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MS. The Strepers Papers. **R.** v. p. 1683–1735

These MSS., a part of the collection presented by the heirs of John Jay Smith, deceased, have been examined by Samuel W. Pennypacker, Esq., who kindly contributes the following note:—

On the 10th of March, 1682, William Penn conveyed to Jan Strepers, a merchant of Kaldkirchen, a village in the neighborhood of Crefeld, in Germany, 5000 acres of land in Pennsylvania. Strepers sent his brother William and others over to settle upon it, and they were among the thirteen heads of families who arrived in Philadelphia October 6, 1683, and founded Germantown. In the right of this purchase Strepers obtained 275 acres at Germantown, 50 at Chestnut Hill, 275 at the Trappe, 4448 in Bucks County, 50 in the City Liberties, and three city lots. Some years later Jan and William Strepers entered into an agreement by the terms of which Jan retained an inheritance they had in common at Kaldkirchen, and William became entitled to the lands in Pennsylvania. Subsequently a large portion of these lands were purchased from William by James Logan. The validity of the conveyance to William was denied by the heirs of Jan in Germany, and in 1765 Peter Hendricks Strepers, fortified with powers of attorney from his relatives, came over to this country and began ejection suits to recover the lands. A long and expensive contest resulted, which was finally settled by agreements between the parties. In the course of the struggle all of the correspondence and other papers which passed between William in Germantown and Jan in Kaldkirchen and their children from 1683 to about 1735, were hunted up for use in the trial. These original papers in Dutch and German, numbering about one hundred and fifty, and consisting of letters, agreements, accounts, etc., have recently been ascertained to be in the possession of the Library Company of Philadelphia, and have been gathered together and arranged by Prof. Thomas. Covering as they do the earliest period in the history of Pennsylvania, and filled as they are with the descriptive details of the work and the home life of the writers, they constitute an invaluable source of historical information, especially concerning Germantown. S. W. P.

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