Descriptive Summary

Creator: Simeon, Charles, 1759-1836.
Title: Charles Simeon letter, 1821
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 311
Extent: 0.01 cubic ft. (1 folder)
Abstract: Consists of a letter from Charles Simeon concerning the payment of an annuity.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note
Charles Simeon, born in Reading on September 24, 1759, was the fourth son of Richard Simeon and Elizabeth Hutton. While a student at King’s College, Cambridge, he experienced a dramatic conversion on Easter Day, 1779. After earning his BA, he was ordained on September 28, 1783. Simeon called himself a “moderate Calvinist,” but was influenced by the Evangelical movement. As vicar of Holy Trinity Church in Cambridge, he was known for giving classes in sermon
composition and delivery for future clergymen. In 1812 he became known as well for his weekly
conversation parties on Friday evenings. He held several posts at the university, including dean,
bursar, and vice-provost. Simeon was one of the founders of the Church Missionary Society
in 1797 and supported the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Religious Tract Society, the
Colonial and Continental Church Society, and the Church Mission to the Jews.

Simeon died at King’s College on November 13, 1836, and was buried in its chapel.

**Biographical Source:** Leonard W. Cowie, ‘Simeon, Charles (1759-1836)’, *Oxford Dictionary

**Scope and Content Note**
This collection consists of a letter from Charles Simeon dated June 14, 1821. It is addressed to
“Rev. Mr. Aspland” and concerns the payment of an annuity.