

Commonplace book

Ms. Codex 1800

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Summary Information

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| Repository | University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts |
| Title | Commonplace book |
| Call number | Ms. Codex 1800 |
| Date | 1798 |
| Extent | 1 volume |
| Language | English |
| Abstract | A volume containing a collection of copied excerpts and quotations chiefly regarding the history of Great Britain, Rome, and the Byzantine Empire. The codex is written on 180 numbered pages by an unknown compiler. "Extracts 1798" is written on the spine. |

Cite as:

Ms. Codex 1800, Commonplace book, 1798, Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts, University of Pennsylvania

Scope and Contents

This marbled paper-covered volume with "Extracts 1798" written on the leather spine contains a

collection of copied excerpts and quotations on 180 numbered pages by an unknown compiler. The marbled paper used to cover the boards has printed text from portions of two works. On the front cover is half of page 92 from *An enquiry into the prices of wheat, malt, etc. sold in England*, printed about 1765. The back cover has a half page of another work on money in sixteenth-century England. The volume comprises a collection of passages and quotations with citation notes below each excerpt. The extracts concern history, philosophy, and theology with some passages from works on medicine, literature, and geography. The compiler chiefly recorded items from *The history of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire* by Edward Gibbon and *The history of England* by David Hume. Other excerpts in the volume include *Domestic medicine* by William Buchan, William Finch's Bampton lectures, and the Harleian miscellany. There are also passages copied from contemporary novels, lectures, plays, poems and sermons.

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Source of Acquisition

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Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Codices (bound manuscripts)
- Commonplace books
- Excerpts
- Manuscripts, English--18th century
- Quotations

GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Great Britain--History
- Rome--History--Empire, 30 B.C.-476 A.D.

SUBJECT(S)

- Byzantine Empire--History--To 527

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