

Title: Fulham Papers in Lambeth Palace Library: 1626-1822

Creator: Great Britain. Church of England. Diocese of London: Bishop

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Description: 20 microfilm reels of textual records (42 volumes); 35 mm

Background: These Papers are a portion of the archive of the Bishop of London transferred from Fulham Palace, the former place of residence of the bishops of London. The volumes contained herein relate to the administration of the Church of England, also known as the Anglican Church, in British North America and the West Indies, which was understood to be under the jurisdiction of the bishop before the founding of separate episcopates in those colonies.

The correspondence did not include regular reports but did deal with most of the important problems and issues confronting the colonial Church.

Contents

The collection covers the first 42 volumes and includes the official papers of the Bishop of London relating to the Church of England's administration of the churches and chaplaincies in the British North American colonies and the British West Indies. Generally divided into the Fulham Papers Colonial, 1626-1822; American Papers, 1688-1774; and Orders, Licenses, Institutions and Collations in the Time of the Rt. Rev. Edmund Gibson, Lord Bishop of London, 1723-1748. Together these provide insight into the colonial Church in the main, but also into matters related to local society and social history such as morality, black history, politics, American loyalists, wars and conflicts such as the American Revolution, economics, climate and health especially in the West Indies, education, natives (indigenous peoples), and religion including other denominations such as Quakers.

Detailed Contents

(Volumes I-XL) Fulham Papers, Colonial, 1626-1822

General arrangement within each main section: arranged by colony and by date within each colony; the colonies are listed alphabetically within two sections, the continental colonies, and the West Indies. Pages are numbered, use the numbers written in pencil in the upper right-hand corner.

(Vols. I to xx) General Correspondence: arranged by colony and by date within each colony; the colonies are listed alphabetically within two sections, the continental colonies - present-day Canada (Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Quebec) and the United States (Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia), and islands in the West Indies (Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Virgin Island, Windward Islands).

(Vols. xxi to xxxii) Ordination Papers: beginning in 1748, grouped under the names of the candidates, arranged alphabetically within each year within the colony. Contain testimonials and other documents presented to the Bishop of London by candidates for ordinations, or by ordained clergymen seeking

In Print: Manross, William Wilson. *The Fulham Papers in the Lambeth Palace Library; American Colonial Section, Calendar and Indexes* (Clarendon Press: Oxford, 1965), available in The Loyalist Collection (HIL-MICGDL BX5881 .M26)

Part Of: This collection forms part of the Fulham Papers: Papers of the Bishops of London, 1598-1945.

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Ordination Papers, 1748-1824: Volumes 21-32

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American Papers, 1699-1774; Orders, Licenses, etc., 1723-1748: Volumes 41-42