

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Ceylon

Following earlier settlements by the Dutch and Portuguese, the British colony of Ceylon was established in 1802 but it was not until the annexation of the Kingdom of Kandy in 1815 that the entire island came under British control. In 1948, Ceylon became a self-governing state and a member of the British Commonwealth, and in 1972 it became the independent republic under the name of Sri Lanka.

Below is a selection of files grouped according to theme to assist research. This list should be used in conjunction with the full catalogue list as not all are included here. The files cover the period between 1872 and 1948 and include a substantial number of files on the Soulbury Commission.

These files complement material already held by The National Archives in catalogue series (among others) CO 54 Ceylon: Original Correspondence 1798-1949 and DO 35 Dominions Office and Commonwealth Relations Office: Original Correspondence 1915-71

### **Despatches and registers of despatches sent to, and received from, the Colonial Secretary**

FCO 141/2180-2186, 2192-2245, 2248-2249, 2260, 2264-2273:

Open, confidential and secret despatches covering a variety of topics including the acts and ordinances, the economy, agriculture and produce, lands and buildings, imports and exports, civil aviation, railways, banks and prisons. Despatches regarding civil servants include memorials, pensions, recruitment, dismissals and suggestions for New Year's honours. 1872-1948, with gaps. The years 1897-1903 and 1906 have been release in previous tranches.

### **Telegrams and registers of telegrams sent to and received from the Colonial Secretary**

FCO 141/2187-2191, 2246-2247, 2250-2263, 2274-2275 :

Open, confidential and secret telegrams on topics such as imports and exports, defence costs and regulations, taxation and the economy, the armed forces, railways, prisons and civil servants 1899-1948.

### **Press cuttings**

FCO 141/2276-2285: Selected articles from the Hindu Organ, Indian Spectator, Ceylon Observer, Daily News and Times of Ceylon 1943-45.

## Soulbury Commission papers

FCO 141/2286-2339: The Soulbury Constitution (1947) paved the way for the independence of Ceylon. The papers of the Commission on Constitutional Reform, convened between 1944 and 1945 cover correspondence, evidence and representations, submissions and memoranda, programmes of sittings, reports on the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress, Ceylon Instruments (Orders in Council, Letters Patent, Royal Instructions), State Council elections, tours and movements of the Commission and Commissioners, press communiqués and notices, financial and economic data and graphs, letters of thanks and criticisms and papers on the interests of the various communities in Ceylon. The report and constitution are not included among the papers 1930-45.

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Kenya

After the Anglo-German Agreement of 1886, the area which became Kenya was administered by the British East Africa, with the Foreign Office assuming control of the East Africa Protectorate in 1895. In 1920, the territory became the Kenya Colony under the administration of the Colonial Office. An insurgency against colonial rule, which became known as the Mau Mau 'rebellion', began in Kenya in 1952, causing the colonial government to declare a state of emergency which lasted until 1960. Kenya became an independent state within the Commonwealth in 1963 and a republic in 1964.

The majority of the files in this release date from the 1950s and include minutes and papers of the Executive, War and Ministers Councils (that is, records of executive government) during the Mau Mau insurgency. There are also files on the independence constitution, key individuals and a few files on Mau Mau specifically. These records are in addition to the tranches of Kenya files in FCO 141 which were released in April and November 2012.

The files supplement other material already held by The National Archives in other catalogue series, particularly:

CO 822: Colonial Office: East Africa: Original Correspondence  
WO 216: War Office: Office of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff:  
Papers  
WO 276: War Office: East Africa Command: papers  
CO 1066: Colonial Office: Kenya Information Service: Photographs

### **Executive Council, Council of Ministers and other councils**

FCO 141/5531-5533, 5535-5537: minutes of the Executive Council meetings held at Government House, Nairobi 1951-57

FCO 141/5534: minutes of the Executive Council meetings and minutes of the Committee of the Executive Council to consider capital cases 1954-54

FCO 141/5538-5541: minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council to consider capital cases 1955-61

FCO 141/5542-5547: the Executive Council; memoranda EC (54) 1 to EC (54) 30 1954

FCO 141/5543-5547: Executive Council; memoranda 1954-58

FCO 141/5548-5553: War Council minutes 1954-61

FCO 141/5556-5568: War Council memoranda 1954-58

FCO 141/5554-5555: minutes of meetings of the Security Council Advisory to the Governor, including War Council meetings, WAR/C 2098-2347 1957-58

FCO 141/5569-5571: Security Council memoranda 1959-61

FCO 141/5572-5590: minutes of Council of Ministers meetings; 1954-63

FCO 141/5591-5592: record of meetings of ministers with the Secretary of States for the Colonies held in Nairobi, 24-28 November 1961 and February-March 1963 1961-63

FCO 141/5593: Council of Ministers memoranda 37 (1954); report on betting, gambling and lotteries 1954

FCO 141/5594-5608, 5611-5617, 5622-5624, 5632-5637: Council of Ministers 1954-61

FCO 141/5644: cabinet; agenda and memorandum 1963

FCO 141/6378-6382: Legislative Council; elections, composition and nomination 1951-60

## **Constitutional**

FCO 141/5642-5643: constitutional discussions and meetings at Government House Nairobi

FCO 141/5905-5906: constitution; organisation and control of the Church of Christ in Africa (CCA) 1955-60

FCO 141/5908: constitution; the Greek Orthodox Church in Africa 1941-61

FCO 141/6377: request by G Bennett of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, Oxford, to conduct a study of the Kenyan general election and the political and administrative developments thereafter

leading to independence 1954-58

FCO 141/6802: Colonial Office comments on chapter eight of the Kenya Draft Constitution relating to the police 1962-63

## **Political activity, security, Mau Mau**

FCO 141/5907: disturbance and political situation in the Central Province 1946-50

FCO 141/5909: security implications; branches, membership of Dini Ya Kaggia sect in Embu, Nyeri, Fort Hall and Kiambu Districts 1959

FCO 141/6795: Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organisation; activities 1961-63

FCO 141/6796, 6803: internal security; Internal Security Scheme 1957-61

FCO 141/6804: survey of the importance of the ex-Mau Mau detainees in Nairobi and Central Province as a factor in the Kikuyu Embu Mberere (KEM) body politic 1960

## **File on individuals**

FCO 141/6797 the Deportation (Immigrant British Subjects) Ordinance, number 37 of 1949 - restriction of P J Ngei 1954-60

FCO 141/6869-6884: R Achieng Onoko, Kenya African Union, Jomo Kenyatta; activities of Makhan Singh; Musa Amalemba; visit of Joseph Murumbi to Khartoum, August 1963; activities of William Murgor; James J W Machio; Peter Marrian; Minister for Tourism, Forests and Wildlife; incident at Nairobi Airport involving, Peter Okondo, December

1962; visit of Julius K Nyerere February - March 1959; J A Murumbi; release of Waruhiu Itote, alias General China; neo-Mau Mau activity; Fred Kubai to the communist bloc; Mwinga Chokwe's views on the coalition government and his attitude towards the Kikuyu subversive activities in the Rift Valley District; reports on John Keen; restriction order served on P M Koinange; Argwings Kodhek 1957-62

## **Social and economic**

FCO 141/5612: economic survey of South Nyanza and Kericho Districts; committee report 1957

FCO 141/5631: agricultural settlement schemes in the scheduled areas; project summary 1958-60

FCO 141/6442: Rural Wages Committee; the fixing of rural wages in Tanganyika, Uganda and Nyasaland 1965

FCO 141/6443-6449: Rural Wages Committee; written evidence submitted by persons giving oral evidence; summaries of evidence received through questionnaires, general correspondence, minutes and agenda 1955-56

FCO 141/6793: economic intelligence reports; summaries 1958-62

FCO 141/6794: International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; meetings and policy papers 1961-62

FCO 141/6940: Naturalisation Committee; minutes of meetings 1962-63

FCO 141/6938: status of Kenyan Afrikaners; Polish community 1961-63

FCO 141/6928: revised land settlement schemes 1963

Colonial administration records (migrated archives) guidance

FCO 141/6947: trade unions 1952-63

## **Military and defence**

FCO 141/6798-6801: defence air support in the Northern Frontier District of the Northern Province 1958-60

FCO 141/6799: defence air support in the Northern Frontier District of the Northern Province 1960-61

FCO 141/6800: future of the King's African Rifles in Tanganyika 1961

FCO 141/6801: land title in respect of the Royal Naval armament depot at Mtongwe; Mombasa 1960-62

## **External Relations**

FCO 141/6929-6930: South Africa boycott 1950-63

FCO 141/6931 Tanganyika fortnightly summaries 1962-61

FCO 141/6932-6934, 6937-6938: political relations between Kenya and Ethiopia, Somalia Republic, Sudan, Ruanda-Urundi, including boundaries 1955-63

FCO 141/6935: situation in the Congo Republic 1961-1963

FCO 141/6936-6937: political relations between Kenya and Ethiopia/Sudan including boundaries 1955-63

FCO 141/6942-6946: external affairs; evacuation planning, Somali Republic, Ruanda-Uruani, Maldives Islands 1956-63

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Malta

Malta became part of the British Empire in 1814 following the Treaty of Paris. The island's strategic position halfway between the Straits of Gibraltar and the Suez Canal proved an ideal base for the British Mediterranean fleet. Malta played a pivotal role during the Second World War due to its proximity to German and Italian shipping lanes. During 1940-42, the Axis powers launched a sustained attack on Malta attacking its ports, towns, cities and attempted to starve the island into submission by sinking Allied ships supplying the island. The role of the Maltese people in the Second World War was recognised when King George VI awarded them the George Cross Medal. Representative government was re-established in 1947 and a referendum on full integration into the United Kingdom was held in 1956. Malta became an independent member of the Commonwealth on 21 September 1964 and a republic on 13 December 1974. British troops finally left the island in 1979.

Below is a selection of files grouped according to theme to assist research. This list should be used in conjunction with the full catalogue list as not all are included here. The majority of the files date from the 1930s and 1940s and relate to the events of the Second World War.

They complement files held in the catalogue series CO 158 Malta: Original Correspondence 1801-1951 and CO 926 Mediterranean: Original Correspondence 1936-66

### **Constitution and Finance**

FCO 141/8740: Committee for the Revision of Government Finances 1938

FCO 141/8758-8760: Constitution and Letters Patent 1939

FCO 141/8814: Council of Government, appointment of nominated members 1939

FCO 141/8820: Council of Government, appointment of official members 1939

FCO 141/8893-8908: Defence (Finance) Regulations 1939; measures to control purchases and export of foreign currency in wartime 1948-57

FCO 141/8916: procedure for the proclamation of the new Constitution 1939

FCO 141/8918-8919: financial policy to be adopted in wartime 1939

FCO 141/8934: Finance (Emergency Regulations), money to be used by HM Forces outside Malta 1939

FCO 141/9141: credits for stocks purchased in the UK and Egypt 1940

FCO 141/9145: payment of war bonus to non-industrial civil employees of the

services 1940-41

FCO 141/9155-9157: financial position, advances for the Joint Colonial Fund, grants-in-aid 1940-46

FCO 141/9158: financial position, War Damage Fund, refunds to government 1945

FCO 141/9162: excess profits tax 1940

FCO 141/9242: contravention of Defence (Finance) Regulations, Nestle Company 1941

FCO 141/9497: sales and illegal export of gold 1944

## **Defence and Security**

FCO 141/8742: the raising of a police force in Malta for service in Palestine 1929-38

FCO 141/8752: King George V hospital and its staff during hostilities 1938-39

FCO 141/8753: arrangements for the collection, identification and disposal of corpses after air raids 1938

FCO 141/8766, police arrangements in case of emergence 1938-39

FCO 141/8772-8773: evacuation scheme 1938-39

FCO 141/8833: accommodation for submarine crews and motor torpedo boats at the Lazaretto 1939-41

FCO 141/8835: amendments to Malta Command Defence Scheme 1939-42

FCO 141/8842: Government of Malta War Book 1939-40

FCO 141/8843: Overseas Defence Committee, memorandum 693-M, control of shipping in time of war 1939-43

FCO 141/8845: Overseas Defence Committee, memorandum 489-M, storage of oil fuel and light petroleum 1920

FCO 141/8854: co-ordination of civil departments and revision of War book 1939

FCO 141/8875: control of passenger traffic in wartime 1939

FCO 141/8882: establishment of an RAF Volunteer Reserve Centre in Malta 1939-40

FCO 141/8963: calling out of Royal Navy Reserve 1939

FCO 141/9058: security control, aliens, 1939-40

FCO 141/9075-9076: action to be taken in the event of war with Italy 1940

FCO 141/9101: action by RAF aircraft 1940

FCO 141/9123: action to be taken in the event of the entry of Spain into the war 1940-41

FCO 141/9170: self imposed sabotage (scorched earth policy), co-ordination of plans for demolition of vital installations 1940-42

FCO 141/9198: legislation in wartime 1941

FCO 141/9217: action in the event of war with Vichy France 1940-41

FCO 141/9218: proceedings in cases of espionage 1941

FCO 141/9225: declaration of a state of war with Bulgaria 1941

FCO 141/9249: outbreak of war with Thailand, Thai ships to be seized as prizes  
1942

FCO 141/9336: anti-aircraft defence weapons 1941-43

FCO 141/9337: civil defence, quarterly newsletter 1941-43

FCO 141/9430: distribution of food in the event of an invasion 1943

FCO 141/9451: Home Office suspect index 1943-47

FCO 141/9474: Malta Command Internal Security Scheme 1943-44

## **Internment**

FCO 141/8849: revision of the War Book, internment camps 1939

FCO 141/8949: internment of enemy aliens employed on British ships and  
treatment of enemy aliens aboard neutral ships 1939-41

FCO 141/8954: removal of interned enemy aliens 1939-45

FCO 141/8960: internees and detainees, treatment of enemy and other aliens in  
wartime 1939-41

FCO 141/8986: reports on internees 1943-45

FCO 141/9087: housing of internees at St Agatha's Convent, Rabat 1940

FCO 141/9231: internment of Hungarian and Romanian subjects living in Malta  
1941-42

FCO 141/9416: holding of detainees incommunicado 1943

## **Propaganda and Censorship**

FCO 141/8860-8865: Information Office, propaganda and reports 1939-43

FCO 141/8921: minutes of meeting of the Censorship Committee

FCO 141/9000: Censorship Regulations 1938 (1446-B), censorship records  
1938-45

FCO 141/9001-9004: censorship 1923-45

FCO 141/9011-9013: reorganisation of the Censorship Office 1939-41

FCO 141/9019: censorship intercepts 1940

FCO 141/9021-9022, 9024: weekly censorship reports 1940-44

FCO 141/9063: incidence of the cost of censorship 1940

FCO 141/9065: censorship by military authorities to be charged to War  
Department funds 1940-41

FCO 141/9143: censorship, scrutineer staff, Records Department 1940-44



FCO 141/9233: press censorship 1941

FCO 141/9285: Inter-Services Information and Propaganda Committee 1942

FCO 141/9306: censorship of correspondence from the Director of the British  
Institute to the British Council 1942

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Mauritius

In 1814 the former French colony of Mauritius, lying to the east of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean, was ceded to Britain by the Treaty of Paris of 1814. Britain governed Mauritius and the Seychelles jointly until 1903, when Mauritius became a single colony. In 1968 it became an independent sovereign state within the British Commonwealth.

Below is a selection of files grouped according to theme to assist research. This list should be used in conjunction with the full catalogue list as not all are included here. The files in FCO 141 deal with the period from the Second World War until the establishment of independence.

The files complement material already held by The National Archives in the following catalogue series (among others):

- CO 167: Mauritius, Original Correspondence
- CO 1023: Hong Kong and Pacific Department: Original Correspondence
- CO 1036: Pacific and Indian Ocean Department: Registered Files (PAC Series)

### Constitutional

FCO 141/12034, 12040-12041, 12049-12054, 12058-12087, 12151, 12164-12165, 12178, 12180-12199, 12205-12206, 12241, 12245, 12250-12276 :

The documents cover constitutional proposals and constitutional development, reform, law and machinery, as well as consultations with religious and political leaders, the formation of Government following the 1963 general election and administrative arrangements and appointments regarding the 1967 general election. The files include arrangements for the devising of letters patent and royal instructions and galley proofs of the Mauritius Independence Order. Papers from the 1965-66 Constitutional Conference include reports on citizenship, the future of dependencies, colonial policy and details of members attending the conference. There is also a file relating to Princess Margaret's visit to Mauritius in 1956 (FCO 141/12043).

*Related material: the series CO 961 consists of papers of the Commission of the Constitution of Mauritius (Banwell Commission) 1965-66 (49 files)*

### Political and intelligence

FCO 141/12027, 12033-12037, 12039, 12042-12043, 12052, 12055-12057, 12097-12099, 12109-12111, 12118-12126, 12143-12148, 12172-12179, 12182-12184, 12201, 12223-12234, 12238, 12242-12244, 12248:

The files consists of reports of political meetings and leading personalities, reports of political visitors and ministers visits to other countries, weekly and

monthly intelligence reports and summaries, Security Intelligence Advisor's reports, relations with the CIA, press propaganda, Intelligence Committee papers on the Chinese community and the All-Mauritius Hindu Congress, Indian affairs, Communism and political publications, the setting up of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, Commonwealth immigration, relations with Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), dock strikes, trade union training and industrial legislation, 1942-68.

## **Defence and security**

FCO 141/12029-12032, 12217, 12147, 12149-12151, 12154-12159, 12163, 12200, 12204, 12213-12215, 12235-12237, 12239, 12247, 12265-12266: Files covering the defence and internal security of Mauritius including wartime measures such as the formation of a defence committee and denial and evacuation schemes, Security Committee meetings, the Police and Special Mobile Force, mutual defence pacts, the banning of nuclear weapons tests and monitoring of the test ban treaty, aerial intelligence surveys, air space and air staging facilities, the Mauritius Naval Volunteer force and security on HMS Mauritius, internal security manuals, control of private firearms, civil disturbances and immigration and security matters for visitors 1942-68.

## **Internal government**

FCO 141/12086-12093, 12096, 12100-12105, 12112-12116, 12141-12142, 12153, 12166-12171, 12240, 12245, 12249: The documents reflect the day to day business of the government and civil service and include miscellaneous staff matters such as appointments, honours and awards, terms of engagement and codes of practice, as well as legal and judicial matters and bills and ordinances 1942-68.

## **Economic and social**

FCO 141/12028, 12044, 12048, 12094-12095, 12108, 12127-12140, 12160-12162, 12202-12203, 12208, 12211, 12216-12222, 12233, 12246, 12262: The files cover colonial development and welfare, economic surveys, reports and meetings, British Council correspondence, reports on the Central Housing Authority, reports on the sugar industry and its organisation, a United Nations investment programme covering milk and beef, family planning, financial arrangements with churches, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the Organisation for African Unity, higher education, medicine and health and unemployment and relief work 1958-68.

## **Environmental and reconstruction**

FCO 141/12045-12047, 12133, 12267: The files consist of assessment of cyclone damage, the establishment of a cyclone emergency scheme, construction of new roads and a land and water resources survey 1958-68.

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): New Hebrides

The New Hebrides is an island group in the south western Pacific Ocean, of which the largest island is Espiritu Santo. The Portuguese navigator Pedro Fernandes de Queiros landed on the islands in 1606. The New Hebrides became an Anglo-French condominium in 1906 and three administrations were created – the British national, the French national and the condominium. During the Second World War the islands were a major base for Allied forces in the area. They gained independence on 30 July 1980 under the name of Vanuatu.

The majority of files are from the 1960s and 1970s and concern, amongst other things, the political situation in the lead up to independence, relations between the British and French, numerous questions of land ownership and citizenship.

Due to the joint Anglo-French administration, both the Colonial Office and the Foreign Office have relevant records relating to the New Hebrides. Related material may be found in series CO 225, CO 1023, CO 1036, CO 938, CO 829, CO 718, FO 27, FO 371, FO 534, FCO 32.

### Constitutional

FCO 141/13153-13154, 13183-13184: constitutional; protocol revision of Land Registration Provisions 1961-74

FCO 141/13185-13186: constitutional; citizenship or nationality of New Hebrideans 1965-73

FCO 141/13187: constitutional protocol amendment; appointment of assessors 1968-74

FCO 141/13232: constitutional advance 1975

### Political

FCO 141/13118: Robert Kuter, Office of the Resident Commissioner; general correspondence 1947

FCO 141/13158-13159, 13161: customs and excise import duties; policy and legislation 1963-73

FCO 141/13177-13178: finance condominium; fiscal reform policy 1966-74

FCO 141/13188-13189: companies legislation including interpretation and appointment Queen's Regulations 1970 -74

FCO 141/13191-13192: exchange and control policy 1961-73

FCO 141/13201-13202, 13242-13244: Representative Assembly: establishment, policy and procedures

1974-75

FCO 141/13203: preparation of elections for Representative Assemblies 1975-76

FCO 141/13204: Shepherd Island affairs; correspondence with customary chiefs 1974

FCO 141/13233-13235: Advisory Council 1974-75

FCO 141/13271: United Nations Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness 1961-66

FCO 141/13282, 13338: legal status of condominium 1961-72

### **Immigration/citizenship**

FCO 141/13111, 13116, 13120: position of the French population in the New Hebrides 1940-42

FCO 141/13181-13182, 13270, 13283, 13286, 13326: immigration legislation, policy and issues 1961-74

FCO 141/13272, 13313: Commonwealth immigration to the UK; policy 1962-72

### **Political parties/movements**

FCO 141/13119: internal politics; Free French Movement 1941

FCO 141/13221: Movement d'Action des Nouvelles-Hebrides (MANH) 1974-75

FCO 141/13222: Union des Communautés des Nouvelles-Hebrides (UCNH) 1974-75

FCO 141/13223, 13236-7, 13256-7, 13261-3: Vanuaaku Pati (New Hebrides National Party) 1974-77

FCO 141/13231: Tabwemasana 1975

FCO 141/13240: Natuitano or Children of the Land Movement 1974

FCO 141/13241: policy towards political parties 1975

FCO 141/13245-13249, 13253: Na Griamel Federation 1965-79

FCO 141/13264: Natatok Efate 1977

FCO 141/13265: moderate parties 1977

### **Military**

FCO 141/13115: New Hebrides Labour Corps 1942-43

FCO 141/13117: defence 1939-41

FCO 141/13125: Joint Defence Regulations under provisions of the Anglo-French Protocol 1939-41

FCO 141/13130: Operational Plan Adelaide 1940

### **Intelligence/Security**

FCO 141/13112: reports of pro-Vichy sentiments of certain Frenchmen in the

New Hebrides 1940-42

FCO 141/13122: secret monthly intelligence reports from the British District Agents 1940-41

FCO 141/13123: confidential monthly intelligence reports from the British District Agents; National Standing Order 2/40 1940-41

FCO 141/13126: naval intelligence report on the New Hebrides; beach intelligence requirements 1936 - 49

FCO 141/13250-13251, 13254-13255, 13260: public order matters and incidents 1976-78

FCO 141/13252: declaration of the Na Griamel Federation; incident with the police 1976

FCO 141/13259: law and order; internal security 1977

## **Foreign Affairs**

FCO 141/ 13114: French High Commissioner Marie Marc Georges Pelicier's objections to the emergency war taxation 1940

FCO 141/ 13113: Henri Sautot's appointment as temporary Governor, New Caledonia, following the departure of the pro-Vichy Governor, Marie Marc Georges Pelicier 1940

FCO 141/ 13121, 13128: relations between France and the USA 1942-43

## **Social and Economic**

FCO 141/13124: economic and financial position, due to the French capitulation 1940 -41

FCO 141/13155: census of Tanna 1966-67

FCO 141/13156: correspondence on co-operative societies 1967-73

FCO 141/13157, 13160: Chamber of Commerce 1963-74

FCO 141/13162, 13226: economic affairs and development projects 1966-74

FCO 141/13168-13171: purchase of land by companies based in Hawaii 1967-74

FCO 141/13165: death and estates; Harry Freeman deceased 1968-73

FCO 141/13166-13167: Economic Affairs and Development Plan 1965-70

FCO 141/13172-13176: education; British National Service policy papers 1963-74

FCO 141/13179-13180: finance general; South Pacific Fishing Company; fiscal policy 1961-74

FCO 141/13190: British base hospital, Vila, tenders for construction 1971-73

FCO 141/13193-13195: currency; monetary unit 1965-74

FCO 141/13238-13239: Juhn Frum cargo cult on the Island of Tanna 1974-75

## **Land**

FCO 141/13196, 13209-13213, 13216-13220, 13227, 13268, 13278-13279, 13284-13285, 13287-13288, 13290, 13295, 13298-13299, 13303, 13312, 13314, 13317-13321, 13327-13328, 13333-13334, 13337, 13340-13343, 13345-13346: various land disputes 1959-75

FCO 141/13197-13200, 13294: registration and tenure of land policy 1965-75

FCO 141/13205-13208, 13230, 13269, 13276, 13280-1, 13291: Commonwealth land claims 1961-75

FCO 141/13214-13215, 13228-13229, 13274-13275, 13307-13308, 13323: land affairs on Aneityum, Malekula, Santo, Kakula, Aoba, Epi, Banks and Torres Islands 1961-75

FCO 141/13224-13225: amendment of protocol; Land Registration Provisions 1974-75

FCO 141/13277: territorial rights to Matthew and Hunter Islands 1962-73

FCO 141/13304-13305: land registration applications 1962-73

FCO 141/13309, 13322, 13329, 13335: town and country planning; particularly concerning Vila 1965-74

FCO 141/13332: general expropriation of lands; compulsory powers of public authorities 1969-72

## **Aviation**

FCO 141/13129: seaplane base and land aerodrome sites 1939-41

FCO 141/13131-13139, 13140-13147, 13150: aviation operations 1961-74

FCO 141/13148-13149, 13150-13152: airfields and airports 1967-74

## **Immigration/Naturalisation**

FCO 141/13127: Japanese immigration during World War II 1940-41

FCO 141/13267, 13273, 13289, 13292, 13293, 13296, 13297, 13300-13301, 13310-13311, 13316, 13324-13325, 13331, 13339, 13344, 13347: naturalisation applications by various named individuals 1965-72

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Nigeria

As early as the 1860s, Britain held a formal colony at Lagos and from the 1880s, the Royal Niger Company spread British influence in the interior, leading to the establishment of the Protectorates of Northern and Southern Nigeria. In 1914, the protectorates of Southern and Northern Nigeria were amalgamated to form the Colony and Protectorate of Nigeria. The Federation of Nigeria became an independent state within the Commonwealth in 1960 and the Federal Republic of Nigeria in 1963.

Until 1960, British Cameroons was administered as part of Nigeria. Following a plebiscite in February 1961, Northern Cameroons joined the Federation in June 1961.

Below is a selection of files grouped according to theme to assist research. This list should be used in conjunction with the full catalogue list as not all are included here. The large majority of these files date from the 1950s. A substantial number of files relate to constitution matters and the independence constitution for 1960. There are also files relating to regional government within Nigeria and to the preliminaries for the unification of Northern Cameroons with Nigeria.

These files complement material already held by The National Archives in the following catalogue series (among others):

- CO 583 Nigeria: Original Correspondence 1912-51
- CO 554 West Africa Original Correspondence 1911-65
- CO 1039: Council of Ministers: Papers, 1952-59.

### Constitutional

FCO 141/13351-13354, 13365, 13368-13369, 13376-13379, 13395-95, 13400, 13418, 13450, 13498-13499, 13582, 13613, 13645:

review of Constitution; regional relationships, portfolios of ministers and instructions, structure of departments, constitutional instrument, position of Lagos, Privy Council, draft arrangements for Senate, Governor-General's powers, police, treaties between Crown and River Chiefs, revisions 1951-60

FCO 141/13355: action groups' complaints regarding constitutional names and administrative irregularities 1952

FCO 141/13362: administrative procedure under the 1951 Constitution 1953-54

FCO 141/13363-13364: Constitutional crisis budget session 1953; registration of action group ministers 1953

FCO 141/13371-13372: London talks 1953

FCO 141/13380, 133384-13386, 13392-13393, 13396-13399, 13401-13402, 13406-13407, 13442-13446, 13453-13457, 13462-13467, 13472-13474, 13490-13491, 13581:

Constitutional Conference, conclusion, judiciary, Lagos, revenue allocation, administrative arrangements, Council, division of powers, conclusions of the



Nigeria Constitution Conference; judiciary, pensions and compensation, police and public order, federal elections, judicial system, regional fragmentation, resumption in 1959. 1953-60

estimates 1960-61

FCO 141/13418: Constitutional Commission 1957-58

FCO 141/13548: Colonel H L S Hillyard, Crown Agent, Northern Cameroons 1960-61

FCO 141/13475-13485, 13677: statutory Constitutional Instruments/ amendments to the Constitution as a result of regional self government 1957-60

FCO 141/13640: West African affairs; the British Cameroons 1959-60

FCO 141/13529: post-independence draft Constitution 1959-60

FCO 141/13655: activities of political parties and leaders in Northern Cameroons 1960-61

## Cyphers

FCO 141/13656: personnel 1960-61

FCO 141/13419-13438: cypher section; register of outgoing telegrams 1940-56

FCO 141/13657: reports on North Cameroons and plebiscites by Sir Percy Wyn Harris and S S Johnston 1961

FCO 141/13508-13527: cypher section; register of incoming telegrams 1940-56

FCO 141/13658: correspondence with the Colonial Office 1960-61

## Cameroons and plebiscite

FCO 141/13348-13349: Cameroons Unification Movement; co-operation between France and the UK including trusteeship problems 1951-58

FCO 141/13659 -13664; 13666-13679: Northern Cameroons; native authority rules and orders, police, cypers, intelligence reports, relation of political parties with United Nations, discussions on amalgamation with Nigeria or Cameroons, plebiscite, communications issues, petitions to UN 1960-61

FCO 141/13357: National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons Party; crisis 1953, 1952-53

FCO 141/13540-13541, 13543, 13445-13446, 13555-13556: Northern Cameroons administration; revenue and expenditure

FCO 141/13669; 13680-13681: Northern Cameroon plebiscite; complaints from Cameroons Republic; complaint against police at Ganye by Federated Parties of Nigeria; alleged irregularities at Mambilla 1960-61

## **Governor's secret despatches**

FCO 141/13563-13580: defence, military and naval affairs, oil drilling licences, 1897-1910

FCO 141/13559, 13562: Southern Nigeria; 1893-1903

## **Regions/regionalisation**

FCO 141/13366: possibility of dividing Nigeria; facts and figures 1953-54

FCO 141/13374-13375: marketing boards - proposed regionalisation 1953-58

FCO 141/13389-13391, 13441, 13591, 13598, 13619, 13632, 13639, 13646-13647, 13460-13461, 13683:

Regional self-government 1956 Western Regions, local government, development, Premier, representation abroad, Nigerianisation of public service, legislature, activities of Adeleke Adedoyin, boundary dispute, legislation 1952-60 the Secretary of State's discussion with Western Regional Council 1955-56

FCO 141/13403: 13538, 13676: Northern Region - provincial administration, post self-government, future of chiefs 1953-59

FCO 141/13408: division of powers between federal and regional governments 1957-59

FCO 141/13409: administrative reorganisation; Eastern Region 1956-59

FCO 141/13458-13459: appointment of regional Deputy Governors 1954-58

FCO 141/13583 creation of new states and minority areas 1958-59

FCO 141/13585: federal and regional elections 1959

## **Intelligence reports**

FCO 141/13650-13651: political intelligence reports; Belgian Congo, Arab nationalist subversion 1958-59

FCO 141/13687-13689: West African Colonies Intelligence Service; correspondence, French political information; bulletins and reports from Daka, Douala, Leopoldville and Paris 1959-60

FCO 141/13601-13602: Western Region monthly intelligence reports 1959-60

FCO 141/13690: reports on French territories 1953-59

FCO 141/13704 Ghana fortnightly summary reports 1959-60

## **Political activity, files on individuals**

FCO 141/13367: Muslim movements 1952-53

FCO 141/13451-13452: incident in Oyo Province 1953-60

FCO 141/13590: external subversive activities; Afro-Asian Solidarity Conference 1959-60

FCO 141/13665: persons under removal order; ex-Galadima of Gwoza, Mohamadu Boyi 1960

FCO 141/13673: complaint by I Abba and U Michika against the District Head of Madagali, Mallam Risku 1961

FCO 141/13685: Ibrahim Imam 1955-58

FCO 141/13691: reports on the Ilorin Talaka Parapo Party 1956-56

FCO 141/13692: Pan-African and Afro-Asian Conferences 1958-60

FCO 141/13693: personal profile of A Kano 1953

FCO 141/13694: Russian and communist interest in Africa 1956-59

FCO 141/13695: Pan-African Student Conference 1957-59

FCO 141/13696: labour unrest 1957-60

FCO 141/13697-13699: Tihaniyya 1932-7

FCO 141/13711: British policy and African nationalism 1959

FCO 141/13712: reports on Kaduna regional office 1958-58

FCO 141/13733: Colonial Office circulars; communism 1958-59

## **Administration and governance**

FCO 141/13356: States of Lagos enquiry into financial and administrative arrangements 1952-54

FCO 141/13360: working group policy of non-fraternisation 1952-53

FCO 141/13358-13359, 13492-13493: Nigerianisation of the Civil Service report; Sir Sydney Philipson and S O

Adebo and Nigerianisation Committee  
1953-59

FCO 141/13361, 13381-13382, 13387-13388, 13404-13405:  
Public Service Commission; reorganisation of departments, Chief Secretary's Office, federal elections, Administrative Service, Federal Court, legislators holding office of profit 1952-58

FCO 141/13410-13417, 13494-13495: proposed Commission of Inquiry into Dr Azikiwe's mishandling of public funds, Minorities Commission, Fiscal Commission, Delimitation Commission, Public Service Commission policy and papers 1956-60

FCO 141/13439-13440, 13447-13449, 13500-13501: President and Speaker House of Representatives, appointment of ministers, succession, permanent secretaries 1951-1960

FCO 141/13470-13471, 13611-13612: widows and orphans pensions scheme 1955-60

FCO 141/13489: transfer of statutory powers and duties to ministers 1955-58

FCO 141/13496 Federal Attorney General's delegation of powers 1958-58

FCO 141/13497: representations by staff associations on conditions of service 1959-60

FCO 141/13502: retention of expatriate officers; selection system 1958-59

FCO 141/13528: integration of departments and ministries 1957-58

FCO 141/13532-13537, 13606-13610: future of HM Overseas Civil Service, special lists, resettlement and compensation 1955-60

FCO 141/13539: Director of Public Prosecutions 1959-60

FCO 141/13542: Crown Agents' accounts 1961

FCO 141/13544: financial re-imburement to Federal Government and Northern Region Government 1961

FCO 141/13547: estimates of the Government of the Federation of Nigeria 1960-61

FCO 141/13549: staff recruitment; references and leave 1961

FCO 141/13547, 13552-13554: financial estimates for the Government of Nigeria and Northern Nigeria 1960-62

FCO 141/13586-13589: public service – policy, appointments; salaries; Public Officers' Agreement, HM Overseas Civil Service 1955-60

## **Economic and social**

FCO 141/13468-13469, 13592-1359: African Continental Bank, new development plan, Moba Development Project, Industrial Promotions Commission, Niger Delta Development Board 1960-65 1954-60

FCO 141/13599-13560: development of libraries 1959

FCO 141/13615: agricultural policy 1959

FCO 141/13621: television; staff and programmes 1956-60

FCO 141/13718 -13723: publications policy, broadcasts, official visits, press cutting to London, Colonial Office circulars 1958-60

FCO 141/13633-13636: UK and external financial and technical assistance post-independence 1956-59

FCO 141/13675: colonial development and welfare funds 1960-61

FCO 141/13644: Commission for Technical Co-operation in Africa South of the Sahara (CCTA), and the Foundation for Mutual Assistance in Africa South of the Sahara (FAMA) 1959

FCO 141/13751: the advantages of membership of the sterling area 1958-59

## **Defence**

FCO 141/13557-13558, 13560-13561, 13629-13630: defence papers, scheme for Southern/Northern Nigeria and agreement with UK post independence 1896-1959

## **External relations**

FCO 141/13641-13643: United Nations organisation; Economic Commission for Africa; FAO Cocoa Study Group 1957-59

FCO 141/13626, 13603: visit by Harold Macmillan and Lady Dorothy Macmillan,  
January 1960 1959-60

FCO 141/13637: Commonwealth affairs; the Republic of South Africa 1960

FCO 141/13638: political situation in the French West African territories 1959-  
60

FCO 141/13682: brief for the United Nations General Assembly, universal  
suffrage 1961

FCO 141/13702, 13715: political relations with the USA; American publicity;  
USA Information Service 1954-60

FCO 141/13703: relations with the UK information services; BBC overseas  
broadcasts 1957-60

FCO 141/13705: political relations with Israel 1958-59

FCO 141/13706: UK Trade Commission 1957-60

FCO 141/13707: British Council 1956-59

### **Correspondence registers**

FCO 141/13503-13507: correspondence register; inwards 1949-59

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Northern Rhodesia

In 1899, the British South Africa Company was granted a royal charter to administer the territories which subsequently became known as Northern and Southern Rhodesia. Northern Rhodesia was constituted as single administration in 1911. The British South Africa gave up the administration in 1924, when Northern Rhodesia became a crown colony administered by a governor. In 1953, Northern Rhodesia joined in a Federation with Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland). The Federation was dissolved at the end of 1963 and in October 1964, Northern Rhodesia became the Republic of Zambia as an independent state within the Commonwealth.

The records in this release date from the 1920s through to independence. The release includes minutes, conclusions and papers circulated of the Executive Council (the principal organ of executive government). There is a substantial number of files concerning the constitutional problems raised by the dissolution of the Federation (including papers of the Monckton Commission on the Constitution of Rhodesia and Nyasaland) and the independence constitution. This list should be used in conjunction

with the full catalogue list as not all are included here.

The files in this release complement material already held by The National Archives in several of our catalogue series, including:

CO 795 Northern Rhodesia : Original Correspondence 1924-51

CO 960 Commission on the Constitution of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, The Monckton Commission 1960

DO 35 Dominions Office and Commonwealth Relations Office: Original Correspondence 1915-71

DO 154 Dominions Office: Southern Rhodesia, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland 1946 onwards

DO 158 Central Africa: Registered Files (CA series) 1953-63

### Executive Council

FCO 141/13761-13877: Executive Council; minutes, papers circulated, agendas and notes for information, written opinions 1947-62

FCO 141/13886-13936: Executive Council; conclusions and minutes 1924-62 (see catalogue for year of individual pieces)

FCO 141/13985: Executive Council; conclusions 1963-64

FCO 141/13878-13882, 13885: Capital Expenditure Planning Committee; minutes and notes 1956-62

### Constitutional development

FCO 141/13940: Constitutional Mission Working Party; minutes and correspondence 1962

FCO 141/13950-13954: constitutional proposals; franchise statistics 1957-61

FCO 141/13955: review of territorial constitutional 1960

FCO 141/13958-13978, 13982-13988: proposals for constitutional changes and arrangements (including draft white paper) 1958

FCO 141/13883: machinery for consultation and co-operation between the Governments of: Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland; Salisbury papers 1950-59

FCO 141/13884: machinery for consultation and co-operation between the Governments of: Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland; Salisbury papers 1957-62

FCO 141/13937-13939, 13991: election forms; report of the Delimitation Committee, maps of constituencies, franchise and the electoral system 1957-62

FCO 141/13994-13995: memorandum by the: Northern Rhodesia Government containing preliminary proposals for the Independence Constitution of: Northern Rhodesia 1964

FCO 141/13941-13942, 13945-13946, 13956-13957, 14013, 14019-14020: Federal Constitution Monckton Report Working Party (Inquiry into the future of the Federation); briefs, policy submissions, memorandum for Monckton Commission 1958-60

FCO 141/13980-13981, 14009: Federal Constitution; the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Constitution) Order in Council, 1953, enlargement of federal assembly 1952-53

FCO 141/14009-14010, 14018: Federal Constitution; dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, post Central Africa Conference held at Victoria Falls, 28 June - 3 July 1963, 1963-64

FCO 141/14011-14012: Federal Constitution; Ministerial Working Committee on the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland transitional arrangement and future links between the territories on dissolution of the Federation 1963

FCO 141/14014-14017, 14021-14023: Federal Constitution; problems of functions to Territorial Governments, Secession of Nyasaland, Curtis Working Party, Constitutional Mission Working Party briefs, functions of the proposed constitutional mission, 1962 and future of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland 1960-1963

FCO 141/13996-14001: talks on the Territorial Constitutional Review, 1960 and 1961, briefs for the Secretary of State's meetings with political groups in Lusaka, December 1961

FCO 141/13979, 13989, 13992-13993, 14002-14008: constitution; proposal that members of the Executive Council holding portfolios should be called ministers 1951-59

FCO 141/13989, 13992-13993, 14002-14008, 14024, 14026: aspects of constitutional development - Independence Constitution, Constitutional Council, Governor's title, Bill of Rights, Governor Sir E D Hone's

consultation with Duncan Sandys, proposals for change, records of meetings between HM Governor and political parties, informal talks 1956-64

FCO 141/14079: constitutional changes and development in Southern Rhodesian progress towards independence 1959-64

FCO 141/14081: constitution; land matters 1964

FCO 141/14082-14083: dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland; defence assets, liabilities, Federal Public Service 1963-64

FCO 141/14130, 14133, 14137: Barotseland – constitutional development 1961-64

## **Political and intelligence reports**

FCO 141/14029-14030: political situation; Southern Rhodesia 1961-64

FCO 141/14031-14036: political and internal situation; Democratic Republic of the Belgian Congo 1960-63

FCO 141/14038-14039: despatches from Geoffrey de Freitas, UK High Commissioner in Ghana, internal political situation and Ghana fortnightly summaries 1963-64

FCO 141/14040-14043: political situation in Katanga including liaison and visits 1960-64

FCO 141/14042: political situation in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland; despatches and fortnightly summaries from the British High Commissioner in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland 1963

FCO 141/14043: report by Lieutenant-Colonel H Marston on the events in 2nd Battalion the Tanganyika Rifles, Tabora, January 1964

FCO 141/14045-14049: political situation and fortnightly summaries from the British High Commission, Kenya, South Africa, East Africa 1961-64

FCO 141/14050-14051: exchange of technical and political information and fortnightly summaries from Federation of Nigeria 1962-63

FCO 141/14052-14052: political situation and fortnightly summaries from the British High Commission, Uganda 1962-64

FCO 141/14054: Colonial Office reports 1964

FCO 141/14055-14056: political situation in Zanzibar, Mozambique and Angola 1964

FCO 141/14057: monthly summaries from the British Consulate General, Luanda 1961-64

FCO 141/14058-14059: political situation and fortnightly summaries from Sierra Leone 1962-64

FCO 141/14060: a record of Indonesian activities concerning Sarawak, Sabah and Brunei 1963

FCO 141/14061: leading personalities in Pakistan, 1963

FCO 141/14062-14067: guidance telegrams from the Foreign Office 1963-64



FCO 141/14068-14069: colonial intelligence summaries 1962-63

FCO 141/14070-14072: Joint Intelligence Committee weekly reviews of current intelligence and colonial summaries 1962-64

FCO 141/14109: intelligence reports; Chancellor of the Exchequer 1964

## **Defence and security**

FCO 141/13990: Overseas Defence Committee memoranda and returns 1951-64

FCO 141/14027: internal security: Northern Province incidents at Chinsali, Lundazi and other places 1964

FCO 141/14028: external subversive influences on British dependencies in Africa 1959-60

FCO 141/14073: security liaison with Portuguese territories in Africa 1959-62

FCO 141/14077: United States and UK defence interests in the Indian Ocean 1964

FCO 141/14129, 14131, 14134: defence policy; conditions of service, Federal Defence Force 1963-64

## **Political activity, communism**

FCO 141/14084-14087: communist activities; training of: Northern Rhodesian students in communist bloc countries 1964

FCO 141/14085: policy on survey of world communism and facts about international communist front organisations 1955-62

FCO 141/14087, 14107: anti-communist propaganda; communist activity 1960-64

FCO 141/14100: survey of the Pan-African Freedom Movement of East, Central and Southern Africa (PAFMECSA) 1962-64

## **Economic, development and social**

FCO 141/14025: M Coyne's comments on the French consultants reports on hydro-electric schemes; Kafue and Kariba 1954-55

FCO 141/14037: procedure and formalities for persons from the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland wishing to visit Katanga for business, tourism or other reasons 1962-64

FCO 141/14088-14089: functions of Commonwealth Economic Committee, note on the proposed study of the economic and trade prospects of Commonwealth countries and Commonwealth development projects 1963-64

FCO 141/14091-14092: UK financial aid, UK immigration policy 1961-64

FCO 141/14093: arrangements for European refugees from the Congo Republic 1964-64

FCO 141/14094: foreign aid; technical assistance from international or United States services 1960-64

FCO 141/14104: British Council; general policy 1955-64

FCO 141/14108: Food and Agriculture Organisation; Freedom from Hunger Campaign 1963-64

FCO 141/14136, 14140-14142: British South Africa Company – claims and protection to mineral royalties in: Northern Rhodesia 1962-64

FCO 141/14118: future of the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland 1964

FCO 141/14119: International Red Locust Control Service 1964

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Nyasaland

A British protectorate was first declared in Nyasaland in 1889 following previous missionary activities in the area. It was named the British Central Africa Protectorate in 1893. Responsibility for the protectorate was transferred from the Foreign Office to the Colonial Office in 1904. It was renamed the Nyasaland Protectorate in 1907 when a governor was first appointed. Nyasaland became part of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1953, which was dissolved 10 years later. Nyasaland became an independent state within the Commonwealth as Malawi on 6th July 1964.

Below is a selection of files grouped according to theme to assist research. This list should be used in conjunction with the full catalogue list as not all are included here. The files relating to Nyasaland are solely from the 1950s and 1960s with the majority in the latter. They cover the period leading up to independence and the political and security concerns at the time.

These files complement material already held by The National Archives in the following catalogue series (among others):

CO 525 Nyasaland: Original Correspondence 1904-51

CO 1015 Central Africa and Aden: Original Correspondence 1950-64

DO 183 Central African Office and Commonwealth Relations Office: Central Africa: Registered Files 1962-66

DO 224 Commonwealth Relations Office and Successors: High Commission and Consular Archives Malawi: Registered Files 1945 onwards

### Constitutional

FCO 141/14163: papers taken by official delegation to the Constitutional Conference 1962

FCO 141/14206: Nyasaland Constitution; Order in Council and Royal Instruction 1963-64

FCO 141/14228: constitutional change in Nyasaland including provisions of Bill of Rights 1963-64

### Political

FCO 141/14148: citizenship 1963-64

FCO 141/14152: opposition to the Malawi Congress Party (MCP) including Council of Nyasaland citizens (MBADWA) 1963-64

FCO 141/14158: Independence of Nyasaland 1963-64

FCO 141/14162: Independence Office 1963-64

FCO 141/14164: UK and colonies registration 1964

FCO 141/14177: admission to membership of the International Labour Organisation 1961-64

FCO 141/14180, 14233: trade unions 1957-64

FCO 141/14181, 14232: Church of Scotland including Church of Central African Presbyterian 1958-60

FCO 141/14194: East Africa Federation 1963-64

FCO 141/14202: records of discussions between the Governor and Dr Banda 1963

FCO 141/14213: criticism by the Federal Government of the Nyasaland Government and its officials 1961

FCO 141/14217: elections 1961-64

FCO 141/14218: Malawi Congress Party 1963-64

FCO 141/14223: Pan African Freedom Movement of East and Central Africa (PAFMECA) and Movement for Colonial Freedom (MCF) 1958

FCO 141/14234: political reports to the Colonial Office 1963-64

FCO 141/14235: Africa; the next ten years; memorandum by the Secretary of State 1958-62

FCO 141/14250: 14252: Federation withdrawal of Nyasaland 1962-63

## **Military**

FCO 141/14146: Operation Dormer 1963-64

FCO 141/14147: Defence papers for use at dissolution talks; Nyasaland Army 1963

FCO 141/14184-14190, 14192-14204: defence (general) and future of the King's African Rifles (KAR) 1962-64

FCO 141/14188: UK army-loaned personnel (secondments) agreements; conditions of service 1963-64

FCO 141/14231: evacuation of British subjects in the event of war 1952-60

FCO 141/14236: extra territorial forces to assist local police 1958-61

FCO 141/14244: visit of Reginald Maudling, Secretary of State for the Colonies; reports 1961

FCO 141/14254: proposed amnesty 1963-64

FCO 141/14255: diplomatic and consular relations 1963-64

## **Intelligence/Security**

FCO 141/14149: international and regional organisations 1963

FCO 141/14153: 14176 Various Interests in Nyasaland 1961-64

FCO 141/14201: Nyasaland Security Committee instructions 1959-64

FCO 141/14203: reports concerning activities of M W K Chiume, Member of the Legislative Council 1955-64

FCO 141/14205: monthly digest on Security Intelligence Commissioner of Police 1962-64

FCO 141/14211-14212, 14216: intelligence reports 1961-64

FCO 141/14224: Joint Intelligence Bureau survey 1962-63

FCO 141/14226: Air Ministry pamphlet; Internal Security Air Operations 1962

FCO 141/14227: security screening of candidates in all government appointments in the African Colonies 1961-64

FCO 141/14237: visit of the Security Intelligence Adviser to Secretary of State 1957-64

FCO 141/14241: Joint Intelligence Committee London; weekly review of current intelligence 1963-64

FCO 141/14245: summaries on communism and miscellaneous information 1963-64

FCO 141/14246: Police Special Branch; Malawi Congress Party (MCP) black list 1960-63

FCO 141/14251: intelligence organisations 1962-64

FCO 141/14253: Northern Rhodesia monthly Intelligence Reports 1963-64

## **Foreign Affairs**

FCO 141/14150: 14230 Tanganyika and Zanzibar 1962-64

FCO 141/14179: external affairs 1963

FCO 141/14207-14210: fortnightly summaries from various High Commissioners 1963-64

FCO 141/14214: International Confederation of Free Trade Unions 1959-64

FCO 141/14215: United Nations 1963-64

FCO 141/14229: Overseas Service Aid Scheme 1961

## **Social and Economic**

FCO 141/14154-14155: Public Service Commission 1963

FCO 141/14156, 14186, 14189: Malawi youth and volunteer organisations 1960-64

FCO 141/14187: police; enforcement of law and order 1963-64

FCO 141/14222: natural resources 1963-64

FCO 141/14242: Settlers and Residents Association 1961-64

FCO 141/14247: finance 1962-64

## **Administrative/Miscellaneous**

FCO 141/14151: local courts 1961-64

FCO 141/14157: Civil Service; general 1963-64

FCO 141/14159-14161, 14165-14175, 14182-14183, 14195-14200: applications for special marriage licences for named individuals 1957-64

FCO 141/14178: file index 1961-64

FCO 141/14185: flooding of Lake Nyasa 1963

FCO 141/14190-14193: Compensation Scheme: Officers and public service  
1962-64

FCO 141/14219: Shire Valley development 1961-63

FCO 141/14220-14221: teacher O E Chulwa; employment and learning  
opportunities 1959-63

FCO 141/14238-14240: future of HM Overseas Civil Service (HMOCS), Overseas  
Service Aid Scheme 1960-61

FCO 141/14248: British High Commission in Nyasaland 1961-64

FCO 141/14249: railways 1962-64

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Palestine

Palestine was conquered by the British in the First World. Following a period of British military administration, The League of Nations assigned Palestine to Britain as a mandated territory. The British administration lasted until May 1948, when the larger part of the territory became the state of Israel and the remainder became part of Jordan.

These files complement correspondence already held by The National Archives in catalogue series CO 733 Palestine: Original Correspondence, 1921-49.

### **Administration and property**

FCO 141/14257-14261: Hijaz railway, extracts (1926-1947), assets to be handed over to the Transjordan Government, restoration, minutes of meetings 1947-48

FCO 141/14262-14268: ecclesiastical property; German Protestant church, charitable property 1938-50

FCO 141/14269: German external assets; Committee on Disposal of Custodian's Assets; minutes of meetings 1948

FCO 141/14270-14273: expropriation of Sarona lands; Sarona police billets 1947-50

FCO 141/14273-14276: administration of Jerusalem; Jerusalem British Community Council 1942-48

FCO 141/14277: regulations and rulings 1942-48

FCO 141/14278: rulings and circulars regarding housing and rental contributions 1942-48

FCO 141/14279: compensation allowances 1942-48

FCO 141/14287: 14291: examination and report on the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, W Harvey; CT Woolley 1938-48

FCO 141/14280: Jewish settlements 1947

FCO 141/14281: report by Albert Habib Hourani; Great Britain and Arab Nationalism 1920-43

FCO 141/14282: arrangements for a British representative in Palestine 1948

FCO 141/14288: Palestinian and Iranian detainees and civilian internment camps in Australia 1944-47

FCO 141/14293-14294: preservation of Mount of Olives Nature Reserve 1941-47

## **Intelligence**

FCO 141/14284, 14286: telegrams; weekly intelligence appreciations 1945-48

FCO 141/14283: fortnightly intelligence newsletters and summaries of events 1948

## **Withdrawal and evacuation**

FCO 141/14256: property of internees to be evacuated 1940-40

FCO 141/14285, 14289-14290: withdrawal and evacuation of British subjects - policy 1947-48



## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone became a British colony in 1808, following years of British involvement in the country in trading and the slave trade. At various points in its colonial history, it has held the administrative responsibility for neighbouring colonies such as the Gold Coast and Gambia. In 1866, the governor of Sierra Leone became governor-in-chief of the West African Settlements with headquarters in Sierra Leone. In 1888 it became a single colony again and in 1896 the wider hinterland was declared a protectorate.

Sierra Leone became an independent member of the Commonwealth on 27th April 1961. This occurred during a state of emergency declared shortly before Independence celebrations following a campaign of sabotage by the All People's Congress Party (APC). Sierra Leone became a republic on 19th April 1971.

The files relating to Sierra Leone are solely from the 1950s and 1960s and concern the lead up to independence. Related material may be found in CO 554: West Africa Original Correspondence and CO 537: Colonies General: Supplementary Correspondence.

### Constitutional

Files concern discussions surrounding constitutional reform including practicalities of discussions, opposition to and amendments made.

FCO 141/14302-14303, 14310, 14317-18, 14333, 14335-14348: include various aspects of constitutional reform and discussions including amendments and changes.

FCO 141/14323: Includes developments under the new constitution. FCO 141/14329 includes representations made against the new Constitution since 1951.

### Political

Files include various aspects of political discussions and issues leading up to independence including practical plans for independence, reactions and observations of specific groups.

FCO 141/14300: political developments; supply of information to the Colonial Office 1956

FCO 141/14307-14308, 14330: situation in Kono District 1956-57

FCO 141/14328: 14344 political groups in Sierra Leone 1953-60

FCO 141/14332: allegations against ministers by the United Progressive Party (UPP) and W Johnson 1958-59

FCO 141/14345: views of the Paramount Chiefs represented on the Cox Report 1956

## **Conflict**

FCO 141/14339: Chiefdom tax disturbances 1955-56

FCO 141/14340-14343, 14346: Include details of and reports into strikes and riots in Freetown, 1955. FCO 141/14306 concerns strikes in Sierra Leone 1959

FCO 141/14305: All People's Congress demonstrations 1960-61

## **Military**

FCO 141/14325-14327: Relate to African and Sierra Leone military reorganisation and commissions 1953-1960. FCO 141/14315 concerns defence scheme preparation 1958-59.

## **Intelligence/Security**

Files contain discussions and concerns surrounding threats to internal security in Sierra Leone and West Africa including the potential spread of communist influences. FCO 141/14319 discusses specific security concerns regarding societies within Sierra Leone and draws on experiences of the Mau Mau situation in East Africa.

FCO 141/14296-14297, 14299: Concerns over spread of communism in Africa and influence from China and Moscow 1960-61

FCO 141/14298: review of the Cyprus emergency 1960

FCO 141/14309: Local Intelligence Committee minutes of meetings 1955-59

FCO 141/14319: Porro and Bundu societies 1953-58

FCO 141/14320-14321: concern illicit traffic in diamonds 1954-60

## **Social and economic**

FCO 141/14304: Paterson Report. Includes issues of social welfare, administration of prisons and prostitution 1943-44

FCO 141/14312: acceleration of Africanisation; building up civil services in Africa, Inter-Territorial Conference 1959

FCO 141/14331: Sierra Leone development expenditure 1955-57

FCO 141/14349: Kaiyamba chiefdom election 1952-53

FCO 141/14350: expansion of police strength 1956-59

## **Administrative/Miscellaneous**

FCO 141/14301: A B Cotay, Commissioner for Sierra Leone, London 1958-59

FCO 141/14311: Sierra Leone Commissioner in London 1959

FCO 141/14316: British Overseas Service 1952-58

FCO 141/14322: 14324 Files relating to the new membership system 1953-61

FCO 141/14334: training of Sierra Leoneans for diplomatic posts 1959-60

FCO 141/14347: visits of President Sekou Toure, President of Guinea to Sierra Leone 1960-61

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Singapore

Singapore is a city and island off the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. Formerly part of the Straits Settlements, along with Penang, Malacca and Labuan, the colony was occupied by the Japanese in the Second World War and the Straits Settlements were broken up in 1946 when Singapore with its dependencies of Christmas Island and the Cocos-Keeling Islands became a separate Crown Colony. In 1959 Singapore became self-governing, although Britain still retained control of defence and foreign policy. Following a referendum held in 1962, in September 1963 Singapore merged with the Federation of Malaya, Sarawak and Sabah (formerly British North Borneo) to form the Federation of Malaysia, known simply as Malaysia. Singapore was separated from Malaysia two years later and gained independence as the Republic of Singapore on 9 August 1965.

Below is a selection of files grouped according to theme to assist research. This list should be used in conjunction with the full catalogue list as not all are included here. The documents in FCO 141 cover the period from the end of the Second World War in 1945 until the attainment of self-government in 1959.

The files complement material already held by The National Archives in the following catalogue series (among others):

- CO 953 Singapore, Original Correspondence 1936-1951
- CO 1022 South East Asia Department: Original Correspondence 1950-56
- CO 1030 Far Eastern Department: Registered Files (FED Series) 1941-67
- FO 1091 Commissioner General for the United Kingdom in South East Asia, and United Kingdom Commissioner for Singapore and South East Asia: Registered Files 1950-1963

### Constitutional

FCO 141/14385, 14388, 14399, 14429, 14445, 14498-14499, 14508-14509, 14595, 14607, 14618-14619, 14621, 14624-14626, 14636-14637, 14640, 14663-14679, 14682, 14686-14690, 14692-14735, 14770-14771:

The files consist of proposals, drafts, reports and administrative arrangements for a new constitution in 1945, 1953, 1956 and 1958-1959. The documents also include Orders in Council and reports from the 1954 Constitutional Committee. There are also reports on the Malayanisation of the public service and on visits by the Royal Family, British diplomats, politicians and foreign dignitaries in the lead up to self-government. 1945-59

### Political and intelligence

FCO 141/14352, 14356, 14358, 14360, 14367-14381, 14386-14391, 14394-14396, 14400-14409, 14411-14417, 14419-14420, 14422-14428, 14430-14431, 14434-14439, 14444, 14450-14453, 14460-14495, 14497, 14500-14507, 14510-14513, 14516-14526, 14529-14530, 14533-14537, 14541-14549, 14551-14560, 14563-14564, 14566-14568, 14571-14572, 14575-14594, 14596-14599. 14602, 14605,-14606, 14608-14612, 14615-14617, 14623, 14628, 14632-14633, 14635, 14638, 14641-14642, 14647-14651, 14653-14654, 14662, 14738-14739, 14743-14768, 14772-14794:

The documents cover reports on political parties within Singapore and the political climate in Malaya and Indonesia as well as reports on the activities of individuals and communism and communist activities. The reports are mostly from the Joint Intelligence Committee and Local Intelligence Committee but

also include summaries, reports and lists from the Director of Information Services, the Security Liaison Officer, the Home Office and the City Council. Various conferences and conference papers are covered in detail, including the South East Asia Governors' conferences at Bukit Serene in 1950, Phoenix Park in 1952 and Mallaig in 1953. 1945-59

## **Defence and security**

FCO 141/14353, 14355, 14359, 143612, 14383, 14392-14393, 14416, 14421, 14424, 14442, 14447, 14454, 14455, 14477, 14486, 14515, 14518, 14531-14532, 14565, 14567, 14600, 14603-14604, 14622, 14629-14630, 14646, 14652:

Includes papers relating to South East Asia Collective Defence Treaty meetings and the South East Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO), the South East Asia Defence Organisation, the Security Sub-Committee (Far East) and the British Defence Co-ordination Committee. The documents cover reports on the police force in Singapore, the paramilitary police force, Muslim riots, the Local Defence Committee and Civil Defence Scheme and arms smuggling in South East Asia. 1945-58

## **Foreign affairs**

FCO 141/14440, 14446, 14522, 14524, 14527, 14627, 14634, 14655, 14662, 14745-14754:

There are reports on the foreign policies of India and Pakistan in 1950, fortnightly summaries from 1956-1959 on developments in Pakistan, India, Australia and New Zealand, and memoranda on racial policy in South Africa and in British colonies in Africa, post-war policy towards Japan, and British islands in the Pacific to which the USA lays claim. 1950-59

## **Internal government**

FCO 141/14357, 14362, 14364-14366, 14371, 14376, 14379, 14384, 14397-14398, 14414, 14418, 14456-14459, 14489, 14538-14540, 14543, 14562, 14570, 14573-14574, 14588, 14601, 14613-14614, 14620, 14639, 14643-14644, 14650, 14656-14660, 14736-14737, 14740-14742, 14744, 14769: These files include documents on the administration and internal machinery of government including tables and orders of precedence, appointments and employment policy, staff assessments, training and a very few cases of individual civil servants. 1935-59

## **Economic and social**

FCO 141/14351, 14354, 14363, 14382, 14405, 14410, 14432-14433, 14441, 14443, 14448-14449, 14496, 14514, 14528, 14550, 14569, 14592, 14631, 14645:

Documents in this group are largely financial files covering techniques in the development of finance, the financial position of the Federation of Malaya, a meeting of the SEATO Committee of Economic Experts in 1956, a report from 1958 on public attitudes in Singapore regarding issues affecting economic stability and prosperity, reports from the Chamber of Commerce and memoranda on the Bank of China. There are also trade and industry despatches on the stockpiling of rice, import control regulations, postal regulations, the importation of labour, scientific and technical developments in China and a memorandum on the Ketua headman system in Singapore coastal villages and islands. 1946-58

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