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English engineers who were famous for designing microscopes. One type of microscope they produced had interchangeable parts so that it could be easily converted from a simple microscope (containing one lens) to a compound microscope (containing more than one lens). They were commissioned to produce a collection of scientific instruments for England's King George III, including a microscope made from silver. In 1746, Adams Sr. published *Micrographia Illustrata*, a popular work about microscopes, and in 1787, his son published *Essays on the Microscope*.