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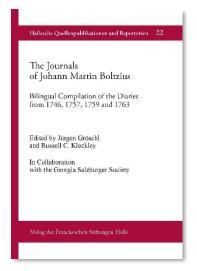
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The previously unpublished fragments of the official diaries of Johann Martin Boltzius (1703–1765) authentically depict the everyday life of the Ebenezer congregation in Georgia, which was founded in 1734 by Protestant religious refugees from Salzburg. In addition to the reports on the ministry of their first Lutheran pastor intended for their patrons in Europe, the diary entries reflect the economic high point of the Salzburger emigrant community, but at the same time already point to signs of crisis that would later intensify under Boltzius' successors in office and especially during the American War of Independence until the threatened dissolution of the Lutheran community.

Introductions to the chapters, biographies of the most important protagonists, a register of the hymns mentioned in the diaries, and a list of the literature ordered or quoted by Boltzius offer valuable assistance in working with this edition, which is available in English and German. The document is further enriched by indices of persons, places, and subjects, which serve as a valuable reference tool.