

James Edward Oglethorpe and Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf letters

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

In the early 18th century, the Moravians, in Germany, experiencing a revival of their faith, encountered misunderstanding and religious persecution. Their leader, Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, inquired of the Trustees of Georgia whether a party of Moravians might settle in Georgia. After receiving a positive response from the Trustees, the first small contingent of Moravians arrived in Savannah in 1735. Initially, the Protestant group was led by August Gottlieb Spangenberg and David Nitschmann and Johann Hagenin Savannah. The group concentration on converting Native Americans and slaves in the region. By 1745, most of the group left Georgia for Europe and Pennsylvania. Groups of Moravians returned to Georgia intermittently in 1745, 1765, 1774, and 1800.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a microfilm copy of sixteen letters in Latin, French, and English, written between James Edward Oglethorpe and Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf. An index (in German) appears at the beginning of the roll. The letters concerns the Moravian immigration to Georgia during the 18th century.

These letters were microfilmed by the Unitätsarchiv der Evangelischen Brüder-Unität, Moravian Archives in Herrnhut, Germany.

Index Terms

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Oglethorpe, James Edward, 1696-1785.
Zinzendorf, Nicolaus Ludwig, Graf von, 1700-1760.

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