

On p. 496 we find the first allusion to the arrival of German "Palatines" in the Province. These were inhabitants of the Palatinate of the Rhine, which was ravaged and almost depopulated by the French armies in 1688, and the following years. Several thousand of these fugitives took refuge in England in 1709 whence some emigrated to America, principally to New York and Pennsylvania, where they were so kindly received that they invited over others of their countrymen. Later, about 1732, there was a large influx of Germans to this country, who are often referred to as "Palatines." Some of these may have been the Salzburgers who were evicted by their Archbishop, some of whom Gen. Oglethorpe settled in Georgia; but the name "Palatine," having become familiar, was given to any body of Protestant German immigrants. It is interesting to note that, owing to the preponderant numbers of the genuine Palatines, other German dialects were assimilated to their speech, which became the foundation of the curious mixed dialect known as "Pennsylvania Dutch."