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CH.1/1/22. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts,
1708-1711.

Unnumbered 1711 May 23.

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Act anent students (and others) going abroad from the Church of Scotland and taking upon themselves to preach the gospel though either deposed for scandals or never having been licensed. For the future, they must have sufficient testimonials, and this act is to be advertised abroad.

Note (A presumed 1709 letter and petition from James Couatts and members of a Presbyterian congregation in, and a congregation near, Newcastle, Pa., were not found in this volume of minutes, though expected. See CH.1/2/28/4. Presumably the petitions and letter were stillborn in their result, and were never brought to the attention to the General Assembly in its annual session.)

CH.1/1/24. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts,
1712-1715.

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1714 May 17.

Collection to be taken to assist the Presbyterians in Newcastle, Mr. David Lewis, minister, to help them build a meeting house and buy a burial place. Refers to a recommendation of the Assembly in 17__ (blank), concerning the collection. (This entry probably relates to Newcastle in England, from which an appeal had come in 1709, and not to Newcastle, Pa., whose minister was John Wilson in 1705/6.)

CH.1/1/29. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts,
1720-1725.

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p.406-412.

1724 May 16.

Petition of Dr. John Nichol on behalf of the Presbyterian congregation in the city of New York who need assistance in erecting a church in the city where the Church of England, the Dutch, the French, Lutherans, Anabaptists, Quakers, and Jews all have a place of public worship, but not the Presbyterians. Act of the General Assembly authorizing a collection to be taken throughout Scotland for the relief of the New York congregation. Gives some history of the congregation (who have a Scots minister, James Anderson, ordained to them by the Presbytery of Long Island) and their church-building effort.

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1725 May 17.

Letter of thanks received from the Scots Presbyterian congregation in New York. Further collections on their behalf ordered to be sent to Mr. John Martine of Airies, collector for the fund, as soon as possible.

CH.1/1/31. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts,
1726-1729.

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p.581-584.

1729 May 16.

Report about Burness and the collection for New York approved. Includes the text of the report, the original of which is in CH.1/2/59 (q.v. for an abstract).

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CH.1/1 ContinuedCH.1/1/33. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1730-1734.

- p.146 1731 May 8.
p.155-166. Report on the collection to build a Presbyterian church in New York. Cites letters from: John Nichol (30 June 1730) and from Ebenezer Pemberton enclosing a deed vesting the New York property in Scottish trustees. Cost of church, £999/4/4, N.Y. currency. The deed is rehearsed on p.158-166.
- p.430 1733 May 12.
p.437-438. (From the report of the Committee Upon the Commission Book.) Summary of a decret against Dr. Alexander Martin, son of John Martin, deceased, late collector of various charitable funds of the Church of Scotland. Includes a finding that the estate of Martin owes £42/12/8 $\frac{1}{2}$ sterl. to the account for erecting a Presbyterian church in the city of New York. Decret obtained from the Baillies of Edinburgh (presumably in the burgh court), adjudicated by the Lords of Council and Session (i.e., in the Court of Session) on 6 Dec 1732, and the abbreviate recorded in the Bill Chamber 3 Jan 1733. Since Dr. John Nichol had to pay off the balance of the building costs in New York, an effort will be made to bring deficient collectors to account so that the outstanding monies contributed can be brought together and remitted to him.
- p.445-451. (Same sederunt.) Order of the General Assembly to convey the New York property in trust to the congregation there. Includes the text of the deed.

Note (An entry at page 607-608, recommendation from the Committee for Revising the Commission Book that the Assembly renew its recommendation to presbyteries to deal with deficient parishes who have not brought in their collections, IS NOT BEING COPIED.)

CH.1/1/35. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1735-1738.

- p.91 1735 May 19.
p.92-93. Receipt of a letter from Caspar Stover, Michael Smith, and Michael Hold on behalf of the German Lutheran congregation in Orange County (formerly Spottsylvania), Virginia. The congregation of about 200 has been settled on the very borders of the mountain range as a buffer against the Indians since 1717. Two years ago they finally got a German Lutheran minister, but are too poor to support the minister and build a church, school, and manse. Facts attested by Lt. Gov. Gooch of Virginia. The General Assembly recommends a charitable collection for them throughout Scotland.
- p.117 1735 May 20.
p.128. Receipt of letter from Jonathan Dickson, moderator of the Presbytery of New Jersey (rubric says New York) craving that Dr. Nichol may be reimbursed for his payments on the building of the Presbyterian church in New York.
- p.211-218. 1736 May 19.
Act of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland recommending a collection be taken for the SSPCK on behalf of educating a vast multitude of poor scholars and the conversion of the poor Heathen nation on the borders of New England. Notices that the SSPCK has three missionaries to the Indians, and a fourth to "the natives of Georgia" who also has care of the souls of the Highlanders in that colony.

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Note (an entry of 21 May 1736 at page 253 noticing that money collected for the Protestant colony in Virginia may be paid over to Alexander Arbuthnot of Knox, merchant in Edinburgh (pending the completion of the collection and its delivery to representatives of the Lutheran congregation, of course), IS NOT BEING COPIED.)

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1737 May 18.

Receipt of letter from Ebenezer Pemberton, minister of the New York congregation, acknowledging the generous charity of the Church of Scotland, and asking that Dr. Nichol be reimbursed. Referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

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p.434-435.

1737 May 24.

Report on the standing of the collection for New York, noting that some expenses of building the Presbyterian church there were borne by Dr. Nichol who "is thereby much out of Pocket."

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p.549-552.

1738 May 23.

(The Committee on Public Accounts report) letter from Dr. Nichol proposing that the Scottish holders of the deed for the New York property make it back over to him. Since he is obviously not going to be reimbursed out of the money collected for building that church, he could recover what is due him by selling seats or pews in the church. Consideration of conveying a right in the seats and pews, but deed is not to be made over to Nichol.

The sum of £21/5/6 sterl. collected for the Lutherans in Virginia has never been called for. The committee recommends the money be given to the SSPCK.

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CH.1/1/40. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1739-1742.

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1739 May 17.

New York congregation agrees to conform to the recommendation of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in means to reimburse Dr. Nichol for his expenditures on the church.

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p.123-126.

1739 May 22.

Report on New York by the Committee of Public Accounts. Statement of 1727 says £466/3/6 sterl. collected in Scotland; £401/2/6 remitted to Dr. Nichol; a balance of £49/12/8 (one-third in sterling). When seals were broken on 18 Apr 1727 after Martin's death, another £15/8/3½ found and paid over to Nichol Spence, agent to the Church of Scotland, receipt for which is in custody of the Town Clerk of Edinburgh. Suit brought by Nichol Spence to recover the £49/12/8, etc., sometime after which £139/15/2 Scots (£11/12/1 11/12ths sterl.) were delivered to Spence, 19 May 1738. Nichol Spence has paid out all funds of the collection received by him as directed by the orders of Dr. John Nichol. Order that any outstanding funds belonging to the collection be got in.

p.255-264. 1740 May 19.

An overture about probationers, gathering together all acts of the General Assembly concerning trials, examinations, and licensing of probationers to preach, passed between 1638 and 1736. (Note: Repetition at p.541-550, 17 May 1742, IS NOT BEING COPIED.)

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p.272-273. 1740 May 19 (date from p.255).

From the report of the Committee on Public Accounts. The latest correspondence on the New York property. Also, Nichol Spence has received an order in London for the money collected for the Virginia Lutherans; it was paid over to the SSPCK, and it should be retrieved and sent on to Virginia.

CH.1/1/45. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1746-1749.

Note (No entries relating to America were noted in the volume of minutes and acts for 1743-1745, CH.1/1/43.)

p.225 1747 May 18.

p.248-251. Recommendation for a Collection by the SSPCK, calling attention to its various works, including 136 schools (in the Highlands and Islands) with 5600 scholars, 2 missionary ministers and an interpreter to the Indians on the borders of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, etc.

CH.1/1/48. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1750-1753.

p.373 1752 May 21.

p.375-376. Report of Committee for Bills on the petition of David Thompson, minister of the English Reformed Church at Amsterdam in behalf of the German Protestant Churches settled in Pennsylvania and North America praying a collection be authorized to the end that clergy and schoolmasters may be supplied them.

p.380 1752 May 22.

p.384-389. Act on behalf of the 30,000 members of the 46 German Protestants scattered throughout the British colonies in America (names of colonies in which located, not specified). Money collected on their behalf to be paid over to James Mansfield and William Hogg, merchants in Edinburgh.

p.398 1752 May 23.

p.400. Committee to draft replies to the letters from the Deputies of the Provincial Synod of Holland, the Presbytery of Amsterdam, and the Consistory of the English Church at Amsterdam on behalf of the German Protestants in North America.

p.414 1752 May 25.

p.442. Petition from the College of New Jersey received in General Assembly and referred to the Commissioners of the Church.

p.543-545. 1753 Jun 4.

Order that monies collected in Scotland for Pennsylvania be transmitted to the Rev. Mr. Chandler in London, acting for the Society of Trustees for the Management of the Charity for the Protestants in Pennsylvania.

CH.1/1/51. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1754-1757.

p.41 1754 May 27.

p.42. Petitions for College of New Jersey from governors of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, associated pastors in New England, and Synod of New York, asking for a collection of money.

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- p.56-57 1754 May 30.
Report from the Committee to Correspond with Dr. Chandler et al in London concerning the money for the German Protestants in Pennsylvania (£11/0/9/11 sterl. collected in Scotland). Letters to be drafted to the Synod of South Holland and Classis of Amsterdam.
- p.57-65 1754 May 31.
Proposed rules for the licensing of probationers, and ministers licensed in England and in foreign parts.
- p.65 1754 May 31.
p.67-71 Act for a general collection to raise an endowment for the College of New Jersey.
- p.234 1755 Jun 2.
p.239. Receipt of a publication entitled History of the Charitable Scheme for Instructing poor Germans in Pennsylvania printed by order of the trustees for the fund.
- p.240-241. Collections for Eymouth, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania ordered to be brought in.
- p.319 1756 May 29.
p.340. Letter of thanks received from the trustees of the College of New Jersey.
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- CH.1/1/54. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1758-1761.
- p.170 1759 May 29.
p.171-173. Report of Mr. David Thompson on his meeting with the deputies of the Synod of South and North Holland concerning schools and clergy for German Protestants in the British colonies in North America.
- p.297 1760 May 21.
p.298-299 Committee for Bills report on a representation from Mr. Charles Beatty, minister at Nishaminy, Pennsylvania, with a representation by the Corporation for the Relief of Distressed Presbyterian Ministers, their Widows & Orphans in the Province of Pennsylvania, and Newcastle & Sussex on Delaware, praying for a national collection in Scotland for their relief. Referred to a committee.
- p.322 1760 May 26.
p.357-361. Act for a collection for the relief of Presbyterians in Pennsylvania and Delaware, rehearsing the petition from there that refers to their suffering at the hands of the Indians.
- p.396 1761 Sep 3.
p.399-447. Report of the Visitors of the Highlands, &ca. Authorized so as to inform the Church of Scotland on conditions in that area of the country where the Church was weakest, the report describes the parishes in the Highlands and Islands so as to reflect the number of parishioners, extent of the parish, presence of papists, progress of teaching English to Gaelic speakers, and so forth.
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- CH. 1/1/55. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1762-1765.
- p. 76 1762 May 31.
- p. 79-82. Act for collecting a fund "for Spreading the Knowledge of the Gospel Among the North American Indians."
- p. 373 1764 Jun 1.
- p. 377-380 Letter of thanks from the Corporation of Philadelphia, dated 10 Feb 1763, acknowledging receipt of £128⁴/₄/₁₁ sterl. raised in Scotland for Presbyterians' relief in America.
- p. 387 1764 Jun 2.
- p. 391-393. Petition of the SSPCK asking that steps be taken to get in the rest of the collection authorized for the conversion of the American Indians.
- p. 572 1765 May 7.
- p. 590-628. Dr. Walker's Report Concerning the Highlands &c. Reports on those western areas not included in the 1761 report which dealt chiefly with the northern and northwestern Highlands: Kintyre, Islay, Jura & Colonsay, and so forth.
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- CH. 1/1/58. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1766-1768.
- p. 111 1766 May 30.
- p. 114-133. Memorial from the Presbyterian Church in New York (dated 18 Mar 1766) asking the General Assembly to use its influence at court to obtain an instruction to the Governor and Council of New York to issue a charter to the New York church. Sets forth the early history of the church there, the criminal prosecution against McKemie, and opinions on the effect of British laws in America touching religion. Referred to a committee.
- p. 134 1766 May 31.
- p. 146-147. Committee report in favor of granting the New York petition. Act appointing a committee to put into effect the intervention at court that has been requested from New York.
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- CH. 1/1/61. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1769-1771.
- p. 320 1770 May 29.
- p. 321-326. Letter from the moderator of the Synod of New York describing plans of the Synod of New York and Pennsylvania to open a European correspondence for the benefit of the churches in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and the Carolinas (all of which presumably are within the Synod of New York and Pennsylvania which is said to consist of 10 presbyteries and 127 ministers apart from about 200 vacancies) and setting forth the great need for Scottish ministers to come to America. Act to erect a standing committee of correspondence.
- p. 397 1770 Jun 4.
- p. 420-422. Answer to the letter from the Synod of New York and Philadelphia. Asks for specific information about the vacancies that could be filled by young Scottish ministers.
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CH.1/1 ContinuedCH.1/1/63. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1772-1775.

p.106-108. 1772 May 28.

Letter from the Synod of New York and Philadelphia (dated 21 May 1771) clarifying that the need in America is for voluntary emigration of clergy from Scotland rather than assignments of young ministers sight unseen to American vacancies. Referred to the standing committee.

p.115 1772 May 29.

p.126-135.

Dr. John Walker's report updating the 1761 and 1765 reports of the Visitors of the Highlands and Islands insofar as they concerned the western Highlands. The earlier reports revealed the situation, extent and state of the parishes and the number of inhabitants in them. This update concerns itself with the state of religion and the distribution of the Royal Bounty for Reforming the Highlands. No cognizance is taken of emigration from the Highlands; to the contrary, Dr. Walker states that he had not found material alterations needed to be made in the population, etc., as reported in 1765.

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CH.1/1/66. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1776-1778.

p.39-42. 1776 May 28.

Address to the king, expressing the Assembly's devotion to the House of Hanover (from whom their protestant blessings flow), and approving of HM's measures for dealing with the "present dangerous and unnatural Rebellion" in North America.

p.160-164. 1777 May 26.

Address to the king on the present situation of affairs in North America. The conduct of HM's subjects in the colonies astonishes the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and they offer their congratulations on the successes of HM's armies and fleets. The Church of Scotland will confirm Scotsmen "in Sentiments of Loyalty to their Sovereign."

p.278. Title page for the minutes of 1778 with a drawing of the seal adopted that year.

p.315 1778 May 23.

p.321-324.

Address to the king on the "unnatural and unprovoked Rebellion still subsisting in North America."

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CH.1/1/67. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts, 1779-1781.

p.30-31. 1779 May 22.

p.36-39.

Address to the king congratulating him on the birth of another prince and praying that God will go forth with HM's fleets and armies and help them defeat "the Rebellious Colonies in North America" and their allies, "the Natural Rivals and Enemies of Great Britain."

p.343 1781 May 25.

p.349-352.

Address to the king congratulating him on the birth of another prince and deploring the role of Holland in the war with America.

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CH.1/1/68. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Minutes and Acts,
1782-1784.

p.18 1782 May 23.

p.25. Motion to address the king, and recommendation that the ministers who are to pray at the Diet tomorrow "be particular in their Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the late Signal Success he has been pleased to Grant his Majesty's arms."

p.30 1782 May 25.

p.35-38. Address to the king hoping that the British victory in the West Indies will have a salutary effect; "the designs of Your Combined Enemies Against some of our most valuable Settlements have been in great measure defeated." Prays that "the Crown may descend with undiminished Splendour, thro' your illustrious Family, to the latest Generations." There are two versions of the address, one approved and the other not.

p.222 1783 May 24.

p.226-227. Address to the king on the peace coming "at the end of a War less successful than former wars have been."

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CH.1/2/24/1/2. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1704.

- f.110a, 111a. 1704 Apr 12. Letter, Congregation at Wando River, S.C., to Robert Sandalands, MG at Edinburgh (presumably for the Presbytery of Edinburgh), asking that a minister be sent to them in South Carolina. Signed by Johnson and Thos. Lynch; Abr., Joseph and Andw. Warnock; Thos King; and Thos. Moody.
- f.112a & b. (1704?) Draft reply (of Presbytery of Edinburgh) to the request for a minister from the Presbyterian congregation at Wando River, S.C.

CH.1/2/24/2/3. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1705.

- f.224a-225b. 1705 May 3. Ltr, Arch. Stobo, Charleston, S.C., to Presbytery of Edinburgh, referring to his last of March 1702/3 by the hands of James Kinloch, which sets forth the wishes of a "Body of people in a corner of this province cal'd Kinhigh very desirous of having a Presbyterian minister rather from Scotland than any where else that they may be under the inspection of that Church." Renews his endorsement of their request. Observes that part of his congregation lives "in the countrey to the Sutherland parts" and his having to divide his time between town and country exposes both congregations to being "given up to the erroneous principles of Anebaptism which hath been endeavored too too (sic) much to take footing in this place." Mentions the S.C. vestry act of December 1704 (saying that the S.C. Assembly is "commonly cal'd the Parliament") and discusses the implications of the act for his ministry in S.C.
- f.226-227b. 1705 Sep 10. Ltr, Arch. Stobo, Charleston, S.C., to the Presbytery of Edinburgh (per via Jamaica), noticing that the Kenhigh people had written to the Presbytery for a minister without Stobo's knowledge. Mentions divisions in the Charleston congregation and the overthrow of Stobo's plan to bring the church in S.C. within the rule of the Church of Scotland. Observes that the Kenhigh people have now written to Ireland for a minister, and now the part of Stobo's congregation to the Southward want to maintain a minister of their own, saying that they are as able as the Kenhigh people to support one. Mr. Boone, an Independent who is now in London, has written to his wife in Charleston to say he will bring a minister from London for the Southward congregation if they will contribute to his maintenance. Stobo assumes Boone would bring back an Independent minister, which would mean the loss of that heretofore Presbyterian congregation ("a people which will be taken up with every winde of doctrine, some taking exceptions agt. me upon accot. of countrie, others saying that it is an affront to their own nation for to send for ministers to Scotland..."). Stobo, his wife, and two children are in poor health, but hopes the cure of his own country will restore him.

CH.1/2/27/3. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1708.

- f.226a & b. 1707/8 Feb 4. Ltr, Archibald Stobo, Tubedoo, S.C., to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, acknowledging receipt of the Presbytery's letter of 10 July 1706. Of the three congregations settled by Stobo, two are furnished by two Irish young men of Scots education sent from the ministers of London. He is now waiting for three things before returning to Scotland: "peace, a supply to my people, and ability to transport my family."

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CH.1/2 ContinuedCH.1/2/28/4. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1709.

- f.388a & b. 1705/6 Feb 11. Petition of 20 persons (most of whom were "born and educated in Ireland under the ministry of Mr. William Traill, a Presbyterian minister formerly at Lisford") settled at and about Newcastle, Pennsylvania under the care of John Wilson, a Scotsman, asking for advice on how to secure for themselves a minister and a meetinghouse, they being unable on their own to secure either. Endorsed in the Committee for Bills of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on 19 Apr 1707.
- f.389a & b. 1709 (Endorsed). Petition, 20 persons as representatives of the Presbyterian congregation in the town of Newcastle, Pennsylvania, addressed to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland asking for assistance in completing the building of their church and in the maintenance of a minister.
- f.390a-391a. (1709?). Letter, James Coutts, to Right Reverend Sir, reinforcing the prayer of the petition from the congregation in Newcastle, Pa., of which Coutts is a member, and reminding the addressee of his promise to Coutts, when he was in Edinburgh with the petition, to use his influence on their behalf.
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CH.1/2/30/2. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1710.

- f.134a & b. 1710 Aug 14. Letter, John Henry, Maryland, to "Dear Cousin." Endorsed with a petition from John Henry and John Hampton to Robert Blair or Mr. Carstares, Presbytery of Edinburgh, complaining of James Fullerton who states that he was ordained by the Presbytery of Edinburgh. The writers doubt that this was the case, and make enquiries.
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CH.1/2/31. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1711.

- f.500a-501b. 1711 Jan 25. Draft of a letter, Presbytery of Edinburgh to (John Henry and John Hampton, Maryland), responding to their enquiry about James Fullerton. Mr. Fullerton had intimated to the Presbytery of Edinburgh on 14 Mar 1701 his design to go abroad, and he was at that time given a recommendation as a private Christian. He neither sought nor obtained, however, a warrant to preach the Gospel.
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CH.1/2/32/6. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1712.

- f.531a & b. 1712 Sep 9. COPY, Letter, Jonth. Drake, Jon. Hearne, Tho. Wasbury, and Jos. Clare, S. Carolina, To the Revrend Who May Except of this our Call. An open letter soliciting a minister for an unnamed S.C. congregation, noting that the signers have made application to the Presbytery of Edinburgh.
- f.532a & b- 1712 Sep 16. Jonth. Drake et al, to the Presbytery of 533. Edinburgh (by the hands of Thomas Scott, merchant in London, brother to Wm. Scott, one of the regents of the College of Edinburgh). Notes that the three ministers in South Carolina, Archibald Stobo, John Polluck, and William Livingston, were all educated in Scotland. They cannot serve the whole province. The writers ask for aid in securing a minister who will be ordained for their unnamed congregation.
- f.534a, 535. 1712 Aug 14. (Archibald Stobo), South Carolina, to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, endorsing a call from an unnamed congregation. (Part of the letter is torn away; copy at f.538 below.)

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- f.536. 1712 Sep 16. Inhabitants of James Island, S.C., to Reverend Sir (John Squire, filled in the appropriate blank in the body), soliciting him as a minister for their congregation. (The 19 signatories include Jonth. Drake, Jon. Hearne, Tho. Wasbury, and Jos. Clare.)
- f.537. (1712). Inhabitants of James Island (S.C.), an open call for a minister signed by the nineteen signers of the 16 Sep 1712 letter.
- f.538a & b. 1712 Sep 9. COPY. Archibald Stobo, S. Carolina, to the Presbytery of Edinburgh. Endorses the call for "a Serious Sober young man" as a minister for a congregation in S.C.
- f.539, 540. 1712 Aug 19. Jonth. Drake and four others, (James Island), to the Presbytery of Edinburgh. Duplicate of the letter of 16 Sep 1712 at f.532 above.

CH.1/2/34/3. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, General Assembly, Papers, 1714.

- f.287-288. 1713 (Endorsed). Draft letter, Presbytery of Edinburgh to Dearly Beloved in our Lord Jesus. (Endorsed at lower left and erased, "Wrote to Mr. Stobo" but with a wrapper endorsed "Copied and Directed to John Drake, John Hearne, Thomas Wasbury, Joseph Clare & others Callers of Mr. John Squire to be minister--South Carolina.") Announces the ordination of John Squire to be minister to them.
- f.289. 1713 Aug 22. Presbytery of Edinburgh to Archibald Stobo in S.C., announcing that Mr. Blackmore has refused but Mr. Squire has accepted a call to South Carolina.

CH.1/2/35. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, General Assembly, Papers, 1715.

- f.189a-190a. 1715 Apr 4. John Squire, Charleston, S.C., to the Presbytery of Edinburgh. Gives an account of his voyage from Edinburgh which took ten weeks, most of which was filled with tempestuous weather. The ship put in at Bermuda to be refitted, which took 5 more weeks. From Bermuda Squire was obliged to sail to Virginia, thence to Maryland, and on to Pennsylvania where he was able to take passage for Charleston. Arrived at Charleston on 18 June 1714, and found the Presbyterian ministers in S.C. divided--one came from England, Mr. Stobo has been at law with his congregation, etc.
- f.191a. 1715 Sep 12. Archd. Stobo, Boston, New England, to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, announcing that he and his family, Mr. Traill, and Mr. Squire have left S.C. for Boston because of a barbarous Indian war that broke out in April and which has depopulated the country. His settlement there has been burnt and destroyed by the Indians, etc.
- f.192a & b. 1715 Jun 15. John Squire, aboard the Margaret off the bar at S.C., to the Presbytery of Edinburgh. The Indians launched a surprize attack on the colonists on 15 April. He is on his way to Boston in order to take passage to Scotland.
- f.193-194. 1715 Sep 18. John Squire, Boston, N.E., to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, saying he was of no use to the people in S.C., even had the Indian war not broken out. Gives some description of Indian tortures, and opines that the war was visited on the English colonists by God in order to vindicate His honor by "some Signal Judgement on these abominable wretches."

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CH.1/2 ContinuedCH.1/2/42/3. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, General Assembly, Papers, 1719.

- f.205. (1719?) Petition of John McGioch, minister of the Gospel, to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, praying financial assistance to emigrate to the British plantations, and asking that the Presbytery of Ayr ordain him for preaching there.

CH.1/2/49. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, General Assembly, Papers, 1724.

- f.43a & b. 1724 June 30 (Endorsed). Petition of John Nicholl from the Scots Presbyterian Congregation in the City of New York to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, praying the Assembly will look with favor on the memorial being presented for a collection to be raised in aid of the New York congregation. Says that he has already got the recommendation of executive Committee and of the synods of Dumbries, Glasgow and Ayr, Merse and Teviotdale, and Lothian and Tweeddale. (PARTIAL LOSS OF TEXT IN ONE ENDORSEMENT.)
- 44a. (1724). Memorandum for Mr. Nichol Spence to "Sir," asking for the intercession of the addressee at "the throne of Grace both upon the account of the reformed Churches of Christ in miserable America...and also upon my own account." Asks "that you would be pleased to put Mr. John Martine in mind of our affair from time to time." (See also GD.95/2/7, p.501-503, and GD.95/2/8, p.4-5, Minutes of Committee Meetings of the SSPCK, 6 Apr 1758 and 9 Feb 1759 for references to a mission to the Cherokee Indians by John Martine, SSPCK missionary.) Also asks for the correspondence of the addressee in the future to Nicholl in London or in New York.
- 45a & b. 1724 Mar 11 and 12. PRINTED. "The Case of the Presbyterian Congregation at New York, humbly laid before the charitable Christians in Scotland." A printed circular to be sent to congregations in Scotland in aid of a collection authorized by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Includes Nicholl's plea and arguments on behalf of the Presbyterian congregation in the city of New York and the act of the General Assembly authorizing the collection to aid in building a church in New York. (Nicholl describes himself as a native of Livingston Parish, educated at West Calder and the College of Edinburgh, and a physician who has lived and practised in America for 12 years.)
- f.52a-53b. 1724 Aug 4. John Nichol, London, to Nichol Spence, Agent for the Church of Scotland. Says the dissenting clergy in London is too divided to be of much assistance to New York. The charter for the incorporation of the New York congregation is being entrusted to an attorney, Mr. Bamfield, also agent for New York. Desires to know what success there has been at Edinburgh in making the collection for the New York Presbyterians.
- f.54a & b. 1723 Nov 18. The Humble Address of the Presbytery of Long Island in the Province of New York in America concerning the need of the New York city congregation for a church, a minister having been ordained to them by the Presbytery of Long Island about six years ago. Complains that though a church building was commenced it was deserted upon the outbreak of party within the congregation, etc., now exacerbated by the Connecticut ministers who are sending in missionaries who are ruining the Presbyterian interest in New York. Signed by the moderator and the clerk of the presbytery, Samuel Pumry and Robert Cross.

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f.55a & b. 1723 Nov 18. The Humble Address and Supplication of the Minister and representatives of the Presbyterian Congregation in New York to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Concerns their difficulties in erecting a church in the city, and asks for assistance. Signed by James Anderson, VDM; John Blake; Jos. Leddel; and Thomas Inglis.

f.57a-58b. (1724). "Memorial shewing the Beginning, Increase, and present distressed state of the Scots Presbyterian church and Congregation in the City of New York in America" presented by John Nichol to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. (This text gives the measurements of the land in New York to be built upon.)

CH.1/2/51. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1725.

f.99a & b. (1725?). Reasons of John Squire (upon his return to Scotland from Boston) for leaving his ministry at James Island, S.C., reduced to a memorandum of minute by Squire for Mr. Spence, clerk to the Presbytery of Edinburgh. Sets forth the unwillingness of the people to be catechized, their failure to attend worship, Squire's state of health, etc.

CH.1/2/59. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1729.

f.24-25b. 1729 May 16. Report Anent the Collections for Durness and New York in America. Including the sentence of approval by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Reports about £460 sterl. collected to build a Presbyterian church in the city of New York. Discusses Dr. Nichol's struggle to prevent part of the money being diverted for ministerial salary, and the defeat of his proposal to vest title in the N.Y. church in the Presbytery of Edinburgh. Scottish trustees for the property recommended by the General Assembly. Nichol is identified as belonging to the "Congregational Presbytery of the bounds and Synod of Philadelphia." Letters to Nichol and Philadelphia are mentioned as well as one to the late minister at New York (Anderson), "also to the foresd Congregation of New York, Presbytery of Longisland and Synod of Philadelphia in order to compose all differences, and to use their endeavours to preserve that Church to the Presbyterians in that place." (LOSS OF TEXT IN GUTTER)

CH.1/2/65. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1732.

f.133b. 1729 Jun 26. Ltr, Archd. Stobo, Charleston, S.C., to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, explaining that something in Mr. Maxwell's delivery unacceptable to his S.C. congregation is the reason he has not had suitable encouragement from them, but Maxwell is of a just and laudable character.

f.134b & a. 1732 Nov 2. Archd. Stobo and J. Witherspoon, Willtown (S.C.), to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, enquiring about a call of some years ago for a minister to be furnished for the congregation on Ponpon River, and another call of about 12 months ago for a minister for Edisto Island. Sets forth the settlements to be made for ministers by the two congregations. They are not asking for assistance--only for ministers from Scotland to be ordained to them.

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- f.135a & b. 1729 Apr 10. Call for a clergyman (blank) from the Presbyterian congregation on Ponpon River in S.C., signed by six members of the congregation for all.
- f.136a & b. 1732 Aug 30. Jas. Nisbet, Moderator, Edinburgh, to the Presbytery of Penpont, enclosing a call and two letters from S.C., explaining that the Presbytery of Edinburgh cannot fill the call, but asking whether they can ordain the bearer, Penpont's licentiate, James Brown for Ponpon River, South Carolina.
- f.137a & b. 1732 Sep 6. Ja. Brown, Miniawe, to John Walker, MG in Cannongate (Edinburgh), returning papers meant for the attention of the Presbytery of Penpont. He has heard very discouraging things about South Carolina from Mr. Maxwell, and is no longer willing to go. The papers should be returned to the Presbytery of Edinburgh.
- f.138a & b. 1733 Jan 31. (Draft of a letter from the Presbytery of Edinburgh to South Carolina). Responds to a S.C. letter and call for a minister for Edisto Island dated 5 Oct 1731. James Moore (i.e., Moir) was remitted to the Presbytery of Dunblane for his trials and ordination. Upon the completion of them, he did not wait for the Presbytery of Edinburgh to ordain him for Edisto Island, but took ship directly for S.C. from London (the Concord; Robertson, master) having received letters from Professor Hamilton (now dead). The candidate meant for Ponpon River has resiled, and a replacement is being sought.
- f.139a. 1733 Jan 19. Wil. Simson, Dunblane, to John Gowdie (for the Presbytery of Edinburgh), announcing that James Moir was ordained for Edisto, S.C., by the Presbytery of Dunblane on 11 July 1732 and left for America immediately.
- f.140a,
141b. 1729 Mar 29. Archd. Stobo, South Carolina, to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, forwarding a call for a minister for a new Presbyterian congregation (not named) where there is wanted a man able to hold his own in dispute with sectaries without having to fall back on notes, but "who is affable in his temper and courteous in his conversation towards all men."
- f.142a & b. 1733 Aug 22. Presbytery of Edinburgh to Jo. Witherspoon and Archd. Stobo, Presbytery of South Carolina. Acknowledges receipt of a letter of Dec 31 with a call for a minister for the Presbyterian congregation in Prince George's Parish, S.C., and a letter from Witherspoon to Professor Hamilton (now dead) for another minister. Samuel Hunter, remitted to the Presbytery of Penpont for trials and licensing has been ordained by that presbytery for S.C. Edinburgh has inserted his name in the blank left in the call for Prince George's Parish. They are still trying to get a minister for Ponpon River. Last June they remitted Aulay Cameron to the Presbytery of Glasgow for trials, licensing and ordination. He is willing to go to Ponpon River, but he has not completed his trials.
- f.143a & b. 1731 Dec 21. Presbytery of South Carolina, Archgrove, S.C., to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, enclosing a call from the Presbyterian congregation on Black River, Prince George's Parish, S.C., setting forth particulars of support intended for the minister, and the expectations of the congregation in a minister.
- f.144a & b. 1731 Dec 31. Jo. Witherspoon, James Island, S.C., to William Hamilton, Prof. of Divinity in the Univ. of Edinburgh, asking for his support in getting ministers for Ponpon River, Edisto, and Prince George's Parish. Characterizes the earlier ministers of Prince George's Parish (or Winyaw): first Mr. Porter, a man of bad principles and no good life; Mr. Paul, a man half crazed; then Mr. Campbell, a man not ordained, who was a pedlar once, and of no good life, & has turned to his old trade. That part of the colony is filling rapidly, and they can soon expect congregations at Black River, Peedee, and Santee--and not one minister among them.

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f.145a & b, 1731 Oct 5. Jo. Witherspoon, James Island, S.C., to Professor 146b. Hamilton, Univ. of Edinburgh (to be communicated to the Presbytery), transmitting a call for a minister from the congregation on Edisto Island. Discusses ability to live genteely on salaries offered to Presbyterian ministers in South Carolina. Including

1732 Mar 24. Receipt by James Moir from the clerk of the Presbytery of Edinburgh of the call to Edisto Island.

CH.1/2/76. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1738.

f.477a & b. 1738 May 1. Petition of poor Joseph Gray, tailor in Edinburgh, whose father was a gentleman of substance in Edinburgh who held a commission under King Charles. But his father's zeal for the established church and his opposition to the "Malignant partie" in order to protect the Church of Scotland, forced him to "fly this countrey and to retire to Carrolina where he dyed." (Includes testimonials of Gray's distressed condition.)

CH.1/2/79. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1741.

f.478a, 479b. 1740/41 Feb 7. Letter, (Adam) Anderson, London, to Committee of Directors of the SSPCK, Edinburgh. Remarks on Georgia's hope to transport 40 highlanders to Georgia to supply the place of those lost at the late seige of St. Augustine; thinks it may be hard to find 40 willing to go. Notes that he has written to McLeod in Georgia. Minutes transmitted by this letter are NOT PRESENT. A marginal note (LOST IN THE GUTTER): "Some of the Sermons mention'd in our Minutes Shall be Sent to the Committee of Directors very Soon."

CH.1/2/95. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1752.

f.397a & b, 1750 Apr 20. Elders and Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation, Charleston, S.C., to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, thanking 398b the presbytery for sending the Rev. Charles Lorimer as a minister to them. (LOSS OF TEXT IN MARGIN)

f.399a & b. 1750 Oct 28. Bond from three of the principal members of the Presbyterian congregation at Will Town, S.C., to the Presbytery of South Carolina, binding the congregation to support any minister for three years who may be ordained to them.

f.400a & b. 1750 Sep 24. Blank call from the congregation at Will Town, S.C., for a minister "to come over and take charge of our Souls," the Rev. William Short, their minister, having died.

f.401a- 1750 Dec 3. Charles Lorimer, Charleston, S.C., to the Presby- 402b. tery of Edinburgh, transmitting the call and bond from Will Town. (LOSS OF TEXT IN GUTTERS)

f.403a & b, 1750 Apr 10. Samuel Hunter, South Carolina (for the Presby- 404b tery of S.C.) to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, thanking them for their letter of 17 Oct 1749, and informing them of Lorimer's installment at Charleston. (LOSS OF TEXT)

f.405a & b, 1750 Apr 16. Charles Lorimer, Charleston, S.C., to the 406b. Presbytery of Edinburgh, introducing John Rattray, Esq., who has come to Scotland to seek a replacement for the late Mr. Sym, minister to the congregation on John's Island. (LOSS OF TEXT)

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- f.407a & b. 1749/50 Mar 14. Presbyterian Congregation, Johns Island, S.C., to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, enclosing a blank call for a minister who they hope can be furnished to them. (LOSS OF TEXT)
- f.408a, 409a & b. 1751 Mar 27. John Rattray, Edinburgh, to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, forwarding the S.C. correspondence and recommending they ordain Thomas Murray, now on his trials, as minister of John's Island, S.C. (LOSS OF TEXT)
- f.410a. 1749/50 Mar 14. Jos. Staryarne, Jos. Gibbons, and Wm. Wassby, Johns Island (S.C.), to Mr. John Rattray, covering a bond and a call for a minister. (LOSS OF TEXT)
- f.455, 456. 1752 Aug 5. James Hunter, Huntley, to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, recommending William Forsyth, itinerant preacher in Glenmuick, who will "cheerfully go to Carolina" if the presbytery will choose him.

CH.1/2/101. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1760.

- f.277a & b-
278a & b. 1760 May 26. "Act and Recommendation ... for a Collection for the Relief of poor & distressed Presbyterian Ministers in the Province of Pennsylvania &c." The "&c" comprehends the counties of Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex upon Delaware; the distress is occasioned by Indian attacks in which "Several of their Congregations were entirely broken up & numbers of their people led into captivity." (MARGINAL LOSS OF TEXT)

CH.1/2/105. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1764.

- f.301a & b. 1763 Feb 10. The Address of the Corporation in the City of Philadelphia for the Relief of poor and distressed Presbyterian Ministers and of their Widows and Children, to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Acknowledges receipt of £1284/4/11 raised by the Assembly, and expresses thanks for their kindness. £500 of it has been used to redeem captives from the Indians and "a considerable sum" has been used for the relief of Christian Indians.

CH.1/2/113. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. General Assembly. Papers, 1771.

- f.268a & b. 1771 Dec 6. Don. Macqueen, Cilchrist, to the Committee for Managing the Royal Bounty, recommending a new catechist for the parish of Kilmuir (in Skye, the burial place of Flora Macdonald), where conditions are disordered because of people moving from one farm to another after a new set "and others bussyed About an Emigration to America."
- f.379-380a. 1771 May 27. William Ramsay, Moderator of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Thanks the Assembly for its letter of 4 June 1770, and informs them that the congregations in the American synod continue yearly to increase in number. The College of New Jersey, and the many schools and smaller seminaries in America cannot furnish the requisite number of clergy for the congregations. For practical reasons, the writer cannot furnish a list of vacancies in America to be returned to Scotland with the hope of filling them from there. Voluntary emigration with a specific call is the only practical solution. Thanks the Assembly for having erected a committee of correspondence to work with the Synod of New York and Philadelphia.

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CH.1/3/7. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Registers of Acts of the Commission of the Church of Scotland, 1703-1705.p.164
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1704 Apr 3.

Petition for John Kilsenning on behalf of several persons banished to East Jersey from Scotland "in the late times of persecution," asking to be supplied with a minister, is referred to the Synod of Glasgow and Ayr for their action. (Petition referred from the General Assembly on 31 Mar 1704, but reference was not found in those minutes.)

CH.1/3/9. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Registers of Acts of the Commission of the Church of Scotland, 1706-1709.

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1707 Jan 29.

Memorial of Archibald Stobo concerning his (and other ministers') losses in stipend and expenses, he being one of the ministers sent out to Darien. It is acknowledged that "the Commission had a chief hand in sending these brethren thither," and a committee is named to find out what arrears are still owing to the Darien ministers. (The entry gives no indication of the place of origin of the memorial from Stobo, but it presumably came from South Carolina with the letter from Stobo found in CH.1/2/27/3.)

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1707 Jan 30.

Report of the committee to wait on the African Company and the Parliamentary committee concerning arrears owing to Archibald Stobo and the other Darien ministers. States that their arrears figure in the debts of the company and will be paid.

CH.1/3/15. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Registers of Acts of the Commission of the Church of Scotland, 1716-1720.p.28
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1716 Aug 9.

Receipt of petition of some Scots in Boston in New England who are resolved to have a minister on the principles "of their Mother Church," asking for help in building a £1200 church. Consideration delayed until another day. (The subject apparently not taken up again, however.)

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1719 status.

Overture Concerning Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries, including a table showing the synods of the Church of Scotland, with the presbyteries in each synod, and the churches in each presbytery (p.359-370), and discussion of the powers and duties of the sessions and the presbyteries. Sets forth polity proposed for adoption in 1719.

CH.1/3/17. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Registers of Acts of the Commission of the Church of Scotland, 1721-1725.p.347
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1723 Nov 15.

Members of the Presbytery of Edinburgh wish the direction of the Commission of the Church of Scotland in the propriety of approaching James Johnston, a Gaelic speaking student of divinity in the College of Edinburgh (who has not had the required six years of divinity studies) about going as a minister to Carolina. The Commission grant consent for the presbytery to do as it will in the matter.

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- p.350 1724 Mar 11.
 p.356-357. Dr. Nichol of "New York in the West Indies" wishes to make a proposal to the Commission.
- p.357 1724 Mar 12 (morning).
 p.358. Dr. Nichol presents his address from the Presbytery of Long Island (18 Nov 1723) on behalf of the congregation in New York, and a supplication from the congregation asking for assistance in building a church. A large memorial showing the beginning, increase, and present state of that congregation was presented. Papers transmitted to the General Assembly in annual session.
- p.364-365. 1724 Mar 12 (afternoon).
 John Hamilton, merchant sent from South Carolina to seek for ministers thither has found two, William Maxwell and John Deans. The two need help in getting passage to South Carolina. Although the Commission is not authorized to spend monies belonging to the General Assembly, it will warrant the procurator, in "such an Extraordinary Case," to allow the two ministers £5 sterl. each, and if the General Assembly does not concur, the Commissioners will pay the money back to the procurator.
- p.374 1724 May 28.
 p.381 Ordered that the collection for New York be brought in, and to be accounted for with Mr. John Martine.
- p.390 1724 May 29.
 p.393. Summary of orders to get in various collections, including the one for New York. THIS ENTRY NOT MICROFILMED.
- p.397 1724 Aug 12.
 p.410. Mr. Martine reporting the collection for New York "coming but slowly in," presbyteries are to be asked to hasten deficient parishes in turning in their money.

CH.1/3/19. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Registers of Acts of the Commission of the Church of Scotland, 1726-1732.

- p.47 1727 Mar 8.
 p.60-62. Letter received from the "Synod of Philadelphia in New England, Complaining of Dr. John Nichol his management of that Collection" for the Presbyterian congregation in New York. Says Nichol refuses to retire old bonds, charges exorbitant interest on money due himself, that he has discouraged the Rev. Mr. Anderson (minister in New York), and that he refuses to lay his complaints before his presbytery (the Presbytery of Long Island). Letter of vindication received from Dr. Nichol. Letters are to be written to: "the Synod of Philadelphia in New England," the Presbytery of Long Island, the Consistory of the Presbyterian congregation in New York, and to Dr. Nichol.
- p.193 1728 May 21.
 p.194-195. Presbyteries are to be written about deficiencies in various collections, including the one for building a church in New York.
- p.254 1729 Mar 13.
 p.259. Special report ordered on the deficient collections, including the one for New York.

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- p.479 1731 Mar 11.
 p.489-495. Letters about the New York church from Dr. John Nichol
 (dated 30 June 1730) and Ebenezer Pemberton (dated 1 July 1730).
 p.556 1732 Mar 8.
 p.558-559. Report that the New York congregation has not yet returned
 to Scotland the deed to the property in New York.
 p.591 1732 Aug 9.
 p.592. Letters from New York are referred to a committee.
 p.607 1732 Nov 8.
 p.611-612. Report on the New York church property.

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CH.1/3/26. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Registers of Acts of the Commission
of the Church of Scotland, 1748-1757.

- p.324 1752 Nov 22.
 p.328-330. Letter to the Consistory at Amsterdam on the subject of
 relief for the (German) Protestants in Pennsylvania expressing
 the intention of the Church of Scotland to come to their aid
 by raising funds in a general collection.
 p.371 1753 Nov 22.
 p.379, 380. Advertisement to be put in the Edinburgh newspapers
 requiring collectors of the money for the German Protestants
 in Pennsylvania to surrender the money to William Hogg
 (acting as a banker to the Church of Scotland).
 p.383 1754 Jun 4.
 p.403. Committee to draft letters to the Synod of South Holland
 and the Classis of Amsterdam are to lay their drafts before
 the Commission upon the rising of the Assembly.

NOTE: Matters in this journal follow closely on the heels
 of the secession of the Relief Church from the Church
 of Scotland. From the entry for 4 June 1754 until
 3 June 1755, the Commission never had a quorum, and
 no business was attended to. There is no further
 reference to the Dutch correspondence in subsequent
 minutes. NOTE ALSO that the consideration of the
 College of New Jersey matter, referred to the Commission
 by the General Assembly of 1752, does not appear in
 this volume of minutes.

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There are no American entries in the two remaining journals for the colonial
 period, CH.1/3/27 (1757-1768) and CH.1/3/29 (1768-1783).

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CH.2/190/2. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Presbytery of Inveraray. Minutes,
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1739 Feb 27.

Compeared Duncan Campbell of Kilduskland & Dugald McTavish Yr. of Dunardry & presented a paper Intitled, Petition (from) the Argyle Collony to the Presbytery of Inveraray, and another desig(at)ed Call (from) the Argyle Collony to the Reverend Mr. Robert Fullerton Minister of Glasrie, as also a Letter Subscribed by other Gentlemen Members of the said Collony Supporting the said Petition and Call & Likewise instructing Kilduskland to prosecute the Interest of the above Specified Papers. All which papers being read over & over again, and the Presbytery having now sitten late about their other Business, and in regard the purport of them is a very Singular Case, and appears to deserve serious and mature deliberation; Therefore the Presbytery did and hereby do referr further reasoning on the said papers and consideration of them, till next sederunt they have adjourned till nine of the Clock to Morrow.

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The Petition of the Argyll Colony going to North Carolina. Signed by Kilduskland & Dunardry the Younger, 27 Feb 1739. To the Right Reverend the Moderator & Remnant Members of the Presbitery of Inveraray to Sitt at Kilmichael in Glasrie February 27th 1739

The Petition of the Argyle Collony &c

Seeing it has been the laudable practice of the Church of Scotland upon good & weighty Reasons to loose a Minister from one Charge, & fix him in another, we hope the Reverend Presbytery Shall concur with the Call which is herewith produced before them, to the Reverend Mr. Robert Fullerton Minister of the Gospel in Glasrie, inviting and Entreating him to take upon him the Office of a Pastor among us. The Parish in which he serves is both so extensive & populous that he cannot by Course of Nature be long in a Condition to Serve in it as he has done hitherto. It being but reasonable to Suppose that the Vast fatigue of it, will render him tender & infirm in his Constitution, & of Course he will Daily be the more Discouraged, the more unequal he will find himself for Such a Charge —

It was indeed expected at his Settlement that another Erection might obtain in the Parish of Glasrie, which would render his work easy; but as that Matter has all this time been put off, there is reason to expect that tis no more forward than it was at the time of his Settlement; It is likewise more than probable, that tho' he has all along wanted a Manse, he cannot now obtain it, nor anything in Liew of it, unless he enter on a Law Suit with his Parish, a thing neither desirable in it Self, nor in the Consequences. As we and other Gentlemen beside the Subscribers to this Call (who will appear either in person or by Proxie against next Presbytery) are now fully Determined to Settle this Year in some part of the Continent of America, and Carrying a Considerable Number of people there, we would fain hope that we are entituled to all these favours which a Parish that makes up a new Erection can Expect, It is not right to discourage them tho' they desire to have one already fixed in another Charge to be their minister. Allow we are to be

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at a Great Distance from our Native Countrey, we shall never be unmindful of it, nor of the Church of Scotland whose Sons we shall always be.

Tis well known how much more parts of America need to have the Gospel Preached & propagated among them, few of the Natives have yet been converted to our Holy Religion. Tho the Members of the Collony cannot promise much for themselves, they nevertheless hope thro' Gods Grace to endeavour better things than they might have done in time past.

At the last General Meeting of the Argyle Collony they were all So unanimous for having Mr. Fullerton to be their Minister, most of them from their own Experience of him, being perswaded that he is well qualified for being Minister to a Young Collony, that is to Sett up in our way, in a Barbarous & distant part of the World, that if the Presbytery Should refuse to concurr with their Call to him, it is much to be feared we cannot now make another Choice, & So Sett out without any to preach among us. The Consequences of which will be (it is to be feared) that we will Soon grow Cool in Matters of Religion, at last be easy whether the Gospel be preached among us or not, & of Course become very backward in giving any Encouragement for having Gospel Ordinances among us.

Whereas if the Reverend Presbytery Shall loose Mr. Fullerton's relation to the Parish of Glasrie, in order to Serve as our Pastor, we shall give him all due Encouragement and the same Right to it, as the Ministers of the Church of Scotland have to their Stipends for which we will give in our Obligations or Security in his favours to the Presbytery as well as to himself for the Same; And likewise bind us all in our Collony to give him all the Regard due to a Pastor.

May it therefore please your Wisdoms to take the premises under your most Serious Consideration & grant our Desire, which is So Just & Reasonable, & your Petitioners shall ever pray. Duncan Campbell. Dugald McTavish.

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To Duncan Campbell of Kilduskland Esq^r

Sir

In consequence of your & our Resolution of going to the Continent of America in Summer next and fixing a Collony there, & our Design of having a Clergyman that can Speak the Highland Language Since from that Countrey all our Servants are to be, Many of which cannot Speak any other Language & that we are not of ourSelves able to give that Encouragement to a Clergyman as may enable him to go along with us. Notwithstanding our Sincere Intention of having the worship of God Maintained among us, & not Degenerating into that Slothfullness (to say no more) which we are grieved to hear our Countreymen in those parts are fallen. Wherefore we begg you to go to Edinburgh & Petition the Members of the Society for propagating Christian knowledge, & the Commission of the Kirk to meet there in March next, and Endeavour to get an Aid from them to Support our clergyman. there's no time to be lost in prosecuting this. we doubt not your Diligence & their assistance to so laudable a Design. We wish you all Success and we are, Sir, your most humble Servants. Dugald McTavish, Danl. McNeill, Arch. Campbell, James McLachlan.

P.S. As we have unanimously made choice of Mr. Fullerton to be our Clergyman we begg you use all the Necessary Steps for Transporting him from the Parish of Glasrie.

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p. 350-351. Call
 the Argyle Collony to the Reverend Mr. Robert Fullerton 1739.
 We Duncan Campbell of Kilduskland and Dugald McTavish Younger of Dunardry for our Selves and in name of the other members of the Argyle Collony design'd to Settle this year at Cape fair or Some part of North Carolina in America, being desirous to Carry a fixt Pastor amongst with us, and being very well assured by good information & our own Experience of the Ministerial Abilities, Piety, Literature & other Gifts of you Mr. Robert Fullerton Minister of the Gospel at Kilmichael in Glasrie, have agreed with the advice & Consent of the Members of the Collony foresaid, to Invite Call & Entreat Like as we by thir (sic) presents heartily Invite Call and Entreat you to undertake the office of a Pastor among us and the Charge of our Souls. And further upon your Accepting this our Call promise you all Dutiful Respect Encouragement and obedience in the Lord. In witness whereof we have Subscribed thir presents (written be (sic) Donald Campbell Merchant in Kilmichael the twenty Seventh Day of February one Thousand Seven hundred & thirty nine Years before these witnesses Alexander McKellar of Dail & the said Donald Campbell. s/(witnesses, and) Duncan Campbell; Dugald McTavish.

p. 351-352. 1739 Feb 27 (sic; Feb 28?).
 And they (i.e., the Presbytery of Inveraray) having heard Duncan Campbell of Kilduskland & Dugald McTavish of Dunardry viva voce & at full length concerning the Intention of saids Papers, & likewise they having conversd Mr. Robert Fullerton upon the same Subject, and taken the whole as the Case now lies before them to Serious & mature Consideration, they found, that however they might have cause to demur upon the Grounds of Some Singularities in the way of tabling this Affair before them, Such as the unusual manner of the Commission and the Call's being upon plain paper & Subscribed only by the two Petitioners, which the Presbytery have the rather dispensed with for the time, that it was represented by the Petitioners, that the Members of the Intended Collony live at Such distances that the late Stormy weather did not admitt that their Subscriptions Could be fully had to the Said Commission and Call, & Especially that the Petitioners have Judicially obliged themselves to Supply the above mentioned Defects against the next Meeting, and that there appears to be a very cordial Invitation & Encouragement from the Gentlemen principally concerned in the Intended Collony ... (the remainder of the entry has to do with the justice of the grievances about Mr. Fullerton's present parochial situation and a resolution that the heritors shall be given an opportunity to reply to them. It observes that "the time for the said Collonie's Transportation is limited to May next.")

p. 352.
 p. 354-355. 1739 Apr 3.
 Undertaking to support Mr. Fullerton in North Carolina (not transcribed into the minutes) is tendered by the Argyll Colony to N.C. Presbytery of Inveraray agree to write to the other presbyteries in the Synod of Argyll for their opinions re allowing a minister to be transported outside the bounds of the Synod, they having no rule or sufficient precedent to follow.

p. 355-358. 1739 Apr 24.
 The heritors of Glassary successfully prevent the transporting of Mr. Fullerton from their parish by the Argyll Colony.

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- p. 368 1740 Feb 21.
p. 370-371. Petition of Mr. Fullerton for an act of transportability from the presbytery, the heritors of Glassary having not fulfilled their promises, delayed for consideration until the next meeting of the Presbytery of Inveraray.
- p. 372 1740 Apr 15.
Act of transportability granted to Mr. Fullerton by the presbytery, of which he is in subsequent years moderator.
- p. 373 Receipt of a letter from James Campbell of Ormsary intimating that several within the bounds of the Presbytery of Inveraray who intend to transport themselves to America with a minister to go with them.
- p. 379 1741 Jun 16.
p. 380 Receipt by Presbytery of Inveraray of a letter from Mr. McIntosh, Clerk of the SSPCK relative to a missionary for the Argyll Colony in America. Presbytery decide to wait until they can learn that the colony has been a success.
- p. 382. 1741 Jul 20.
Presbytery of Inveraray put off until next meeting the recommendation of the SSPCK that they seek out a missionary for the Argyll Colony.
- p. 383. 1741 Sep 28.
Receipt by the moderator of the Presbytery of Inveraray of a letter from Kilduskland intimating that he would be at their next meeting, and requesting that they wait until then before deciding their reply to the SSPCK regarding a missionary for the Argyll Colony.
- p. 386-387. 1741 Nov 3.
Representation to the Presbytery of Inveraray from Duncan Campbell of Kilduskland for himself and the Argyll Colony settled at Cape Fear in North Carolina "where there is a considerable number from our Bounds already Settled, & a prospect of a great number of the poorer sort to follow, and who are in Deplorable Circumstances for want of Gospel Ordinances," etc. Presbytery agree to write to the SSPCK on their account.
- p. 392 1741 Nov 18.
p. 393 Mimitte of a letter on behalf of the Argyll Colony in North Carolina sent by the Presbytery of Inveraray to the SSPCK.
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NOTE: There is an hiatus in the minutes; none are reported for any meetings occurring after July 1737 and prior to February 1742.

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1748 Jan 14.

p. 244-246.

There was transmitted to the Presbytery a letter from the Scots Colony in Cape Fear in North Carolina, bearing their destitute condition for want of Gospel ordinances dispensed among them and begging that the Presbytery would look out for a proper person well skilled in the Irish language & to authorize him to be their minister, with a promise of £50 sterl. yearly stipend, with a manse & 320 acres of land for his encouragement as the said letter which is kept in retentes more fully bears &c.

The Presbytery appoints a letter to be written to them the Contents of which follows, viz

Yours of the 28th Sept. came to our hands and it gives us no small pleasure to find you retain so much of the Christian Education you had in your native Country as to express such a strong inclination to have an established Gospel ministry amongst you as you do in your letter. (Goes on to explain why the Presbytery can't do anything for them just now, gives them hints about the proper form for a call, explains that a guaranty bond for the clergyman's stipend is necessary, and that £50 is too little to offer.) "You may remember, that with us, Calls to ministers are subscribed not only by Elders, but also by Heritors, and we suppose that the most part of your Colony are Heritors; therefore they as well as the Elders should subscribe the call & also the Bond." The presbytery is sending to North Carolina a copy of a call and a bond to be signed "by all the heads of families in your Colony."

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