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OF

Colonel William Stephens

Secretary to the Board of Trustees at Savannah

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TO

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Containing All of His Journal Not Embraced in
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Prefatory Note.

When Volume IV of the Colonial Records of the State of Georgia, Stephens' Journal, went to press, the compiler believed that the two manuscript volumes contained in it were all of the Journal kept by Colonel Stephens then in existence. He knew that there had been, at one time, a third manuscript volume, but supposed that it, like many other Colonial Records of Georgia, had been irretrievably lost, since it could be found neither among the archives in the State Capitol nor in the Public Records Offices in London, nor, indeed, was he at that time able to find any trace of it elsewhere.

Since his Volume IV. went to press, however, through the indefatigable effort of a loyal son of Georgia, Mr. W. J. De Renne, of Savannah, a scion of one of the most distinguished Revolutionary families of the State, and a gentleman who has perhaps done more than any other living Georgian to rescue from oblivion the early history of our State, a copy of this lost volume has been found and purchased by him at an enormous price. Through his courtesy and generosity the compiler has been permitted to make a transcript of this rare record and present it to his readers as a supplement to his fourth volume, realizing that no compilation of Colonial Records of Georgia will be complete without it.

Of this record it has been possible, after several years of diligent effort on the part of Mr. De Renne, to locate only two other copies, and it is entirely probable that no others are in existence. The Trustees had a hundred copies printed, thirty of which were distributed among themselves, when the printing-office, it is said, was destroyed by fire, and the remaining seventy perished. Hence the exceeding rarity of the book.

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BEGINNING OCTOBER 5, 1740

BY

WILLIAM STEPHENS, ESQ.



(From the private collection of W. J. De Renne, Esq.)

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Continued.

Sunday. My Lameness now beginning to wear off, I made shift to go to Church, where after Mr. Habersham's reading the Prayers, we had Sermon before Noon and after, prech'd by the late Teacher who came among a us, whose Name is Chandler; and as I was now inform'd, Note. is not of the Presbyterian Class, but by Profession an ent Anabaptist; as was Mr. Tilly; and the principal Topick more of Bris of his Doctrine was upon Justification and Sanctification, heard of sin in the same Manner as we had been a long While taught. from

October

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Monday. Hearing of a trading Boat from Augusta lying at our Wharf, bound for Charles-Town, I wrote some Letters for England, and made ready a Packet to send to Mr. Verelst, glad of such Opportunity, which we could rarely catch of late; but should have been more glad could I have had that State of the Colony ready now to send, which had been so long in Hand, and which I apply'd myself to daily.

Tuesday. After our waiting with much Impatience some Days for those Prisoners being brought down, and beginning to fear some ill Accident had again happened: they came by this Morning's Tide, under the Custody of those nam'd by the Men who returned on Friday last; and the best Care was taken that possibly could, they might not again escape Justice. It likewise so happening, that by the ordinary Course of Time our Town-Court was to meet, and sit this very Day: They did so; when