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so sehr gestritten, und ich in der größten Ob-
 schütte im Untergang der Welt. Ich zog einen Tyneus
 aus der Dischke, der in einem neuen Talar-
 gürtel No. 71 der Zeit ist mein Lust-Platz: 27, 1,
 5, 13, 14. H. P. Voigt hielt für Gottes-Dienst,
 conferirte zuvor mit mir und bestimmte 9: 9 früh
 über 4 Wochen das Zeit-Obsequium für zu halten.
 Unsern Kindern die Erziehung war nicht anders, weil
 die Mutter mit schwachen und körperlich Kindern
 zu warten, pflegen und zu erziehen, und
 das junge Volk überseht noch zu sein, und
 mehr auf die Forderungen des Morgens, als der
 Nacht ruht. Daher zu uns o. Zeit, so werden
 wir bedacht: Zeit uns Zeit, so ist uns gefolgt.

Oster Montag d. 21 Apr. da in östlicher Got-
 tes-Dienst für. Die Mitternacht gelinder wie gestern.
 Unsern Kindern und Jüngern bleiben noch bei uns,
 und der Kürzten die Zeit mit Arbeit und Singen-
 und nützlicher Conversation.

Sonntag d. 22 April: saßen unsern An-
 gesessenen wieder beim. Weil nun, wie es scheint,
 die Tür zur Correspondence zwischen Gr. Brit. und
 Nord America wieder eröffnet worden, so schrieb

1783.

is in Worsand folgendm Brief zu Antworst an
 meine Mitschwester El. Johannes Swaine in Cork,
 Septm. 1775 meine 3te Tochter Maria gescheh-
 tal: " Honrd Father by Affinity and beloved

" Brother in Christ our Saviour:

" Your Favor, dated Novemb: 5th 1775 afforded
 " me and my Family real Comfort. For which we
 " return unfeigned and most humble Thanks to God
 " Almighty and to you. Being thereby convinced
 " of the young Man's Descent from Honest and Christi-
 " an Parents, engrafted into Christ's Body by Holy
 " Baptism and made a Member of the Church, educa-
 " ted a Protestant and fitted to be, or become a useful
 " Branche of human Society, we can more proper-
 " ly and intimately join Heart and Hand. For Fear
 " lest the young Couple might be drawn into bad
 " Company, I advised and sent them to mine oldest
 " Son in Virginia, where they stayed about one Year
 " and six Months. During which Time I allowed
 " them a small Portion for the most necessary House fur-
 " niture. In the Month of July 1776 I left Philadelphi:

" and moved with my sickly Wife in the Country,
" because the political Contest and deplorable
" Dispute betwixt them so called Mother and
" Children grew so hot, that I could hardly abide
" any longer in the City, besides being near 70
" years old, worn out by Fatigues, Travels and
" Labours and not inclined to meddle with poli-
" tical Affairs and Disputes, but rather to keep
" within the Bounds of the Gospel Rules, which
" require of us to Love and fear God above all, to
" believe in His only Son our Lord, to love our
" fellow-Creatures as ourselves and to be sub-
" ject to the higher Power for the Time being.

" In the Spring 1777 the young Couple came
" unto us from Virginia and lived some time with
" us. His honest Trade he could not set up, because
" no Materials nor Tools could be obtained
" in these distressful Times of War. They re-
" solved to begin a small Traffick, which requi-
" red some Money. Divine Providence order'd it
" so, that we could procure and advance them some,
" where they began with. After this, one of my Sons
" found out a Place to be let for two years,

" suitable for Shop Keeping where they moved unto
 " and seemed to prosper for the Time being. Hoping
 " to prosper more by Whole Sale in Philadelphia,
 " they moved down 1779. But finding the Trus-
 " sicks did not answer their Expectation, they re-
 " turned and harboured with us again. When
 " abiding with us in the same 1779 Year, our
 " Daughter was deliver'd with her first born Child,
 " a Son, on the 16th Day of Novemb; christen'd Nov-
 " 24th e.a. and named John George.
 " In the Spring 1780 they rented the Place again
 " where they lived before to keep Shop, ten Miles from
 " our Abode. In those calamitous Times and Circum-
 " stances of War, we are not sure of Property or Life.
 " In the Year of our Lord 1782 the Place where our Chil-
 " dren lived upon, was sold for 12 Hundred Pounds
 " and Mr. Swaine necessitated to look out for an
 " other one. Not far off there happen'd a small Place, con-
 " taining 25 Acres and tolerable Buildings, to be sold
 " for ready Money, amounting to almost 400 £. Our
 " Children being tired of the unprofitable Hiring and
 " Moving to and fro, and the Place seeking for a Store

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" Store or Shop, we borrowed the said Money upon
" Interest gave Security and bought the Place, whe-
" re our Children now live on since April 1782, in-
" dustrious and frugal and would fain keep a Store
" or Shop for an honest Maintenance, if they could
" be supported by their beloved Parents at home,
" which I don't doubt, considering the innate pa-
" rental tender Love towards the Wellfare of their
" Children, and the Kind Promise in your benevo-
" lent Letter d d 5 Novemb. 1775. And according to
" your Request Dear Sir, I communicated out of the
" same Verbatim your Fatherly and Motherly Salu-
" tations and Blessings to the young Couple, which
" they received with due sense of Gratitude and Re-
" turn of humble Thanks. And since the Cessation of
" Hostility between Great Britain and America is pro-
" claimed and the inestimable Blessing of Peace
" at hand, I hope a comfortable Correspondence may
" ensue. I have twice acknowledged your Worthy Let-
" ter of Novemb. 1775, but suppose none is come to hand.
" Take therefore this first Opportunity to enquire, who
" soever of our new Relation and Kindred may be
" alive yet? Dear and beloved Brother and Sister,

" tho' I and my sickly Consort may not have the
 " Pleasure and Satisfaction to see and embrace You
 " and your Worthy Relation by Face, on this Side
 " Eternity, because we are nigh at our Life's End, yet
 " do I hope we shall see and converse with one an
 " other in a better World, where our Ever blest
 " Saviour has purchased and prepared many Man-
 " sions for all them that by the Operations of the Holy
 " Spirit thro' his Word and Ordinances believe in Him,
 walks on the narrow Way of Life and remain faithful to
 " the End of Life. This will infinitely overballance
 " all our Afflictions we meet with in our present
 " State of Tryal and Probation. Mean while beplea-
 " sed to accept our sincere Greeting in Testimony of
 " Love and permit us to be and remain your affec-
 " tionate humble Friends: H. M. Sen: M.
 " P.S. please to present our Regard and Love to Un-
 " cle and Aunt Chester, to Uncle and Aunt Swaine,
 " to Aunt Rhern and Cousin James with all Mr.
 " Garret's Family as many of them, as are living yet.
 " And if the Worthy and Rev^d Dr. Hales should be
 " alive yet, be pleased to present Him my hearty Compliments.