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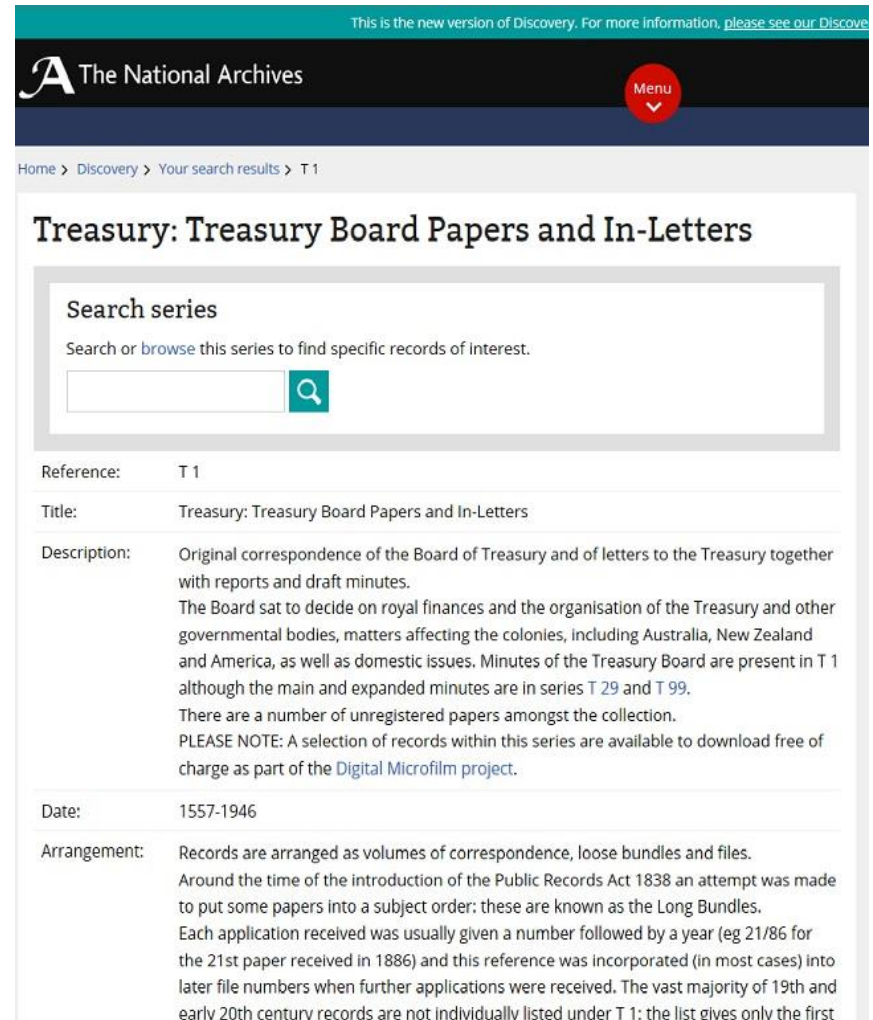
**User Forum – T 1 OCR  
cataloguing project**

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# What is T 1?

- T 1 is a record series that contains correspondence of the Treasury Board and in-letters to the Treasury.
- The series covers the years 1557-1946.



This is the new version of Discovery. For more information, please see our [Discovery](#)


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## Treasury: Treasury Board Papers and In-Letters

Search series

Search or browse this series to find specific records of interest.



Reference: T 1

Title: Treasury: Treasury Board Papers and In-Letters

Description: Original correspondence of the Board of Treasury and of letters to the Treasury together with reports and draft minutes.  
The Board sat to decide on royal finances and the organisation of the Treasury and other governmental bodies, matters affecting the colonies, including Australia, New Zealand and America, as well as domestic issues. Minutes of the Treasury Board are present in T 1 although the main and expanded minutes are in series T 29 and T 99.  
There are a number of unregistered papers amongst the collection.  
PLEASE NOTE: A selection of records within this series are available to download free of charge as part of the [Digital Microfilm project](#).

Date: 1557-1946

Arrangement: Records are arranged as volumes of correspondence, loose bundles and files.  
Around the time of the introduction of the Public Records Act 1838 an attempt was made to put some papers into a subject order: these are known as the Long Bundles.  
Each application received was usually given a number followed by a year (eg 21/86 for the 21st paper received in 1886) and this reference was incorporated (in most cases) into later file numbers when further applications were received. The vast majority of 19th and early 20th century records are not individually listed under T 1: the list gives only the first

# How to access T 1

- Early material is accessible via calendars
- 1920-1946 keyword searchable via Discovery
- 1777-1920 you can access T 1 through the registry system (indexes in T 2 or T 108 and skeleton registers in T 3)
  - Information in the research guide: [Treasury Board letters and papers 1557-1920](#)
- For 1910-1920 you can also keyword search on Discovery

# The Supplementary Finding Aid

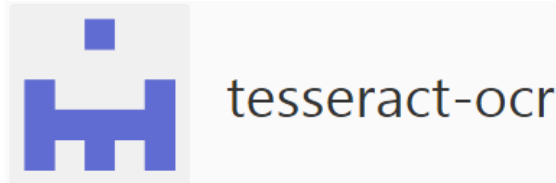
## ADMIRALTY:

### General Matters:

- Allowance for playing harmonium during divine service; purchase of harmonium. [10967/801]. C.
- 'Bonnie Lass' fishing boat; claim for loss by fouling mainmast of submerged wreck. [10965/494]. C.
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- Changes in organisation needed for drawing up war plans; creation of Naval War Council; additions to Secretariat etc. [11139/2426]. A.
- Charts; disposal of obsolete editions to Geography School, Oxford, and other educational authorities. [11017/9528]. C.
- Civil Compassionate Gratuities; administration of fund. [10974/2459]. B.
- Civilian experts (surveyors, patent agents, etc.); employment of. B.

# Automating the transcription

- Researching automated text recognition products
- T1 was an ideal case study opportunity



- Relatively small set of documents
- Modern typeface
- “Well worn” so challenging
- Separate data items to treat differently

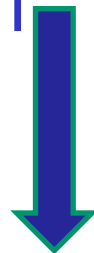
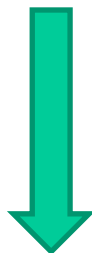
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# The recognition process

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## Pick the majority/best outputs from Tesseract

'Bonnie Lass' fishing boat; claim for loss by fouling  
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## Correcting catalogue references

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[10965/494]

## Tagging

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Land Acts - contd.

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Land Improvement Acts; reasons for refusal of Board of Works to grant loan to build farm dwelling.	[11125/22939].	B.
Land Loans Services; 55 schedules of loans granted.		55 x B.
Land Purchase Fund; £4 M Guaranteed Stock.	[11107/21241].	B.
Purchase of Land Act; Land Improvement Act 1847; Relief of Distress Act 1880; method of acknowledging receipt of payments under.	[11121/22519].	C.
Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891 and Irish Land Act 1903; transfers to reserve fund; grants.	[11174/25932].	B.
Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891, and the Irish Land Act, 1903; returns of advances made; shares of counties in Guarantee Fund. (1905).	[11019/9842].	B.
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# Challenges

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# What next for OCR?

- Undertake similar projects
- Improve the QA and correction process
- Learn from the QA and correction process

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# Any Questions?