

README Legislation database

This database consists of 206 records of 'Scottish' legislative proposals which were submitted to Parliament between November 1754 and the end of March 1784. It is a mixture of private bills, local or national Scottish bills and some British proposals with a particularly Scottish application or significance. Not all measures passed, as can be seen in the RA (Royal Assent) column.

The main part of the database has been extracted from Julian Hoppit's much larger database of British legislation. To this has been added the 'Failed' Scottish measures, listed in Hoppit's book, 'Failed Legislation' (see bibliography), and some additional British measures, as described above. There are mainly to do with trade.

The ID column is a unique identifier for my entries. The JH column denotes Hoppit's identifier, either in his database or in his 'Failed Legislation' measures. There is not an exact match, as some inclusions are a matter of judgment, such as the British measures included here. Also, some additional Scottish measures appeared during this research, which were not included in Hoppit's original count. Some of the discrepancies are explained in the comments column.

[NOTE: when the database was copied during construction, Access renumbered the entries, producing a new ID column. My original IDs are in the ID1 column.]