
Maryland Imprints of the Colonial Period, 1689-1776

Lewes, Delaware, about Sept. 1, 1721, and in this place he remained until his death on Aug. 20, 1743. The facts of his life and ministry in America are found in the following sources: his letters to the Venerable Society are printed in Perry, *Collections*, vols. 2 (Pennsylvania) and 5 (Delaware); important letters and documents in Turner, C. H. B., *Some Records of Sussex County, Delaware*. Phila. 1909; there are references to him in the *Classified Digest of the Records of the S. P. G.* Lond. 1893; and there is an account of his ministry in Humphreys, David, *An Historical Account of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts*. Lond. 1730. pp. 173-179. Various writers on Pennsylvania and Delaware Church history have sketches of him drawn in the main from the sources named. The sermon here described is entered in Hildeburn, No. 393.

NYHS. (in Hawks-Niblo Collection).

50. CUMMINGS, ARCHIBALD. An | Exhortation | to the | Clergy | of | Pennsylvania, | at | Philadelphia. | September the 24th, 1729. | By the Reverend | Archibald Cummings, Commissary, and Rector | of Christs Church, in Philadelphia. | Annapolis: | Printed and Sold by W. Parks. M,DCC,XXIX. [Price One Shilling.] |

Sm. 4to. [A]-D²+; 8 leaves only; pages [1]-16+; p. [1]: title; pp. [3]-16+: text, with heading, An | Exhortation | to the | Clergy | of | Pennsylvania. | Reverend Brethren, |, running heads.

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The Rev. Archibald Cummings received the King's Bounty on Jan. 24, 1725/26, (Fothergill), and coming to Pennsylvania served as rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia from 1726-1741, and for the greater part of this time as the Bishop of London's Commissary in Pennsylvania. He was married on April 8, 1728 to Jane Elizabeth Assheton, and died in 1741. Perry, Wm. S. *History of the American Episcopal Church*, 1: 237-239, gives an account of this excellent incumbent of Christ Church; his letters to the Bishop of London and to the Venerable Society are printed in Perry, *Collections*, v. 2 (Pennsylvania) and Bishop Perry says that an account of him is to be found in Dorr's "History of Christ Church", and that his obituary is in "Coll. of the Pa. Hist. Soc'y.", 1: 358. The sermon described above is entered in Hildeburn, No. 397.

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51. DARNALL, HENRY. A | Just and Impartial Account | of the | Transactions | of the | Merchants in London, | for the | Advancement of the Price of | Tobacco. | About the latter End of the Year 1727, | and Beginning of 1728. | By Henry Darnall. Who | was present at most of them. | In | a Letter | from him, | to the Inhabitants of Maryland. | Dated September 18, 1728. | Annapolis: Printed and Sold by W. Parks. | [1729.]

Sm. 8vo. A-C⁸, D³; 27 leaves; pages [1]-54; p. [1]: title; pp. 3-53: text, with head-piece and heading, "A just Account of the Transactions of the Merchants, for the Advancement of the Tobacco-Trade, &c.", tail-piece; p. 53: conclusion of text, signed, "Henry Darnall"; p. 54: "Postscript", with head-piece, and at end: "To all the Inhabitants in Maryland".

Leaf measures: 6 x 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches. Type page, p. 4: 129 x 72 mm.

It was announced in the *Maryland Gazette* for Jan. 14, 1728/29 that this pamphlet would be published on the following day. At this time, as at present, almost the only market for Maryland tobacco was in France, and as the French government maintained a monopoly in the tobacco trade, its agent in England had no competition in his dealings with the merchants who represented the Maryland planters. In his "Just and Impartial Account", Mr. Darnall relates the failure of the attempt on the part of these merchants to fix and adhere to a price below which none should sell to the French agent. The price was fixed easily enough, but the "combine" fell to pieces, and once more and for many years afterwards the French agent bought Maryland tobacco at his own price. A continuation of the discussion, including a defence of their action by the London merchants, is to be found in several issues of the *Maryland Gazette* for 1728/29 and 1729, (copies in MdHS. only), in which Mr. Darnall, Mr. Nicholas Ridgely, an anonymous "P. P." and others took an active part. This pamphlet together with the *Proposals for a Tobacco-Law* of 1726 and *A Letter from a Freeholder* of 1727 form valuable sources for the history of the Maryland tobacco trade. The Virginia planters too, had their troubles; see Clayton-Torrence, Nos. 109, 109B, 120, 122 and 123.

JCB. MdHS. (photostat copy).

52. MARYLAND, PROVINCE OF. LAWS of Maryland, | enacted | at a Session of Assembly, begun | and held at the City of Annapo- | lis, on Thursday the Tenth Day of | July, in the

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