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Biographical/Historical Information

George Bogle (d. 1784) a merchant of Glasgow, Scotland, his brother Matthew and sons Robert (d. 1786) and John Bogle (d. 1802) were partners in the firm Bogle and Scott of Glasgow, Scotland, and Falmouth, Virginia. In the 1770's the firm also had a London office.

Scope and Content Information

This group of correspondence includes only extracts of the papers selected by Francis L. Berkeley Jr. in 1954 from over 100 vols. housed in the Mitchell Library, Glasgow. The letters relate to the Glasgow-Virginia tobacco trade and cover the period before and during the Revolutionary War.

Included are portions of two outgoing letter books of George Bogle for the period 1725-1730 and 1729-1742. Correspondents include John Carstairs, Newman Brockenbrough, William Dunlop, Samuel Bowman, Arthur Hamilton, and John Graves. Also included are seven pages of extracts from the journal of J. Brown, 1766-1777, containing comments on the Stamp Act crisis, terms of a contract with Bogle and others, and an account of the collapse of the firm of Buchanan, Hastie and Company.

Also included are letters, 1731-1732, from Matthew Bogle in Virginia describing the dissatisfaction of Virginia planters with the new law requiring inspection of tobacco at state warehouses. A typescript memorandum on the Bogle family manuscripts and a list of other manuscripts in this group of papers, both compiled by Francis L. Berkeley in 1954, are filed with the correspondence.

Arrangement

I. Description of selected manuscripts from Glasgow, Scotland. II. Letterbook, 1725-1730. III. Letterbook, 1729-1742. IV. Letters, 1696-1781. V. Journal abstracts of J. Brown (1766-1777).