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Note on translations

For most of Rousseau's works (the *FD*, *SD*, *DPE*, *SC* and *Conf*), I have consulted commonly available English translations. Frequently, however, I have found it necessary to alter these slightly. I therefore include references in my notes to both the French Pléiade edition and the English-language versions. For the works of Montesquieu and Machiavelli, I have used standard English editions. All other translations are my own.

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AEG	Archives d'Etat de Genève
<i>AJJR</i>	<i>Annales de la Société Jean-Jacques Rousseau</i>
AT	Archives Tronchin
BPU	Bibliothèque publique et universitaire de Genève
<i>BSHAG</i>	<i>Bulletin de la Société d'histoire et d'archéologie de Genève</i>
CC	<i>Correspondance complète de Jean-Jacques Rousseau</i> , ed. R. Leigh (Geneva, 1965–1991)
CPG	Correspondance politique, Genève (Paris, Archives diplomatiques, Ministère des Relations Extérieures)
<i>Conf</i>	J.-J. Rousseau, <i>The Confessions</i>
<i>Devoirs</i>	S. Pufendorf, <i>Devoirs de l'homme et du citoyen</i> , trans. J. Barbeyrac (Amsterdam, 1718)
<i>DPE</i>	J.-J. Rousseau, <i>Discourse on Political Economy</i>
<i>Droit</i>	S. Pufendorf, <i>Droit de la nature et des gens</i> , trans. J. Barbeyrac (Amsterdam, 1712)
<i>FD</i>	J.-J. Rousseau, <i>Discourse on the Sciences and Arts (First Discourse)</i>
<i>LA</i>	J.-J. Rousseau, <i>Lettre à d'Alembert</i> (Paris, 1967)
M1	J.-J. Rousseau, <i>The First and Second Discourses</i> , ed. R. Masters (New York, 1964)
M2	J.-J. Rousseau, <i>On the Social Contract</i> , ed. R. Masters (New York, 1978)
MDG	Mémoires et documents publiés par la Société d'histoire et d'archéologie de Genève
MS Comp Past	Manuscripts de la Compagnie des Pasteurs
MS fr	Manuscripts français
MS hist	Manuscripts historiques
MS supp	Manuscripts supplémentaires
OC	J.-J. Rousseau, <i>Oeuvres complètes</i> , ed. B. Gagnebin and M. Raymond (Paris, Bibliothèque de la Pléiade, 1959–)

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PC	Procès criminels
PCl	Penguin Classics edition (London, 1753)
<i>PDN</i>	J.-J. Burlamaqui, <i>Principes du droit naturel</i> (Geneva, 1747)
<i>PDP</i>	J.-J. Burlamaqui, <i>Principes du droit politique</i> (Geneva, 1751)
PH	Portefeuille historique
R	Registres du Consistoire
RC	Registres des Conseils
RCP	Registres de la Compagnie des Pasteurs
Riv.	E. Rivoire, <i>Bibliographie historique de Genève au XVIIIe siècle</i> , vol. I, MDG xxv, 1897.
<i>SC</i>	J.-J. Rousseau, <i>On the Social Contract</i>
<i>SD</i>	J.-J. Rousseau, <i>Discourse on the Origin and Foundations of Inequality (Second Discourse)</i>
SHAG	Société d'histoire et d'archéologie de Genève
SVEC	Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century

I have often shortened the titles of eighteenth-century Genevan texts.