

BACH REPORTS ON THE ORGAN IN THE NEW CHURCH AT ARNSTADT

Excerpt from the Records of the Consistory of the Count of Arnstadt

Upon the command of the Consistory of the Count here, Mr. Johann Sebastian Bach, Court Organist to the Prince of Saxe-Weimar,² was called hither to inspect the new organ³ in the New Church, and the costs come to the following amounts: 2 thlr. 16 gr. to Georg Christoph Weller for the hire of the horses and messenger's pay, 4 thlr. to Mr. Bach as compensation, and 1 fl.⁴ for the time that he was here, for food and lodging, making a total of 8 fl. 13 gr.

MARTIN FELDTHAUS

Signed, Arnstadt, July 13, 1703

[On the back, this document bears the notation:]

8 fl. 13 gr. to Mr. Bach for having to try the new organ and play it the first time, July 13, 1703.