Henry Ellis papers

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

Henry Ellis (1721-1806), hydrographer and explorer, was the second royal governor of Georgia. Born in Ireland, he came to Savannah in 1757. Due to poor health, Ellis left Georgia in 1760. He returned to England and died in Naples, Italy, in 1806.

Scope and Content Note

The papers in this collection are all photocopies; the courses of the originals are unknown. The first item is a poem written on the occasion of Ellis's arrival in Georgia 1757; it is signed "Americanus." The other items include a permit given by the King in Council for Ellis to leave Georgia during the summer, a letter to Ellis from Edmond Atkin at Fort Moore regarding Indian affairs in Georgia and South Carolina, and two talks Ellis gave to members of the Creek Nation.

Index Terms

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Creek Nation.
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**Container List**

Item 1: Poem, "On Governour Ellis's Arrival in Georgia", 1757

Item 2: Proceedings "At the Court of St. James", 1758 December 4 (1.0 p.)

The King in Council giving permission for Ellis to leave Georgia for the summer months.

Item 3: Edmond Atkin letter to Henry Ellis, for Moore, 1760 January 25 (17.0 p.)

Regarding Indian affairs in Georgia and South Carolina.

Item 4: Talk by Henry Ellis to the Men and Head Warriors of the Upper and Lower Creeks, 1760 February 9 (4.0 p.)

Asking Indians to take up defense for the White people.

Item 5: Talk by Henry Ellis to Micos, Men and Head Warriors of the Creek Nation, 1760 May 26 (2.0 p.)

Asking them to apply to him for redress in the future rather than killing the traders who have wronged them.