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ADG	Archives départementales de la Gironde, Bordeaux
<i>Aff. Am.</i>	<i>Affiches Américaines</i> (Saint-Domingue)
AGN	Archivo General de la Nación, Buenos Aires
AndD	Anderson data: computer printouts of original data on forty-seven cargoes sent to eight Great Lakes posts by Montreal merchants between 1715 and 1758 assembled by Dean Anderson and used in his “Documentary and archaeological perspectives on European trade goods in the western Great Lakes region,” Ph.D. dissertation (Michigan State University, 1992). One cargo was dispatched in 1715, forty-five between 1721 and 1748, and one in 1758; they were destined for Detroit, Green Bay, Michilimackinac, Michipicoten, Nipigon, Ouiatenon, Rainy Lake, and Sioux Post. In the text I often use specified subsets of these data.
ANOM	Archives Nationales d’Outre-Mer (formerly Centre des Archives d’Outre-Mer), Aix-en- Provence
APEB-JI	Arquivo Público do Estado da Bahia, Salvador da Bahia, Judiciário, Inventories
BANQ-M	Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales de Québec, Centre d’Archives de Montréal

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CCWB	Charleston County Will Book, SCDAAH
CO	Colonial Office papers, TNA
doss.	dossier
<i>EcHR</i>	<i>Economic History Review</i>
FSC	French Superior Council records, LHC
GHS	George Historical Society, Savannah
GN	Greffes de notaires, Fonds Cour supérieure, District judiciaire de Montréal, BANQ-M
GS	Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah
<i>HAHR</i>	<i>Hispanic American Historical Review</i>
HSP	Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
IB	Inventory Book, JA
JA	Jamaica Archives, Spanish Town
<i>Jam. Gaz.</i>	<i>Jamaica Gazette</i> (Kingston)
JR	Reuben Gold Thwaites, <i>The Jesuit relations and allied documents: travels and explorations of the Jesuit missionaries in New France, 1610–1791</i> , 73 vols. (Cleveland: Burrows Bros., 1896–1901)
Kask. Mss	Kaskaskia Manuscripts, Randolph County Courthouse, Chester, Illinois
LAC	Library and Archives of Canada (formerly National Archives of Canada), Ottawa
LHC	Louisiana Historical Center, New Orleans
MCC	Middelburgse Commercie Compagnie, Middelburg, Zeeland
mf.	microfilm
Monson 31/1–31	Thomas Thistlewood's manuscript diaries; the originals are in the Lancashire County Archives
MOOC	Masters of the Orphan Chamber (Cape Colony), Cape Archives, Cape Town (MOOC 8 = Inventories; MOOC 10 = Vendu Rolls)
Ms.	manuscript
NJSLA	New Jersey State Library and Archives, Trenton
NONA	New Orleans Notarial Archives, Louisiana
Not.	Notary
<i>Pa. Gaz.</i>	<i>Pennsylvania Gazette</i> (Philadelphia)
RAC	Royal African Company (United Kingdom)

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RSP	Records of the Secretary of the Province, SCDAH
RWP	Registrar of Wills, Philadelphia City Archives, Pennsylvania
RWSC	Record of Wills, Surrogate's Court
SCDAH	South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia
<i>S. C. Gaz.</i>	<i>South Carolina Gazette</i> (Charles Town)
SDOM	Saint-Domingue collection, ANOM
SL	Sucesiones legajos, AGN
STB	Stellenbosch Inventories, Cape Archives, Cape Town, Republic of South Africa, transcribed in Annemarie Krzesinski-De Widt, <i>Die boedelinventarisse van erflaters in die distrik Stellenbosch, 1679–1806</i> , 5 vols. (Stellenbosch Museum, 2002)
TNA	The National Archives, Kew (England)
VOC	Verenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie (Dutch East India Company)
W	Will
WI	Wills and Inventories
WMQ	<i>William and Mary Quarterly</i>
ZA	Zeeuws Archief, Middelburg, Zeeland

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