Reynolds commissions

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	George, II, King of Great Britain, 1683-1760.
Title:	John Reynolds commissions
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Biographical/Historical Note

John Reynolds (1713-1788) was born in England. At the age of 15, he volunteered for the British Royal Navy. He was the first Royal Governor of Georgia, appointed in 1754 by King George II of England after the Trustees administration ended in 1752. While governor, Reynolds established courts and a Common House of Assembly in Georgia. He was, however, disliked and distrusted by the people of Georgia. His administration ended in 1757, with Henry Ellis sent to Georgia as his replacement. Reynolds returned to England and to naval service. He died in London on February 3, 1788.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of two commissions of John Reynolds by George II. The first commissions Reynolds as Vice Admiral Commissary and Deputy in the Office of Vice Admiralty in the Province of Georgia, signed by Samuel Hill 1754. A manuscript copy of the original document, it is signed by Nathan C. Barnett and contains certification that it is a true and correct copy, Atlanta, Office of the Secretary of State, December 1, 1875. The second commissions Reynolds as Captain General and Governor in Chief over the colony of Georgia, 1754. This manuscript copy is signed by Nathan C. Barnett and is certified that it is a true and correct copy, Atlanta, Office of the Secretary of State, December 1, 1875.

Index Terms

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George, II, King of Great Britain, 1683-1760.
Georgia--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.
Georgia--Politics and government--To 1775.
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- 1 Item 1: Commission of John Reynolds by George II as Vice Admiral Commissary and Deputy in the Office of Vice Admiralty in the Province of Georgia. London, High Court of the Admiralty, 1754 August 13 (12.0 p.) **View online.**
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- 1 Item 2: Commission of John Reynolds by George II as Captain General and Governor in Chief over the colony of Georgia. Westminster, 1754 August 16 (13.0 p.) **View online.**
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