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Guide to the  
**Richard Champion letter book**  
1773-1775  
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## Summary

**Creator:** Champion, Richard, 1743-1791

**Title:** Richard Champion letter book

**Date:** 1773-1775

**Size:** 1 v. (173 leaves), 22 cm; 1 v. (173 leaves), 22 cm

**Abstract:** Richard Champion (1743-1791) of Bristol, England was a noted merchant and porcelain manufacturer. Champion, a Quaker, was active in political and civic affairs and sympathetic to American interests. He worked to elect Edmund Burke to Parliament for Bristol in 1774. Champion emigrated with his family to South Carolina in 1784 and settled near Camden, where he died in 1791. This is the fourth volume in chronological order of five letter books transcribed by Richard Champion and members of his family from original correspondence (the other volumes, numbered I-IV, are at the Bristol Record Office). Incoming and outgoing letters, dating 18 February 1773-21 January 1775, concern civic affairs in Bristol, including the licensing of a theater; the election of Edmund Burke; Anglo-American commerce and politics; family and business matters; his china patent; and other subjects. Among the correspondents are William Baker, Edmund Burke, Richard Burke, Thomas Pitt, the painter Nicholas Pocock, and members of the Champion family and their friends.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Alternative Form Available:** Available on microfilm; New York Public Library; \*ZL-250 Also available as part of The letterbooks of Richard Champion, 1760-1775, in British records relating to America in microform (BRRAM)

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## **Key Terms**

### **Geographic Names**

America -- Commerce -- Great Britain  
Bristol (England) -- Social life and customs  
Great Britain -- Colonies -- America  
Great Britain -- Commerce -- America  
Great Britain -- Politics and government -- 18th century  
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775

### **Occupations**

Merchants  
Potters -- England

### **Subjects**

Porcelain, British -- 18th century

### **Names**

Champion, Richard, 1743-1791  
Baker, W. (William), 1743-1824  
Burke, Edmund, 1729-1797  
Burke, Richard, 1733-1794  
Pitt, Thomas, Baron Camelford, 1737-1793  
Pocock, Nicholas, 1740?-1821  
Champion family