

# Religion in the Jacob Bailey Papers

**Bailey, Jacob, 1731-1808**

Papers: 1748-1808

\*\*The following is a sample of the types of material found in the Jacob Bailey papers that primarily deal with the state of religion in Annapolis Royal. Much of this information was taken from the accompanying Nova Scotia Archives finding aid found in print and on the film.

Reel #	Vol. #	Doc. #	Date	Content
2	92	1	n.d.	Protest against a used for the church (protesters were excluded from voting at parish meetings).
		14	26 August 1760	Note from S. Gardiner (Boston). Discusses the increase in Bailey's congregation.
		35	19 February 1767	Letter from W. Wheeler. Discusses Wheelers time at Cambridge University and poses some theological questions.
		42	2 January 1768	Note from James Howard (Fort Western) requesting a publication of banns for his marriage.
		50	April 1769	Warden and vestry of Pownalborough, Maine, requesting funds for a church and rectory.
		51	10 April 1769	Letter from S. Gardiner regarding the building of a church.
		54	1 June 1769	Contract of building committee of the Episcopal Congregation in Pownalborough.
		57	8 November 1769	Note from S. Gardiner regarding church finances.
		67	7 April 1771	Letter from J. Weeks commenting on Bailey's recent publication on the history of the church.
		69	22 July 1771	Note from S. Gardiner regarding the building of a church.
		82	22 July 1772	Letter from S. Gardiner concerning church/glebe lands
		83	24 August 1772	Draft of the petitions by subscribers of the church.
		87	28 November 1772	Note from S. Gardiner regarding the glebe lands
		94	21 July 1773	Note from S. Gardiner wanting Bailey to preach at St. Anne's Church
108	5 June 1775	Note from the church wardens (Falmouth)		

			wanting Bailey to fill in while their minister is away.	
		118	May 1777	Charles Cushing to Mr. Haleg regarding Bailey's desire to officiate as a minister.
		130	1779	Petition by Bailey to the Convention of Episcopal Ministers (Boston) regarding his right to officiate.
		138	27 September 1779	Letter from J. Weeks regarding news on the war and Bailey becoming a deputy chaplain in the army.
		143	21 December 1779	Note from Antill Gallop (Windsor), noting that Bailey's churchwardens have died (including his brother, David Bailey)
	93	13	June 1780	Letter from Captain D.M. Campell. Includes information on Bailey being appointed the Chaplain of his regiment.
		17-18	7 August 1780	Letter from Reverend Samuel Peters. Includes a poem and discussion of politics and religious matters.
3		43	11 August 1781	Letter from Mather Byles (Reverend) who had received a letter from the S.P.G. offering Bailey a mission in Annapolis.
		51	29 January 1782	Letter from Withain Morrise (London) noting Bailey has been appointed to the Annapolis mission for the S.P.G. where he will be given the chaplainry of the garrison.
		52	13 February 1782	Unsigned letter congratulating Bailey on being appointed the S.P.G. Annapolis mission.
		53	13 February 1782	Letter from Peter London congratulating Bailey on becoming an S.P.G. missionary
		54	February 1782	Letter from Rev. William Clarke (New Cross, England) noting he has yet to read Bailey's sermons.
		58	24 April 1782	Letter from Thomas Brown (Halifax) noting the ships from England have arrived. Also comments on Bailey's S.P.G. mission.
		60	23 May 1782	Letter from Daniel Dickenson (Horton) wanting Bailey to hire him 2 glebe lots.
		78	6 May 1783	Note from J. Bass wanting his S.P.G. bounty as a schoolteacher.
		79	9 May 1783	Note from Mather Byles saying he made Bailey's application for appointment at the Chaplainry .
		92	29 December 1783	Letter from J. Bass regarding Bailey's parish.
		97	1 December 1784	Letter from Rev. S. Parker who received two

			of Bailey's chests filled with sermons. Also discusses the episcopal church.
	99	17 August 1784	Letter from Rev. Peters telling Bailey news on the chaplainry, the Church of England, and the archbishop.
	109	10 November 1784	Letter from John Burbridge noting he has been accepted into the S.P.G. Also includes other religious notes.
	112	22 February 1785	Letter from Rev. Peters telling of the appointment of Dr. Seabury as the bishop of Connecticut. Notes Bailey is now a rector.
	115	7 June 1785	Letter from James Wilmot asking Bailey to preach and establish a church in Digby, Nova Scotia
	118	29 June 1785	Note from Edward Bass. Believes S.P.G. will only pay missionaries working on British land.
93A	1	22 August 1785	Note from Major Goodway about the Pownalborough, Maine, church.
	4	5 September 1785	Letter from William Morice regarding a supply of prayer books being sent to Bailey.
	5	27 September 1785	Note from John Wagner regarding the baptism of Bailey's children.
	6	26 September 1785	Note from Colonel Fry discussing church politics.
	8	5 October 1785	Letter from Major Goodwin noting the state of the church in Pownalborough, Maine.
	9	9 November 1785	Letter from Mather Byles regarding the Archbishop of Canterbury.
	18	24 April 1786	Letter from Dr. Peters discussing the appointing of a bishop (for Nova Scotia)
	19	6 May 1786	Letter from Samuel Cooke recommending a schoolmaster and missionaries for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (for the S.P.G.)
	27	5 July 1786	Letter from Mather Byles noting Bailey's salary is reduced and the appointing of an S.P.G. Reverend at Digby, Nova Scotia.
	41	10 January 1787	Rev. S. Peters and Bailey discuss the character of the Bishop of Nova Scotia. Clergy will elect a bishop. Notes Dr. Inglis is preferred.
	43	13 October 1787	From Rev. Samuel Parker noting Dr. Charles Inglis is now bishop.
	44	3 December 1787	From Rev. William Clark discussing the appointment of bishop Inglis.
	45	10 December 1788	With Rev. S. Peters regarding the

		appointment of bishop Inglis and changing rights in the church.
48	1 August 1788	Indenture regarding glebe lands.
49	11 November 1788	From Edward Bass wanting to know Bailey's opinion on the new bishop.
53	27 June 1789	With Rev. E. Bass discussing the New Light movement causing disturbance in the church.
58	20 October 1789	From Rev. William Walter with gossip on Bishop Inglis.
59	10 November 1789	From S. Parker stating Bass is now the Bishop of Massachusetts.
60	11 November 1789	From William Walker discussing dissensions in Bailey's parish and church news.
61	5 December 1789	From Bishop Charles Inglis thanking Bailey for his work, discussing glebe lands, and the division of Bailey's parish.
62	5 January 1790	From Rev. Peters regarding books sent by Bailey and his wish to be deputy chaplain at Annapolis.
63	19 March 1791	From Roger Viets regarding glebe lands.
67	5 December 1791	From J.W. Weeks scolding Bailey for trying to become deputy chaplain at Annapolis (because he wants the job too).
68	9 April 1792	From P.J. Wiswell. Discusses the New Light movement.
72	22 January 1793	From Mr. Brown regarding dress in church.
74	3 December 1793	From Bishop Inglis giving Bailey and allowance to be chaplain at Annapolis.
77	28 February 1794	From Mather Byles congratulating Bailey on his chaplain position.
81	26 March 1795	John McNamara reporting as a S.P.G. schoolmaster.
82	27 April 1795	From Thomas Irwin (Halifax) regarding accommodations for military chaplains.
83	8 June 1795	From Bishop Charles Inglis regarding glebe lands.
86	24 December 1795	From Bishop Charles Inglis regarding the S.P.G. and taxation of the clergy.
90	20 January 1797	From Bishop Charles Inglis requesting Bailey attend his visitation to Christ Church (Nova Scotia) in June.
97	3 April 1799	From Bishop Charles Inglis regarding problems with the New Light movement and Methodists.
100	14 December 1799	Letter from Roger Viets regarding the irregular marriages performed by the New

				Lights.
		118	31 July 1826	Letter to Baileys mother containing religious and church matters.
9	99	5	11 September 1788	Sermon regarding the death of Mrs. Cosby (wife of Governor Cosby).
		7		Sermons and religious notes.
		8		Historical notes on the state of religion in Nova Scotia, the history of religion and the Acadians, as well as miscellaneous notes on religion.
10	100	2	2 November 1759	From Jacob Bailey to the S.P.G. A petition including notes on the history of Christianity, names petitioning to become missionaries, etc.
		4		Notebooks of Jacob Bailey containing some information on the state of religion.

**\*Documents v.92 no.109-146 provides insight into Bailey's persecution as a Loyalist during the American Revolution. Many of the letters comment on his religious role during the war\***

**\*\*Researchers are advised to look at the complete calendar of the Bailey papers (found in the corresponding red Loyalist Collection Inventory binder – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Harriet Irving Library), to find information on topics such as Bailey's literary publications (short stories, satire, poems), state of life during the American Revolution, war news, mentions of smallpox and health (especially in vol. 92 and 93), correspondence with Samuel Peters on the black population of Nova Scotia, etc.\*\***

**\*\*\* Vol. 94 contains bound letters of varying content. Vol. 95 contains Bailey's diaries. Vols. 96-97 contain bits of Bailey's literary works. V.98 contains histories of New England and political literary pieces.\*\*\***