



William R. Coe collection, 1699-1741
SCHS 1150.00
Container 11/569

Creator: Coe, William R.

Description: 0.5 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: The Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations was an agency created by King William III to supervise British colonial trade regulations. It was soon known simply as the Board of Trade.

Scope and Content: Collection chiefly consists of reports, letters and other documents, mostly drafts or official copies, written by prominent men in the Carolina colony or by their agents in London (England) to provide information to the Lord Commissioners for Trade and Plantations and other British governmental agencies.

Included are answers (1719) of the South Carolina General Assembly to queries by the Lords Commissioners concerning "the present state" of the colony in terms of climate, population, defenses, trade, Indian allies, and threats from the Spanish in St. Augustine (Fla.) and the French; a description (1720) of French strongholds at Pensacola (Fla.), Mobile (Ala.), and on the Mississippi River; answers to queries (1720) of the Lords Commissioners for Mr. [Joseph] Boone regarding government, trade, and defenses in Carolina; John Barnwell's account (1720) of expenses for three frontier garrisons maintained by the S.C. General Assembly; and a letter (1720) from John Barnwell concerning the threat posed to the Carolinas and Virginia by the French in Louisiana and their Indian allies, with suggestions on policies to counteract French influence in the Southeast.

Other items include a report (1699) by the Board of Trade to King William III about Dr. [Daniel] Coxe's petition regarding title to the province of Carolina and land in Virginia; "State of the King's Title to Carolina and to the Bahamas" (n.d.); "A State of the Case as to the Province of Carolina, evidencing that the Right of Nominating a Governor to that Province is in the Crown" (ca. 1721); a proposal (ca. 1730) for the establishment of a trading company; documents pertaining to the colony of Georgia, including the minutes (1736) of James Oglethorpe's meetings with Chickasaw Indians in Savannah; documents pertaining to the colony of North Carolina, including a letter of complaint from N.C. Chief Justice Daniel Hanmer to the King's Council regarding Governor Gabriel Johnston, with Johnston's answer, as well as four letters (1734-1739) from Johnston to Lord Wilmington; and documents concerning the Anglo-Spanish War, squatters on South Carolina land, and the Indian trade.

Also included are descriptions of the documents from a manuscript dealer's catalog. In addition, a paper (1978, 145 p.) by Alexander Moore includes edited, annotated transcriptions of some of the documents, with an introduction.

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Provenance: Coe, William R. gift 1937.

Search terms:

Barnwell, John, ca. 1671-1724.
Johnston, Gabriel, 1699-1752.
Great Britain. Board of Trade.
Anglo-Spanish War, 1739-1748.
Indians of North America -- Southern States.
Alabama.
Florida.
France -- Colonies -- America.
Georgia.
Great Britain -- Colonies -- America -- Commerce.
Louisiana.
North Carolina.
Pensacola (Fla.)
Saint Augustine (Fla.)
South Carolina -- History.
Spain -- Colonies -- America.
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775 -- Sources.
Virginia.
Genre Letters (correspondence)
Reports.
Added Author Moore, Alexander, 1948-

11/569/1-32 Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, Great Britain.

Documents 1719-1741. 42 items

British Colonial Commission. Letters, queries, memoranda, colonial reports, titles, charter, and other papers of the Commission regarding overseeing SC, NC, VA, GA and French or Spanish territories in FL, AL, MS, LA. Included are queries for Joseph Boone regarding SC trade, constitutions, military, population, and Indians; letter (1719) regarding Pensacola, FL, Mobile, AL and French settlements in LA; report on boundaries, plantation, and commodities in SC; title of the English to Carolina and the Bahamas; right of the crown to nominal SC governor (ca 1721); chronology of SC fundamental constitution (1669-1730); proposal for a trading company (ca 1730); observations on fears of a Spanish attack; letters of Gov. Gabriel Johnston of NC; listings of American plantation business before the Privy Council (1734, 1738, 1740); duties on privateered quicksilver (1740), Georgia colonial matter, Charter and Indian matters (1730-1741); Memo regarding shipment of rice directly to Spain (n.d); memo regarding squatters on SC land in which a grant was applied with comments on slaves; land set aside for crops outside of forts (n.d.); Indian trade in Virginia & Carolina (n.d.) James Sutherland letter (n.d.) regarding Charleston trade, life, and inhabitants. Also MSS (1978) of the letters edited and notated by Alexander Moore. "Selections from the William R. Coe paper..." Chronologically arranged.