

Lutheran document
January 20, 2007

This document is bound in brown leather and contains 29 pages. It is approximately 8 ¼ inches by 6 ½ inches. The first and last page are part of the binding. The original document consists of two principal writings. The first writing is in a fine, legible hand and appears only on one side of the page. The second writing is an addition, in one or more different hands, and utilizes pages that were left blank. It appears on numbered pages front and back. After this second writing other pages remain blank.

On many of the blank pages and at various of the pages of the original writings are a variety of apparently extraneous entries, in pencil and in ink, some scratched through. These have not been reproduced. The booklet appears to have been used for accounts, for practice writing, and for a variety of other notations.

Beginning with the second principal writing, numerous pages have been torn from the booklet.

The front cover of the leather-bound booklet has a label affixed: Murdoch To Dr. Morgan [in blue and orange crayon]. Above these words in pencil appears: "Never let Archibald Henderson have this book."

Inside the front cover is a library emblem showing a bird (a crow ?) standing on a rod and shot through with an arrow, a shield with two similar birds suspended from an arrow (projected through their skulls), a scroll with the words: omnia pro bono, and at the bottom the name: Murdoch.

The booklet is wrapped in a paper binding on which is an adhesive label: From Dr. Murdock to J. L. Morgan.

The first principal writing begins on the obverse of page two and continues on the obverse side of the next eleven pages. The first word, "Whereas," is large, bold, and accompanied by fancy markings. At two points the name, "Tryon," or "Wm. Tryon," is similarly emphasized, and various other names are somewhat enlarged. Usually the last word on a page is on a line alone. At two points seals were apparently affixed and subsequently removed.

The first principal writing reads as follows:

Whereas in the counties Rowan, Orange, Mecklenbrough and Tryon, situated in the province of North-Carolina in America, are already settled near three thousand german protestant families, and being very fruitful in that healthy climate, are beside, vastly increasing by numbers of german protestants almost week-ly arriving from Pensylvania and other pro-vinces of America; and having been hitherto without the means of grace, and being unable
to

maintain a learned and orthodox minister of their language and persuasion, whereby a great ignorance in the word of God & a melancholy dissoluteness of living has already prevailed, & will doubtless still more prevail.

In order that such an evil, which must provoke the Almighty God to anger and vengeance, may be effectually removed, near sixty german lutheran protestant families have united themselves, hum-bly to implore His Excellency Tryon [emphasized] then Governor

of the said province, graciously to countenance, under the great seal of the province, that two of their members namely Christopher Layrle and Christopher Rantelmann are deputed by them humbly to beg of the protestant brethren and other friends to the Kingdom of Christ in England Holland and Germany their benevolence and charity to enable them in supporting a learned and orthodox protestant minister, in order that the means of grace may be duly administered and the Kingdom of

our blessed Lord Jesus Christ be likewise establish-ed and propagated among them. His Excellency Governor Tryon has according to his known humanity countenanced their petition under the great seal of the province, and referred the case to the Honourable Society for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts, established in London; which Society has likewise piously counte-nanced under their seal this undertaking as appears

by the following Copies.

A Copy of his Excellency's recommendation.

North Carolina. By his Excellency William Tryon Esquire his Majesty's Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the said province.

To all Persons whom it may Concern

Whereas sixty German families of the Lutheran Church forming a settlement on second bank in Rowan County in this Province

request of me to countenance their procuring a Minister and Schoolmaster in their own Language in the manner expressed in their Memorial annexed, and such their intention and proposal being certified as laudable by the rev.d M.r Drage Rector of S. Luke's Parish in the said County, as well as in Con-sideration of the loyal and prudent behaviour of the Inhabitants of the said settlement, I do by these Presents refer to the Bishop of London

and

to the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts the Consideration of the annexed Memorial, and recommend such charitable support as by them shall be thought necessary for carrying the said laudable purposes into Execution.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the Said Province at Newbern the first day of February in the Year of our

Lord

one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, & in the eleventh Year of his Majesty's reign. By his Excellency's Command. W.m Tryon. [Emphasized by enlargement and boldness] [Seal fragments, but seal removed] I. Edwards priv. Sec.

Copy of the pious countenance of the Honourable Society for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts.

At a General Meeting of the Society for Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts Held in Dean's Yard Westminster on Friday July 19.th 1771 A Petition with a Testimonial thereunto annexed by his Excellency Governor Tryon from the German Settlers on Second Creek in Rowan County North Carolina having been laid before the Board.

The Society did approve the pious & useful design therein contained, and declared that in case the proposed Subscription shall meet

with success and such a Sum be raised as shall afford a reasonable prospect of establishing a fund adequate to the permanent support of a Minister and Schoolmaster in the said settlement, They will contribute to such fund and give such encouragement thereto as corresponds with their ability and the Nature of their Institution.

By order of the Society

Abington Street

D. Burton S [tear in page] [Fragment of seal; seal removed]

Westm.r July 19 1771.

[In the same hand and on the two succeeding pages, the documents continues:]

Having [indented and enlarged] under God's mercy and assistance succeeded so far, their deputies namely Christopher Layrle and Christopher Rantelman have desired William Symondson Esq. Treasurer to the said Society for propagating the gospel in foreign parts to receive the money which may be raised for this charitable purpose; the Rev.d D.r Wachsen minister of the german lutheran congregation in little Ayliffe street Goodmansfields, and the Rev.d M.r Burgmann minister of the german lutheran congregation in the Savoy,

promise to assist them abroad with proper directions, and to see that the money which may be collected there be sent over and lodged with the said William Symondson Esq. Treasurer to the aforesaid Society; whereof a satisfactory account will be published.

[The second principal document follows immediately on pages numbered in the upper outside corner. It is in various hands in ink. Page two is on the back of page one. Pages five through ten are torn out and the five or more pages after page thirteen and the unnumbered fourteenth page are likewise torn out. After this deletion some twelve blank pages followed, the last few of which have been used for a variety of extraneous entries. The entries on numbered pages 1., 2., 3., and 13. are here set out. Numbered pages 4., 11., and 12. have no entries.]

1.

By His MAJESTY's

most gracious orders,

[The two lines are bracketed, thus ({).]

at Hannover---300 dollars.

& at Osnabruck--100 dollars

2.

Thee most Reverend and Honorable
Frederic Lord Archbishop of Canterbury

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3.

Governor Tryons Subscription 5 - 5 - 0

The Honorable Miss Tryon Do. -- 2 - 2 - 0

The Right Revd the Lo[nd (?)]

Bishop of London - Do. --- 6 - 6 - 0

[The numbers 6 appear to have been written over the numbers 3.]

By an order of the Society

for the Propagation of the [*] 40 - 0 - 0

Gospel in Foreign parts

[* These three lines are bracketed () .]

The Earl of Dartmouth - ----- 5 - 5 - 0

The Earl of Granville 5 - 5 - 0

Peter De Blon [?] - - - - - 0 - 10 - 6 ,

Ld [?] Nilpeman [?] ----- 2 - 2 - 0

Philip Strene [?] 1 : 1 : 0

[The last three entries appear to be in separate hands and are difficult to decipher.]

[At the end of the column inscribed in pencil is a large "D" resembling the two large
"D's" above.]

4.

[There are no entries.]

11.

[There are no entries.]

12.

[There are no entries, except an apparently extraneous entry in pencil of the name Hope B
Caddell (?).]

13.

Received by me, John Caspar Velthusen,
Chaplain of His Majesty's German Chapel
at St. James's.

1772 Sept. 24 [Entered in the margin] From Wurtemberg 75 Florins, which
are payed to me by the Revd. Mr. Zie-genhagen with - - - - -

L. S. d.

7,, 0,, 6,,

27. [Entered in the margin] By a public collection in the Ger-man Chapel at St. James's -

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54,, 18,, 9 1/2,,

From Hannover, besides a large quantity of Books, a letter of ex-change From the
Revd. Doctor Goetten, in which the most gra-cious ROYAL Gift of 300 dollars

(mentioned pag. 1.) is contained/ ---

103,, 14,, 0,,

(This letter of change is assigned
from Mr. Ritz at Hannover to Mr.
Clifford & Comp. at London, has
been accepted in its time, & shall
be payed January the 20th 1773.)

[The "L." is the sign for "pound;" the "f" is drawn below the word at the end of the underlining.]

[The next side and the subsequent sides have no entries until the begin of extraneous entries.]

[Together with the "Lutheran document" are various wittings about the document including notations in my hand of a telephone conversation with Mrs. Martha Withers Agner, 617 Mocksville Avenue, Salisbury, NC 28144, 704 633-5355. Ms. Agner stated: Book was found in St. Luke's Episcopal records and given to Morgan for archives. Another notation was: Original papers commissioning Christopher Layrle and Christopher Rendellman to employ a minister & teacher from Germany.

— Larkin Kirkman, 2/14/2007]