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Extract of a Letter from Mr. John Martin Boltje, to Mr.
Newman.

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Most Honour'd Sir, The contents of Your Letter, which we received in Dover from Your own Hand, gave us singular Evidences of Your Favour for us: therefore I hope surely, that You will accept this humble Letter, as a Testimony of our Gratitude for your beloved Tidings, and that You may— favourably overlook the Faults, which I commit in Writing the first Time in Your English Tongue. By the Blessings of God we are arriv'd on the coast of Charles-Town the 1.th of March, where our Ship rid at Anchor, till a Boat came to— bring us for Georgia. After we were gone with the Captain, and a few other Persons in a Boat to Charles-Town, we had the great Honour to wait upon James Oglethorpe Esq^r and to dine in the House of the Lord Governour. Mr. Oglethorpe received us kindly, and sent to the People in the Ship some fresh Water, Meat, good Wine, and Garden-Fruits, to refresh them with these Benefits after the hard Salt-Provisions. What God by this brought is inexpressible. We departed from thence the 9.th March, and arriv'd the 11.th Ditto at Savannah in Georgia. In this Place was pitched a Tent, and having received here much Benefits by the fatherly Care of our Governour Mr. Oglethorpe. We took a Journey to the Country designed for us, for which we have longed a great while. All our fellow-Travellers were very glad to see the green and fruitful Tracts of Land on the Right and Left Sides of the River, and especially the Salthury People have a great Desire to labour earnestly, and hope by the Blessing of God a Happy Success, and tho' our Voyage was attended with much Trouble, never the less this Voyage was of a great Advantage, and we have much Reason to magnify Gods Goodness, that he shew'd both to our Souls and Bodies. A few of them were Sick, because they were not used to eat Ship-Victuals, and the great Motion of the Sea, but their Health was restored in a short Time, inasmuch that they all live, and are very well at this Time. Even as these Persons have received from us at other Times a good Testimony of their true Piety and Christian Vertues, so I shew You, that we can report the same of them at present; for they have much Delight both to hear the Holy Word of God, and to exercise with all their Heart, that which God demands from Men in his Holy Scriptures taking this good People they will shew themselves not only Labourers but good Christians also all their Life Time. And after this Way shall it come to pass that they may adorn the Doctrine of Christ, and set a good Example to Dwellers in the same Place, or in the Neighbourhood. Many among them are Desirous in Reading, because they have wanted good Instructions in the Land of Salthury, but for the Love of Gods Word they give their utmost Application to learn it, and we will help them therein with all our Power. Very few are Stock'd with Bibles and Psalm-books, after which they have a hearty Desire. And if our Stewards continue (as we surely hope) to— walk before God, so he shall perform his dear Promise being in his Holy Word, especially Lev. 26. and You and all our Benefactors shall receive much Matter to glorify the

the gracious God, and take Reward for all Your Goodness presented to us. I close—
this up with my heartiest and best Wishes, and remain with the greatest Respect,
Most Honour'd Sir, Your most addicted Servant John Martin Saltburg.

Savannah in Georgia. March 22. 1734.

My beloved Colleague Mr. Gronau presents his respects to You. 85

31 Extract out of a Letter from Mr. Newman To the Rev. Mr. Birn-
Ulspengen. Dated Switzer's Buildings 25.th June 1734.

I cannot but congratulate You on the safe Arrival of the Saltburgers in Georgia and doubt not but the kind Reception they have met with will dispose some of those who have refused the Invitation formerly given them to wish themselves with them, and had they gone when they were invited, and People's Zeal for assisting them was warm, there is Reason to believe there would not have been wanting such Assistance from the Charity of Persons in this Kingdom, as would have enabled the Society to have defrayed the Expence of their Voyage to Georgia. The Society made no Doubt but that the same Spirit of Persecution subsists in the North Sea, and his Clergy, but as the Instances of Persons that have lately left their Country on that Account are grown rare the Society have not been furnished with Materials to set out a Third Narrative of the Sufferings of the Saltburgers, in Order to excite a new Warmth of Charity for them, which hath been much abated by the refusal of the Saltburgers to go, and by not hearing of any ~~the~~ Number of Protestants disposed to come out. And the Collections made by the Society are already so much exhausted in Transporting the small Number already sent to Georgia, together with the Allowance made to the Minister, Catechist, and Schoolmaster, that they dare not undertake for sending any more. This is not only the loss of ~~the~~ Society, but the Trustees for Georgia, on whose Assistance the Society very much relied, have been so much drained by the necessary Expence for supporting their Colony, during the first Year of the Settlement, that the Society are informed the like Assistance, as was given in the Transport of Saltburgers already gone, is not to be expected from them for the future. It is therefore recommended to You, to be as frugal as You can in managing the Remainder of the Saltburg Cash, You have in Your Hands.

Extract out of another Letter Dated the 2. July 1734.

My last was of the 25.th of June, since which I have the Favour of Yours of the 1.st Court. Mr. and this Day laid the same before the Society, upon reading which they were led to consider the Contents of their last Letter, particularly the Paragraph containing these Words, Viz. "That the Society are already so much exhausted in Transporting the small Number of Saltburgers already sent to Georgia, together with the Allowance made to the Minister, Catechist and Schoolmaster, that they dare not undertake for sending any more." I am now ordered to desire You would understand the Society to mean, that Their Assistance can't be given to any more at present; but if those few Saltburgers, who were disabled from attending the last Transport to Georgia remain still at Augsburg the Society don't at all mean to exclude them the Benefit of following their Friends thither if they are so inclined.