

Colonial Court Records

Economy and Trade Goods

Customs Declaration, 1697	https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8058/rec/1
Whaling License, 1725	https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8666/rec/1
Manifest of Goods, 1735	https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8046 AND https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8047
Smuggling Charge, 1735	https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/7291/rec/1

Reflect & Discuss

Consider that all economic activities in these documents focus on maritime trade. Which ports are important? What types of ships do the documents reflect?

What kinds of trade goods are leaving the North Carolina colony; what kinds are coming in? How are buyers and sellers measuring different products?

British regulation of its colonies' exports increased from the 17th to the 18th centuries, and the enforcement of levies and duties limited the colonists' maritime commerce. How might those regulations have affected colonists' daily life and livelihoods?