

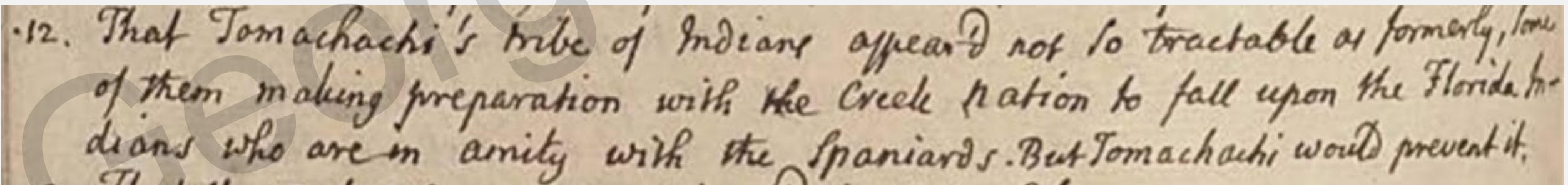
MIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT IN EARLY GEORGIA

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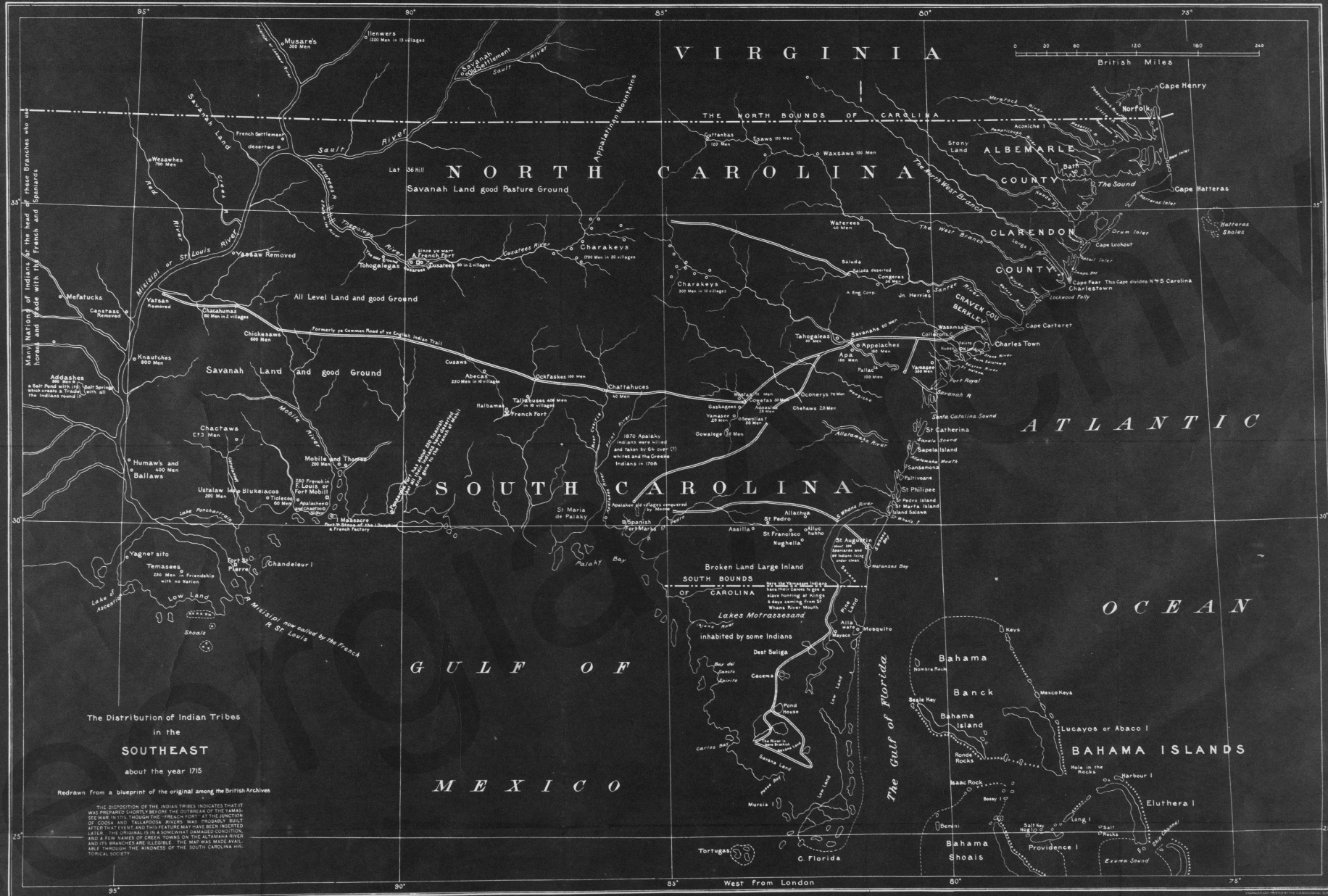
MIGRATIONS PRIOR TO GEORGIA, TOMOCHICHI AS AN EXAMPLE

- Native Migrations
- Diseases
- Trade opportunities/ trade dependencies
- Warfare



12. That Tomachachi's tribe of Indians appear'd not so tractable as formerly, some of them making preparation with the Creeke Nation to fall upon the Florida Indians who are in amity with the Spaniards. But Tomachachi would prevent it.

Detail of entry for August 23, 1739, Transactions of the Trustees of Georgia (Egmont's Journals), Page 91, General Trustee Records, Colony of Georgia, RG 049-02-019, Georgia Archives, ah00421



Distribution of Indian Tribes in the Southeast, ca, 1715, Surveyor General, Historic Map File, 3-8-65 (redrawn from original held at the British Archives)



into St. Simons Harbour, and Capt^m Hardy of the *Age* man
of War receiving a Message from the General by Lieutenant
Maawell who went on board him, sent for answer that he
would take a Cruise off Augustine with the rest of the Kings
Ships

But the General apprehending the Spaniards upon
Recovering their Sights might return with more
Courage and better Conduct continued Capt^m Thomsons
Ship in the Kings Service and sent Capt^m Peters over Land
to the Northern Provinces on this Occasion.

A List of some of the Spanish Forces employed
in the Invasion of Georgia under the Command of
Don Manuel de Montano Governor of Augustine
Commander in chief of the Expedition.

Major General Antonio de Rodondo Engineer General
2 Colonels with Breivits of Brigadiers
1 Regiment of Dragoons dismounted with their
Saddles and Bridles

The Regiment called the Battalion of the Savannah
10 Companies of 50 each draughted off from several
Regiments in Savannah.

1 Regiment of the Savannah Militia consisting of
10 Companies of 100 each.

1 Regiment of Negroes regularly Officer'd by Negroes
1 D^o of Milledars & 1 Company of 100 Miquilets

1 Company of the Train with proper Artillery
Augustine Forces consisting of about 800 Men
90 Indians

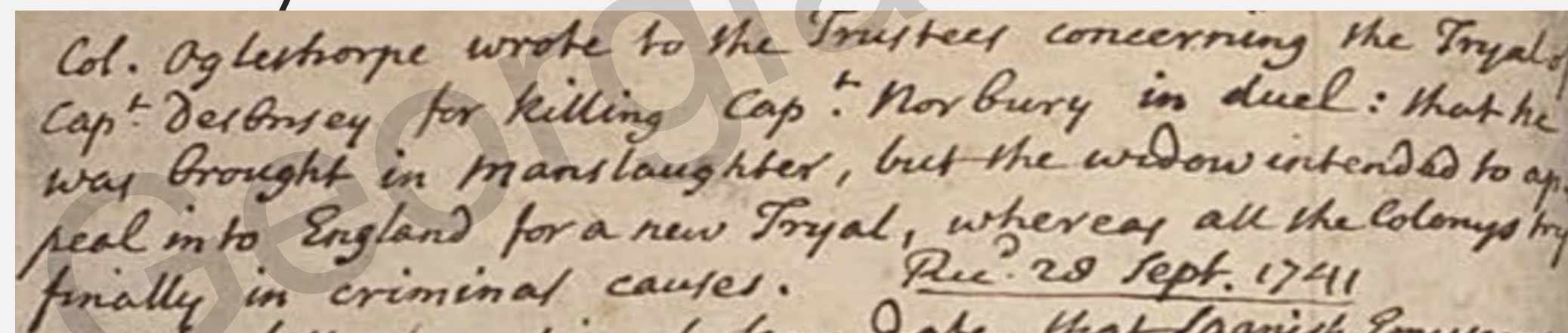
and 15 Negroes who run away from South Carolina

ENSLAVED AFRICAN PEOPLES SEEKING AND OBTAINING FREEDOM

Account of the Battle of Bloody Marsh, 1742, page 7, ah00634,
Georgia Records from Duke University, Acc. 1988-0015M,
Georgia Archives

IDEA BEHIND GEORGIA

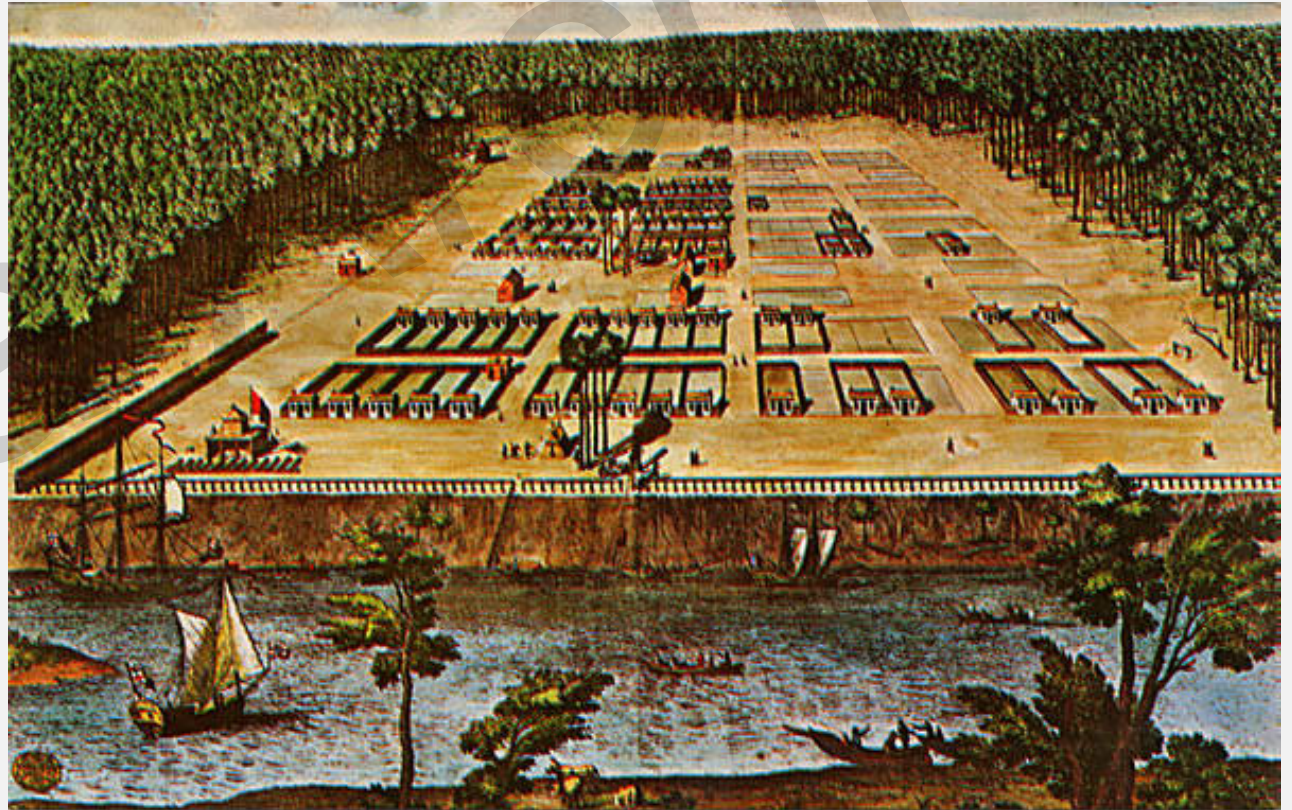
- Oglethorpe and the Trustees
- Debtors and “Deserving Poor”
- Reform-minded
- Smallholding farmers that could provide their own defense
- Military buffer



Col. Oglethorpe wrote to the Trustees concerning the Trial of
Cap^t. DeBorsey for killing Cap^t. Norbury in duel: that he
was brought in manslaughter, but the widow intended to ap-
peal into England for a new Trial, whereas all the Colonys try
finally in criminal causes. Rec^d. 29 Sept. 1741

FIRST ENGLISH SETTLERS, TRUSTEE ERA, 1732-1752

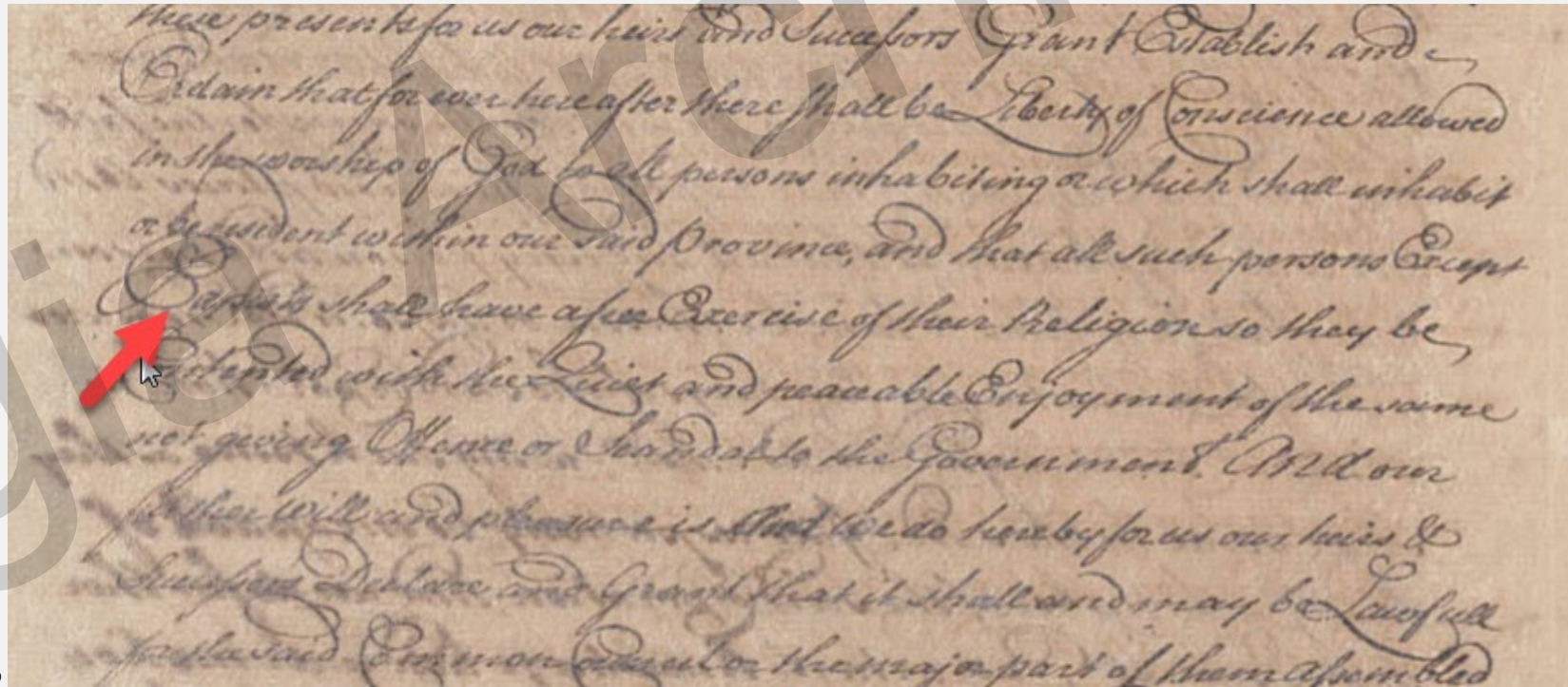
- Set Sail in 1732 → 120 charity colonists and Oglethorpe himself
- Slave labor?
 - Banned
- London settlers dominate first group
 - Push Factors
 - Subsidized by Trustees
 - Disease
- Trustee Era → ~3,000 settlers
 - Most come directly from Europe



Map of Savannah, 1734, hpc1496, Historic Postcard Collection, RG 48-2-5, Georgia Archives

FIRST NON-TRUSTEE SETTLERS: JEWISH REFUGEES

- July 11, 1733
- Dr. Samuel Nunes
- Assist the Colony
- Diverse backgrounds
 - Sephardic or Ashkenazi
- War of Jenkin's Ear, 1740s



Detail of the Royal Charter of the Colony of Georgia, page 132 (image 12 of 16), ah00774, Trustees, Colony of Georgia, RG 49-2-18, Georgia Archives

SALZBURGERS

- Expelled from Austrian principality of Salzburg, 1731
- German Lutheran
- George II, 1734
- Ebenezer
- Other German Protestants too
- Model Colonists
- End of Trustee Era to Revolutionary Era



JERUSALEM (EBENEZER) CHURCH, NEAR SAVANNAH, GA.

Jerusalem (Ebenezer) Church, near Savannah, Ga., hpc0859, Historic Postcard Collection, RG 48-2-5, Georgia Archives

MORAVIANS

- German-speaking Protestants, Modern Czech Republic
- Arrive in Georgia, 1735
- Savannah
- Plans for subsequent immigrants
- Small numbers, short stay in Georgia but...



Gordon County, Oothcaloga Moravian Mission, gor322, Vanishing Georgia, Georgia Archives, University System of Georgia

HIGHLAND SCOTS

- Refugees of a different sort
- Prized soldiers
- Altamaha River, Darien
- War of Jenkin's Ear, 1740s
- Deep connections to area → McIntosh County

Detail of Military Strategies to defeat the Spanish, 1740, ah00641, Georgia Records from Duke University, 1988-0015m, Georgia Archives

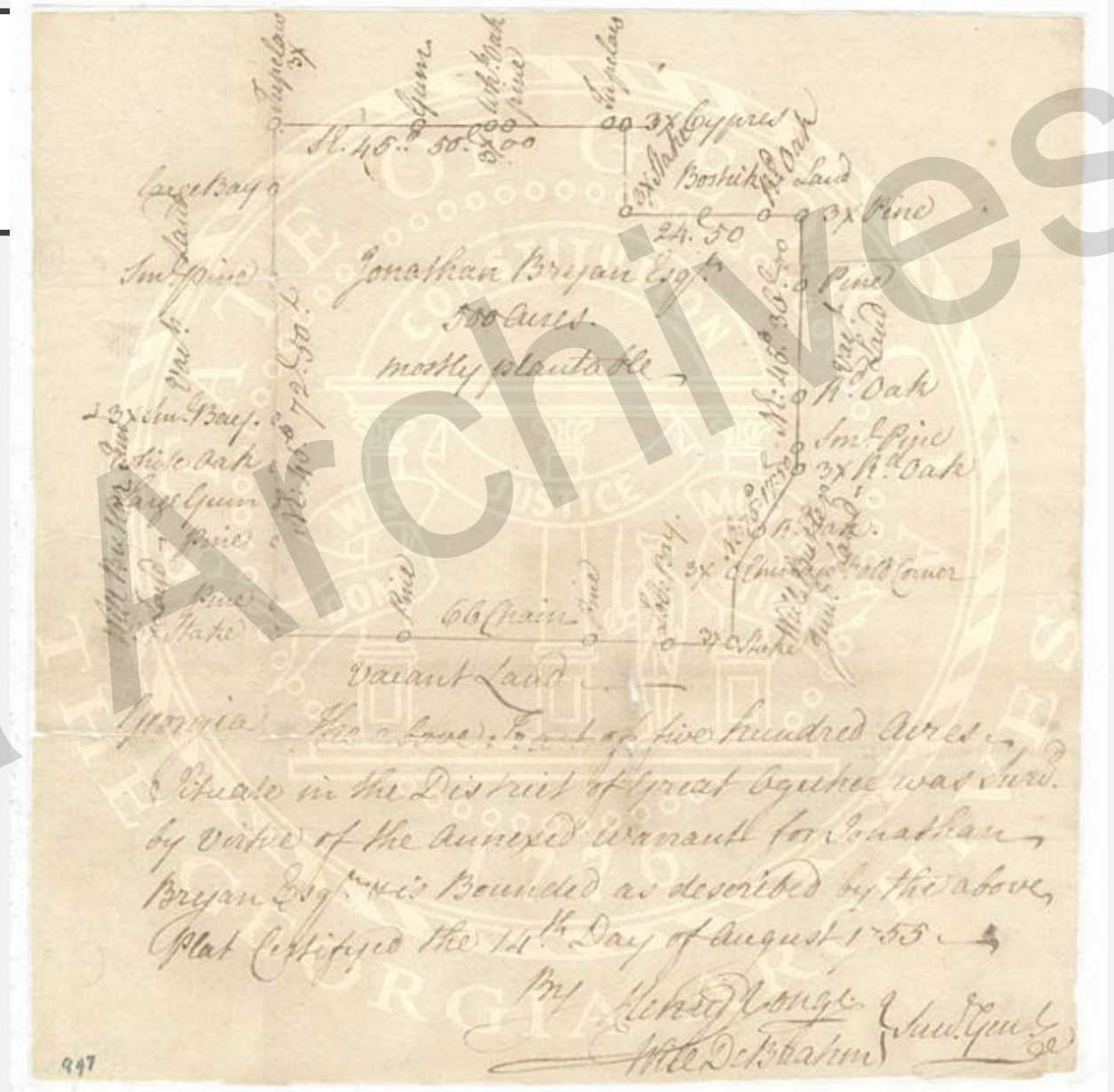
Proposals relating to the War in Georgia
and Florida

Offensive

If I had one Battalion of Land Forces more with a small Train of Artillery, Engineers & Gunners from Europe than Alliance for Privateers whom I could raise in America & for the two Troops of Rangers, the Highland Company for Indians & for one hundred Boat Men. And to buy such Craft here as might oppose the half Gallies. I think the place might be reduced this Winter, we ought to begin any time after September, when the heats are over in this Country, the Winters are so temperate that we can keep the Fields all the Season and as our Partys have hindered them from Planting this Year, they will be greatly distressed for Provisions, besides our Experience in the last Siege will give us great Advantage.

END OF TRUSTEE ERA → NEW SETTLERS

- Slavery ban widely supported
- Malcontents
- William Stephens and large land grants
- Slavery ban ends, 1750; Trustee era ends 1752
- New Migration patterns



Jonathan Bryan Plat, 1755, CWPBryanJonathan04a, Surveyor General, Survey Records, Colonial Plats and Warrants, RG 3-3-56, Georgia Archives

ENSLAVED PERSONS

- First waves with Planters
- From Africa
- From Caribbean
- Labor intensive rice plantations
- Runaways

Proclamation of March 6, 1769, vol I-3095, 133,
Proclamations, Assembly, Colony of Georgia, RG 49-
1-11, Georgia Archives

Georgia

By his Excellency James Wright Esq. Capt. Gen. Governor
and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Said Province Char-
:cellor and Vice Admiral of the Same.

A Proclamation

Whereas it hath been represented unto me that the Snow Brita-
:nia Stephen Deane Master who arrived at Tybee on Saturday
Last with Negroes from the Coast of Africa is infected with the
Small Pox Therefore in order so much as may be to prevent the
Spreading of the Same in this Province I Do by and with the
Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Honourable Council, think
fit to Issue this my Proclamation Ordering and requiring that the
Said Vessel be immediately carried into and moored in Tybee Creek, &
that the Same together with the Slaves and persons therein
do remain there at Least forty Days after the last person infected
shall have recovered and the Slaves and persons who may be put
on Shore there are hereby prohibited and restrained from going
beyond the Marsh on Tybee which Divides the publick Land
from the other part of the Island, and the Master or Commander of the
Said Vessel is hereby strictly enjoined that all such Slaves or per-
:sons who may Die on board or on Shore during the Quarrantine
hereby ordered be buried in some convenient place on the publick
Land at Least five feet beneath the Surface; and all person

CLOSING OF THE COLONIAL ERA

- Large landowners/ planters dominate
- African slavery quickly entrenched
- Smallholders often on marginal lands
- Vagabond/ debt laws
- Settlers from Georgia and other colonies encroaching on Indian lands

Proclamation of June 24, 1763, vol 1-3095, 75,
Proclamations, Assembly, Colony of Georgia, RG 49-1-11,
Georgia Archives

A Proclamation.

Whereas His most Sacred Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify to me that He is determin'd upon all Occasions to support and protect the Indians in Amity and Alliance with him in their just Rights and possessions and to keep inviolable the Treaties and Compacts which have been made and enter'd into with them by his Royal Predecessors. — And Whereas I have received His Majesties Commands to declare his Royal Will and pleasure that all persons whatsoever who may either willfully or inadvertently/without any lawfull Authority for so doing/ have seated themselves upon any Lands Reserved to or Claim'd by the Indians under any of the Treaties or Compacts aforesaid. Do forthwith remove therefrom. — I do therefore by His Majesties Express Command Issue this my Proclamation In his Majesties name Strictly enjoining and requiring all Persons whatsoever who may either willfully or inadvertently have seated themselves upon any Lands so reserved or claim'd by the said Indians forthwith to remove therefrom as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril. —

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of his Majesties said Province in the Council Chamber at Savannah the twenty fourth day of June in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and sixty three and in the Third Year of his Majestys Reign. —

By his Excellencys Command.

John Talley Secy.

God save the King.

Ja. Wright

(Signature)

POPULATION, SUBSEQUENT MIGRATIONS, CONCLUSIONS

- 1753 → 2,381 European, 1,061 African descended, 3,442 total
 - 1761 → 6,100 European, 3,600 African descended, 9,700 total
 - 1773 → 12,000 European, 11,000 African descended, ~23,000 total
- Conclusions
 - Reform-minded beginnings
 - Some successes, some malcontented settlers
 - Trustee to Royal era → big shifts
 - Revolution and After
 - More settlement in Georgia
 - Land Frauds
 - Georgia as a jumping off place

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- And many more...
- Virtual Vault
 - Ad Hoc Collection → limit to “Colonial Era”
 - Colonial Conveyances
 - Colonial Estate Records
 - Colonial Plats and Warrants
 - Colonial Will Books
 - Colonial Wills
- Ask us in the Reference Room, Contact us via Ask an Archivist or 770-364-3710

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