

# **Great Britain. Board of Trade Records**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Great Britain. Board of Trade Records

**Span Dates:** 1682-1786

**ID No.:** MSS98236

**Creator:** Great Britain. Board of Trade

**Extent:** 13 items ; 6 containers plus 1 oversize ; 2.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Government agency. Reports, correspondence, orders, instructions, commissions, and other material relating to British overseas trade.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

West, Richard, -1726.

### Organizations

Great Britain. Board of Trade.

### Subjects

Fishing.

Shipping.

Whaling.

### Places

America--Commerce--Great Britain.

Antigua--Commerce--Great Britain.

Bermuda Islands--Commerce--Great Britain.

Canada--Commerce--Great Britain.

Caribbean Area--Commerce--Great Britain.

France--Commerce--Great Britain.

Great Britain--Colonies--Administration.

Great Britain--Commerce--America.

Great Britain--Commerce--Antigua and Barbuda--Antigua.

Great Britain--Commerce--Bermuda Islands.

Great Britain--Commerce--Canada.

Great Britain--Commerce--Caribbean Area.

Great Britain--Commerce--France.

Great Britain--Commerce--Jamaica.

Great Britain--Commerce--New England.

Great Britain--Commerce--New Jersey.

Great Britain--Commerce--Newfoundland.

Great Britain--Commerce--Nova Scotia.

Great Britain--Commerce--Pennsylvania.

Great Britain--Commerce--South Carolina.

Great Britain--Commerce--Spain.

Great Britain--Commerce--Virginia.

Great Britain--Commerce.

Jamaica--Commerce--Great Britain.

New England--Commerce--Great Britain.

New Jersey--Commerce--Great Britain.

Newfoundland--Commerce--Great Britain.  
Nova Scotia--Commerce--Great Britain.  
Pennsylvania--Commerce--Great Britain.  
South Carolina--Commerce--Great Britain.  
Spain--Commerce--Great Britain.  
Virginia--Commerce--Great Britain.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Provenance**

The records of the Board of Trade, a British government agency which regulates foreign trade, were acquired by the Manuscript Division by gift and purchase, 1899-1940.

### **Processing History**

The records of the Board of Trade were originally arranged and described under various titles among the Manuscript Division's Miscellaneous Manuscript Collection. They were combined and newly described in 2001.

### **Related Material**

In addition to this collection, the Manuscript Division also houses a much larger collection of reproductions of Board of Trade records reproduced as part of the Library's foreign copying program.

### **Copyright Status**

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

### **Access and Restrictions**

The records of the Board of Trade are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

### **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Great Britain Board of Trade Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The records of the Great Britain Board of Trade span the years 1682-1786. The Board of Trade, a government agency, was established to promote and regulate British overseas commerce.

The records consist chiefly of bound volumes of reports, correspondence, orders, instructions, commissions, and other material documenting British trade in Canada, the Caribbean, and in the American colonies. Geographical areas mentioned include Antigua, Bermuda, France, Jamaica, New England, Newfoundland, New Jersey, Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia. The records chronicle British trade decisions and actions with respect to such matters as fishing, shipping, and whaling. A significant portion of the collection relates to British trade disputes with Spain.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged chronologically.

## Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Records
BOX 1	1682-1724
BOX 2	1720-1740
BOX 3	1722-1739 (3 vols.)
BOX 4	1739 (3 vols.)
BOX 4	1752-1753
BOX 4	1766 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 5	1784-1786 (2 vols.)
BOX 6	1786
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Records
BOX OV 1	1766 (Container 4)