

## **Travels through Germany**

containing observations of customs, manners, religion, government, commerce, arts, and antiquities. With a particular account of the courts of Mecklenburg.

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Facsimile excerpt from pp. 198-199, regarding Rostock:

**This city has four principal churches: St. Mary's, St. James's, St. Peter's, and St. Nicholas's; and five lesser ones, those of the Holy Ghost, St. Catharine, St. John, St. Michael, and the Holy Cross. They are all of Gothic structure, and not at all remarkable either for beauty or neatness. I must except St. Mary's, which is a fine Gothic pile in the form of a cross, and situate in the heart of the city. The astronomical clock is somewhat like that of St. Mary's at Lubeck, but at present out of order. The marble altar is sumptuous and elegant; there**

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**are also some handsome monuments, and a number of curious inscriptions. Among the rest I saw a Latin inscription at the church-door pointing out the year in which it was built.**

**Thomas Nugent** (1700-1772) was an Irish historian and travel writer. The excerpt shown here shows his remarks about Rostock and St. Mary's church. He visited Rostock on Sept. 16, 1766: that was unfortunately at one of the rare occasions when the clock was out of order.