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Bibliography

Cappon, Lester, J., ed. Correspondence of Alexander Spotswood with John Spotswood of Edinburgh. *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, 1952: 211-240.

Biographical/Historical Information

Alexander Spotswood (1676-1740) was a lieutenant in the British Army, and later lieutenant governor of Virginia, 1710-1722.

Scope and Content Information

Personal correspondence of Alexander Spotswood. The bulk of the correspondence is between Spotswood and his cousin, John Spotswood (1666-1728) of Edinburgh, concerning the Spotswood family, the lieutenant governor's character, his career in the British army and ambitions before becoming lieutenant governor, and political and social conditions in Virginia. These letters are practically the only source of information on Spotswood's early life.

Included in the correspondence is a copy of a letter, 1646, from Sir Robert Spotswood (1596-1646) to his children stating their names and dates of birth; also, a letter, January 4, 1646, from Sir Robert Spotswood to the Laird of Bogir and Mr. Robert Berrsay; a letter, 1744, from the Rev. Robert Rose, a close friend of the governor's and later one of his executors, to Andrew Anderson containing a biographical sketch of Spotswood; a rough draft of a letter, 1746, from John Spotswood, Jr., to Rose, with a genealogy of the Spotswood family; and a British army commission to Maj. George Spotswood, 1830.

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Cocke, William, 1672-1720.
Gooch, William, Sir, 1681-1751.
Kerr, Alexander, d. 1737.
Robertson, William, d. 1739.
Rose, Robert, 1704-1751.
Spotswood, John, 1667-1728.
Spotswood, Alexander, 1676-1740.
Spotswood, George.
Spotswood, John, b. 1711.
Spotswood, Robert, Sir, 1596- 1646.
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Genre and Form Terms:

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