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# Administrative history / Biographical sketch

#### Note

John Moultrie was a Lieutenant Governor of East Florida from 1771 to 1774 during British rule. He was a highly regarded planter from the Carolinas, known for producing some of the best indigo in Carolina. Moultrie brought many experienced slaves to Florida for the growing of indigo and rice as well as corn, beans and potatoes. Following the Revolutionary War and the loss of Florida by the British, Moultrie left for England and died in 1798.

## Scope and content

The John Moultrie Collection contains the following three items:

(1) A sales report titled "Copy of Sales of Effects of Estate of John Moultrie" dated 1772. The commodities sold range from a plantation titled Goose Creek to slaves to "bush corn & peas."
(2) A 1786 letter addressed to a Lord Hawke. In this, Moultrie apologizes for having to leave London early and missing an engagement with Hawke, and asserts his gratitude to Hawke on behalf of the people of East Florida.

(3) A leaf excerpt of a letter, chronicling the fate of the British people living in East Florida after the American revolution. The leaf begins: "...about the time or just before the revolt of the Americas the governor of East Florida secured the Kings order restraining him from any further grants of land in the usual manner and terms, and ordering all the vacant lands in the province to be surveyed, advertised, & laid out in certain tracts and to sell them at public sale at certain periods - giving public notice thereof. This of course could not accommodate with lands those unfortunate people who were obliged to fly from their homes in the neighboring colonies on behalf of their attachment to Great Britain, into East

Florida held out as a place of refuge by proclamation in consequence of his Majesties instructions to his governor."

The collection also contains typescripts of these documents, and a photocopy of an image of Moultrie.

## Notes

### **Title notes**

#### **Restrictions on access**

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## **Access points**

- Letters (documentary form)
- Photocopies (documentary form)
- Reports (documentary form)
- East Florida -- History (place)
- Florida -- History -- 18th century (place)
- Florida -- History -- English colony, 1763-1784 (place)
- Florida -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 (place)
- Great Britain -- Territories and possessions (place)

## **Series descriptions**

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