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Abstract

George William Fairfax, writing from Bath, Somerset, England, gives George Nicholas of Williamsburg, VA power of attorney over Fairfax's property in Virginia. Also, a letter from Nicholas to Craven Peyton instructing Peyton to collect rent on Fairfax's property.

Creator

Fairfax, George William, 1724-1787.

Physical Characteristics

2 letters.

Location

On site.

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Biographical Information

George William Fairfax was the son of Colonel Sir William Fairfax, lieutenant of the County of Fairfax, and member and president of the council in Virginia. He came to Virginia at a young age and was a contemporary and companion of George Washington. Fairfax and his wife Sally returned to England in 1773 to care for property there. They were not able to return to Virginia after the Revolutionary War.

Scope and Content

One letter giving George Nicholas power of attorney over the Virginia estates of George William Fairfax, and another written by Nicholas, authorizing Craven Peyton to collect the rents due on Fairfax's land in Fairfax, Fauquier, Culpeper, Berkeley, Frederick, and London counties.

Index Terms

Persons:

Fairfax, George William, 1724-1787 - Correspondence.

Nicholas, George, 1754?-1799 - Correspondence.

Subjects:

Personal property - Virginia.

Genre and Form Terms:

Powers of attorney - Virginia - 1779. |2aat

Arrangement

2 items.