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412/ aus 24^{ten} January. bis Dienstag den 31^{ten} January.
 Aus diesem Journal. Außzug. Wirt. Versammlung, fast
 den wir vornehmlich Briefe von Hon^{ble} Clement Martin
 Esq. einem Gliede des Königl. Council in Savannah,
 und Signallum General von Abercorn. Es sprach sich
 von dem Contest, der in dieser Zeit zu stehen kam, und
 die Colonien absperrte. Es sprach sich über die
 mannte für und da ein Signum exclamandi, weil wir
 politische Briefe aus der grossen Welt unbekant sind.
 Freytag, den 3^{ten} Febr. sehr wohlhabender Brief.
 Wirt, datirt 3¹/₂ Uhr. Briefe von fante, adressir-
 te selbst an Dr. Grosse. Gf. Grosse. Liegenhagen.
 Versammlung Briefe von ein paar alten ausländischen Offi-
 ciären, und Standesherren. Gleichwohl grossen Theil Grosse,
 verheißt und ergötzt den mit guten Gesetzen, bekräftigt auf
 ein Beispiel von Esq. M. aus Savannah. Abdruck
 ebenfalls Gesprochen mit Gf. P. Rabenhorst.
 Freytag, den 4^{ten} Februar. einander mit, in der
 von der ganzen Vornehmheit, mit Gf. Martin, einem Gliede

413/ am Council bekannt worden, welches willkürlich in
 jährl. Wort wegen Veränderung der Grants über die
 Jerusalems Kirche und andere Dingen; hing drüber,
 zu einer Remonstrance an Sr. Excell. den H.
 Gouverneur und Honorab^l Council zu componiren,
 weil man sich in E. E. keine Notarien, zu solchen Geschäften
 hat, und in Savanna Guineas gehalten worden, von der
 Dicht, gehalten was schreiben sollen, und es auftrug, man
 sorgfältig, weil die Herren in dem warmen Climate der Dicht
 etwa nur 3 Stunden zum Kopfschreiben aushalten können
 und die übrige Zeit zur Recreation nöthig haben, und
 weil man die zu alten Mühen mit zu viel zu setzen mußte.

Es folgt nach dem Extract aus dem Grant über
 die Jerusalems Kirche, wie folgt in diesem Journal zu lesen
 oben an, und folgende sich folgt:

May it please His Majesty's Excellent
 and Hon^{ble} Representatives, the Gov. and Council,
 condescendingly to consider the following most humble
 Observations:

1) The inestimable Constitution of the British

414/ Empire has established one church and allows in his Majesty's Dominions Liberty of Conscience and free Exercise of protestant Religion. And the Church of England being catholic Spirited and indulgent, has never yet forced or pressed any protestant Denomination into her Jurisdiction.

2/ This indulging Toleration animated many thousands frugal and industrious Germans to leave their native Country to settle and improve the North and South American Provinces.

3/ Anno Domini 1732-33. a Number of Saltzburghers and German Protestants were invited by the Hon^{ble} Trustees of Georgia for moving to Georgia, and received Assurance under Hand and Seal, to enjoy Liberty of Conscience and the free Exercise of their protestant Lutheran Religion according to the Articles of the Augustan Confession, Use, Rites and Cerimonies.

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415) 4) The Hon^{ble} Society in London for promoting Christian Knowledge, was pleased to call and send two German Ministers of the aforesaid Augustan Confession and Liturgy along with the said Colony, and stipulated or covenanted to grant a yearly support for maintaining the said Lutheran Ministers and their Successors, which the said Venerable Society has faithfully performed to this very Day.

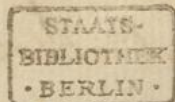
5) After the said Congregation had cleared some Land with unspeakable Labours and Hardships, they began to build a small Town, called Eben Ezer, and were supplied with collections of charitable Gifts and Rites from Germany and London amounting to several large Sums of Money and Goods, and enjoyed the free Exercise of their Protestant Religion uninterrupted.

6) In the year of our Lord 1767-68. the Congregation built a House of Worship for divine Service according to their Augustan Confession Rites,

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416 and ceremonies in Eben Ezer Town, by their own contributions and Rites, but falling short, they made Application to their former Benefactors in Germany and London and received about 300 £. Sterling towards the said Building.

7/ When all was done an Elder of our Congregation, Mr. John Wertsch, did humbly petition His Majesty's Excellent Representative for a Grant. And to the Astonishment and Grief of the Congregation, we find a Mistake in the said Grant, because our House of Worship and Lotts in Eben Ezer Town are granted to the Jurisdiction of the Church of Engelans for her Rites, Ceremonies, Use and Benefit etc. which creates Disharmony and unhappy Disputes in our Congregation, and may terrify thousands of our fellow-german Protestants, His Majesty's North American loyal Subjects indeed, who are of the same Profession, if they should hear of it.

417/8) More over, it may perhaps hurt the Interest of his Majesty's American Provinces, which are to be peopled and cultivated yet, if a Report should spread, that a free Exercise of protestant Religion were abridged.



9) At least it may break our Congregation, in case the Error could not be rectified. for the Salary of the two Ministers ariseth from a Legacy or Fund, lodged into the Hands of the Hon^{ble} Society in London for promoting Christian Knowledge, and the yearly Interest thereof is devised for two Ministers, officiating in the Congregation in and about Eben Ezer according to the Augustan Confession and Liturgy; and to none other Intent and Purpose whatsoever. The Members of the Congregation would require their contributions given towards the Building, back, and the Founders and Benefactors in Augspurg and London etc. have it in their Power to recover their Sums of Money they have laid out

418/ for the Rise and Progress of the Lutheran Congregation in and about Eben Ezer in Georgia, by Obligations, lodged in their Hands.

Your Excellency's most humble and most obedient Servant is a friend and Admirer of the established Church and acquainted with the Hon^{ble} Societies in London, and of most humble Opinion, that both Societies yea even His Majesty Himself may in gracious fondescension wish to see this little Spark extinguished and the Matter redressed for many good reasons by

Eben Ezer.
Januar. 31th
1773.

Your Excellency's innate Wisdom and Rectitude which imploreth: H. M. B.

by Appointment and Order of the Representatives of the German protestant Lutheran Congregation in and about Eben Ezer most humble Petitioner.

Memorandum: The Lotts and Buildings in Eben Ezer were intended and improved for the only Use, Benefit, and behoof of the protestant Lutheran Congregation in and about Eben Ezer according to the Augustan Con-

