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Bibliography

Eley, Susan Robert Carter letterbook, 1764- 1768. 1962.

Biographical/Historical Information

Resident of Nomini Hall, Westmoreland County, Virginia; Williamsburg, Virginia; and Baltimore, Maryland. Carter was made a member of the Governor's Council in 1764. He was married to Frances Anne Tasker, youngest daughter of Benjamin Tasker of Maryland.

Scope and Content Information

Letterbooks of Robert Carter III (1728-1804) of Nomini Hall, Williamsburg, Va. and Baltimore, Md., containing copies of letters to merchants in London, Glasgow, Leghorn, Madeira, New York City, and Philadelphia, ordering a great variety of goods for his family, slaves, and plantations, and transacting other financial business. Also, letters regarding the estates of Lt. Gov. Francis Fauquier (1703-1768) and Benjamin Tasker of Maryland, Carter's father-in-law; and letters on various subjects to relatives, overseers, and others.

Prominent recipients of the letters include Sir Jeffery Amherst, Samuel Athawes, Cary & Co., Col. Charles Carter, Landon Carter, Daniel Dulany, Capel and Osgood Hanbury, Pringle, Cheap & Co., Edward Ransdell, and John Ridout.

Index Terms

Persons:

Carter, Robert, 1728-1804.

Amherst, Jeffrey Amherst, Baron, 1717-1797.

Athawes, Samuel.

Carter, Charles, 1732-1806.

Carter, Landon, 1710- 1778.

Dulany, Daniel, 1722-1797.

Fauquier, Francis, 1704?-1768.

Ransdell, Edward.

Ridout, John.

Tasker, Benjamin, 1690-1798.

Subjects:

Merchants-- Great Britain--History--18th century.

Merchants--Virginia--History--18th century.

Plantation life-- Virginia-- History--18th century.

Slavery--Virginia--History--18th century.

Corporate Names:

Cary & Co.

Capel and Osgood Hanbury (Firm).

Pringle, Cheap & Co.

Geographical Names:

Nomini Hall (Va.)

Virginia--Economic conditions--18th century.

Virginia--Social life and customs--To 1775.

Virginia--Politics and government--To 1775.

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