For the manuscript materials quoted in this book, I have retained original spelling and punctuation wherever possible to convey the flavour of the scribal mode. Cross-outs and insertions, however, are not recorded, and I have expanded the occasional abbreviation that might have been difficult to decipher otherwise. For the most commonly referenced manuscript collections in this study, I have used the following abbreviations:

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- *Carter Unpublished Letters*  

- *Correspondence of Delany*  
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- *Correspondence of Dodsley*  
  *The Correspondence of Robert Dodsley 1733–1764* (1988)

- *Correspondence of Gray*  
  *The Correspondence of Thomas Gray* (1935)

- *Correspondence of Richardson*  
  *The Correspondence of Samuel Richardson* (1804)
Correspondence on Grandison  
Correspondence Primarily on Sir Charles Grandison (1750–1754), Vol. 10 of The Cambridge Edition of the Correspondence of Samuel Richardson (2015)

Correspondence with Edwards  
Correspondence with George Cheyne and Thomas Edwards, Vol. 2 of The Cambridge Edition of the Correspondence of Samuel Richardson (2014)

Correspondence with Hill  
Correspondence with Aaron Hill and the Hill Family, Vol. 1 of The Cambridge Edition of the Correspondence of Samuel Richardson (2014)

Letters between Carter and Talbot  
A Series of Letters between Mrs. Elizabeth Carter and Miss Catherine Talbot (1809)

Letters of Johnson  
The Letters of Samuel Johnson (1992)

Letters of Montagu  
The Letters of Mrs. Elizabeth Montagu, with Some Letters of her Correspondence (1809–13)

Letters of Shenstone  
The Letters of William Shenstone (1939)

Letters to White  
The Letters to Gilbert White of Selborne from ... the Rev. John Mulso (1906)

Memoirs of Carter  
Memoirs of the Life of Mrs. Elizabeth Carter (1807)

Posthumous Works of Chapone  
The Posthumous Works of Mrs Chapone (1807)