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Dear Fellow Members!

When perusing the new Members' Interests of Devon FHS today I saw your membership & I wonder if I can offer some reciprocal research? I have a One-Name Society for my maternal Copleston family & the enclosed concerns the brother of my 5-gt-Grandfather, John Copleston, Independent Minister of Bideford.

I should be greatly obliged to know whether you have any information on George or any other Copleston & shall be pleased to do any searching at the Public Record Office, British Library, Society of Genealogists, etc., to assist you.

Although I have my pedigree to 1330 there is a great deal to be extracted from the Patent Rolls & other sources on the family & I am thankful to be recently retired in order to carry on the work. All Coplestons go back to Copleston of Copleston in Colebrooke, Devon, so they are easier to trace than some.

I don't think any Coplestons settled in Newfoundland but should be glad of confirmation. I am, incidentally, Canadian - born Vancouver!

Yours sincerely,

Muriel Reson.

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No. 422 Oct 1 1731 Salisbury, St. John's, Newfoundland.

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- (x) Order by Governor Clinton to the Fishing Admirals at Fermouse, 18th September 1731.

Having considered the affair between Charles Humphreys and Company and George Coplestone, relating to a parcel of fish the latter bought of the former. Orders Coplestone to pay for whatever part thereof he received on board, according to the contract price.

This is probably the George Copleston who married Sarah Prust at Bideford on 16th January, 1722, both being of that town.

Nathaniel Cock, ordained 24th October, 1716 at The Great Meeting House, Bideford, entered the baptism by him of Christopher, son of George and Sarah, May 22nd 1728 "at home". (Born April 27th).

Mr. and Mrs. George Copleston were listed as subscribers at The Great Meeting House in 1726, 1729 and 1730 - £1.1s and 8s.