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Byrd, William, 1674-1744

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Biographical/Historical Information

William Byrd II born at Westover Plantation in Charles City County, Virginia, and educated at Felsted School, England, for the law. He was a member of the King's Counsel for 37 years. He returned to the Colony following his schooling in England, lived on his plantation, Westover Plantation. He was the founder of Richmond and provided the land where the city was laid out in 1737.

Scope and Content

Letter from William Byrd II in London to his brother-in-law John Custis in Virginia. Byrd hopes Custis is recovering well. Most of the discussion focuses on reports Byrd has received of destruction to tobacco crops due to hail and rain. Congratulates Custis on being a favorite at court.

Index Terms

Persons:

Byrd, William, 1674-1744

Custis, John, 1678-1749

Subjects:

Tobacco-Virginia-Charles City County

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