

## SCOTLAND, ENGLAND, BRITAIN AND THE KINGDOM IN 18<sup>TH</sup>-CENTURY ENGLISH LETTERS

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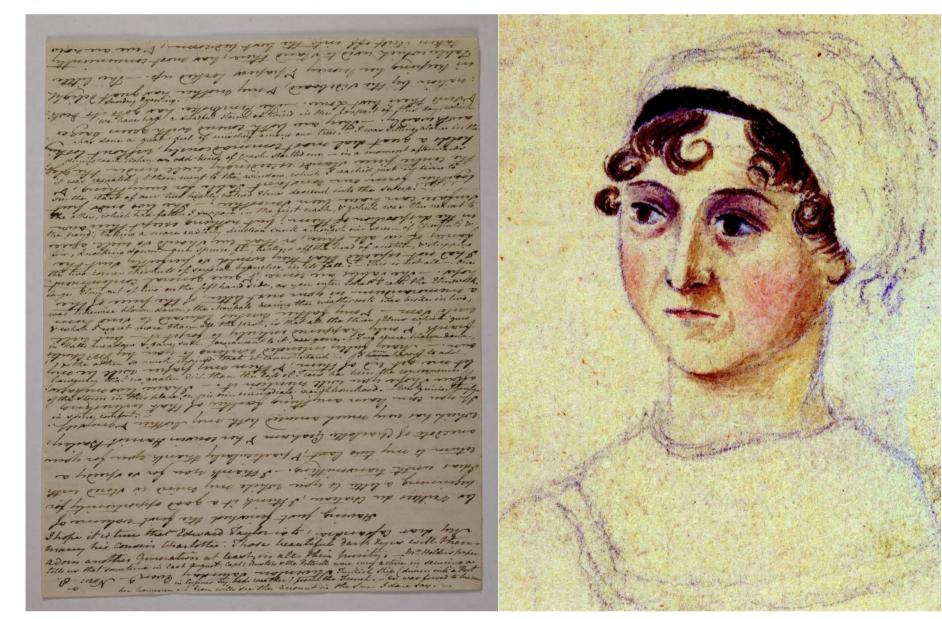
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# THE CORPUS OF EARLY ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE (CEEC)



Part of a letter written by Jane Austen. Austen is one of over 300 authors included in the corpus.

	Men	Women		Total
Informants	218	97	31%	315
Letters	3,676	1,269	26%	4,945
Words	1.61m	o.6m	27%	2.22m

#### **CEEC** in numbers by gender.

	Men		Women		Total	
Royalty	10	(5%)	6	(6%)	16	(5%)
Nobility	18	(8%)	27	(29%)	45	(15%)
Gentry	55	(26%)	26	(28%)	81	(26%)
Clergy	46	(21%)	9	(10%)	55	(18%)
Professionals	41	(19%)	12	(13%)	53	(17%)
Merchants	16	(7%)	2	(2%)	18	(6%)
Other non-gentry	28	(13%)	12	(13%)	40	(13%)

#### Social ranks of the informants.

Images: British Library (Austen's letter), NASA (satellite image), Wikipedia.

### RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- 1) How much is Scotland (and related concepts, especially England and Britain) discussed in the corpus before and after the Act of Union?
- 2) Who discusses Scotland?
- 3) What kinds of topics can be modelled based on (parts of) the data?

### ACT OF UNION, 1707

The Act turned the island into one political entity, reigned by Queen Anne (1665—1714).



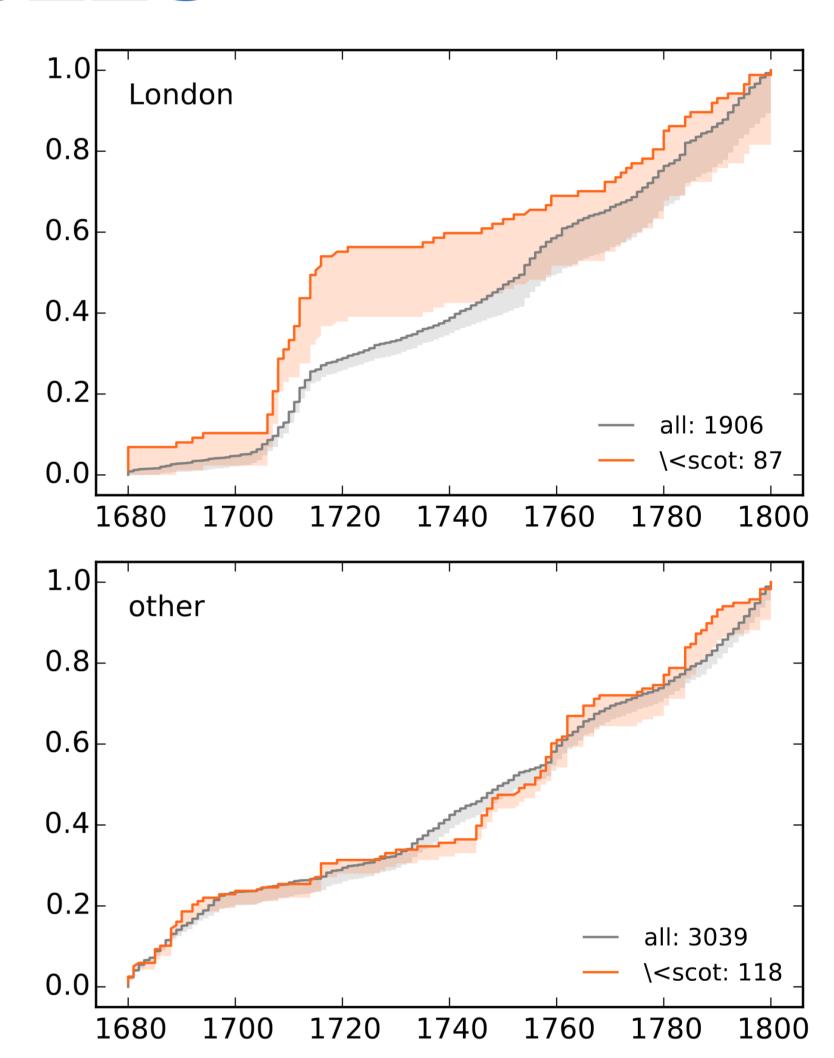
The Royal Coat of Arms of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The lion represents England, the unicorn Scotland.

## THE PRETENDERS OLD AND YOUNG

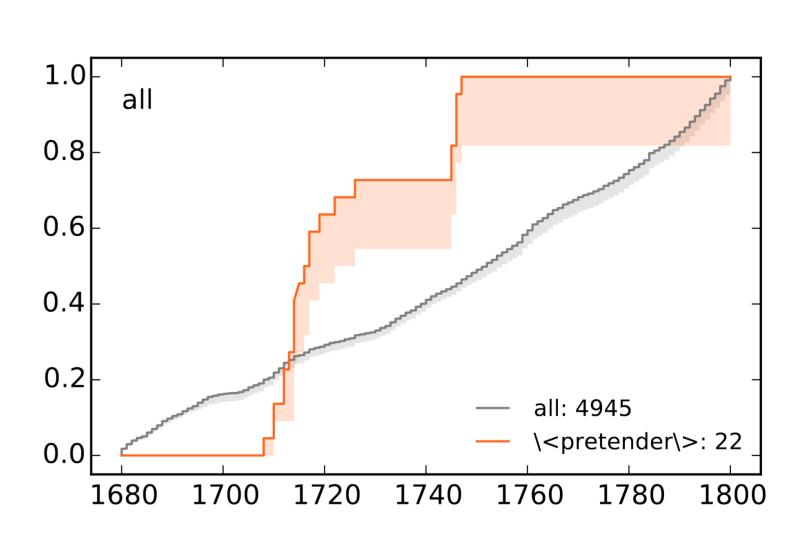


Pretender', 1688—1766) and his son Charles Edward Stuart (the 'Young Pretender', 1720-1788).

## SCOTLAND IN CEEC



## PRETENDERS IN THE CORPUS



## WORD CLOUDS OF THE WRITERS

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