

QUICK FACTS

Sources: British Library; National Library of Scotland; University College London; Senate House Library, University of London; Bibliothèque Nationale de France; King's College London

Size: Approximately 1.7 million pages

Content Types: Literary and reference works; legal, political, and theological materials; life stories. These are presented in various formats including books, broadsides, monographs, pamphlets, serials, and visual material

Date Range: Eighteenth century

Available: March 2026

Newly Digitized Materials: 100% new scanning

Disciplines Supported: Social sciences (business, economics, law, politics); arts (architecture, fine arts, music, theater); science, (agriculture, botany, natural history, technology, medicine); and humanities (geography, history, literature, philosophy, theology)

Complementary Gale Archives:

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- *State Papers Online: 1714–1782*
- *British Library Newspapers*
- *Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Burney Newspapers Collection, Part I and Part II*
- *Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Nichols Newspapers Collection*

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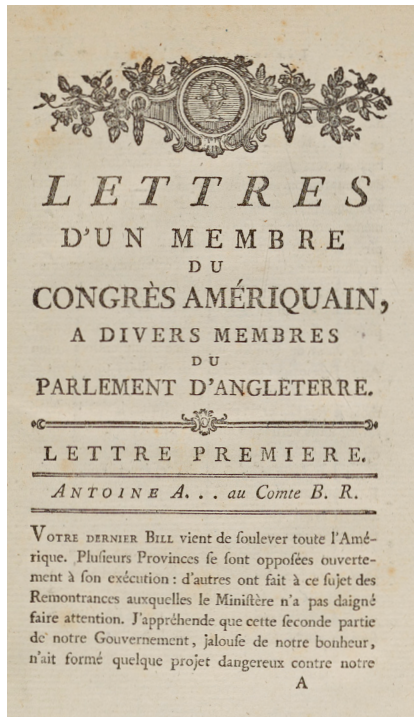
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For over two decades, scholars have explored essential eighteenth-century content in *Eighteenth Century Collections Online*, more familiarly known as ECCO. Made possible by an ongoing collaboration between leading libraries such as the British Library and Gale, ECCO offers researchers across disciplines millions of pages of materials to uncover eighteenth-century events and perspectives.

With ECCO, Gale aspires to deliver a definitive archive of every title published in eighteenth-century Britain and its colonies. The collection is based on the English Short Title Catalog (ESTC), a scholarly resource managed by the British Library and the University of California, Riverside, which lists early books, serials, newspapers, and selected ephemera printed before 1801. After digitizing this microfilm collection, Gale released ECCO I in 2003 and ECCO II in 2009. Since then, ECCO has been called “the primary digital source for the study of printed eighteenth-century texts in the English language,”* and has enabled scholars to further their careers by supporting a wide array of eighteenth-century research projects.

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- The microfilm project did not represent all the titles listed in the ESTC, which also continued to add entries after the publication of *Part II*.
- Limits in previous technologies prevented the microfilm project from scanning large and unusually formatted titles.
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* Tolonen, M., Mäkelä, E., & Lahti, L. [2022]. The Anatomy of Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO). *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, 56(1), 95–123.



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