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Letter from Danzig Aeltester, Jacob de Veer to David Epp of Chortitza. 1793

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Honourable Ohm David Epp

Valued co-Elder! May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you at all times, Amen.

The Honourable Ministry's very welcome letter of 8 July arrived safely on the 28th of August from which we saw with satisfaction that you have received the money which we had sent via Exchange and, as we are thankful for that, so we also wish, time and circumstances permitting, to have a complete receipt from the Honourable Ministry for the entire sum which you received, the reason being that the entire sum stemmed not only from us but partly from other good friends, so that if it were necessary we could show them the receipt. I would hope the Honourable Ministry will do us this favour.

Furthermore, I thank you for the news about the spiritual state of our community. However, since I do not see [the name of] Gerhard Neufeld among the ministers and it is said that the office of minister has been taken from him, I would very much like to know the reason for this. Similarly, what are Jacob Höppner and Johann Bartsch guilty of? [I] expect an appropriate reply to this. That the Honourable Ministry [would] report about that soon together with an authorization [power of attorney], and a certificate of death is to be obtained, would very much gratify us and Johann **Bollee** [#17439], a brother of Wilhelm **Bollee** [#17441] amicably repeats his request for it to the Honourable Ministry. Now in response to the question whether Martin **Wiens'** [#15916] sister, Mrs. Heinrich Epp, is still living, the answer is that both she and her husband are still alive and are living on the Coldau [Kalthof] near Marienburg. Next, our beloved fellow servant, the Honourable Ohm Cornelius **Focking** [#17046 or #8566], asks us to report to his friend Wilhelm **Zacharias** [#265327] that although he has called in the latter's capital which is in the possession of our beloved fellow servant Honourable Ohm Cornelius **Epp** who has however requested time till New Year, which one now has to await, and Cornelius **Focking** will not start to do all that he can insofar as this can be accomplished without ruining our beloved co-servant Ohm C. Epp. So much for this news. I close with friendly regards to the Honourable Ministry, recommending them all to God's protection, and remain in love.

The Honourable Ministry, etc.

Jacob de Veer [#8281]

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