The purpose of this article is to provide a convenient means of locating the extant original catalogues of Sir Hans Sloane’s collections. With the notable exception of Sloane’s catalogue of coins and medals these have survived rather better than the collections themselves, and with their aid it is possible to gain an idea of what the collections must have contained when they were bequeathed to the nation in 1753. Numerical estimates of the items in Sloane’s staggering bequest were provided at the time, but it would be impossible to add bare flesh to these bones without the catalogues. With their aid it is possible to identify many items of all sorts which belonged to Sloane and still survive (despite the very rudimentary descriptions provided in most entries), and even to glean significant information about provenance which may be of great value to students of particular objects. Taken as a whole, the catalogues will not only enable us to reconstruct Sloane’s activities as a collector in the virtuoso tradition, but also to recognize him as a pioneer cataloguer who perceived the need to document his collections in a systematic way, and as a citizen of the enlightenment who saw them as a type of universal Baconian natural history in museum form, and as such a public scientific and cultural resource.

Nevertheless such a synoptic view of Sloane’s activities will not properly be achieved until a great deal more research has been undertaken on the catalogues and the surviving collections, and this article can be no more than a preliminary to such research. A list of the catalogues has been attempted before, in 1933, by L. J. Spencer, Keeper of Mineralogy at the British Museum (Natural History), but never published. Jessie M. Sweet of the same Department carried on Spencer’s investigations, and has left in the library of the Mineralogy Department a volume of her notes and transcripts which is a very useful starting point for researches into Sloane catalogues. This new list builds directly on the work of Spencer, which can be consulted in typescript in the General Library of the British Museum (Natural History), and attempts to bring it up to date in the light of later research and of the changes in organizational structure within the museums and libraries which hold Sloane catalogues.

It is by no means certain however that all the catalogues which might be candidates for inclusion have been listed here, and it is to be hoped that the appearance of this list in print may lead to the discovery of further extant catalogues of Sloane’s collections.
Sloane was so indefatigable in making lists himself, and in causing them to be made, that others may well survive in the British Museum and its institutional offspring, or elsewhere.

The catalogues included here are lists of items of all sorts collected by Sloane which predate the bequest of his collections, or copies of such lists. Only those copies which seem to include significant new data (for instance in the form of identification of surviving items) have been included. There is one significant omission from the catalogues listed by Spencer, the ten bound foolscap volumes mostly in Sloane’s handwriting, with indexes in several volumes, known to have been in the Department of Coins and Medals in the British Museum in 1933. They are presumed to have been destroyed in the Second World War, although their survival in part or in whole cannot be entirely ruled out, since there are no records of this destruction.

Allowing for rebinding, which has evidently led in several cases to disturbance of the original arrangement, we may hypothesize that some thirty-one volumes of the original catalogues have survived. This may be compared with the figure given in J. and A. Van Rymsdyk, Museum Britannicum (2nd edn. by P. Boyle, London, 1791), p. xi, which gives estimates for the numbers of items in each part of the collections, and then declares: ‘All the above Particulars are entered and numbered, with short Accounts of them, and References of several Writers, who have heretofore written about them, in thirty-eight Volumes in Folio, and eight in Quarto.’ With the ten volumes of coins and medals missing, and thirty-one volumes extant, this would leave perhaps five other volumes of those in the British Museum in the eighteenth century missing today. (The eight quarto volumes are presumably those of Sloane’s interleaved copy of Mercklin’s Lindenus renovatus, no. 31 below.) But looking at the different categories of object listed in Museum Britannicum, it is not possible to identify any not covered by an extant catalogue (or one known but now missing), so perhaps what we have today is not so far removed from the original total.

The list gives information in the following categories: (1) location, (2) shelfmark, (3) title (in canted brackets if supplied), (4) foliation or pagination, (5) contents, (6) date, (7) binding, and (8) notes. Not all of these are included for every entry, and in some cases cross-entries are used to save unnecessary duplication. In the case of the three British Library entries, reference is made to the very full description of the volumes concerned in the article by Dr M. A. E. Nickson in this issue. The entries are grouped by the institution in which they are found. Wherever possible the titles given to catalogues or sections of catalogues by Sloane or his contemporaries are used; otherwise summary titles have been supplied. All passages in quotation marks are in the hand of Sloane or one of his immediate contemporaries unless otherwise indicated. Sections in the catalogue volumes not relevant to the purpose of this check-list have deliberately been omitted, and their presence can be inferred from gaps in foliation, unless otherwise noted. Only in the case of no. 17 is it possible that the catalogue is preserved in the binding of Sloane’s time. The notes section is necessarily rather miscellaneous in character, but the intention has been to identify the part played by Sloane himself in
the writing of the volume, or by his librarian Dr Thomas Stack, FRS. Otherwise features
of interest not remarked on in the other parts of the entry have been identified here.

It is noteworthy how many of the entries in the catalogues are in the hand of Sir
Hans Sloane. These seem to have been supplied at all times in his career, from at latest
1685/6 until the 1740s, despite a very busy medical practice and his activities as
Secretary and President of the Royal Society, and as President of the Royal College of
Physicians, to say nothing of his service to other public and private institutions and a
massive correspondence. Amansuenses have left less trace than might be imagined,
except in the book catalogues, probably because Sloane could not rely on a secretary
to describe objects in the same way as he might transcribe the authors and titles of
books. The labour involved for Sloane himself must have been considerable, so it is
not surprising that many of the items are described very cursorily. On the other hand
there are sometimes passages in the catalogues which amount to memoranda rather than
simple descriptions, and which ought to be considered alongside Sloane's other writings
in the Philosophical Transactions or his published natural historical and medical works,
in any assessment of Sloane as a collector and scientist.

Dating of entries within the catalogues can be done only very occasionally from
internal evidence. It is clear, just by comparison of handwriting, that most of the
catalogues were kept up by Sloane himself over a period of as much as fifty years. It
is equally clear that entries continued to be made to most of the catalogues after Sloane
himself had given up cataloguing, and sometimes after the collections had passed into
public hands. But the quantity of entries in this category is relatively insignificant, as
may be seen simply by looking at the numbers of folios in each entry identified as the
work of later hands. Another possible source of information on dating of entries (and
therefore putatively of acquisitions) would be the watermarks of the paper used, though
the evidence might be difficult to interpret, given the possibility that stocks of paper
may have been put aside for use in a particular catalogue many years before entries
were made. In any case no attempt has been made here to record the variety of
watermarks which appear in the catalogues. Finally it may be noted that in some cases
later researchers have attempted to identify items still extant in the collections with the
appropriate catalogue entry, and have recorded this information alongside the entry
itself in the catalogue. I have tried to indicate in the check-list where this has taken
place on any systematic basis.

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of Prehistoric and Romano-British Antiquities, M. L. Bierbrier of the Department of
Egyptian Antiquities, and Jonathan King of the Museum of Mankind.

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1. British Museum, Department of Egyptian Antiquities

‘Egyptian Antiquitys’

unfoliated (5 fols.)

Contents: (a) ‘Figures of Metal’
(b) ‘Scarabei’
(c) ‘Periaptae’
(d) ‘Ingravings’
(e) ‘Models of Mummies’
(f) ‘Single Figures of Terra Cotta’
(g) ‘Two or more figures’
(h) ‘Bustos and heads of Clay or Terracotta’
(i) ‘Basso Relievos’
(j) ‘Egyptian figures of Earth or Stone’
(k) ‘Models of Mummies’
(l) ‘Urns’

n.d.

19th-cent. half-morocco binding; gilt title on spine, ‘Salt and Sloane collections. MS Catalogue of Egyptian Antiquities and various B.M. correspondence’.

Notes: (i) in unknown 18th-cent. hand.
(ii) entries cross-referenced to Sloane catalogue numbers (i.e. to 28 below). Some provenances of items mentioned.
(iii) leaves folded and in fragile condition.

2. British Museum, Department of Medieval and Later Antiquities

(Gems, Cameos, Annuli)

fol. 1-31 (modern foliation)

Contents: (a) Table of subjects for paintings (fol. 2).
(b) gems, 1-232 (fol. 3v-10).
(c) cameos, etc., 1-290 (fol. 10-19).
(d) note on an Anglo-Saxon inscription; short lists based on (b) and (c) above (fol. 20-3).
(e) annuli; rings, 1-115 (fol. 24-8).
(f) five lists numbered 199-6: of cameos, etc., 1-6; medallions, 1-7; cameos, etc., 1-7; intaglio, etc., 1-8; gems, etc., 1-12 (fol. 29, 30).
(g) Latin verses, headed ‘Conradus Ritterhusius’, on back of a playing card (fol. 31).

n.d.

modern half-calf binding; ‘Sloane Collection: MS Catalogue and Index’ gilt on spine

Notes: (i) all items in Sloane’s hand except (c) 286-90, and (e) 115.
(ii) identifications by A. W. Franks and others passim.

3. British Museum, Department of Medieval and Later Antiquities


no foliation or pagination; original tabs marking divisions
Contents: (a) Miscellanies, AA-Z.
(b) Antiquities, A-Z.
(c) Pictures &c., A-Z.
(d) Agate-Handles &c., A-Z.
(e) Agate-Cups &c., A-Z.
c.1740 (manuscript attribution on title-page)
modern half-calf binding; ‘Index to Sloane Collection’ gilt on spine
Notes: (i) paper slip bound in before (c) with recipe ‘Chandeles p[ou]r la Carnosite’ (not in Sloane’s hand).
(ii) all indices in hand of Thomas Stack.

4. British Museum, Department of Medieval and Later Antiquities
<A. W. Franks’s copy of Sloane ‘Miscellanies’ catalogue>
pp. 1-106
Contents: (a) Antiquities, 1-1129 (pp. 1-30).
(b) non-Sloane additions to (a), 1-14, 1-5 (pp. 31, 32).
(c) Miscellanies, 1-2111 (pp. 33-85).
(d) Impressions of Seals, etc., 1-268 (pp. 86-95).
(e) Index in Sigilla, Sigillorum, Impressiones, &c., A-Y (pp. 96-8).
(f) Pictures and Drawings, 1-323 (pp. 99-106).
Notes: copy of 28 below in A. W. Franks’s hand; continued in typescript as 5.

5. British Museum, Department of Medieval and Later Antiquities
<Typed Extracts from the MS Catalogue in the Department of Ethnography>
unpaginated
Contents: (a) Pictures, 324-471.
(b) Mathematical Instruments, 1-57 (and index).
(c) Agate handles, etc., 1-239.
(d) Agate cups, saucers, spoons, bottles, 1-303.
(e) Annuli; rings, 1-115.
Notes: typescript continuation of 4 above; copy of 28 below.

6. British Museum, Department of Oriental Antiquities
<Extracts from Sloane and other early registers relating to Oriental Antiquities>
unfoliated
Contents: (a) extracts from 28 below relating to oriental antiquities, index by country and
subject, and index of sources (17 fols.).
(b) ‘Amuleta Mahumetica. Gemmae sive Lapides continentes Inscriptiones
Aрабicos, persicas, &c.’, 1-24 (7 fols.).
(c) notes on oriental coins, 18th cent. (3 fols.).
(d) seal impressions and notes (6 fols.).
one item in (d) dated 1737
19th-cent. half-calf binding
Notes: (b) and parts of (d) in Sloane’s hand, (a) typescript.
7. British Museum (Natural History), Botany Library

Shelf-mark: MSS. SLO, 25.e.13

Sir Hans Sloane. Vegetable and Vegetable Substances: being the original register of the plant collections of Sir Hans Sloane excluding the Herbarium, arranged in the order of their acquisition, title by Dr W. Carruthers, FRS, Keeper of Botany

fols. 1–294 (stamped numbering).

Contents: ‘Vegetables and Vegetable Substances’, 1–3000 (fols. 1–294, entries on rectos only).

n.d.

19th-cent. half-calf binding; elaborate gold-tooled plant design at top of spine, which is detaching. Two loose leaves at front. Nos. 7–9 were at one time bound in 5 volumes (see 10 below)

Notes:
(i) Sloane’s hand, with interpolations by others.
(ii) note on flyleaf (Sloane’s hand):
  ‘G + Gr Dr Grews Mus.S.Reg. + collection of seeds fruits & which I bought
  P + Pet. are Mr James Petivers collections of all sorts which I bought likewise
  P + Pl. Dr Plukenets collections which I likewise bought from Dr Moor Bp of
  Norwich who bought them of his Exrs
  Duplicate fr 2669 to 2413
  Amongst the Miscellania No. 100 to 109’.
(iii) various numbers assigned to items in pencil and red pen.

8. British Museum (Natural History), Botany Library

Shelf-mark: MSS. SLO, 25.e.14

(Vegetables and vegetable substances)

fols. 295–713 (stamped numbering)

Contents: Vegetables and vegetable substances, 3001–6000 (fols. 295–713, rectos only).

n.d.

binding as 7

Notes:
(i) Sloane’s hand, with very few interpolations.
(ii) fol. 466, E. W. Groves (3/12/47): ‘Nos. 4326 onwards are continued on p. 471’.

9. British Museum (Natural History), Botany Library

Shelf-mark: MSS. SLO, 25.e.15

(Vegetables and vegetable substances)

fols. 714–1165 (stamped numbering)

Contents: Vegetables and vegetable substances, 6001–12523 (fols. 714–1165)

n.d. (but Sloane note on fol. 1086 refers to storm of 8 January 1734)

binding as 7

Notes:
(i) Sloane’s hand to fol. 1068; interpolated thereafter.
(ii) unfoliated note after fol. 804: ‘Mr Barham’s MSS Paraguay Tea’.
(iii) fol. 1085, note: 10558* to 10576* after 10857; 11088–97 missing.

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10. British Museum (Natural History), Botany Library

Shelf-mark: MSS. SLO, 25.e.16

[Index to the 5 (sic) Volumes of Vegetables]

fols. 1-173 (stamped numbering)

Contents: Index to Vegetables and Vegetable Substances, 1-12523.

n.d.

Notes: (i) index pasted in on slips (not in Sloane's hand).
(ii) note by W. Carruthers, August 1875: 'The index formerly in 5 portions has been arranged as a single index'.

11. British Museum (Natural History), Botany Library


Note: a fuller catalogue of Sloane's herbarium is in 30 below.

12. British Museum (Natural History), Botany Library

Shelf-mark: S.B. 582. RAY.


13. British Museum (Natural History), Entomology Library

Shelf-mark: S.B.q.S.8

'Insects'

fols. 1-413 modern pencil foliation (rectos only, except a few notes). fols. 6, 7 blank

Contents: (a) pasted slip: 'Sir Hans Sloane's Catalogue. Geological Department' (fol. 1).
(b) 'Insects contained in Cabinet no. 234' (list follows) (fol. 2).
(c) 'Tabula Synoptica Insectorum in Classes distributorum Cromwello Mortimero' (fols. 2v-4v).
(d) 'An Explanation of Several Abbreviations & notes made use of in the Catalogue of Insects' (fols. 5v-5v).
(e) 'Insects', 1-2506 (fols. 8-413).

n.d.

Half-goat binding. 'Bound 10/1986'. 'Volume I' on spine. Tissue repair to many folios

Notes: (i) Sloane's hand throughout, except fols. 2-5v in Dr Cromwell Mortimer's hand.
(ii) pencil numbers added to each entry, keyed to boxes in which specimens kept.

14. British Museum (Natural History), Entomology Library

Shelf-mark: S.B.q.S.8

Insects

fols. 1-379 modern pencil foliation. fols. 1, 327-77, 379 blank

Contents: (a) Insects, 2507-5447 (fols. 2-326).
(b) 'Number of Insects not found in the review made by C. Mortimer' (fols. 378).

n.d.

Binding as 13. 'Volume II' on spine

Notes: (i) Sloane's hand to 4205 (fol. 236); part Sloane, part. C. Mortimer 4206-4832 (fol. 275); mostly C. Mortimer 4833-5447 (f. 276).
(ii) pencil numbers added, keyed to boxes.
15. British Museum (Natural History), Mineralogy Library


fols. 1-342 (with 5 unnumbered prelims.), rectos only

Contents: (a) 'Precious stones', 1-2256 (fols. 1-184).
(b) 'Metalls', 1-1406 (fols. 189-342).

n.d.

modern binding by Maltby, 1979(?). Restorer’s note inside front board: cleaned and repaired using Heat Set Tissue (Crompton) and Japanese paper. Leaves guarded. Denis Blum, 1978(?)

Notes: (i) Sloane's hand, except fols. 181-4 (Metals 2230-56).
(iii) fol. (ii)-(iii), L. F., 1902-3: notes re Sloane and mineral collections.
(iv) Precious stones, 1723-75 repeated; Metals, 670-99 repeated.

16. British Museum (Natural History), Mineralogy Library


fols. 1-283. fols. 1-76, written on rectos only. Blank fols. 77-283

Contents: Metals, 1407-2727 (fols. 2-76).

n.d.

binding and restoration as 15. Fol. 39 holed and burnt, repaired 1972, and re-repaired by Denis Blum, July 1981

Notes: (i) Sloane's hand, fols. 2-64 (1-2640).

17. British Museum (Natural History), Mineralogy Library

Asteriae, Trochitae, etc. (nos. 1-242)
Earths, Salts, etc. (nos. 1-1037)
Tales, Micae, etc. (nos. 1-391)
Christalls (nos. 1-1868)
Fossils, Flints etc. (nos. 1-1280)

*title-page written 20 August 1903, by L. F.*

Volume III is in two parts, IIIA and IIIB (this item and 18 below)

fols. 1-261, written on rectos only

Contents: (a) 'Ambers, bitumens, ambergrease etc.', 1-399 (fols. 1-35).
(b) 'Asteriae, Trochite, Entrochi (scribe stones) etc.', 1-242 (fols. 42-70).
(c) 'Salts, Earths, clays, &c.', 1-1037 (fols. 79-173).
(d) 'Tales, micae &c.', 1-391 (fols. 184-212).
(e) 'Christals', 1-487 (fols. 217-61).

n.d.

binding and restoration as 15
Notes: (i) Sloane's hand, except changes on folios. 34, 69, 170, 211.
(ii) (b) nos. 66–80 repeated; (c) nos. 160–207, 245–59, 526, 903–10, 918 repeated;
(e) nos. 1135–1333 wanting.

18. British Museum (Natural History), Mineralogy Library


fols. 262–498 (496 foliated twice)

(b) ‘Flints, Fossils, &,’, 1–1280 (fols. 382–495).

n.d.

binding and restoration as 14

Notes: (i) Sloane's hand, folios. 262–367, 382–483.
(ii) fol. 496 concordance of Sloane nos. with Winthrop nos. (see note to 16 above).

19. British Museum (Natural History), Mineralogy Library

‘Indices variorum Musaei Sloaneani Catalogorum: scil.
1. Succinorum, Bituminum, &c.
2. Asteriarum, Trochitarum, Entrochorum, &c.
3. Terrarum, Salium, &c.
4. Talcorum, Micarum, &c.
5. Crystallorum &c.
6. Fossilium

Index to the Ambers, Bitumes &c. 1740’

pp. 1–663 (versos counted but not numbered)

Contents: (a) ‘Ambers, Bitumens &c.’, A–Z (pp. 1–63).
(b) ‘Index to the Asteriae, Trochitae, Entrochi &c. 1740’, A–Z (pp. 67–117).
(c) ‘Index to the Earths, Salts, &c. 1740’, A–Z (pp. 119–235).
(d) ‘Index to the Talcs, Micae, &c. 1740’, A–Z (pp. 239–303).
(e) ‘Index to the Crystals &c. 1740’, A–Z (pp. 307–491).
(f) ‘Index to the Fossils, Flints &c. 1740’, A–Z (pp. 495–661).

1740

binding and restoration as 15

Notes: (i) Thomas Stack's hand.
(ii) pastedown on flyleaf has note by L. F., August 1903: indexes to vols. I and II are at present bound up with indexes to the volumes in the Geological Dept.
(iii) note by L. J. S., 2 April 1932, about hands of Sloane in vols. I to III, and Stack in vol. IV.

20. British Museum (Natural History), Mineralogy Library

Shelf-mark: MS 2 SLO (with 224.r.1 in pencil on title-page)

‘Catalogus Marmorum’

fols. 1–144

Contents: (a) notes (see below) and contents lists (fols. 1–5).
(b) ‘Catalogus Marmorum’, 1–277 (fols. 6–22v).
(c) note by Sloane, inc. ‘Strata folinae’ (fol. 23).
(e) 'Minerae Argenti', 1-272 and 'Observationes' (fols. 26v-51v).
(f) 'Minerae Cupri', 1-133 (fols. 52v-62v).
(g) 'Minerae Ferri', 1-114 and 'Observationes' (fols. 62v-74).
(h) 'Minerae Stanni sive Plumbi candidi Agricolae', 1-91 and 'Observationes' (fols. 74v-83v).
(i) 'Minerae Plumbi', 1-48 and 'Observationes' (fols. 84-89v).
(j) 'Minerae Cinnabaris et Mercurii', 1-18 and 'Observationes' (fols. 90v-1v).
(k) 'Minerae Antimonii et Magnesiae', 1-29 and 'Observationes' (fols. 92-7v).
(l) 'Minerae Vitrioli', 1-21 and 'Observationes' (fols. 98-100v).
(m) 'Minerae aluminis', 22-4 and 'Salia', 25-8 and 'Observationes' (fols. 101-2).
(n) 'Minerae Cobalti, Arsenici, Bismuthi', 1-48 and 'Observationes' (fols. 104-11v).
(o) 'Pyritae Flavi et Subflavi', 1-40 and 'Observationes' (fols. 112-19v).
(p) 'Minerae Sulphuris', 29-32 and 'Observationes' (fols. 120-1v).
(q) 'Lapides', 33-46 (fols. 122-3v).
(r) 'Lusus Minerales sive Concretiones crystallinae', 1-81 (fols. 124-33v).
(s) Letter of William Brownrigg, Whitehaven 3 November 1742, to Sloane (fols. 134-6).

n.d., except (a), (s), (t)
orignal boards with gold tooled insect design preserved in box; note fol. 1: binding repaired in 1928
fol. 2, B. B. Woodward, 4 December 1902: 'I beg to recommend that this valuable old curiosity being one of the volumes (the rest are in Geological Department) of the original catalogue of the collection of Sir Hans Sloane should be carefully cleaned mended and rebound the present outside leather being employed to line the new covers and so be preserved. The two letters of Brownrigg should be bound separately on account of size when both MSS will be better preserved'
pencil note on rear board of binding: cleaned and guarded by Denis Blum, 1978; rebound and boxed by Maltby, 1979

Notes: (i) section (b) not in Sloane's hand, but annotated and supplemented by him. Fols. 21-49, 52v-64 in Sloane's hand.
(ii) fol. 1, L. J. Spencer, 1928: 'This old catalogue, written in Latin, evidently belonged to Sir Hans Sloane (1660-1753) for there is bound up with it a letter and list of specimens sent to him by William Brownrigg in 1742; also the style of binding is the same as that of the Sloane catalogues in the Geology Department (BM). None of the entries appear to agree with any in the Sloane MS Catalogue. This Catalogue by Sir Hans Sloane but not re-catalogued with his general collection. Nearly all of the specimens are from Germany and Austria.'

21. British Museum (Natural History), Palaeontology Library

Shelf-mark: 50.h.6 (pencil on title-page)

'Coralls, Sponges, & some other submarines'
fols. 1-364 (partly written on rectos only)
Contents: (a) 'Coralls', 1-1421 (fols. 2-108; fols. 1^v-16^v).
(b) 'Serpents &', 1-525 (fols. 109-56; fols. 108^v-11^v).
(c) 'Echini', 1-660 (fols. 157-219).
(d) 'Crustacea', 1-364 (fols. 226-57).
(e) 'Starrfishes', 1-174 (fols. 265-76).
(/) 'Humana', 1-760 (fols. 277-360).

n.d.
modern half-calf binding by Maltby of Oxford; gilt title on spine 'Catalogue of Fossils'

Notes:
(i) mostly in Sloane's hand (except last entries; see fols. 9^v, 111^v, 218, 257, 360).
(ii) fol. 155^v: 'see continuation of snakes no. 457 etc. about 20 leaves back—being
misplaced by the bookbinder. W[illiam] C[arruthers].'

22. British Museum (Natural History), Palæontology Library

Book-mark: 50.h.6

'Shells'
fols. 1-388 (rectos only)

Contents: 'Shells', 1-2502 (fols. 3-388).
n.d.
as 21; 'Catalogue of Fossils II'

Notes:
(i) Sloane's hand, with interpolations by others.
(ii) fol. 3: 'Mem! after 2966 by mistake I went on to 2967; to 2730 many wy are
therefore double.'
(iii) pencil renumbering of specimens throughout.
(iv) G. L. Wilkins, Sept. 1952: specimens marked with red dot in right-hand margins
are still in the Museum collection (transferred note from original binding,
1 September 1986, M. A. Beasley).

23. British Museum (Natural History), Palæontology Library

Book-mark: 50.h.6

'Shells'
fols. 1-423 (rectos only)

n.d.
as 21; this vol. previously part of 22 ('Catalogue of Fossils III')
 slips of paper originally loose placed in pocket in rear board

Notes:
(i) Sloane's hand.
(ii) 2697-730 numbers repeated (see note to 22).

24. British Museum (Natural History), Palæontology Library

Book-mark: 50.h.6

'Shells'
fols. 1-263 (rectos only; fols. 63-209 blank)

Contents: (a) 'Shells', 4912-5846 (fols. 2-62).
(b) classified list of shells, up to 4911 (fols. 210-61).
(c) 'Musei Fossilium Conspectus' (totals) (fol. 262).
(c) dated ‘Medio Octobri 1728’
as 21; ‘Catalogue of Fossils IV’

Notes:
(i) mostly in Sloane’s hand, except for fols. 52–62.
(ii) fol. 56v has loose paper in Sloane’s hand pasted down.

25. British Museum (Natural History), Palaeontology Library
Shelf-mark: 50.h.6

‘Fishes, Birds, Quadrupeds’

fols. 1–383 (mostly rectos only)

Contents:

(a) ‘Fishes’, 1–1563 (fols. 2–131; fols. 2v–8v).
(d) alphabetical index to eggs (fols. 227–34).

N.d.
as 21; ‘Catalogue of Fossils V’

Notes:
(i) mostly in Sloane’s hand, except fols. 6v–8v, 136v–41v, 224, 227–34, 256v–260v.
(ii) fol. 1: ‘sperma wh. whale cast on Essex shore called a Cashalot at a place called the Scewer near Bradwell. The whale whose skeleton in my garden.’
(iii) fol. 1: ‘N.B. nos. 224–6, 670, 815, 931 are among the insects in the Gallery on shelf r. 8.’
(iv) more notes at fols. 118, 133, 263 (last by Sloane).
(v) fol. 245: printed list of merchandise, Amsterdam, 1737, with elephant skull starred; certificate of sale in Dutch for the skull from East India Co.

26. British Museum (Natural History), Palaeontology Library
Shelf-mark: 50.h.6

‘Indices variorum’
fols. 1–379

Contents:

(a) Precious stones index (fols. 2–64).
(b) Metals index (fols. 68–129).
(c) Fish index (fols. 132–77).
(d) Birds index (fols. 180–220).
(e) Quadrupeds index (fols. 224–77).
(f) Corals index (fols. 280–304).
(g) Serpents index (fols. 310–18).
(h) Echini index (fols. 322–35).
(i) Crustacea index (fols. 338–46).
(j) Starfishes (fols. 350–4).
(k) Humana (fols. 357–79).

N.d.
as 21; ‘Catalogue of Fossils VI’

transferred from original binding 1 September 1986 (M. A. Beasley)

Notes:
(i) Thomas Stack’s hand.
(ii) first two indexes are to catalogues in Mineralogy Library.
27. British Museum (Natural History), Zoology Library

**Shelf-mark:** 89.q.S

‘Echini Marini’

84 fols. (unfoliated)

**Contents:**
(a) ‘Echini Marini’ (table of classification) (2 fols.).
(b) ‘Echini Marini, Classis I, Sectio I’, al–39 (38 fols.).
(c) ‘Echini Marini, Classis I, Sectio II’, b1–27 (11 fols.).
(d) ‘Echini Marini, Classis I, Sectio III’, c1 (3 fols.).
(e) ‘Echinorum Marinorum, Classis II, Sectio I’, d1–27 (21 fols.).
(f) ‘Echinorum Marinorum, Classis II, Sectio II’, e1–13 (9 fols.).

c. 1720 (?)


**Notes:**
(i) Sloane’s hand throughout.
(ii) some entries given pencil numbers, all comprising 225 followed by a letter, probably indicating storage case and drawers.
(iii) echinoderms also catalogued in 21 above.

28. Museum of Mankind (British Museum, Dept. of Ethnography)

‘Miscellanies’

fols. ii + 1–329; and fols. 5*, 5**, 142*, 180* (July 1968); fols. 206–31 foliated originally I–XXVI

**Contents:**
(a) ‘Miscellanies’, 1–2111 (fols. 2–152v; entries 1799–2111 on versos).
(c) ‘Impressions of Seals, etc.’, 1–268 (fols. 206–31).
(g) ‘Index to the Mathematicall Instruments’ (fols. 278–81).

fols. 190–1: items 435–41 have date 1730; (d) 1738 (see note below)

red half-calf binding, 1968(?); ‘Catalogue of Miscellanea’ gilt on spine

**Notes:**
(i) mostly Sloane’s hand, except fols. 17v, 174v, 215, 232–236v, 278–81 (last two items in hand of Thomas Stack).
(ii) fol. ii: ‘N.B. from 96 to 105 a[re] veget. corall—709 to 920 duplicates.’
(iii) fol. 1: ‘N.B. The Indexes to the Seals and Mathematicall Instruments are in this Volume at the end of the respective Catalogues: and the Indexes to the rest of this Volume are bound up in a separate Volume in the same Order as they occur in this.’
(iv) fol. 178: donations by William Lethieullier, Pitt Lethieullier, Smart Lethieullier, Thomas Hollis, et al.
(v) fol. 206 Thomas Stack: ‘All this Class is in Drawer t. of Cab. 216. and they are marked in the Margin wth blacklead 1, 2, 3. etc. according to the Cards or Boxes that contain the several Articles. Aug. 31. 1738. Sept. 12 38 I made the Index to p. xxvi No. 264.’

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(vi) fols. 5*, 5**: notes in French.
(vii) fol. 142*: ‘Experiments made with the German Water sent me by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle.’
(viii) fol. 180*: check-list of casts of medals.

29. British Library, Department of Manuscripts
   Catalogue number: Sloane MS. 3995
   ‘A catalogue of my books taken in Febry. 1684/5 in London’
   see Nickson, p. 53 below.

30. British Library, Department of Manuscripts
   Catalogue number: Sloane MS. 3972A, B, C, D
   (Catalogues of printed books, manuscripts, charters, rolls. horti sicci, maps, miniatures, prints, periodicals)
   see Nickson, pp. 53-6 below.

31. British Library, Department of Printed Books
   Shelf-mark: 878.n.8.
   (Sloane’s Latin medical books) G. A. Mercklin, Lindenius renovatus (1686), interleaved
   see Nickson, pp. 56, 58 below.