ARCHIVES FROM THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD
ICELANDIC AND DANISH HISTORY

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NORTH ATLANTIC TERRITORIES IN DANISH ARCHIVES – ICELAND

• Exchange of archives in 1928 – Iceland and Denmark
• Research and sources on Icelandic and Danish history
• Shared cultural past
EXCHANGE OF ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS 1928
THE “DANISH DELIVERY“ OF 1928

The documents came from:
• The National Archive
• The Royal Library
• The Nordic Institute (Arnamagnæanske samling)
• The High Court

Period: 1500-1850
RESEARCH AND SOURCES ON ICELANDIC AND DANISH HISTORY

The Treasury 1660-1848

Trading Companies 1602-1787
TRANSCRIPTIONS OF DANISH AND ICELANDIC TEXTS

• 4200 handwritten pages
  – Letters, reports
  – Instructions
  – Protocols
  – Working papers
  – Preperations for new regulations
  – 90 % in Danish – 10 % in Icelandic
BOOKS AND WEB PUBLICATIONS

- Series of books in six volumes
- Originals on a web site
DIFFERENT VIEWS ON THE 18TH CENTURY
SHARED CULTURAL HERITAGE
“THE DOCUMENTS HOME TO ICELAND”

• Archives tell stories – for nations, groups of people and individuals

• Politics
• Feelings
• Meaning

1st May in Reykjavík in the 1950s.
Thank you!