COLONIST CARD SORT – JOURNAL QUOTES

"My master allowed his slaves a peck [measurement of approximately one bushel] of corn, each, per week, throughout the year; and this we had to grind into meal in hand mill for ourselves. We had a tolerable supply of meat for a short time, about the month of December, when he killed his hogs. After that season we had meat once a week, unless bacon became scarce, which very often happened, in which we had no meat at all. However, as we fortunately lived near both the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay, we had abundance of fish in the spring, and as long as the fishing season continued. After that period, each slave received in addition to his allowance of corn, one salt herring each day."

December 21, 1709

"About 10 o'clock we went to breakfast and I ate sausage and chocolate."

April 21, 1710

"I ate some cake and cheese and then went to Mr. Bland's where I ate some boiled beef."

May 19, 1710

"I read some Italian and ate abundance of cherries. I ate fish for dinner."

June 10, 1711

"I ate some boiled pork for dinner and was angry with Moll for neglecting to boil some artichokes for dinner."

Belvidera 14th. June 1774.

". . . As to my living I eat at their own table, & our witualls are all Dressed in the english taste. We have for breackfast either Coffie or [Chocolate], and warm loaf bread of the best floor, we have also at Table warm loaf bread of Indian corn, which is extreamly good but we use the floor bread always at breackfast.

Saturday, April twentieth.

At noon I asked the Col. for a bottle of rum as I expected two Countrymen to se me tomorrow, which he verry cheerfully gave and desired me to ask him for one any time I wanted it and told me to take them to the Howse to dinner with me. in the afternoon he, his Lady, and Daughter went over the river to Mr. Jones's in King George County."

"My master gave me one pair of shoes, one pair of stockings, one hat, one jacket of coarse cloth, two coarse shirts and two pair of trousers yearly. He [the master] allowed me no other clothes. In the winter time I suffered much from the cold."

June 5th, 1773

"Sent...an invoice {for} shoes, gloves and stays, etc. for my daughter Lucy."

Sept 23rd, 1775

"My daughter Lucy [bought] a fan [and] some [white and colored] ribbons."

Sunday, 3d.

"After breackfast I went and found out Miss Mollly White and left with her cloth to make me two winter Stocks..."

"This man came up to me, and seizing me by the [shirt] collar shook me violently, saying I was his property, and must go with him to Georgia. At the sound of these words, the thoughts of my wife and children rushed across my mind, and my heart died away within me. I saw and knew that my case was hopeless and that resistance was vain...

March 3rd, 1710:

"...we rode to Kensington where I reprimanded [my slave] Robin for not looking after the cattle better. Here we went over the river to Burkland where things were in good order. Then we walked to [Byrd Park] where I had several negroes whipped for stealing the hogs [or hogsheads as the diary is unclear]. From hence we walked to Shockoe where things were in good condition. Then we went over the River again to the Falls and from thence to Falling Creek..."

Sunday, May, 5th.

"Early this morning I went to Mr. McCalley's and entred his oldest son (about 8 years of age) to writting, stayed there all day and rode his horse home in the evening. The Colo. went to Newport and dinned there."

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