

Archives Unbound: French Royal Acts, 1256-1794 (Actes royaux français, 1256-1794)



Archives Unbound

Archives Unbound answers the call within libraries and university departments to digitise small collections of primary source material. This new online resource digitises the most sought-after microfilm collections from Gale and Primary Source Media, capturing defining moments in history. Between 5,000 to 200,000 pages per title, these specialist collections act as small adjuncts to the large Gale digital collections making them an affordable option for libraries and departments.

French Royal Acts, 1256-1794 (Actes royaux français, 1256-1794)

Approximately 16,000 pamphlets covering this important period in French history are available in this collection. One of the largest collections of its kind, it offers a wealth of information on the legislative and administrative history of France, as well as other aspects of French life.

Dealing with the financial and political administration of France proper from the late 13th century to the end of the monarchy, nearly three-quarters of the pamphlets here are concentrated in the 18th century; a considerable number are of earlier origin. Many of the early pamphlets are reprints of materials published by officials during the period of the monarchy as a reminder of the established rights or obligations of their constituency.

Date range: 1256-1794

Source library: New York Public Library

Among the topics covered in this collection are:

- Fiscal matters in the Chambre des Comptes, including annuities, appointments and sales of offices
- Taxation and tariffs on goods
- Toll collections, primarily of the 18th century; including tax on river passage through land-owners' property, with names of owners of genealogical or historical interest
- Bridge and road toll disputes
- Salt taxation, trade and smuggling
- Criminal justice, primarily from 1720 forward
- John Law's attempts at reorganization of the financial system, including Compagnie des Indes and currency devaluation
- Military administration, including Army and Navy

Features:

- Intuitive searches that deliver organised results
- Highlighted keywords to facilitate research
- Flexible and accessible for the 24-hour researcher
- Subject-specific collections support multidisciplinary research in history, political science, hard science, ethnic studies and more
- Active publishing schedule, with multiple collections added annually
- Highly targeted at 5,000 to 200,000 pages per collection



Archives Unbound: French Royal Acts, 1256-1794 (Actes royaux français, 1256-1794)



- Book printing and prohibitions, especially those of religious or political nature
- Persons of significance of the period



Sample titles:

- Arrets (final judgements of an edict of the King by Parlements or the royal courts or councils)
- Memoires (official reminders)
- Lettres Patentes (which established privileges)
- Royal Ordonnances (in response to petitions)
- Remonstrances, Extraits and various titled or untitled official documents.

Contact us

For more information on any of our titles or to request
your free trial email: emea.marketing@cengage.com