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State Papers Online: The Stuart and Cumberland Papers from the Royal Archives, Windsor Castle

A collaboration between the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle and Gale, The *Stuart and Cumberland Papers* present an unparalleled documentation of the Jacobite movement, its Court, supporters in Britain and Europe, and the opposing forces of the ruling Hanoverian monarchy.



THE RISE AND FALL OF JACOBITISM AS DOCUMENTED IN THE ARCHIVE OF THE EXILED STUARTS, PRETENDERS TO THE BRITISH THRONE, AND THAT OF THE BRITISH COMMANDER COMMISSIONED TO PUT AN END TO THEIR HOPES.

The Stuart Papers (c.1665-1823) contains three generations of the Stuarts in exile, as purchased by George IV. Covering the history of the Jacobite movement from the Glorious Revolution in 1688 to the death of the last Stuart heir, Henry Benedict, Cardinal Duke of York, in 1807, *The Stuart Papers* provide intimate insights into the social, military and personal worlds of the Jacobite claimants and their followers. These documents include the private and diplomatic correspondence of James II alongside that of his son, James Francis Edward Stuart, "The Old Pretender", and grandsons Charles Edward Stuart, "The Young Pretender", also known as "Bonnie Prince Charlie" and Henry Benedict Stuart, Cardinal Duke of York. Together with communications from the nobles, exiles, soldiers and spies who made up the European Jacobite network, this collection documents the attempts of the Stuart pretenders to regain the British throne, most significantly through the Jacobite risings of 1715 and 1745-1746, and provides a valuable insight into the daily workings of the exiled Stuart court.

The Cumberland Papers, the papers of William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, the second surviving son of George II, provide a Hanoverian counterpoint to the Stuart Papers, and an unparalleled insight into eighteenth century military matters and British foreign policy. As Captain-General of His Majesty's Land Forces, the Duke of Cumberland's correspondence relating to Jacobites provide a vital piece of the jigsaw of eighteenth century British politics and loyalties.

NUMBER OF FOLIOS	<i>Stuart papers</i>	<i>Cumberland papers</i>	<i>Total</i>
	170,000	75,000	245,000

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ARCHIVE

- Papers of James II and his wife Mary of Modena during their exile in France, after the Glorious Revolution in 1688
- Letters in cipher to and from the exiled Stuart court surrounding international plots, such as that with Spain in 1719
- Papers of 'The Old Pretender', James Francis Edward, around the 1715 rebellion
- Personal, eye witness accounts of the battles of the 1745 rising, including the Battle of Culloden
- 'The Young Pretender', Charles Edwards', account among others, of his arrest at the Paris Opera in December 1748
- Correspondence surrounding the quarrel among the Stuarts after Henry Benedict accepted a Cardinalate in 1748
- The Duke of Cumberland's military papers from his campaigns in the War of the Austrian Succession

RELEVANT TO RESEARCHERS IN

- Early Modern British and European History
- Eighteenth Century History and Politics
- Jacobite Studies
- Military History
- Scottish and Irish Studies
- Court Studies

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