

C) REFUGEES RESETTLE

Surprisingly the opportunity came sooner than expected for Zinzendorf to achieve his aim, for just across the border of his land, in Bohemia and Moravia, there were many persecuted Christians. Some were Moravians and some were other groups of Christians. They were unable to meet openly to worship and were forced to meet secretly in barns, woods and caves to avoid being tortured or punished.

When Zinzendorf heard their story from a man called Christian David he offered his land to them and invited them to build houses in safety.

Under great fear of betrayal, the refugees marched with only a few possessions over the mountain passes and crossed the border onto the land of Zinzendorf.



EMIGRANTS CROSSING THE MOUNTAINS.

How do you think they felt as they trekked across the mountains?

They arrived on 17th June 1722. They cut down the first tree where their new houses would be built. The settlement was named Herrnhut and a monument still marks the very spot where the first tree was felled.



CUTTING DOWN THE FIRST TREE.

