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### EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF SURRY COUNTY.

HOW MRS. MILLS<sup>1</sup> ILL-TREATED MR. DENNIS. 1663.

Worthy friend M<sup>r</sup> Dennis my Respects p<sup>r</sup>sented to you S<sup>r</sup> I would entreate you to doe me the favour as to come down to me & doe me a little worke for my occassions are very urgent at present & for your paines I will requite you w<sup>th</sup> it along w<sup>th</sup> you. Hoping you will not fayle in comeing w<sup>th</sup> what expedition you can I remaine your very Loueing friend, in expectation of your good comp<sup>a</sup>.

July 1663

Signed

FORTUNE MILLS.<sup>1</sup>

Record: 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1663.

Hee went upon this note & was by her & others Miserably whipt, Anoynted w<sup>th</sup> stinkeing palm oyle all over his Body &c.

### SUBMISSION OF BACON'S FOLLOWERS.

Wee whose names are hereunto subscribed haveing heard & read his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Gracious & most surpassing acts of Pardon & mercy extended by his Royall & most compassionate favour to us his distressed subjects of this late disloyall & Rebellious colony, whose Gen<sup>l</sup> destructions haue in soe great a measure Involved the most parte of y<sup>e</sup> seduced People of this country with the guilt of it that wee in a right true & humble sense & acknowledgedm<sup>t</sup>. of our owne Demeritts & his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Royall Pitty & Compassion offered & declared to his subjects soe repenting & submitting themselves as by his Maj<sup>ties</sup> is most Justly enjoyed them Doe w<sup>th</sup> all humilitie & earnestness Implore & lay hold on to his Maj<sup>ties</sup> most gracious acts of Pardon aforesaid, And being heartily ready to comply with & f<sup>o</sup>rm those most due & reasonable Condicons w<sup>ch</sup> may and doe Intitle us to the benefitt thereof,

John Tyler's advertisement from Indian Fields, Charles City county, for the sale of 500 acres near the mouth of Queen's Creek and 526 acres in James City county within 5 miles of the city. Nov. 22.

Died, Frank Eppes, Esq.; Lt.-Col. of the First Regiment. Dec. 27.

Died, Mr. Patrick Coutts,<sup>1</sup> of Richmond, merchant. Dec. 27.

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### JOURNAL OF COL. JAMES GORDON, OF LANCASTER COUNTY, VA.

James Gordon came to Virginia with his brother John in 1738 from Newry, County Down, Ireland. They located in Lancaster county, and became wealthy and influential merchants. They were Presbyterians, and did much to build up a strong Presbyterian sentiment in the Northern Neck. The two brothers have been represented in Virginia by many men of talent down to the present day. Col. James Gordon, the elder of the two, had the habit of keeping a journal, in which he made daily entries in a brief manner of his domestic concerns, his mercantile affairs, his farming operations, and events of interest in the neighborhood, etc. This journal Mr. Foote published in part. He married twice: (1) Millicent, daughter of Col. Edwin Conway, of Lancaster county; (2) Mary, youngest daughter of Col. Nathaniel Harrison, of Surry, and his wife, Mary Cary. By the second marriage Colonel Gordon had a daughter, Mary, born July 17, 1752, who married Rev. James Waddell, D. D., the blind preacher, immortalized by William Wirt in the *Spy*. Colonel Gordon died January 2, 1768, aged fifty-four years. In his obituary, as published in the *Virginia Gazette*, it is stated that "the rare assemblage of fine qualities possessed by him made a very discerning traveller a few years ago remark that he had not met with any one in the several provinces he had passed through possessing so many real excellencies."

1758.

December 21: The agreeable news of Capt. ——'s safe arrival in Whitehaven.

Dec. 22: Capt. Benson here. Maj. Campbell went off before breakfast. Blows very hard.

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<sup>1</sup>Mr. Patrick Coutts was a rich Scotchman, who lived at Richmond and owned a ferry. A story illustrative of his independent character is preserved. He was a great friend of William Byrd, of Westover, some twenty miles further down. Both fell sick about the same time. Finding that he could not live long, William Byrd sent a courier post-haste to Coutts to tell him to *wait for him*. Coutts, who was also dying, had strength enough to say, "Tell William Byrd that when Patrick Coutts makes up his mind to die, he waits for no mon."

Dec. 23: My brother went over the ferry. It blowed so hard he left his boat at Capt. Conett's.

Dec. 25: No company here but ———. My wife went to Williamsburg Ch.

Dec. 27: Rained all day. No company but Mrs. Conway. ✓

Dec. 28: Most all the neighbors dined here. Mrs. Conway went home after dinner.

Dec. 29: Rode out after breakfast to the landing.

Dec. 30: Col. Tayloe came here last night from Mr. Church-ill's. Little news. ✓

Dec. 31: Miss Flood and Nancy went to church. Family are pretty well.

1759.

January 1: Dr. Robertson and his young wife came here, according to the Dr.'s custom. Very agreeable company and good dinner. Our boat went for Mrs. Wormley, Miss Flood went in our chair to Mr. Currie's. Dr. Robertson went to Mr. Charles Carter's. Mr. Dale Carter and Mr. Payne here. John Mitchell and his wife came at night in the rain. Several of the neighbors came in the evening. ✓

Jan. 6: I went with Capt. Fouchee to Thomas Carter's to agree about his son's board. Rained all day.

Jan. 7: Capt. F. and his wife went home; they were very much pleased with their treatment here.

Jan. 8: Went with Mr. Crisewell to North Coast; called at Court House, upper store and mill. At Court, Mr. Leland and Minis behaved like blackguards in respect to Mr. Crisewell, who went to get scholars, and engaged several, though the Parsons did all they could against him, which seemed to make the people more fond of sending their children. I think such ministers should be stripped of their gowns. ✓

Jan. 9: Col. Selden after breakfast; then went to Col. Conway's, where Mr. Crisewell joined us, and was very agreeably entertained. This gentleman has now fully dropped opposing the meeting house, which is mostly occasioned by a letter he lately received from Mr. Ben Waller, who advises that the Dissenters have power to build a house and enjoy their religion by act of Toleration. Complains very much of The Church of England for petitioning the King about a law that was lately passed in this Colony, that set their salaries at 16/8 per cwt.

which they call the two penny act, and which is likely to make great noise in this Country.

Jan. 10: Capt. Andrew Green, of the *Gallia*, from Whitehaven, arrived at Urbana last night, and this day came here with letters for me, and a cargo of goods for Mr. Beale at Back Creek, but I thought it best for the Capt. to carry them up the river, as I could not get a vessel to carry them round. Sent for Robert Chin, but could not agree with him for his vessel. Mr. Criswell intends setting up school to-morrow.

✓ Jan. 11: Mr. C. began keeping school at Bell's house—5 scholars. Col. & Mrs. Selden dined here—very fine day.

Jan. 12: Went to the C. House store to see Thomas Brent & to Col. Selden's to see the stamp linen. Mr. Chichester came home with me.

✓ 14: Barbee, Dick Spann and Bridger came from White Chapel Church, & Mr. Tapscott.

15: Tobacco is got to 30-1 p *ct*. It seems it will run very high this year. I'm at a loss what to think of it.

16: Began to plant the Peach orchard. Warm, open weather. Sent Molly and her maid Judith to school to Mr. Criswell.

18: Barbee went up to the store with the books. Planting peach trees on the Point.

✓ 19: Went to Court with Mr. Criswell. My brother and Mr. Moulson and Robt. Kemp came to court—came home with us & Capt. Robt. Henning & his wife.

20: Went to Court to-day with the above, expecting my brother's suit with Bell would be tried, but no business done.

✓ 21: Very cold weather, & a large company—Col. Tayloe, Robt. Armistead, Mrs. Wormley & Billy, Saml. Hening.

22: Went to ——— & bought about 70 gals. rum, got fine oysters there.

25: Walked down with Cous. Sam. Hening to the landing where Gibson went off. The snow is very deep.

28: The snow is so deep c'd not go to Church.

29: Set the negroes to get firewood at Carter's.

February 2: Went down on board Capt. Jones's schooner, and bought 15 gals. rum, at 6 / — the greatest price I ever gave.

February 3. Went to the C. H. Store & examined about the ——— that died there suddenly on Wedy. night.

Feb. 6. Went with my wife to the C. H. Store. Met several ✓  
of my customers there. Dined at Mrs. Conway's.

Feb. 7. Barbee and Dicky Spann not yet returned from Middlesex Ct. which I'm not well pleased about.

Feb. 11. Went with my wife to Church.

12. Went on board the New England — man & bought some pots, axes and mackerel.

13. Yesterday Mr. Armistead & Mr Chichester came here. Mr. A. in custody at the suit of Pridham, his overseer. I became bound for the payment of the money, so that he was discharged & went on his journey up the river. Tobo. rises fast—40/ the lowest now, but I think it can't stand at that price.

15. Last night a coal of fire rolled on the dining-room floor & burned a great hole in the plank. God's goodness great to us, whose mercy endureth forever.

Feb. 18. Nancy went to Wmg. Church & dined at Col. Conway's. ✓

20. Went to see the timbers carted in for the house—found my wife sick when I returned.

21. My wife very sick all day, so that I c'd not go from home. ✓

22. My wife much recovered. Drew the seine & got 125 fine rocks and some shads.

23. Mr. Hodge went with Robt. Hening to spin. Capt. Thomas here—bought four barrels of sugar of him.

25. Mr. Hodge and Capt. Payne went to White Chapel Ch.—Jamey rode Turk there and home.

26. Went to Col. Conway's with Mr. Currie; the difference between Mr. C. and myself settled. Dined there. ✓

27. Went with my wife to the school. My wife treated the scholars to pancakes and syder, it being Shrove Tuesday, & prevailed on Mr. Criswell to give them play.

March 2. Went up to the C. H. Store to see Barbee who was taken very unwell at Mr. Tapscott's. He was blooded & is much better. Went to Col. Conway's and stayed most all day.

3. At home. Finished planting peach trees.

7. Dined at Col. Conway's. Very agreeable.

9. Col. Selden, Mr. Chichester & Mr. Armistead came just at ✓  
night.

10. The above company stayed till after dinner. Played ball. ✓  
Very agreeable weather.

11. My wife went to Wmsb'g Church—dined at Col. Conway's.

✓ 13. Mrs. Hening is now very weak. We did not expect she w'd live till this morning. Sent for Judith Wady to stay with her. I'm very uneasy that Robt. Hening went from home.

✓ 15. Cous. Hening departed this troublesome life about eleven o'clock to-day. As Robt' H. is absent, sent immediately to Capt. Spence, her brother, that he may direct where to inter her.

✓ 16. Dr. Flood came here at night. Rec'd Capt. Spence's answer that he could not come to see his sister buried.

17. Cous. Hening was interred in our lot.

20. Went to the meeting House; as I went got a fall from my horse, but was not hurt.

21. Sowing oats in the young Peach orchard. Went to Col. Selden's where I had the pleasure of meeting dear Mr. Davies. He came home with me, with Col. Thornton, Col. Selden, Mr. Shackelford &c. Last night Barbee lost his pocket-book with about 10 lbs. paper money & about 1000 in trans. notes.

✓ 23. Went to meeting where Mr. Davies gave us an excellent sermon & where we met Capt. Morris, Craighead, Degraftingread &c. They all came here in the eve'g, likewise Mr. Tod, Mr. Blackwell, Col. Tayloe, Mr. Boyd, &c. A full house!

Saturday 24. Went with the above to meeting. Mr. Tod preached to a large company.

Sunday, 25. A comfortable day to me. The Lord's Supper was administered. 44 communicants besides the Hanover gentlemen, about 8 or 900 people present. Mr. and Mrs. Flood here to-night & last night. Barbee's book was found by Aaron.

26. Mr. Davies preached in Northd. & Mr. Tod at our meeting House. We had a fine sermon.

29. Blowed & rained very much—a very high tide.

30. Sent to mill for meal to make brandy, according to Mr. Crisewell's directions.

April 1. Went with my wife & all my children but Betty, to Christ Ch.

✓ 2. Went to Mr. Chas. Carter's with my wife & Col. Tayloe, where we met Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Jones, Miss Molly Elliott, & when at dinner Mrs. Thornton came.

3. Mr. Carter set off for Wmsburg & we came home after breakfast—had Betty with us.

7. Robt. Hening began to still whisky which I believe will

answer very well, as liquor is so very dear & Mr. Criswell seems very capable in directing.

9. Went to North. Court. Tobo. at 40/ & rising, though few buyers. Came home as far as Col. Selden's in his chair; met my wife just as we got there, coming from Mr. Thos. Chin's. Got both well home at night. Gave Mr. Minzie Mr. Davies's letter—seemed to give him much uneasiness & I'm convinced he will not enter into a dispute with Mr. Davies if he can avoid it.

15. My wife & Nancy went to Church. Nancy went from church to Mr. Chas. Carter's.

16. Went on board Wm. Vinar's schooner that had Col. Churchill's beer on board—got 2 hhd's ale & 1 strong beer. Went in her with Mr. Criswell & Robt. Hening under sail to —— from there took our boat & went aboard Capt. Thompson's scow that lay in Carter's Creek, where we were kindly entertained; had like to have got very wet before we got on board. After the rain was over went to Crab Point & then home. Had a very hard pull before we got home. Very cold.

17. At home—not very well after yesterday's voyage.

23. My wife, Jamey, Molly & Betty went over to Col. Churchill's, & I went on board the *Johnston*, Capt. Ganrith, where I met a large Company. Then I went over to Urbana, dined with my brother, who was setting off to Wmsburg. There I came on board again & got well on shore & home at night.

24. At home—fine weather—and getting the chair & horses in order to carry my wife to York.

25. Sent the chair & horses over the river with Aaron. People planting potatoes.

26. Robt. Hening came home & brought a letter from Mr. Minzie to Mr. Davies, which in my opinion is very foolish.

May 3. Capt. Thompson, who is consigned to Mr. Hunter, is gone to Norfolk to load lumber, rather than give 30/ —— for Tobo.

4. Sent the boat early for my wife, who got home with the children & 'Silla Churchill about 12 o'clock.

7. Set off at 7 o'clock. Called at Dr. Flood's about 10 & to court about 4. Many people at court. Dined at court, & got to Dr. Flood's in good time in company with Mr. Blackwell.

8. Stayed at the Doctor's till after breakfast, then came with Mr. Blackwell to our forest store.

9. Sent Barbee to Mr. Chas. Carter's for the money he owed me—returned & brought Thomas's bill for £100.

10. Barbee went to Urbana & got the above Bill changed with Mr. Frazier at 35 p. c. so that I hope we can pay people at court.

13. My wife went to Church with Silla Churchill & Nancy—came home to dinner.

14. Went to Northd. Court. Tobacco seems still to fall—none sold.

16. Capt. Jackson & his two daughters were to see us.

17. Teby dangerously ill—sent for Dr. Robertson.

18. After dinner went to the C. House. The Court sat but a short time. The Ministerial Play was read in the ordinary by Mr. Parker, who received it from Mr. Pinckard, who said he found it in the Court yard. Morris & Leland at the head of the mob. Pretty fellows to be teachers of the people.

19. Teby died—her disorder very violent from the beginning.

22. Went to the C. H. Store. Customers dealing very fast. Then went to Col. Conway's & dined; late before I got home.

23. Went to Col. Conway's about Bowman's affairs—had some sharp words with him. I find his friendship to me is much lessened.

26. People busy getting hills ready for Tobacco.

28. Barbee taken with the measles.

29. My brother came at night with Dicky Spann.

30. Capt. Payne, Mr. Hodge & Dr. Robertson here. All went away after dinner.

31. My wife went with me to the C. H. Store to see Barbee, who is very ill with the measles—then to Col. Conway's where we dined.

June 1. This morning a ship went up that I take to be a Scotch ship.

3. Silla Churchill & Nancy to White Chapel Church & Mr. Criswell & Mr. Chichester came home with them.

4. I'm now afraid that several Whitehaven ships are taken, or lost in coming in.

June 5. Robt. Hening began to still whisky.

8. Mr. Chichester went with my wife & me to see Barbee, who has got cold, which occasions him to have high fever—tho' he is much better to-day.

June 9th. This day my daughter Anne was married to Mr.

Richd. Chichester about 11 o'clock forenoon; had a very agreeable company—viz.: Col. Conway, Mrs. C. & her children, Col. Tayloe, Dr. Robertson & his wife, Mrs. Chin, Mr. Armistead, Mr. Dale Carter & his wife, Mrs. Doget & Sally, Bridger Haynie, Col. Selden, & Miss Betty Selden, Richd. Spann, Robt. Hening. We invited several others who did not come. The Parson, Mr. Currie, went off first.

10. I went in our boat to Church with Col. Tayloe &c, my wife, Mr. Chichester & Nancy & the rest, in chairs. All came here to dinner except Col. Tayloe.

11. Barbee Davis was taken very ill again last night. I went early up to the store to see him—found him better tho' I sent off for Dr. Flood. Got Barbee down here. Dr. F. sent medicines & directions. We expect him in the morn'g.

12. Dr. F. came about 9 o'clock & stayed all day. Poor little Betty very ill with the measles. Molly is likewise taken. This day rec'd letters & invoice of a large cargo of goods by the *Nelson*, Capt. Harrison, who arrived yesterday in the Potomac. I was much afraid these goods had miscarried.

13. Sent off Robt. Hening with letter up Potomac to get a vessel to bring round the goods. Now very hot—this being the first day I have thought hot this year.

15. Went to our court—saw Mr. Leland, but had no words with him. I understand all the gentlemen of sense ridicule the farce.

June 16. Nancy, Molly & Betty have the measles, & about ten of the negroes.

17. Sunday. At home reading—which is much more instructive than the sermons I hear at Church.

18. Getting a tan vat made.

21. Went to the election of vestrymen. Mr. Carter was the first returned. Col. Tayloe was sick, so that they left him out. This election will occasion great uneasiness among the people.

22. Mr. Chichester set off to visit Mr. Davies in Hanover, before he leaves the colony. I wrote to him his going away gives us here & in Hanover the greatest uneasiness, but I trust God will direct us in the way to Heaven.

23. Sent to Dr. Flood. Poor Molly's mouth is very ill; but Scipio returned with medicine for her. Near 20 of our people (negroes) down with the measles. I trust in God they may all do well.

24. Sunday. Mr. Crisewell read us a fine sermon—had all the people in that we could.

25. Got all our goods landed, paid the shipper and began to open them. Found them not well bought & great mistakes in them.

29. Sent most of the goods up to the C. H. Store, about 1200 pds worth.

30. I have expected Mr. Martin all day.

July 1. Went to the meeting house, but very doubtful of Mr. Martin's coming, but about 12 o'clock we had the pleasure of seeing him. He gave us two excellent sermons.

2. Went to meeting—a large company. All seem much pleased with Mr. Martin.

3. Went to meeting. Very near as many as yesterday. Mr. Martin lay here.

4. Mr. Martin left us about 8 o'cl.—went to Urbana, where my brother provided him horses & a boy to go to York, where he is to meet Mr. Davies & family & accompany them to Philadelphia. Mr. Martin seems to be a very able preacher & a pretty gentleman.

5. Yesterday got our wheat reaped & in the house. Got most of our rye in to-day.

6. A Brig went up this morning. All our family have had the measles now—about 30. I thank God they seem in a recovering way.

8. Mr. Chichester & Nancy went to Wmsb. Church & intend to dine at Col. Conway's & to visit their other relations.

9. Went to Northd. Court. My wife, Molly & Betty & Silla Churchill went with me as far as Mrs. Conway's. The paper was read about Minzie & Leland publicly, which occasioned a large company some mirth. Minzie sat till it was read, & then went out much displeased. These ministers will repent their farce.

10. Went to Col. Conway's & bought  $3\frac{1}{4}$  gals. new brandy. Our new store looks very well.

12. Mowing oats & laying by corn. We have a great custom now at the C. H. Store.

14. Went with my wife to the C. H. Store. Drew the seine to-day & got some fine Rocks.

15. Silla C. & Molly went to Church. I read a sermon to the negroes.

16. We heard yesterday that Capt. D. is lost. The convoy, with about half the ships, arrived the 5th inst. at James River.

17. Received a letter from Col. Conway, & one to Nancy upon religion, but in my opinion very little to the purpose. Thos. Carter rec'd one which displeased him very much. Col. Conway seems so great a bigot that people who are religiously inclined despise his advice.

18. Got most of our oats in. No news of the missing ships that sailed with the London fleet.

19. Mr. Downman came here. He has got 15,700 Tobacco subscribed towards meeting House in Northd.

21. Capt. Ganrith here—paid him off. Sent my brother Bills for 150 pds. to lay out at the sale in York.

23. Flux at Urbana & in Northd. The small pox in Westmoreland. I hope our great God will preserve us amidst so many dangers!

24. Drew off the hhd. of rum in bottles. We are preparing for making cider. Rec'd a long letter from Mr. Maine, mate of Capt. Young's ship, who appears to be a sincere christian.

26. Rode out with Mr. Fisher to see my plantation.

27. We have had a fine rain. What reason have we to be thankful to our Great God!

Aug. 9. Sent the waggon & cart with goods to the C. House store. Went up there in the chair, as it was so very hot. Two sea vessels went up yesterday. Mr. Chichester went to see Dr. Flood about his hip.

10. Went to Col. Conway's in order to make friends with him about the letters he has lately rec'd from Thos. Carter, or in his name—which I performed, but with much difficulty. The old gentleman was in a great rage at first. Mr. Baker came to undertake Mr. Chichester's house, but did not agree.

14. Very busy about our apples. They came on us very fast! Mr. Chichester much disordered with his hip & a cold. Jamey very ill with the whoopingcough, & we are afraid of Molly & Betty getting it.

15. At home: Made up Tobacco for Capt. Vinars.

19. My wife & Nancy went to Wmg. Church. Mr. Orr came from Eastern Shore.

21. Went with Robt. Hening & Mr. Fisher to Belfields & Crab Point—found things in pretty good order.

22. Set off early for Nothd. Called for Dicky Spann at the Court House Store—then went to Mr. Chichester's plantation—  
 ✕ found affairs pretty well there; then to my own plantation near to his.

23. Gave several books among the negroes.

26. Sunday. At home with my wife & family, where I have  
 ✕ much more comfort than going to Church to hear the ministers ridiculing the Dissenters.

28. Writing to go by the Richmond. My wife disordered with her gums. Mr. Chichester's hip not much better.

30. Very busy with our cider & brandy. Sent my letters to the Richmond.

31. Harry Hinton got the letters on board the Richmd, but was obliged to get a pilot-boat.

Sept. 1. Dr. Robertson here to see Mr. Chich.; who continues much disordered with the Sciatica.

3. Apples now down. We expect to make 500 gals. cider, or thereabouts.

✓ 5. Mr. Chichstr. very ill. My wife went to Bell's to get preacher.

7. Dr. Robertson came before breakfast, & Dr. Flood before dinner, to see Mr. C. Dr. R. bled him & at night gave him a purge. He rested pretty well till near day—then his pains returned.

8. Drs. R & F. here all day.

10. Writing letters for Wm. Vinars, but much stopped by Col. Tayloe, who came soon after breakfast—then Maj. Campbell and his wife & Mr. Copeland & his son. Got my letters finished at night.

12. Dr. R. put a blister on Mr. C., who recovers very little.

16. Capt. Robertson from Whitehaven arrived.

18. Took a purge in hopes it will carry of my ring worms, which torment me so much.

19. Last night Mr. C. lay down on the bed, the first time for three weeks. My wife & Robt. Hening went to Mrs. Miller's about butter.

20. Fine weather. Went in the afternoon & drew the seine. Had very agreeable diversion & got great plenty of fine fish. Got our new wheels from Urbana.

21. Went with my wife & family to meeting, where we had an excellent sermon by the Rev. Mr. Todd. Mr. Henry is not come over the Bay, which is not disagreeable to me, as he is not qualified in the Colony. Sent the boat for my sister to Col. Churchill's.

23. The comfortable sacrament of the Lord's Supper was this day administered by Mr. Todd—53 communicants—none from Hanover. Religion seems to increase among us, for wh. we have great reason to adore the great God. A very large company came here with us, Mr. Todd, &c.

24. Went to meeting to-day, where we all parted with Mr. Todd. Our negroes have attended sermons these four days.

26. Went with my wife in the eve'g. to draw the seine. Got about sixty fine green fish & a few other sorts.

27. Capt. Armistead and Col. Selden dined here.

28. Sent in the morning to have the seine drawn—they made several hauls & got good fish, viz: three drums, one of them large,—trouts, green fish, &c. Nancy yesterday went to see Mrs. Robertson, & about half an hour after she left her, she departed this life.

October 2. Went to the C. H. Store with my wife. Posted my pocket book. Got off cloths for Jamey & myself.

3. Rained all day. Threshing out rye. A blister was put to Mr. C's. hip, where the pain mostly lay. Reading & writing all day, as we are confined to the house.

4. Rec'd a letter from Mr. Jos. Taylor of Whitehaven, giving me an account of my dear mother & sisters at Newry.

5. Went with my wife to see Dr. Robertson & his poor children.

6. Sent the deed for the meeting house land in Northd. Went with my wife to see the seine drawn; we dined very agreeably on a point, on fish & oysters; late before we got home.

7. Went with my wife to White Chapel Church, where we heard Mr. Currie—a very indifferent discourse—nothing scarce but external modes; much against Presbyterians—so that I was much disappointed, for it was misspending the Lord's Day. How I lament the want of a good minister for our own church, that we may all see the things that belong to our peace, before it be too late!

9. Writing to Messrs. Hartley & Sons. A large schooner went past today, with two top sails.

October 10. Poor little Betty very ill with whoopingcough & fever & ague. Mr. Chichester recovers very slow.

11. Went to the general muster.

12. My dear little Betty very ill, & several of our family are now sick. The great God who made us must know what is best for us, Therefore we sh'd endeavor to submit to His will in all things.

16. Mr. Henton here all night. We c'd not agree for another year about his son Harry, who is to go away tomorrow.

17. Went to Col. Conway's to make peace with him & Mr. Criswell, &c., which I got at last effected after long debates.

18. Dr. Robertson went over with me to old Mr. Carter's to enquire about Mr. Chichester's affairs, & find by his brother's will he seems to have a right to the Eng. Estate.

20. Went with my wife to Bell's, where I fell off my horse, but thanks be to God, was not much hurt. Jamey behind, but he did not fall.

22. John Mitchell came to cut out the negroes' cloths. Col. Conway has begun again to write to Thos. Carter, which surprises us all, after his promises to have done with such writing.

23. We hear that the 2nd Art. the King wd. not give his assent to.—& that Parson — is dead. This I expect will make great uneasiness in this Colony.

24. Barbee s.t off for Wmsburg & James River. Abel went with him to carry some silk for Nancy.

26. Mr. Chichester very unwell.

28. Mr. Isaac Smith came here yesterday sick; gave him the Bark. Maj. Campbell called here this morning & brought the agreeable news of the surrender of Quebec & Montreal, but with the loss of our great & brave Gen. Wolff. The French are now pretty well humbled in America. What reason have we to praise the great & wonderful God, who has given us so many victories over our enemies.

October 29. Went to our vestry. Spoke to Mr. Currie about the sermons he has preached lately; he endeavored to excuse himself, but could not do it in my opinion.

30. Aaron began to make shoes for the people.

31. Writing almost all day, letters to go by the "Welcome," Capt. Crossthaite, who I daily expect here.

November 1. Writing almost all day, letters to Engld.

2. Got most of our potatoes in the house. Killed two beeves

yesterday, & a hog today for forward bacon. News came to Barbee that his Father died last night.

6. Went with my wife to C. H. Store, Bell's, &c. The flux is common about that Mr. Criswell don't keep school.

7. Barbee not returned from Middlesex. The flux is very near us. May God preserve us from the disorder!

8. Barbee came home from his Father's funeral.

Nov. 15. Mr. Chichester sent for Mr. Diggs, who came last night, to put a plaster to his foot, that, with another he expects will cure him. Each plaster is to stay on 15 days.

17. Gave Barbee orders about going to Col. Harrison.

18. My wife, Nancy & Mr. Criswell went to White Chapel Ch. Nothing against the Dissenters.

20. Frank Foushee came to let me know it did not suit to take the store on the terms his father & I agreed on.

21. Went to Mrs. Boatman's to see the stack of hay Col. Selden agreed to let me have.

23. Went to the C. H. Store, where I met Barbee. He c'd do nothing with Col. Harrison, which gives me great uneasiness; as I am afraid I shall be obliged to sue him.

24. A large ship lay off here.

25. Mr. Chichester got down stairs again today.

28. Mr. Chichester rode out in the chair with my wife. Mrs. Watson came & pulled out one of Nancy's teeth.

30. Thos. Carter here & several of the neighbors. ✓

Dec. 1. Went to the C. H. Store to see Barbee & Bridger—both unwell. Got all our corn in here—a very poor crop, but I hope a good crop of Tobacco.

3. Mr. Criswell killed two fine ducks.

6. This day Mr. Criswell broke up his school for Christmas.

8. Mr. Kilpatrick & Mr. Hunt came—that much revives us. Mr. K. gave us a sermon at night.

9. Went to the meeting—had a very good discourse. Mr. K. went with Col. Selden & Mr. Hunt came with us.

10. Sent Dick off with the flat to Belfield's for Tobo. & Beef. Agreed with Robt. Hening to live with us till he was better provided. ✓

11. All our company went away but Mr. Hunt. Our flat returned with 7 hhds. Tobo. & 2 beeves. Poor crop of corn—must buy more this year than ever I did.

18. Mr. Smith took a vomit.

21. Snowed all day, which I hope will clear the air & carry off disorders.

22. Fine snow on the ground.

25. Some of our negroes got drunk, that has given me some uneasiness.

✓ 31. Cousin Sam. Hening, Mr. Criswell, Mr. Chichester, my wife & Nancy all dined at the mouth of Jonah's Cove on oysters.

Very agreeably ended the old year, for which & all other mercies I adore & praise the Divine goodness, for He is good & His mercy endureth forever.

✓ Mr. Richd. Span ("Dickey") was married yesterday to Miss Priscilla Churchill ("Silla"), daughter of Col. Churchill. The weather prevented the marriage on Saturday, as was intended.

(Continued.)

LETTERS OF WILLIAM SHERWOOD TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON.<sup>1</sup>

*Colonial Papers*, Vol. 26, No. 76.

Lower Chip-okes on James River

Virginia 17<sup>th</sup> June 1671.

Honn<sup>d</sup>: S<sup>r</sup>:

I can't looke upon my time for above three yeares past, or those dayes which I may enjoy but I must attribute it to yo<sup>r</sup>. worthy donacon, which putts me uppon acknowledgm<sup>t</sup> thereof, th' onely way I have to show my hearty thanks & make pte satisfaccion for y<sup>e</sup>. great debt I owe, I must confess I can't without shame looke upon y<sup>t</sup>. fowle act, w<sup>ch</sup>. was y<sup>e</sup>. cause of my being in this Country, yet I can without ostentacon say I have found good out of evill, for y<sup>e</sup>. Almighty hath not beene a barron wilderness to me. This oppertunity p<sup>r</sup>esenting by Cap<sup>t</sup>: Culpepper a Gent of this Country emboldneth me to write y<sup>t</sup>. I may not be blackened with ungratitude but demonstrate my selfe by all oppertunityes & waies y<sup>t</sup>. may present to be

Honn<sup>d</sup>: S<sup>r</sup>:

Yo<sup>r</sup>. most humble Servant,

W<sup>m</sup>. Sherwood.

<sup>1</sup> For a sketch of William Sherwood see QUARTERLY X., p. 166.

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### FINANCES OF THE COLLEGE IN 1755-1765.

Among the College papers are the following, in the handwriting of John Blair, Jr. (afterwards Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States). John Blair, Jr., was the Son of John Blair, president of the Council, and great nephew of Commissary James Blair. He was at this time Bursar of the College:

In compliance with the Order of the Visitors, we have examin'd the College accounts & agreed upon the following report:

That we might form the most proper judg<sup>t</sup>. of the Income of the College arising from the different Branches of its Revenue, we thought it necessary to fix the whole amount for a number of years past, which we did by reckoning upon ten years preceeding Lady Day, 1764; we then proceeded, upon an exact medium, to consider what might be reasonably thought the annual Produce of each particular Fund, which will be found stated in the several foregoing accounts. Upon raising an account of Profit & Loss with the College, after charging her with every annual expence which occur'd to us, & giving Credit for every Sum of money, which she will probably be entitled to receive, we found the Bal<sup>ce</sup> of £343. 0. 8½ curant money ꝯ annum in favour of the College; but this Balance arises only upon a Supposition that the several Sums of money due to the College are punctually paid every year, & that she sustains no greater Loss than £78. 11. ¼ upon the Board of the Scholars, which is very far from the Truth of the case: for, upon examining the several accounts of Board we find that at Lady Day, 1763, there was due to the College on that article the sum of £2152. 6. 11½, which at Lady Day, 1764, was increased to £2376. 9. 6½. We found in the hands of the

On a dark stone slab sunken to the level of the soil, and placed near one of the doors of the church, is the tomb of one of the early clerks of Lancaster. The inscription is in these words:

Here Lieth interred the Body of  
JOHN STRETHLEY † Gent.  
who departed this life the  
8<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 1698,  
in 50<sup>th</sup> year of his Age.

## JOURNAL OF COL. JAMES GORDON.

(Continued from p. 112.)

1760.

January 1. We had a very agreeable company.

2. All our company went away except Cous. Sam. Hening. Killed two hogs. Mr. C. & Nancy went to their plantation & could not return for the rain.

4. Mrs. Wormley & Miss Betty came with Col. Tayloe from Col. Churchill's.

5. Went with my wife & Cous. Sam. Hening in our boat to Urbana to see my brother, who is unwell, had a good passage of about two hours—found him better than we expected. Dined there. Left Urbana about 3 o'clock. spoke the "Rose," Capt. Curry, who had letters for me, but the wind blowed so hard I did not think best to go aboard. She had a 3 weeks passage. We had the wind, tide & rain against us—did not get home until 7 o'clock. Soon after it snowed so fast my wife lost a little book that gave us some uneasiness.

Jan. 7. Sent Aaron on board the "Rose" for my letters—only brought one. Cousin Sam Hening went on board to buy servants, but returned without buying.

10. Mr. C. & Nancy went home. My wife & I went with them. May the Almighty direct them in this world of trouble.

12. Went with my wife to see Mr. C. & Nancy. They seem comfortably settled. Blessed be our Great God.

17. Rained & froze all day—trees loaded with ice. This seems to be winter indeed. Reading & writing.

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† He was probably related to Capt. William Ball, as one of the latter's sons appears to have been named for him.

23. Rode out with my wife to Bell's. 13 Latin scholars & 4 English.

28. Aaron ran away that he might not be whipped.

30. Walked out with Mr. Smith. Writing to Col. Hanson.

Feb. 3. Nancy came to see us yesterday—went home after dinner.

9. Went with my wife & Mr. Criswell to draw the seine; we met in Eyck's Creek a school of Rock—brought up 260. Some very large—the finest haul I ever saw. Sent many of them among our neighbors.

10. Went to church with my wife, but really the sermon was not worth hearing.

11. Mr. V. came with goods from London & Whitehaven. Sowed oats in the apple orchard.

12. Got all the goods up. No damage has yet appeared.

19. Went with my wife to the school & treated the boys to pancakes & cider. Got them play in the afternoon. Mr. Spann ("Dickey") & his wife came to our house. Sent our chair to Smith's for them.

22. My wife went with Mr. & Mrs. Spann to Col. Conway's.

23. Went to the store with Dr. Flood & dealt with him largely.

24. Mr. Spann & his wife went to White Chapel Ch. but broke our chair near Mr. Chichester's & c'd not get any further. God was very gracious—none was much hurt. Jamey & Molly were with them. Judith (the maid), who was in behind, was most hurt.

25. Mr. Stephenson came to acquaint me of the arrival of the "Woodford" in the Potomac from Antigua & the coast of Guinea. I have agreed to put 200 hnds in her.

28. Went to Col. Conway's, but c'd not agree with him for his Tobo. which I thought very ungenerous, as I have for upwards of 20 years given him such a price. Nothing so vile as man. As I can't be of his way of thinking in religion, he seems to take opportunity to hurt my interest. But, I endeavor to trust in God, that I may not fear what man can do unto me.

March 1. Went to the Court of Claims—& met with a disagreeable company in the ordinary—Thos. Edwards the head of them.

3. The planters are getting their Tobo. inspected as fast as

they can, as they seem alarmed with the news of the French farmers stopping payment—who buy most of the Tobacco.

6. My brother & sister, Judith Churchill & little Hannah Gordon came when we were at dinner. ✓

7. Mr. Isaac Smith came from Hanover—our friends all well there. Mr. Davies is expected in Va. next month.

9. Mr. Criswell read us a fine sermon.

10. Went to the C. H. Store with my wife & Sister Gordon.

12. My sister Gordon & Judith C. went to Urbana in our boat, on hearing from Armistead Churchill that Mr. Churchill was very ill. Opened the Bristol goods. The glass broke very much.

March 16. Snowed all day very fast; a very deep snow. More than we have had this year, when we tho't winter was pretty well over.

17. A vast quantity of snow has fallen. Writing all day—for I c'd not go out well. Our cattle will suffer, I'm afraid.

19. Robt. Hening came from Mr. Chichester's & told us he is very ill. We are now afraid of a fever falling into his hip & thigh.

20. Wrote to Dr. Flood by Scipio.

22. Left Mr. Chichester to come home with my wife, but met the Doctor near Mr. C's, & turned back with him. He thinks Mr. C's condition very dangerous. Agreed to send for Dr. Robertson only as a surgeon.

23. Dr. Robertson came & agreed to attend Mr. C. as a surgeon, he had been somewhat displeased for employing a negro doctor before him. ✓

24. My wife & I to Mr. C's as his thigh is to be laid open to-day; but Dr. Robertson had performed it before we got there.

27. My wife rode from the ship landing with me round the west point.

28. Went with my wife, Molly & Betty to see Mr. C. & Nancy. He seemed more cheerful, & I hope in a good way of recovery. A ship from South Carolina went past Mr. C's. ✓

31. Making up goods all day for the Forest Store. Sent our people for corn to Indian Town & to Urbana for rum.

April 2. Went to our General Muster.

3. Went with my wife to see Mr. C. whose recovery is very much doubted.

4. Mr. Criswell set off for the Northward in company with Mr. Smith.

5. Strained my ankle yesterday. Drew off part of the hhd of rum.

6. My ankle pained me so much last night that I got very little rest. Am very much afraid of some disorder, the gout or rheumatism settling there. Bella, in the morning anointed it with the oil of turpentine & spirits of brandy, which eased it, & I got some sleep.

April 7. Rested well last night. Thanks be to the Almighty God for his goodness to me who am so undeserving.

8. This day is appointed for a public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the success of our arms both by sea & land. But our Parson did not think proper to favor us with a sermon according to the Govr's orders.

10. Went to the C. H. Store where I met Mr. Isaac Smith. His horse died at Norning, as he was going to the Northward with Mr. Criswell. He blames Col. Selden for imposing such a horse on him.

12. Went over to see Mr. Chichester who don't seem any better. He has wrote for Dr. Symor.

✓ 13. Dr. Robertson seems to neglect Mr. C. so that we sent for C. Lowry to bleed him, as Dr. Flood had ordered.

✓ 15. We are very uneasy that Dr. Symor don't visit Mr. C.

20. Shadrock let us know that Dr. Symor had come to his master's. My wife & I set off before breakfast, got there about 8 o'clock. Dr. Symor ordered his thigh to be further laid open—gives us great encouragement & comfort above what the others did.

24. Very uneasy about Barbee not coming for his orders to Williamsburg.

25. A vessel came ashore about 10 o'clock. I went on board & ordered our boat to follow—sailed up in the ship & came to anchor off Urbana. A large ship from Liverpool came in today. The war in Europe is going on, great preparations making on both sides.

27. My wife Hannah Churchill & Molly went to church over by the Ship-landing.

28. Great complaint about the fly eating the plants.

29. Went aboard the "Woodford"—a fine ship, delivered the Capt. notes for about half his load—dined on board.

May 6. I went over to Mr. Chichester's as there is some difference about him among the Doctors, which we got pretty well settled. Heard the disagreeable news of Col. Churchill's dwelling house & almost all his goods being burnt.

May 9. At home, settling my closet & drawing off rum.

11. Mr. Chichester sent over early for us, as Dr. Symor was there. The conversation we heard from the Doctors was not agreeable.

12. Writing to go by Capt. Hall.

17. At home, writing. This eveg. the "Welcome" came to off Corotoman.

19. Wrote letters most all day. The "Welcome" lies at the mouth of the river, wind-bound. My wife went to see Mr. Chichester, who has been racked almost to death with a vomit.

20. Writing to go by Cous. Robt. Hening, who is going home to see his friends in Ireland in the "Woodford."

21. Writing letters for Mr. Chichester & to the company. ✓

23. Finished all my letters & papers & delivered them to the Capt. & Robt. Hening. It has been a busy time with me, with writing letters to my friends in Ireland & about Mr. Chichester's affairs & my own in England. ✓

25. Set off about 7 o'clock with my wife & Mr. Criswell for Northd. meeting, where we met Mr. Todd. As it was sacrament day in Fairfield Ch. we had very few at meeting. We had two excellent sermons. Then we went with Mr. Todd to Mr. Blackwell's where we met a very large company.

26. Went to meeting to-day—a pretty large company of the common people & negroes, but very few gentlemen. The gentlemen that even incline to come are afraid of being laughed at. Mr. Minis (one of the Parsons) endeavors to make it a scandalous thing.

27. Mr. Todd came. A large company of the neighbors at night.

30. Went to meeting with a very large company from this house. Heard a fine discourse. A large company came home with us & Mr. Todd.

June 1. This day the Lord's Supper was administered. Poor Dr. Watson, soon after he came into the meeting-house, was

taken with a fit, that occasioned some disturbance, but he was blooded by Dr. Robertson & soon recovered & went to the table. This has been a comfortable time, blessed be the Most High for such divine favors.

2. Went about the plantation, found everything amiss almost; the things of this life much disquiet me, my people are so careless.

5. Tobo. seems to rise; much planted to-day.

6. Capt. Williams from Norfolk came here with West India goods.

7. Bought pork, coffee & sundry things from Capt. Williams. Capt. Laxham has brought in a large cargo, but offers very little for Tobacco.

8. Sunday. At home with my family, for we have no place to go to, to hear instruction. The sermons we hear in Church have no tendency to lead us to Christ or vital religion.

9. Went with my sister & children to Urbana, called on board Capt. Ganrith. I signed a bond with Capt. Robertson of the "Carlisle," for £2000. (as he had no plantation certificate) before he could clear out his ship.

11. Opening goods all day & sent two loads up to the C. H. Store.

12. Sent our boat on board the "Johnson" with a cask of goods that came by mistake, & for the remainder of my goods & another cask that is not mine.

15. Went with my wife to White Chapel Ch. where we heard a very indifferent discourse. Dined at Mr. Chichester's, who is much recovered, praise be to the Most High.

16. Planting peas the second time, the pigeons had pulled them up. Eleven or twelve top-sail vessels arrived in this river.

19. Capt. Bower from Whitehaven arrived with a large cargo consigned to me. Little news but what we had heard before, having had 12 weeks' passage.

June 23. Opening goods all day, found them all right, but very high charged.

25. This day Mr. Chichester's pain in his hip returned in a most violent manner. I sent immediately for Drs. Symor & Robertson. Sent for Col. Tayloe & had him blooded. My wife gave him an opiate which eased him very much. Poor little Betty very unwell. How uncertain are our comforts in this life!

Wherefore we sh'd endeavor to have our minds fixed on comforts that are above, which are certain & fade not away. The frailty of human nature is very great. What must become of us without a Saviour so well acquainted with our natures. Would we be always directed by *Him*, then would we find comfort indeed. The Lord be our Comforter in all distress.

June 27. Mr. C. continues to recover, but Betty's gums are very sore.

30. Mr. Wormley & Mr. Hodges dined here. Mr. Downman brought papers relative to Mr. Chichester's estate in England.

July 6. The ground is as wet as I ever knew it at this season; scarce any plantation business can be done, but fencing.

8. Letter from Mr. Taylor & a letter from my sister Nelly to him, giving an account of my sister Sally's death about two years ago.

11. Col. Tayloe, Mr. Brent & Miss Waddy here.

13. Mr. Criswell & Jamey went to Church.

15. Writing letters for Capt. Nicholson, who is here waiting for them.

19. Mr. Boyd here till after dinner—had much agreeable conversation with him; made him a present of some books, which seemed very pleasing.

24. Got to Mr. Chichester's about 3 o'clock. Nancy very disordered with the jaw ache.

30. Writing letters for Capt. Crossthwaite. Went to Edwards' Mill that Jno. Morris & I have bought for 10 pds. equally concerned. Began to plow for wheat.

July 31. The people threshing. Writing for goods to London & Liverpool.

Aug. 2. Went with my wife & Jamey to Mr. Chichester's; he & Nancy pretty well. Agreed on a place for the kitchen to stand.

6. Went for Col. Tayloe to bleed my wife, who is not well.

7. My wife went to visit Mr. Leland & his family—were kindly received—expressed great satisfaction at our coming, as there has been some differences between us for sometime.

8. Making out acc't of goods to send for to London & Liverpool.

11. I have great reason to be thankful to God for his remarkable favour this year. May I be truly thankful.

13. Nancy Chichester here. Went down with her to the landing with my wife. Molly went home with her.

16. We went on board to "Richmond" alongside the "Johnson" & a Guinea Brig just arrived with 500 staves to Champ & Hunter.

Aug. 17. Capt. Ganrith sent for my letters &c. but as it was Sunday, I would not finish them, so the young man went away without them. Promised to send them to-morrow.

21. Got in all our apples to-day. Ploughing ground for turnips. Very busy time.

24. My wife & Jamey went to Church and brought home Molly from Mr. Chichester's.

26. Mr. Criswell sick & Tenhouse Wilson.

28. This day Barbee Davis was married to Miss Haynie.

29. Mr. Criswell & Wilson both sick, & several of the little negroes.

Sept. 1. Sent for Col. Tayloe to bleed Mr. C. & Mr. Wilson.

2. Jamey Gordon not well. Very sickly time.

3. Jamey took a vomit which worked him 16 times before my wife c'd stop it. He had an ague & a small fever after.

5. Poor Jamey very sick, but in the eve'g. blessed be God, he recovered very much; but in the forepart of the day he had a severe vomiting. His mother gave him some Bateman's Drops, which seemed to stop it.

7. Finished Harvey's Dialogues. A ship went up to-day. No company with us. Jamey very ill again.

8. Sent our boat for Mrs. Miller. Went with my wife to the C. H. Store.

Sept. 10. Between 11 & 12 last night my wife was delivered of a dead child—a girl, & I adore the Almighty God, she is as well as can be expected. Sent for Mr. Chichester & Nancy, but they were coming before Gustin got there.

11. My wife continues to recover for which I return the Almighty thanks.

15. Nancy here. Blowed very fresh. Mrs. Miller went in our boat over the river. They had a hard passage. The boat did not return till late in the night.

16. Took a vomit to-day, but it did not work well. Very unwell.

17. Had a severe ague, which held me about three hours, then fever. Rested very ill.

18. Took bitters all day. But little or no rest at night.

20. Began to take the Bark, as my disorder is so severe. Took nine doses to-day, which I hope will prevent my disorder's returning.

27. Writing letters all day for Capt. Bower—got all completed before night.

28. Have had purging all day, which I hope will be of service to me.

30. Several of the family sick. Jamey was taken after he came from school.

October 2. Busy with Barbee all day getting my pocket-book posted & agreeing with him about keeping store for me another year.

4. Went to John Mitchell's to help get his house moved. Got it very near the place, but the axle-tree broke several times.

10. Mr. Criswell wrote me from school the agreeable news of the Rev. Mr. Davies's arrival in the Colony. He is gone to Hanover & Mr. Hunt came to Col. Selden's last night, so I hope we shall have the comfort of hearing him preach on Sunday in our meeting-house. Poor Jamey very ill—sent for Dr. Flood to see him.

11. Mr. Hunt & Mr. Criswell came before dinner, but with the disagreeable news that Mr. Davies was not to return this way. Told as many of the neighbors as we could.

12. Went to meeting with my wife, brother, Mr. C. & Nancy & Mr. Spann. Heard a fine discourse & well delivered, by Mr. Hunt. I think we must have him for our minister if we can, as I believe he will give general satisfaction.

13. Sent for Dr. Watson to Mr. Chichester who is taken with a pain in his other side, & has given us great uneasiness.

15. Jamey took a vomit.

17. Fine weather, but very sickly times. Mr. Criswell very ill. Dr. Flood.

18. Dr. Flood came before dinner to visit Jamey.

19. Went with my wife to Northumberland meeting, where we heard Mr. Hunt deliver an excellent sermon on love. He proceeded on his way to Hanover, & has promised to endeavor to send Mr. Davies this way on his return to 'the Northward.

21. Molly Garlington & Agy Conway here.

27. My wife had a tooth taken out yesterday, & her gums has bled almost ever since & could not be stopped till this night, she put a cobweb & spirits of turpentine to it.

29. Abel came to let us know his master is much worse; his pain is returned in the old place. Jamey better, I believe, by taking bitters with bark, camomile flowers & snake-root.

30. Went with my wife to see Mr. Chichester—found him better than the day before, so that I proposed his taking the vomit Dr. Watson had sent him. My wife thought in the morning h'd be better, but Nancy seemed desirous he sh'd take it then—so my wife gave it to him, but not above one-third of what the Dr. sent—which worked him so severely that he grew weak & faint & we were afraid it w'd kill him. Dr. W. came about an hour after he took it, and seemed as much frightened as any of us. Praise be to God, he is much recovered. Mr. Criswell very ill.

Nov. 2. Sunday. At home reading Marshall & Whitefield, two authors I much esteem.

3. Had fifteen or sixteen negroes at work at the mill.

4. Twenty seven hampers of bottles landed for me from Bristol. A Glasgow ship went up to-day. Mr. Isaac Smith from Phila. here.

6. Jamey sick at school.

7. Got in our corn.

10. Jamey went to school to-day.

12. Agreed with John Schon to be my overseer at Belfield's.

13. Went to see Thos. Carter who is very ill.

14. Several of the negroes have colds.

15. Sent Scipio with letters.

16: A remarkable affair happened last night. Davy, a negro boy, was lying asleep in Mr. Criswell's room. When Mr. C. came into the room, the boy got up & said he was struck by the sun down the chimney, & then ran out of the house into the woods; several ran after him, but c'd not catch him. About 3 hours after he came home. This morning we had him blooded, when he fainted. Afterwards, he ran out of the kitchen into the chamber, & said he saw a great cat with stripes on her head. But he was soon made quiet. How many are the disorders the human body is exposed to! O Lord, preserve us in the midst of



TWO VIEWS OF COL. JAMES GORDON'S SILVER CUP.  
Now owned by Dr. A. A. E. Taylor, of Columbus, Ohio.

so many dangers! This morning in my cellar the boy found a hare.

17. Our family in great disorder with sickness. ✓

25. Went with my wife to see Mr. Chichester; found him in a very low condition.

November 27. Barbee Davis very ill with a high fever & cold.

28. Found Mr. Chichester very low—much reduced since I saw him—am much afraid he will not recover. Sent for Dr. Flood.

29. My brother has a relapse.

December 3. Scipio came with a letter from my wife, giving an account of Mr. C's amendment.

7. Went to meeting & heard Mr. Caldwell preach.

13. Found my wife much disordered when I got home. Carting corn, & killed seven hogs.

21. A very good sermon from Mr. Caldwell.

24. Last night Mr. Spann came with the news of Henry Churchill's death of pleurisy. My wife went to the C. H. Store ✓ to get mourning for Col. Churchill's family.

Christmas Day. Went to meeting, heard Mr. Caldwell, who gave us the best sermon ever heard in these parts.

27. Went to meeting—heard Mr. Hunt at night. Mr. Caldwell preached—seventy or eighty of the negroes there. Blessed be my God & Lord Jesus Christ, these are comfortable times—tho' I have had the tooth-ache & headache for three weeks near.

28. Went with the company to the meeting-house, but it rained all day so that we had few there except those that had received tokens, and not all them. There were 44 communicants—may the Lord bless what was said to us! I adore my blessed Lord Jesus, I never had more comfort at a sacrament. May the love of God be shed abroad in our hearts, that God may be glorified by our light shining before others!

29. I ordered Scipio with my chair & horses to wait on Mr. Caldwell to Bowler's ferry, as his leg was sore. Mr. C. is a great orator. Blessed be God, we have had comfortable times.

30. Went with David Hening to Wm. Dogett's—found him sober. I discoursed with him as well as I could about his preventing his wife & daughter from coming to the Lord's supper after they had received tokens, & several other matters. He confessed his errors and promised amendment of life, which I pray God grant him grace to perform. ✓

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### JOURNAL OF COL. JAMES GORDON.

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1761. NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Mr. Hunt, Dr. Robertson, his wife & her sister Nancy dined here. ✓

6. Went on board the New Englandman, Mr. Criswell with me—bought molasses, sugar &c, on pretty good terms.

Jan. 11. Sunday. At home reading to the people.

14. My wife rode out with me to the Bank & Ship-landing after dinner. ✓

17. Sent to see how Mr. Chichester was. Scipio returned with his letter & will enclosed & an account of his poor state of health. May the Lord enable him to bear up under his great trials!

18. Went with my wife, children & family to meeting. Mr. Hunt gave us a fine sermon. Though it was very cold there were a great many hearers. No company but the New Engd. Capt. Allen.

22. This day received an invoice of a large parcel of goods from London.

26. Mrs. Chin departed this life last Friday night. I heard to-day that Col. Conway has given notice to have a jury on her before she is buried, for it is reported her husband was the occasion of her death by beating & abusing her. O Lord, how are the hearts of men corrupted when devoid of thy grace! O, preserve us from the many & great evils that surround us, & make religion & virtue flourish & increase among us. ✓

27. My wife went with me to the Mill, & had the satisfaction to see her grind pretty good meal. We are hopeful she will ✓

have good custom, for the neighbors as well as myself are quite tired with the usage we have had at Col. Selden's Mill.

February 1. Went to meeting with my wife & Capt. Loxham & family. No company came home with us.

2. Signed writings with Barbee Davis to keep store for me. Tobacco, I believe, will be dearer than last year. A few goods arrived to me from Liverpool.

3. Reading the life of Math. Henry.

✓ 5. Capt. Thornton of London came & stayed all night.

✓ 11. Armistead Churchill & Judith came at night on their way to Northd.

20. Went to Court, where Mr. Carter, Mr. Heal & Mr. Mitchell set up for Burgesses, treated the people very freely—those are now taken by the hand & treated, that are passed by at other times.

22. Mr. Hunt gave us a fine sermon from Mark 16: 16.

March 1. Went to meeting with my wife & family. Mr. Hunt preached on Family Prayer. No company.

2. Mr. Hunt came soon after breakfast & Capt. Thornton, Capt. Foushee & his wife, Col. Tayloe & Armistead Churchill after dinner, so that we had our house full.

3. So much company I can't do any business.

4. All the company went away after dinner.

6. Finished weighing the pork—sent Mrs. Conway & my brother part of it.

8. As Mr. Hunt was to preach in Northd. & the weather being bad, we stayed at home. I bless God I found much comfort in reading Marshall, Dodridge & Wesley. Two travellers to the Nor'ward came in the evening for quarters which we granted them.

11. Maj. Campbell here; he bled Jamey, who is in a very bad state of health.

March 12. Heard the disagreeable news of the death of the Rev. Samuel Davies. Never was a man in America, I imagine, more lamented. The Christian, the gentleman & the scholar appeared conspicuous in him. Virginia, & even Lancaster has, I hope, great reason to bless God for sending him among us. But He that sent him can send another, & his labors be attended with as much success.

19. The Militia was called out to proclaim King George III,

which was done in pretty good order. The officers joined & gave the men 50 or 60 gals. of punch.

25. Our overseer, Mr. Boatman, came with the news of the "Welcome," Capt. Coperthwaite, being arrived in Corotoman, consigned to me.

29. Went to meeting with my wife & family & company—viz. my brother, Mr. Wormley, his wife & daughter, Mr. Boyd, his wife & daughter, & Capt. Coperthwaite. All came back, & Mr. Hunt & Dr. Robertson & his wife. (A large company!)

30. Our company all went away.

April 1. Armistead Churchill & his wife, Richd. Span & his wife & child came here.

3. Our company still with us, with the addition of Mr. Wormley, his wife & daughter, which is rather troublesome at this time.

4. It blowed so hard that our Company could not get over the river.

5. Our company all went off, tho' we insisted upon their staying till to-morrow. My wife went with them to Northd. meeting, where we had a fine sermon from Mr. Hunt.

11. Sent for the mate & carpenter of the "Welcome" to dine with us.

12. Went with my wife & family to meeting to hear Mr. Hunt's farewell sermon. We signed a call for him.

April 18. Got clear of all our company, then went with my wife to see poor Mr. Chichester.

26. At home with my family. Capt. Crosthwaite with me. A comfortable day, thanks be to God, whose mercy endureth forever.

30. Went with my wife & Betty to the store. Then went to Col. Selden's to dinner. Coming back the horse ran down the hill with us. We had but one horse in the chair & I drove myself, so that we were much surprised. But it pleased God to enable me to get him turned round & up the hill so that he stopped. O God, give us grace to be thankful for this deliverance, which indeed was very great, to my dear wife & little tender infant, as well as to myself.

May 3. This day Col. Selden read a sermon in the meeting-house, & John Mitchell prayed.

May 7. My brother & sister & children with Mr. Spann & child came here late in the evening.

11. No company, *which is surprising*.

13. Mr. Wm. Churchill, his wife and five children came, & Mrs. Carter & her son & Miss Judith Bassett.

15. The company all here yet.

16. Mr. Carter & Mr. Churchill and their families went away.

17. Went to meeting with my wife & sister Gordon. Col. Selden read a sermon & Mr. Mitchell prayed.

23. Writing letters for Whitehaven.

24. Went to meeting. Mr. Criswell prayed & read a very good sermon.

27. My brother came & let us know that he bought the Brig that was put ashore on Smith's Point.

29. The "Welcome," Capt. Crosthwaite went down to Corotoman this day with a good wind; sent some help to raise the Northd. meeting House, as Mr. Smither intends getting it up to-morrow.

May 30. Completed my letters & sealed them up for the *Welcome* that lies now off in Rapahanock.

31. Jamey very unwell. Was blooded yesterday & took a vomit. Went with my wife to meeting. Mr. Criswell read a very fine sermon of Mr. Wesley's, & sung & prayed.

June 9. Yesterday received an account of our goods being arrived from London. Sent Barbee off to Williamsburg to meet Col. Harrison to get money from him.

11. At home, bottling my lime water.

13. Barbee returned from Williamsburg where he had rec'd for John Fitzhugh on Col. Harrison's acct £700 for me; two Guinea men arrived in New York.

14. Jamey has a crick in his neck, which is very uneasy to him. Our pleasant hours are very few in this life. O Lord, prepare us for the next, where true pleasures are only found.

15. Guinea man came in with about 140 slaves.

19. The negroes sell very high, 63 pds at Hobbs Hole.

26. Went to Col. Selden's about a glebe for Mr. Hunt, but Col. Selden c'd not get the bargain completed.

29. Began to reap wheat & rye—had 12 or 14 reapers.

July 1. Went to the C. H. Store, to Col. Conway's &c. In the road coming home there seemed to be an impression made on

me in respect to Mr. Hunt's behavior. May the Lord direct me in this critical affair.

5. Barbee Davis' wife is dead.

6. Went to see Barbee, who seems in great grief. I stayed with him two hours, & talked to him in the best manner I could. O, may we all be prepared for the awful change that awaits us!

July 7. Taken after dinner with a pain in my right foot—I'm afraid too much like the gout, from which I pray the Lord deliver me! But his will be done.

9. I return God thanks that the pain in my foot is much better. We are now burning a brick-kiln.

12. Went with my wife, Jamey & Mr. Criswell to the upper meeting. Mr. Hunt preached from Matt. 7:20.

17. Went to our Court with Capt. Petigrew. Talked about Mr. Hunt with Dr. Robertson. No company.

19. Nancy has been sick this two or three days past with ague & fever.

22. My wife went to see Nancy, who is still very ill. Venus very ill with a pleurisy.

24. Fast day—went to meeting—when we returned found my brother at our house, & in the eveg. Mr. C. & Nancy came & Mr. Hunt & Dr. Robertson & his wife, so that our house was pretty full.

26. Went to the Lord's Supper. I bless God this has been a comfortable day. About 20 new communicants & 50 old ones.

28. My brother & Judith Churchill went over the river in our boat. Sent Mr. Boyd & his daughter home in our chair. Mrs. Wright here with Miss Sally Lee & Penny Waddy.

29. Went to Col. Selden's to visit Mr. Hunt & to let him know that there are several subscribers to our meetings who do not like some of his proceedings, & seem to prefer Mr. Caldwell. We had much conversation with freeness on both sides—but with great uneasiness to him.

Aug. 2. Dined at Col. Selden's & had much conversation about Mr. Hunt.

3. Hanah Crump came here.

4. Mr. Hunt came late last night & stayed all day with us. In the eveg. he called me out & had much conversation about receiving him as our minister. It seemed to give him great uneasiness, which gave me much concern, but he does not seem fit for us in

✓ my opinion; tho' most of our great men are very forward to have him settled. This affair has given me great uneasiness, but I trust in the Lord to provide a minister for us, a true Pastor of Jesus Christ!

Aug. 7. Yesterday Mr. Criswell wrote to Mr. Tod about Mr. Waddell. Our apples begin to drop fast now.

9. Mr. Spann, his wife & child are sick, & several of their family. Mr. Hunt gave notice for the subscribers to the meeting house to meet next Wednesy. to consider such matters as will be then proposed. This I don't approve. I'm afraid it will expose both himself & religion; as we don't seem unanimous for him. I pray the Lord, who orders all things, to direct us in our duty!

10. I went for some of the neighbors, viz.: Dale & Thos. Carter, John Mitchell &c, & after we got breakfast I told Mr. Hunt I had done this, which I hoped he w'd not take amiss, being in my own house, just to let him see that I am not the only person that desires a longer trial of him, & likewise to hear Mr. Waddell—that the more I thought about him, the more I thought it was necessary to be careful in the choice of a minister, that those who are most ready in receiving a minister may be the most ready to despise him & religion too; that a minister sh'd like a people who are rather nice in these affairs; besides it might be a matter of conscience with us to desire to hear others; we had not only ourselves to please but our families & our nieghbors who depended upon us; that the objections we had to him we kept to ourselves, & did not consult with others, to expose him & religion, &c. He answered he could not be kept in suspense, therefore he must leave us, if we w'd not accept of him now.

August 11. Mr. Hunt here & old Mr. Joe Carter to dinner. I'm not very well, am afraid of the fever & ague. Had much discourse with old Mr. C. & gave him a book to read.

12. Went with Mr. Hunt in our chair to the meeting house, to meet the subscribers. Nothing done to what was expected. Mr. Hunt will not stay except we are unanimous. No high debates among us.

13. Sowed our last patch of turnips. Writing to send by the Friendship.

16. As there was no sermon at either of the meeting houses (Mr. Hunt preached in Westmoreland) I stayed at home examin-

ing my family & instructing them as far as I was able. Several strange negroes came to Mr. Criswell to be instructed, in which he takes great pains.

17. Sent for Col. Tayloe to dinner. I talked to him about the state of his soul, which he seems to take very friendly, & promised to come & stay all night with us soon.

19. Mr. Hunt dined with us. No mention about our decision.

21. Potter, the tailor, found guilty of using the cloth he had to make up.

24. Met with Col. Selden—had much conversation, & a great deal to my satisfaction, about our minister.

28. Sent letters to Whitehaven by the "Dove."

30. Went to meeting with my wife & family. Mr. Hunt, by his text, gave some of us uneasiness—2 Peter 2:8, but his sermon was not according to what we expected. He bid us farewell, & gave notice that there is a prospect of Mr. Todd or Mr. Waddell preaching the Lord's day after next, which seemed to make the people pretty easy that were displeased about his going away. He will leave us in great confusion, but the Lord is able to quiet & calm us again, which I hope He will do in His own good time. I am very much reflected on—in short the whole of Mr. Hunt's going away is laid upon me, but I trust that God will give me the strength to bear up under such a trial.

31. Writing to Mr. Todd as we proposed & send Mr. Mitchell off to-morrow to get him to come & quiet us, & make up the difference among us. I have reason to think Mr. Hunt will endeavor to stop his coming, as well as Mr. Waddel's. Waited at home for Mr. Hunt's coming to bid us farewell, but he did not come.

September 3. Mr. Hunt bid us farewell. We talked a great deal, but I still insisted on hearing Mr. Waddel & that Mr. Todd sh'd come & calm the differences among us.

6. Went with my wife to White Chapel Ch. It really seems mispending the Lord's Day to go to Church to hear such sermons as are preached there.

9. A very busy day with me. J. Mitchell returned from Mr. Todd with a letter for me & one for Mr. Hunt. I have the pleasure to know that Mr. Todd approves of all our conduct in respect to Mr. Hunt, & greatly condemns those that oppose us. Mr. Todd & Mr. Waddell are both expected the 25th of next month.

Great reflection about Mr. C——ll—that gives Col. Selden great uneasiness. Blessed be God for directing us in this critical affair! for it has appeared a very dangerous affair & so few to assist me. But I trust God is my strength so that I may not fear what man can do unto me.

11. Had a long conversation with Mrs. Selden about Mr. Hunt, who seems now pretty well reconciled, & so is Col. Selden, so that I hope Mr. Waddel's way may be clear to him.

↓ 17. No company but my sister.

20. Sunday. Blessed be God, we have comfortable books to read, as we have little or no instruction at Church.

21. Went with my wife & sister Gordon to Mr. Chichester's. Mr. C. kilning bricks. Two ships came in to-day.

22. Making out lottery scheme to raise £300 for our meeting house.

24. Began to sow wheat under the hill.

★ 25. Our family are all well, which I think remarkable at this season of the year.

↓ 27. Sunday. At home reading & examining my family.

28. Agreed with John Norris to have his negro Tom for Miller. October 1. Dr. Criswell very ill at Capt. Foushee's.

2. Mr. Criswell went off early to see his cousin, the Dr.——.

3. Went to the mill & found Norris's Tom, miller—who I seem to like very well. Went to Shelton's Creek to see the seine drawn, when my horse threw me. I rec'd but little hurt. O, how kind has God been to me, even in this accident! & how undeserving of such favors I am!

5. Set off about 9 o'clock with my wife in our boat to Urbana Court, where I was summoned by Capt. Bog in his cause with Mercer—the trial did not come off. This little town seems to have great wickedness abounding in it.

↓ 7. Went out with my brother to see his farm, which is very well managed. Rode out to the top of the hill to Dilard's, a pleasant situation which my brother thinks of buying. After dinner, went over the Creek to Mr. Wormley's to see the bricklayers about Mr. Chichester.

10. Went to the Mill—found the miller Tom very unwell; he is afraid Sambo has poisoned him.

12. John Mitchell came to cut out the negroes' clothes.

13. Went to Wmsg. to see Barbee, who has been very ill. Got

there after some difficulty in crossing the river. Stayed with him about two hours.

14. Went with Col. Tayloe & Mr. Dale Carter to Mr. Chichester to get his English papers ready to send to Wmsg. to have the Govr's. certificate & seal of the Colony. ✓

15. Miss Betty Smith here, & behaved very ill when we went to Prayers. What varieties there are of the human race! ✓

19. My wife went to see poor Mrs. Leland who lies very ill. ✓ Nancy & Molly Garlington dined here.

21. Went to Mr. DeForest's which we have bought for a glebe for our Minister. O, may God send us one after his own heart!

22. Went to meeting with my wife, where we had the great comfort of hearing our dear friend, Mr. Todd, from Luke 13: 24. We have reason to expect Mr. Waddel, but not before Xmas, he being gone to the Nor'ward. Blessed be God for sending Mr. Todd & giving us such a prospect of Mr. Waddel who has a great character in the divine life.

28. Went with my wife to the upper meeting, where we heard a fine discourse.

30. Mr. Todd preached.

November 1. The Lord's supper this day administered. Mr. Todd gave us a most instructive sermon. I never heard a sermon, but one from Mr. Davies, with more delight. O that the Lord w'd be pleased to send us a minister with as much piety as Mr. Todd! About 70 at the table, black & white. O, what reason we have to bless God for these opportunities! O Lord, give us grace to make a right use of them.

4. There are few of our negroes but are sick to-day with colds, or rather, pleurisies—12 or 13 laid up.

November 8. Went with my wife to Mrs. Tayloe's funeral. ✓

9. Capt. Walters from Somerset, Md, sent for money to buy an anchor, as he had lost his in the Bay these last hard gales of wind.

11. My wife & I went to see poor Mrs. Leland. She seems to be preparing as well as she can for death. ✓

14. Went to see Peter Miller, who is very ill. Venus very sick.

15. At home—reading & instructing my family.

16. Robin, a negro fellow at Belfield's dangerously ill. The overseer sent here for medicines for him while I was at the Vestry.

19. More unwell than I have been these several days. Sent for Col. Tayloe who bled me very well.

20. Dick Neal from Belfield's came to let me know that Robin, the negro fellow, is dead.

23. Went down to Tom Davis; he is very ill. The neighbourhood continues very sickly. Wm. Hill died last night & Nancy Reding yesterday. O Lord, prepare each of us for death!

30. Went with my wife & family to White Chapel Church to hear Mr. Currie preach Mrs. Tayloe's funeral sermon, which was but a superficial discourse. He don't touch upon real religion.

December 2. Capt. Brown from London went past here, & fired off at this house five guns.

6. Went with my wife & family to meeting in hopes we sh'd hear *Mr. Waddel*, but he did not come. Mr. Criswell read a sermon & prayed greatly to my satisfaction. We are uneasy about *Mr. W's* not coming, but we ought to submit to the all-knowing God, who orders all according to His wisdom & goodness.

7. 8. 9. Confined to the house by a purging. Took some rhu-barb that did me service.

12. Such a pain in my foot & ankle last night that I got little or no sleep.

December 13. No news of Mr. Waddel.

17. Mr. Criswell set off this morning to see about Mr. Waddell. I detained him from setting off yesterday, expecting to send the lottery-tickets with him to Mr. Todd's, &c.

24. Mr. Criswell got home. *Mr. Waddel* is not returned to Virginia, nor no account of him. Therefore we must exercise our patience longer.

*Xmas Day.* Col. Tayloe, Bridges, Betty Hunt & Mrs. Doget's three girls dined with us.

26. Sent for several of the neighbors to dine with us—Col. Tayloe, Dale Carter, Thos. Carter & many of the girls of the neighbourhood. All very agreeable.

28. The creek frozen almost across. Went to see Jos. Parish, who is in prison bounds—gave him 15/ towards his relief; the debt is but about 46/. A large ship is come to off our house about 11 o'clock.

31. My dear little Betty unwell.

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I thank God my dear little child is much better. Agreed for two negroes. We had a large company.

6. Twelfth Day. Mrs. Conway & her children, Col. Tayloe & Dale Carter at dinner—stayed all night.

8. Got all our corn husked.

9. At home getting the lottery tickets in order & sending them to several of the managers.

11. Went on board the Russia Merchant, Capt. Carnaby. There are five or six ships more arrived from London & one from Glasgow.

13. Molly Garlington here.

15. Sold 26 tickets, tho' there are both open & hidden enemies to our lottery. Indeed I observe a coldness in those that w'd make us believe they are friends, but I trust the Lord will support & direct us for his own glory.

January 24. Sunday. These silent Sabbaths are matters of great complaint among us. We long for a faithful Pastor. O Lord, have compassion on us.

31. At home with my family. Molly said all the Shorter Catechism, Jamey 56 of the Larger, & Molly Hening 106.

Feb. 4. Rec'd a letter from Col. Harrison, which gave me some uneasiness about our account. But while we are in this life we shall have trouble. I wrote to him & sent it over to Mr. Ben Grymes at Brandon.

Feb. 7. Capt. Jackson, his daughter & son came at night. ✓ This we don't like, but can't fly from it. (Sunday.)

16. Molly Garlington here.

17. My brother has bought Mr. Jordan's house & plantation † for £1100 which I think a very good bargain.

23. Shrove Tuesday. Went to the school with my wife, who treated the children with pan-cakes & cider.

24. This night Frank, a daughter of Betsy & old Jack, died. ✓ A few hours before, she told her mother she was dying & hoped to see her in heaven.

28. Had much conversation with Hubbard's Dick, whose piety I have a great opinion of.

March 4th. Col. Selden & I signed a letter to Mr. Waddel & I wrote to Mr. Todd & delivered all to Mr. Mitchell, who intends.

God willing, to set off in the morning in search of Mr. Waddel.

7. Sunday. At home. O, what a comfort it would be c'd we hear the gospel preached in its purity.

13. Jno. Mitchell came with letters from Mr. Todd, which contained bad news. No word of Mr. Waddel, & 120 of our lottery tickets lost that Mr. Todd sent up the country.

20. Mr. Chichester sent to me about a difference between him & Capt. Armistead. We got it made up, & they agreed to live in friendship, which may the Lord grant.

24. This night Sally Carter died—Dale's daughter.

28. Poor little Betty very sick last night—Molly not much better.

April 1. Went up with my wife & three children to the Ct. House, where we met Mrs. Carter on her way up to Col. Carter's to John Champ's wedding. Col. Selden is desirous of re-calling Mr. Hunt, but I can't agree to it.

3. Mr. Criswell set off for Presbytery. Col. Selden c'd not go, his son being dangerously ill.

5. Mr. Penny set to work in the Smith's shop.

10. Mr. Criswell returned & brought us the comfortable news that Mr. Waddel intends to visit us the Sabbath after next. Mr. Criswell has conducted this affair with great prudence & judgment. Thanks be to God for this delightful prospect.

13. Went early to Mr. Chichester's land near Fairfield Church. Mr. Bell surveyed it. I was much fatigued attending the surveying.

16. Heard the comfortable news that Mr. Waddel was arrived at Col. Selden's. Mrs. Miller came to-day to wait on my wife.

18. May the Lord be praised, I at last have had the comfort of going with my family to meeting, where Mr. Waddel performed to admiration! and to a very great number of people. I'm not the least doubtful that he will give general satisfaction. He came home with us.

19. Mr. Waddel & I went to see Mrs. Hill, who is very sick. Mr. W. spoke to her & prayed with her—much to my satisfaction.

20. Went with Mr. Waddel to Dale Carter's burial. Mr. W. prayed, read & gave us a fine exhortation, much to the satisfaction of all present.

22. Mr. Waddel went with Mr. Cr. to school.

April 23. Mr. Waddel went to visit Wm. Rawson who is in a very poor state of health. A large ship went past to-day up the river.

24. Went with Mr. Waddel & Mr. Criswell & Dr. Criswell to draw the seine. Had good diversion.

25. Went to the upper meeting, Mr. Waddel gave us two excellent sermons. The people seem much delighted with him.

26. Mrs. Whale departed this life, upward of 83 or 84 y'rs of ✓  
age.

27. My wife has been much disordered to-day, & in the night I have been much perplexed with the tooth, but I bless God, both better in the morn'g.

29. We went to Mr. Thos. Carter's to Mrs. Whale's funeral, ✓  
where Mr. Waddel preached an excellent sermon to a large number of people, who seemed much pleased. The Lord has been unspeakably kind in sending him among us.

May 2. Rained most all day. Went to meeting, where I was surprised to see so many people such weather, which is a strong proof how well they approve Mr. Waddel.

4. Met Mr. Woodrow, Mr. McKitrick & Mr. Johnson at the ware-house. They all called with me & drank a bowl of punch—  
w'd not stay to dinner.

6. This morning my dear wife was happily delivered of a ✓  
daughter & both as well as can be expected.

8. Went to see Mr. Chichester's new house raised—dined there; ✓  
soon after I got home some splinter got into my eye, which very much tormented me. My wife has a fever.

9. Blessed be God I rested pretty well, though I c'd not get the splinter out of my eye till almost 2 o'clock. Molly Hening looked in my eye & saw it & got it out by my wife's directions. What a ✓  
small thing disorders our whole frame! My dear wife I think is better.

May 11. Sent Mrs. Miller home. My dear wife recovers very ✓  
slowly.

12. This has been a day of great sorrow. My dear wife was taken very ill with an ague & then a high fever, which to me ✓  
seemed very terrifying for several hours, but she recovered very much in the eve'g. Likewise heard of my dear daughter Chichester being very ill. These alarms, with the trouble of recover-

ing some goods from Mr. Hartley, gave me much confusion. Blessed be God for the relief he has afforded me, a poor weak worm, that can stand scarce any affliction, even from the hand of so good a God.

↓ 13. My wife continues to recover—sat up to-day. Sent Wm. Boatman to Smith's outcry to buy sheep—& got nothing.

15. Mr. Waddel gave us two fine sermons to a vast number of people. He is so universally liked that the people flock to hear him.

19. My poor wife taken with a chill & a high fever.

20. My brother, sister & two youngest children came. My brother much out of order by the tooth-ache & a cut in his head, which misfortune happened to him last week by one Thos. Williams about the sale of some negroes.

23. Went with my brother to the upper meeting. My bro. much taken with Mr. Waddel's preaching. Sent Scipio after Mr. Waddel's horse that ran away.

27. Sent up the new mill-stones to our saw-mill.

29. Mr. Chichester & Nancy here. It gives us great comfort to have the happiness of seeing Mr. C. here once more.

May 30. This day a call was signed for Mr. Waddel.

31. Mr. Waddel & Mr. Chichester were blooded by Col. Tayloe who came here to dinner.

June 4. Went to meeting. Had the comfort of Mr. Todd's presence—but Mr. Waddel preached—a delightful sermon. Both ministers came home with us.

5. This day Mr. Todd preached. A great deal of company came home with us, as our little child Sally was this day baptized by Mr. Todd.

6. This day the Lord's Supper was administered to about 103 communicants & a very crowded house. We had two comfortable sermons by Mr. Todd & Mr. Waddell.

7. I offered Mr. Waddel the call, but he would not accept of it. But he promised to return to us. May the gracious God grant us that comfort. Mr. Boyd has acted a double part. O, the corruption of man is great! He & Dr. Robertson w'd not sign the call, which has given our dear Mr. Waddel some concern.

10. Col. Selden, his wife & sister, with my wife, went to the ferry-point on our way to see Carter's schooner launched, but all turned but Col. S. & myself.

15. Sent our boat & five hands for Mr. Peter Taylor to Urbana.  
 17. This morning Mr. Taylor went up the country with three of our horses & Scipio.

20. Sunday. At home with my family. No company.

21. Capt. Kendall of the "Elizabeth" from Whitehaven came here with letters & invoice from Youart & Bowes & acquainted me that he was taken by a French Privateer off Newfoundland, & had their fine cargo plundered, that they were bringing in to my address, about £1700. They took out of the vessel about £1100 & then agreed with Capt. K. for £300 ransom for the vessel & the rest of the cargo. This affair will give me much trouble, as the vessel & remainder of the cargo must be sold on account of the Insurers.

June 23. Went to Mr. Tapscot's—stayed all night. ✓

24. Mr. T. came with me to Mr. Chichester's before breakfast. When I got to Lowry ferry, Capt. Ganrith's flat was awaiting for me, about orders for Tobacco. Ordered them 10 hds. Capt. Thornton's flat was likewise waiting with my goods. I dispatched both.

27. At home, my family. A comfortable day I had, in reading good authors that the Almighty has blessed us with.

28. At home writing letters, to go by the Fleet.

29. Went to the Court House to meet the managers of the Lottery. Made up the tickets & put them in boxes, sealed up, ready for drawing.

30. Went up to the Ct. House & began to draw between 11 & 12 o'clock. Dined about 3 o'clock—a very large company, & finished drawing about 6 o'clock. Everything seems to answer in a very complete manner, blessed be God.

July 3. We got most of the goods landed this day out of the "Elizabeth," & put them into our warehouse at the landing to be ready on Monday for sale.

4. Went with Mr. Waddel in our chair to the upper meeting, where we had two excellent sermons—many more people than I expected, as it was Mr. W's first since his return from the Committee.

5. This day was advertised for the sale of the "Elizabeth" & her remaining cargo. Though we gave such public notice in two of the *Virginia Gazettes*, there were but few people, & had not Mr. Mills & Mr. Elam from Norfolk come, I w'd have been

confused about setting up the vessel or goods. But they seemed resolved on having the vessel, & run her up very high, so that I was obliged to give £815 before I c'd get her; & I had most all the goods bought in on the owner's account. The sailors were so rude as to give me great uneasiness, & told me as the vessel was sold they were at liberty & intended to leave us. I told them I had bought her for the owners. But I got all settled with them by promising them wages from the first.

7. Ordered my boat to carry Mr. Taylor over to Urbana. The boat set off with him about 6 o'clock, but two hours after, the boat came back as the wind blowed so hard.

12. Tobacco at a great stand—none sold.

14. At home settling the lottery affair.

18. Went with my wife to the upper meeting. Mr. Waddell preached two very agreeable sermons. When we got home we found one Mr. Cornell here, a gentleman that came from New York & lives in N. Carolina.

19. Sent the list of numbers that came up prizes to Mr. Holt to get printed.

22. A sailor here, travelling to the Nor'ward.

25. Sunday. My wife could not go with us to the first sermon, as Sally was so sick, but she got to the last. We had a very full house & two fine sermons.

26. A throng day of company.

28. Our poor little Salley has been very unwell for several days but before I returned after dinner she was taken with fits—had a vast many & we do not expect her recovery.

29. Last night sent for Mrs. Churchill here to see Sally. A great company here, which is rather disagreeable, as the child is so unwell. But these trifles we sh'd bear with more patience than we do.

July 31. Our poor little child Sally very ill, so that my wife went to Dr. Flood for medicine & directions for her, but of no service, as the child is so ill.

August 1. About 9 o'clock our dear child left us. Oh, happy change! May we all be prepared for such, & may this awaken us to set our affections on things above!

2. Our dear little Sally was this evening about 5 o'clock put into her grave, without the Church ceremony read over her, which I believed seemed to some very strange.

8. Mr. Waddel is to preach in Westmoreland to-day. At home, reading & instructing my family according to my weak ability. ✓

12. Capt. Thorndike & another gentleman came here from New England in a large sloop.

17. Several Guinea men arrived—the price still high.

18. Betty Boatman being sick makes my affairs at home more ✓ troublesome.

22. Went with my wife to the upper meeting: a great number of people there. Some idle person wrote something very wicked on the board before Mr. Waddel. I offered a pistol reward to find him out.

September 8. Mr. Waddel advised Mr. Mitchell from going to the races at Mr. Chin's, & discouraged Col. Selden from going. O, what reason we have to be thankful that we have a minister who will watch over his flock that they may not go astray.

10. Writing letters all day, as I expect the embargo will soon be taken off.

12. Heard a delightful discourse from Mr. Waddel.

Sept. 19. Mr. Waddell very much indisposed, though he gave us a very good sermon.

22. Maj. Campbell brought the news that the Havana has surrendered to the English, & that the treasures found there amounted to ten millions.

24. Went to the Ct. House Store with my wife to get clothes for the negroes.

26. My dear little Betty has been unwell since Thursday: but to-day she seemed not very sick, so we went to meeting where we had an excellent sermon from Mr. Waddel,—condemned racing. When we got home, Betty was not as well, & soon grew very ill, so that we despaired of her recovery. But blessed be the Great Physician, who was pleased to recover her very much, be- ✓ fore we went to bed.

27. Intended to go to Richmond, but did not incline to leave ✓ my dear little child.

28. Betty being better, set off on my journey about 8 o'clock. Got near Richmond glebe about 4 o'clock; dined there, & got to my brother's about 7, where I found great confusion, my sister ✓ being ill, & Mrs. Churchill, her mother, not coming according to expectation, made great uneasiness. About 9 o'clock my sister

was happily delivered of a son, which gave great comfort to us all.

Oct. 3. Went to the upper meeting. A little before we went in, Mr. Hammon & Miss Williams, coming to meeting in a chair, the horse was frightened & ran away with them. They both fell out, or jumped out, & were much hurt. We got Mr. H. blooded, & they both seemed to recover pretty well. The chair was broke all to pieces. We had a fine discourse from Mr. Waddell, & he left us there & went on his journey to the Presbytery, & from there to visit his father & mother to the Norward. I trust the Lord will be his God, & preserve him in safety to us.

October 4. A large fleet of ships at Urbana.

5. Taken with a griping & a purging, but, blessed be God, not violent. Took a little rhubarb at night.

6. Took 20 grains Rhu., & stayed all day in the house.

12. Discharged Hening Hinton, & agreed with Mr. Boatman in his place for two years.

22. Directing John Davis to lay the flag stone for a walk. Robt. Hening's Isaac very ill with a purging; afraid he won't recover.

23. Isaac died this morning.

24. I was taken with an ague & then a fever; rested very little all night.

26. My wife & self were blooded by Billy Boatman.

29. The fever went off, & I fell into a great sweat, which confined me to my bed all day.

November 3. Mr. Criswell very sick. Myself not well.

4. Scipio returned from Naylor's Hole. The *Elizabeth* left that place Wed. morning.

5. Barbee Davis returned from Williamsburg; got no money from Harrison, or on the lottery.

10. I continue unwell; can't get any rest at night.

11. Took three doses of the Bark, which seemed to disorder me very much. No sleep at night.

15. I rode out to the warehouse & Bank, but I have a fever every night, so that I get very little rest.

24. This day the *Elizabeth* sailed out of Corotoman & down Rappahannock, which gives me great comfort, for they were the most troublesome crew I ever was concerned with. This day they seemed to insist on another hand, but the Capt. got them off by promising them some rum.

26. I can't get rid of the slow fever. Took a dose of Bate-man's Drops, but it did me little service.

28. Can't recover my health.

29. Began to take Bark again.

30. I find the Bark a more powerful medicine than any other ✓  
in Intermitting Fever.

December 8. My brother came from Urbana, with letters by the *Nelson*, Capt. Harrison, but none from Youart & Bowes, ✓ which I don't approve. I am afraid they will take some advantage of me if they can; so I wrote to Mr. Taylor not to let my interests suffer in any respect.

9. I find Youart & Bowes are not men to be depended on; so I sent a list of goods to Mr. Hartley. Capt. Sergeant sailed from Corotoman in the morning, but came up again in the evening, as the wind was against him.

11. Went on board *Capt. Allen* from Cape Ann. Bought rum, sugar & molasses to the value of £40. When I returned, found Mr. Waddel, who it gave me great comfort to see well returned.

13. So warm that we can sit without fire.

17. Mr. Chichester, Nancy & Molly Garlington came before dinner.

18. Nancy very ill all night with a violent headache, but was ✓ so easy in the morning that she would go to meeting, though we persuaded her to stay at home, & I had sent for Col. Tayloe to bleed her, who came, but put it off until after sermon. In the evening she was blooded; about an hour after, she was taken with a blindness, & soon after a convulsion fit, which put us all into the greatest confusion. I wrote for Dr. Robertson, as I imagined Dr. Flood would not come. Dr. R. was desirous of me sending for Dr. Flood, as the case was so dangerous, so that I despatched Scipio with a letter entreating his coming. My poor child continued having fits all night—about 25—then she lay as if dying. Dr. Flood came in the morning through the rain, in an open chair, which was a greater favour than I expected, as he had declined visiting patients. He very much comforted us by telling us she was not dying. He ordered the blister Dr. R. had put on her neck to be taken off. About 12 o'clock ✓ she was delivered of a daughter, but with very little life, so that it soon died. Before night she seemed much recovered.

21. Dr. Flood left us. Dr. R. returned at night. Nancy is

much better, but not yet come to her senses—neither can she speak.

24. Barbee returned from Williamsburg, but I did not receive any money from Col. Harrison.

*Xmas Day.* Nancy seems to recover but slow, which makes our Xmas not so comfortable as we could wish, but I hope the Lord will give us strength to bear up under any affliction He is pleased to lay upon us.

26. Nancy grows very restless, being difficult to keep her in bed. I wrote to Dr. Flood & desired he would visit her tomorrow.

27. Dr. Flood came about 1 o'clock. Nancy very ill, after he came, which might be owing to his not giving her medicine, or to the large company that came to see her, or both.

28. Dr. Flood let me know that Nancy is in great danger.

30. We are comforted by Nancy appearing much better.

31. I praise God, Nancy continues to recover. O Lord, Thou hast this year been a kind & benevolent Father unto us, & tho' Thou has been pleased to afflict us in some measure, it has been with compassion & tenderness, when at the same time we deserved the severest punishment.

(To be Continued.)

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## LETTER BOOK OF FRANCIS JERDONE.

(Continued from page 160.)

### TO CAPT. WILLIAM THOMSON OF THE POLLY.

22<sup>d</sup> July, 1752.

I have had no answer to my letter from my Father anent the house carpenter, which I wrote of to him. I heartily wish that he may have engaged one for me, that is a good tradesman, & withall sober and industrious; if he has not already done it, I would take it as a particular kindness of you, when your business calls you to Jedburgh, that you would make enquiry for such a one; get him indented for four years. I to pay him seven pounds sterling yearly wages & find him bed, board and washing & all tools; as my Father is now old & infirm, he cannot take so much trouble upon him.

### TO MR. THOMAS FLOWERDEWE.

15<sup>th</sup> August, 1752.

Refers to shipments of Tobacco by David Anderson and himself, by William Thomason and by James Grantland & Co., and Richard & Wm. Bulloch (of Hanover).

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January 1st.

My dear child continues to recover. As we begin the New Year, O Lord, enable us to begin new lives so that all we do may be to the glory of God & the good of mankind.

2. Sunday. Nancy seems better to-day than she has been since she was taken sick. Sent Scipio to Dr. Flood to let him know. It snowed all day, yet Mr. Waddel & Mr. Criswell went to meeting, where there were about 30 people.

6. I was taken with an ague about 3 o'clock.

8. Had the rheumatism in my ankle. This, with the fever & ague, renders me in a bad state of health.

16. Mr. Waddel preached from Luke xviii. 29, 30; a fine discourse.

17. A large ship came to in the mouth of the Corotoman; went on board her, & found it was the *Peggy*, Capt. Greig, from Lisbon, belonging to London.

18. Vast quantities of wild pigeons about; our people killed 60 or 70 of them.

19. This day Nancy dined with us at table; blessed be the Lord for his mercies to her & us.

20. Went out with Mr. Chichester, who killed many wild pigeons.

25. Settling my books in the little closet.

28. I praise God, I am now pretty well recovered of my disorders.

31. This day we had it confirmed that Capt. Glascock ran away last week, & took a young woman with him, & left his wife.

February 1. Mr. Chichester went to see his sister Glasscock, who must be in great distress.

4. Mr. Chichester returned from Richmond.

5. Nancy rode out in the chair by the little school-house, and seems pretty well.

6. Had a fine sermon from Rev. ii. 17; a large number of people.

8. Sent for John Atkins about making seats in the meeting-house. Capt. Thompson from Norfolk at our house, & brings the agreeable news of a Peace being confirmed.

9. Capt. Thompson went to North'd. Sent Scipio & a horse with him.

11. My wife sent for Mrs. Doget & Sally. Mr. Waddel & I examined them about the reports in these parts of Sally & Robt. Edmonds. But they seem to convince us that Sally is innocent, & that Mrs. E. has reported lies without foundation. We advised Sally to get Mrs. E. to go before a Justice & declare the truth.

13. Went with my wife & family to meeting. As we went, we found Mr. Ewell & his wife on the road walking, as they could not get their horses over, the wind blowed so hard. We had a full house. Mr. Waddel proposed ten persons for elders: Col. Selden, Dr. Robertson, Mr. Chichester, Dr. Watson, Mr. Thos. Carter, Dale Carter, Mr. Jno. Mitchell, Mr. Belvard, Mr. Wright & myself, & desired the people if they knew anything against their character, to acquaint him with it before this day fortnight.

16. Mr. Dale Carter came to let us know that Mrs. Edmonds has cleared up Sally Doget's character by oath.

18. I was summoned to declare what I owed to Capt. Glasscock, who is run away. I made oath that the balance I found was but a half-penny.

22. Our crop of Tobacco at Belfields proves pretty good.

23. Scipio being ill, sent for Dr. Robertson. Thinks his disorder is the Palsy.

25. Scipio continues very ill; the Dr. here all day.

27. This day Mr. Waddell ordained six elders. Dr. Robertson refused serving; his behavior very remarkable.

28. Dr. Robertson came to see Scipio who recovers very slowly.

March 7. Sent Nelson very early for Dr. Foushee to see Scipio. (Poor Scipio was always the one to be sent for the Drs. Frank.) Soon after we dined, Dr. F. came, & when he saw

Scipio, he told us that he was poisoned. This has given me some uneasiness, as there has been a difference between Tom & him.

8. Scipio a little better.

13. The first time Nancy was at meeting since she was sick.

14. Scipio much better. Blessed be the Lord, there is hope of his recovery.

16. Went to the Glebe, Mr. Waddel with me, called at the meeting-house, & then at the C. H. Store, then at Col. Selden's, dined at Robt. Belward's, got home at night.

17. Last night my brother & sister & three of the children with Han. Churchill came here. This day Mr. Criswell set off for the Nor'ward. Mr. Waddell not very well; he is to take charge of the school till Mr. C. returns.

21. Mr. Waddel began to keep school.

22. Last night was alarmed with Cumb'd. abusing his wife; this morning had him whipped, but he behaved in a very unruly manner, so that I ordered Johnny Davis to carry him to prison, which seemed to frighten him.

25. Went up to the meeting House, & agreed with Mr. Atkins to have more double seats & less single ones. I understand people are displeas'd with the single seats, which we thought would be more convenient for the people, as they faced the minister. But as it seems disagreeable to some, especially Mrs. Miller & some other women, & as it is cheaper to have them double, thought it proper to order more to be made. But I have great reason to fear that there is much more pride than piety among us.

27. Heard Mr. Waddell with much comfort.

28. Told Atkins about his raising a disturbance among the people about their seats in meeting.

29. Sent plank to the meeting House. Grace, a negro girl, very ill. Scipio mends very slow.

30. Rode out to the people & Mill; on my return heard that Grace was dead, which surprised me as I thought in the morning she was better.

April 1. Went with my wife & Mr. Waddel to Wmco. Church. Called at Col. Conway's, who invited us all to dine with him. Mr. Leland gave us a very short sermon & less instruction. O, the blind guides that poor Virginia is invested with! But blessed be Almighty God, who has afforded us so good a Pastor

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as Mr. Waddel, by whom we can hear the Gospel in its purity! Dined at Col. C's, who seemed to use us better than we expected. He seems much impaired, & will allow anybody to speak very little in his presence.

3. Rained all day, so that neither Mr. Waddel nor any of our family went to meeting. Mr. W. read two fine sermons to us, being the first he made.

7. This day Mr. Waddel spoke to me about Molly.

10. Mr. Waddel gave us a fine sermon from Is. liii. 1.

April 11. Mr. Waddel set off to Williamsburg to take the oaths agreeable to law.

17. Went to the upper meeting, where we were surprised with Mr. Hunt. Mr. Waddel preached from "Lord, to whom shall we go"; a very fine discourse. Mr. Hunt in the afternoon; a very good sermon, but he delivered it very indifferently by endeavoring to conceal his notes, as Mr. Waddel don't use any. Gifts in all men are envied, I believe, even by good men. Many strangers at meeting to-day from Richmond.

23. This day a negro came with a letter to my brother from Wm. Churchill, acquainting him with the death of Col. Churchill, which prevented my brother going with us to meeting, where Mr. Hunt preached first, & then Mr. Waddel; fine sermons.

24. This day the Lord's Supper was administered to about 90 whites, & 23 blacks, more than we ever had before—a vast number of people. Mr. Waddel preached the first sermon, & Mr. Hunt the next.

25. Went with my wife to meeting to hear the young people say their catechism. Mr. Waddel gave us good exhortations & advice how to bring up our children, & how comfortable religious knowledge is. Mr. Hunt was there again, & collected money for his meeting-house, which I think was not generous. Molly Hening answered the best—all the Larger Catechism; Jamey Gordon said 90 questions in the Larger, & Molly said all the Shorter.

26. My wife went over to Mrs. Churchill's to visit her in her affliction.

May 1. Mr. Waddel gave us two good sermons.

4. Barbee Davis returned from Williamsburg, but did not get so much money from John Fitzhugh & Col. Harrison as I expected, & brought the disagreeable news that Youart & Bowes

suffered my Bills to be protested. But Mr. Taylor paid them, so that they would not be returned. This I'm afraid will prove a troublesome affair. Barbee lost Jamey Gordon's mare, so that we have many trials.

5. Sent Billy Boatman after Jamey's mare.

7. My wife went to Mr. Woodrow's to get some mourning.

8. Mr. Waddell preached two sermons.

9. Last night Billy Boatman brought home Jamey's mare that was lost.

10. Mr. Waddel & I rode to the Mill. On our way from there we called at Rich'd Boatman's, who they do not expect will recover from his great illness. He seemed much pleased with Mr. W's conversation, & was desirous he should pray with him. He is now in his 79th year, but seems quite ignorant about the religion of Christ. O, it is much to be feared there are few among us who know anything of real religion. He told us he had observed the religion he was brought up in as near as he was capable, & had lived an honest life, he thought. The Lord, I hope, will have great mercy on such, & enlighten their minds that they may fly to the arms of redeeming love before it be too late!

11. Mr. Waddel having a cold, took physick.

12. Corn is dearer this year than ever I have known it.

13. Carting up corn from Belfield's.

May 14. Went to our Muster. The Assembly is to meet next week, it is said, to take in all the paper money.

15. Mr. Waddel preached in Westmoreland to-day, & on Tuesday at my brother's in Richmond.

18. Jamey's mare got away from my brother's.

20. Capt. Dyer delivered me a letter from Mr. Jos. Taylor advising me that the *Elizabeth* was again taken Jany. 3rd, and carried into Spain. Unfortunate vessel! But Mr. Taylor writes that Youart & Bowes were well pleased with my conduct, & highly obliged to me for the steps I had taken for their interest, & will pay all the bills I draw on them on that acct., which gave me great ease of mind, as I had heard they had protested my Bills. Blessed be the Lord my God, who has protected & directed me, for I impute this great favour to His great goodness alone. Mr. Waddel read the articles of religion this day before Mr. Currie & Mr. Minnis.

21. Went up to the Ct. House Store about Spencer Currel, who is put in prison on my acct. for debt.

26. Mr. Mitchell here cutting out summer clothes for the negroes.

31. Billy Boatman brought home Jamey's mare, & soon returned to let me know that Spen. Currel had broke out of prison. I went to Mr. Dale Carter, & got an escape warrant, & sent it to Mr. Mitchell, the gaoler, to secure him.

June 3. This evening Capt. Vinars came into Corotoman with his sloop.

4. Got most of my goods landed.

5. Heard two very good & alarming sermons, very plain, tho' many think they were too harsh.

7. The Sheriff sent a negro woman & two children belonging to Spen. Currel here; taken by attachment.

10. Mr. Currie got to our house on his way to Mr. Chichester's to marry Mr. Criswell & Molly Garlington. Dr. Watson I had sent for to draw a tooth for my wife, who has been distracted with it. He got it out with great difficulty. We all set off, except my wife, to Mr. Chichester's, & about 8 o'clock the above pair were joined together. May the Lord give them every needful blessing!

11. Mr. Waddel very ill all night with the colic. With his disorder & the number of mosquitoes I got very little rest. Mr. W. & I came home before breakfast, & he took a vomit, so that in the evening he was pretty well.

14. Jamey was in the chair with me near the Mill, when the horse was frightened by the swivel-tree coming out of the cross-bars & broke the harness.

21. Received 83 bags of salt from Ganrith in good order. Col. Selden came with Mrs. Fish, a gentlewoman from London, who came to settle some business with Mr. Harvey.

23. Mrs. Fish still here, who seems a very uncommon woman.

24. The chair was got for Mrs. Fish, & then she did not want to go.

25. After dinner it was fair, so that Mrs. Fish went off in our chair to Heath's.

26. Two excellent sermons from Mr. Waddel, & to a great number of people. We were taken in the rain very near Dr. Robertson's, so we put in there & dined.

28. My wife not very well; has had a fever.

29. Thos. Tapley came to let me know that Jamey was taken with a fit, so I rode to the School-house immediately to see him. But blessed be God, he was much recovered. Mr. Waddel came in the chair for him, & we got him home.

30. Set out with Jamey about 8 o'clock, & got to Dr. Flood's about 12 o'clock. Dined with the Dr., & let him know I wanted his advice for Jamey. He told me if I would send on Saturday, he would make up some medicine for him.

July 3. Went with my family to meeting. The house was full; several stood without.

5. Writing letters to Whitehaven by the *Nelson*, Capt. Harrison.

6. Went with Mr. Waddell to the C. H. Store, as Currel's negroes were to be sold—they sold very well.

10. My wife & I went to Northumberland meeting—a very large congregation. The people much taken with Mr. Waddel's preaching.

13. Capt. Thomson, of London, came & got breakfast and dined with us, & then went to Urbana.

17. Two fine sermons on keeping the Sabbath. After we got home a negro came from Mr. Chichester to let us know that he & Nancy are very ill. My wife & Mr. Smith went with me.

18. Set off early in the morning, & went to Dr. Flood's. He gave me medicine for Mr. C., but none for Nancy.

21. After dinner taken with ague & fever.

22. Had no fever to-day.

23. Taken with an ague & then fever, so that I had a most disagreeable night.

24. Began to take Bark.

31. With my wife & family to meeting. A crowded house. Mr. Waddel has hearers enough.

August 1. Mr. Waddell very much discomposed & disordered.

7. Mr. W. preached two sermons to the greatest number of people I ever saw in the house.

14. My wife very unwell with the colic. Told Mr. Criswell that his dif. with Mr. W. has made disagreeable his boarding longer at our house, so he & his wife went to Thos. Carter's.

18. Had a long conversation with Mr. Criswell to-day.

21. Mr. Criswell & his wife have taken up their lodgings at Col. Selden's.

23. After dinner went with Mr. Chichester to the meeting-house to meet Mr. Waddel & Mr. Criswell, who appointed this day to talk their differences over before Thos. Carter & Col. Selden. After much debate they agreed to be friends. I think Mr. C. has very much exposed himself.

Aug. 25. This being the day the Govr. appointed for a day of Thanksgiving for the Peace, Mr. Waddell gave us a very affecting sermon, tho' very unwell.

26. This evening I had the comfort of receiving a letter from *Rev. George Whitefield*, who landed this day at Urbana.

27. Mr. Waddel & I set off in our boat for Urbana—got there about 10 o'clock. Mr. Whitefield & Mr. Wright, who came with him, readily agreed to come with us, so we got home about 2; very happy in the company of Mr. Whitefield.

28. Mr. Whitefield preached a most affecting sermon to a great number of people. My wife would venture out, tho' in such a condition. It pleased the Almighty Father to give her strength to return, but about six o'clock in the evening she was happily delivered of a son, a fine child.

30. My wife seems to recover; the child is very well.

31. Went with Mr. Whitefield to meeting, where we had a fine discourse to a crowded assembly. Col. Thorn & his wife & Mr. Healde came to hear him.

September 2. Sent for Col. Selden, & bought his chair & horse for £47.10 for Mr. Whitefield, who seems much pleased with them, & proposes setting off to-morrow.

3. Have been much fatigued with fitting out Mr. Whitefield. Mr. Wright being so unwell & it raining, they could not set off to-day. Indeed, it requires much time to fit them out.

4. Mr. Whitefield preached to a crowded house. Mr. W. was obliged to make the negroes go out to make room for the white people. Several, white & black, could not get room. We carried dinner with us, & dined in the old store-house, much to the satisfaction of Mr. Whitefield. They set off about 4 o'clock for Dr. Flood's, Mrs. Flood being at meeting.

Sept. 7. Mr. Chichester sent Adam, his carpenter, to help about the meeting house.

8. Mr. Lindsay is here from Mr. Wormley's.

10. Went to meeting, where we met Mr. Waddel, as Mr. Whitefield would not part from him so as to allow him to return before.

11. The Lord's Supper was administered to about 115 white & 85 black communicants.

12. Mr. Waddel much disordered. He went in the chair with me to the meeting-house, where we have workmen.

13. Mr. Waddel much better. This day our son Nathaniel was baptized by Mr. Waddel. No company but Mr. Chichester & Nancy, Molly Chichr., with Mr. Carter & their girls. O, may the Lord grant that he be a Nathaniel, indeed; the gift of God, & his name written in the Book of Life.

15. At home, writing letters to go by Capt. Scott, of Liverpool. Shipped 13 hhds. on board him.

16. Spoke about a school for Mr. Waddel. Bought Bell's land for £300.

18. Mr. Waddel & I went to the upper meeting, where he preached two fine sermons (see my notes of them). Jamey Gordon not well.

19. Much afflicted with the tooth-ache, or rather jaw-ache.

20. Mr. Waddel went with me round the land I bought of Charles Bell. We think it worth the money given for it.

21. Col. Conway very ill.

22. Went to visit Col. Conway; he seemed pleased to see me; stayed about an hour.

23. Rode to the lower plantation with my wife in the chair. Finished making cider; made 1500 gals.

25. Went to meeting with my wife & family. People very sickly; but few there.

26. Went to the examination of young people, where about 50 or 60 were examined, much to their improvement, & a sermon preached which greatly affected both young & old.

28. Went to the Ct. House Store, where four of Robt. Edmonds' negroes were sold, he having run away from his wife.

October 1. Mr. Waddel & Mr. Criswell set out for the Presbytery, Scipio with them.

2. Capt. Tapscott sent for me yesterday. Tarpley there; had much conversation with him on religion.

4. Col. Conway departed this life early this morning. In the eve'g Mr. Chichester went with me there. O Lord, my God, prepare us all for the great change that awaits us!

5. Went to see Mr. Dale Carter with my wife; found him very ill. My wife carried something for him, & he was better in the evening.

6. Mr. Dale Carter's negro came to tell us his master is very ill all night. My wife rose very early & went to see him. We called there as we went to Col. Conway's funeral, & found him better.

October 9. Scipio returned last night with Mr. Waddel's books from Mr. Todd's. We expect Mr. Waddel home next Friday. He was well when Scipio left him.

11. Mr. Mitchell cutting out the negroes' clothes.

16. Delightful discourse from Mr. Waddel.

18. At night taken with a pain in my foot, so that I got very little rest.

November 14. Dolphin, the horse the boy rode to meeting yesterday, died last night.

15. Richard, the old horse 22 years old, is dying. Great destruction among my horses this week—lost three of them.

16. This day old Greenwood died—one of the best horses I ever had.

17. Mr. Waddel has got 600 pds in bonds for the maintenance of a Presbyterian minister.

29. Got Col. Selden to make over a negro to the congregation.

✓ December 1. Mr. Waddel received a negro man, Toby, from Col. Selden.

18. Had a very instructive sermon.

19. Heard some reflections on Mr. Waddel. O, envy, envy, how it rages!

24. Went to meeting with my wife & family, & heard a fine discourse on love.

*Xmas. Sunday.* Mr. Boyd & his family, Miss Wilkinson from Maryland, & Mr. C. & family went with us to meeting, where Mr. Waddel administered the sacrament to about 130 black & white. O Lord, what are we that Thou shouldst be so mindful of us, in sending the Gospel to shine among us in such a remote part of our world. O Almighty God, give us grace by thy Holy Spirit to improve these delightful opportunities to thy glory & our salvation.

26. Mr. Waddel set off for the Committee in Hanover, where Mr. Rue was to be ordained, & Mr. Criswell came on his second trial.

31. Mr. Waddel got safe home to-day, blessed be the Lord for all his mercies to us this year. May our minds be more & more

engaged in his service, & begin this New Year with new hearts and sincere minds!

## NOTE.

The journal of Col. James Gordon, of Lancaster county, as published above, is from a copy made several years ago from the original, then in the possession of Miss Janetta Alexander, of Princeton, N. J., a great-granddaughter of Col. Gordon. The original manuscript was at one time in Staunton; and Mr. Joseph A. Waddell, a grandson of Rev. James Waddell, who married Col. Gordon's daughter, Mary, states that he remembers seeing the old volume many years ago in his father's house. From Miss Janetta Alexander's hands it passed into those of Dr. Henry C. Alexander, of Hampden-Sidney, Va., and after his death disappeared from view.

The copy, as published, is one made from another copy, which was made from yet another, belonging to Dr. Archibald A. E. Taylor, of Columbus, Ohio, a great-grandson of Col. Gordon. At the time of its first transcription, the manuscript journal, described as "written in a fine, bold hand," was said to be "now almost illegible from decay of the paper and fading of the ink." The copy as published is evidently a fragment; and the transcriber from the original speaks of it as containing "many omissions, in order to avoid repetition."

Recent investigations at Newry, County Down, Ireland, show that the immigrant brothers, Col. James Gordon, of Lancaster county, and John Gordon, of Urbanna, Middlesex county, were the two oldest of four sons of James Gordon, "of Sheepbridge and Lisduff, in the lordship of Newry," and his wife, Sarah Greenaway. This James Gordon, of Sheepbridge, was the second son of "James Gordon, of Sheepbridge, gent.," who "was granted a lease, held in fee-farm, of the half town land of Cloughenramer and the half town land of Derraboy from Nicholas Bagenal, Esq., on 28 Nov., 1692, which lease was confirmed by Robert Nedham, Jr., of Newry, Esq. (the heir-at-law of Nicholas Bagenal), on 22 March, 1731-'32, to his three sons, Robert, James and George Gordon, with the addition of the half town land of Lisduff and quarter town land of Carmeen."

The ancestor of the first James Gordon, of Sheepbridge is said by Mr. Philip Crossle, of Newry, a descendant (from whom the information above given is derived) to have come from Scotland to the North of Ireland probably at the time of the Ulster Plantation. Late researches in Galloway, Scotland, would, however, indicate the identity of the first James of Sheepbridge with James Gordon, the younger, of Craichlaw, in Wigtonshire, who was condemned to death and his estates forfeited "as a Presbyterian," in 1689. The Craichlaw Gordons were a cadet branch of the Galloway house of Gordon, of Lochinvar. The first James Gordon, of Sheepbridge, married Jane Campbell, "eldest daughter of Robert Campbell, of Ravarra, near Belfast, of the family of Sasneck and house of Strahor, and his wife, Jane Wallace, descended from the same family as the celebrated William Wallace, the hero of Scotland."

The crest and arms preserved on the family silver of Col. James Gordon, of Lancaster, in the possession of descendants, are those of the ancient Gordons of Huntly, and of the lesser branches of Leamoir, Knockespock, Hallhead and Esslemont.

The old Sheepbridge house is still standing; and the estate was up to the present year (1902) owned by Gordons who were descended from the first James, who settled there in 1692. The place has recently been sold to a Mr. Ormsby by the daughters of the late James Williams Gordon, Esq., with the death of whose only son, John Gordon, in 1891, the Sheepbridge branch of Gordons became extinct.

The descendants of the two immigrant brothers, however, are very numerous, and are to be found in many States of the American Union, especially in Virginia, Missouri and Ohio. In Virginia many of them have been men of prominence; and it is a noteworthy fact that, in nearly every constitutional convention, held in the commonwealth, descendants of the two brothers have appeared as representatives. James Gordon, of Lancaster, son of Col. James Gordon, of Lancaster (the "Jamey" of the journal), represented that county in the Convention of 1776; and was also a member of the Convention of 1788, in which his first cousin, James Gordon, of Orange, son of John Gordon, of Urbanna, was the colleague of Mr. Madison from Orange county. General William F. Gordon, of Albemarle, grandson of both brothers (his mother being the daughter of Col. James, and his father the son of John Gordon, of Urbanna), was a distinguished member of the Convention of 1829-'30. Hon. Joseph A. Waddell, of Staunton, a great-grandson of the older of the two immigrants, represented Augusta county in the Convention of 1868; and in that of 1901-'02, recently adjourned, there were three descendants of the immigrant brothers, all three sprung from both, viz., Hon. Reuben Lindsay Gordon, of Louisa county; Hon. James Waddell Gordon, of Richmond city, and Judge William Gordon Robertson, of Roanoke.

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### SUSSEX COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS.

*(Continued from page 270, Vol. XI., No. 4.)*

19 Nov., 1764, Wm. Blunt & Martha Peete, dau. of Dr. Samuel Peete.

5 Oct., 1762, John Raines & Amy Mitchell, widow. Sec. Nathaniel Mitchell.

24 May, 1762, William Briggs & Mary Cooke, dau. of Reuben Cooke. Sec. Hinchea Gilliam.

20 May, 1762, John Moore and Mary Smith, dau. of Edward Smith. Sec. Wm. Hamlin.

5 May, 1762, Michael Nicholson & Mildred Cheeseman, daughter of George Cheeseman, dec. Sec., Thos. Young. Letter of John Lamb that Mildred is of age.