

BACH'S REPORT ON THE NEW ORGAN AT ZSCHORTAU

Whereas the Most Noble Gentleman, Mr. Heinrich August Sahrer of Sahr, Hereditary Liege Lord and Magistrate at Zschortau and Binsen, as Most Respected Church Patron of the Church at Zschortau, has requested me, the undersigned, to go through and examine the organ, newly built in the said Church by Mr. Johann Scheibe, of Leipzig; and I accordingly, in the presence of the said Lord of Sahr, have gone through the same piece by piece, tried it out, and carefully compared it with the contract placed before me, drawn up between the Inspectors and Mr. Scheibe under the date of June 30, 1744; and I have found not only that the contract has been fulfilled in each and every part, and everything has been capably, carefully, and well built, and that apart from a few little shortcomings, which Mr. Scheibe attended to on the spot at the trial, there are nowhere any major defects, but on the contrary the following stops, over and above the contract, have been found, and proved to be well made and good, namely:

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| 1. <i>Quinta Thön</i> | } of wood | 16 foot | 5. A <i>Coupler</i> for the manual and pedal |
| 2. <i>Viola di Gamba</i> | | 8 foot | |
| 3. <i>Fleute travers.</i> | | 4 foot | |
| 4. <i>Super Octava,</i> | of metal, | 1 foot | |

now therefore I have wished according to request, in the interests of truth and for the builder's good name, to testify by request [*sic*] to the same over my own signature and with my own seal affixed.

JOH. SEBAST. BACH
Royal Pol. and Elect. Sax.
Court Composer

Given at Zschortau, August 7, 1746