Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Cyprus

Formerly part of the Ottoman Empire, Cyprus was handed over to Britain by Turkey for administrative purposes in 1878, though not formally ceded. Responsibility for Cypriot affairs was transferred from the Foreign Office to the Colonial Office on 6 December 1880. Following the outbreak of the First World War, and the decision of the Ottoman Empire to join the war on the side of the Central Powers, Cyprus was annexed to the British crown. The annexation was recognised by both Turkey and Greece under the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne and in 1925 Cyprus became a British Crown Colony. Cyprus became an independent republic on 16 August 1960 and a member of the Commonwealth on 13 March 1961.

This tranche of files relating to the administration of Cyprus covers the years 1931 – 1960, but the bulk of the material dates from the 1950s. Topics covered include politics in the later 1950s, detention law and the establishment of British sovereign base areas. Below is a selection of files grouped according to some major themes to assist research. Please note that this guide is not a full list of the files included in this release and should therefore be used in conjunction with the full list as it appears in Discovery, our online catalogue.

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FCO 141/3608-3609: police mobile reserve, training centre, depot headquarters at Athalassa 1955

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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 attempting to sink 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 files are included here, and there are a large number of files dealing with miscellaneous aspects of the administration of Malta. The majority of the files in this release date from the late 1940s and 1950s, with many relating to politics and constitutional matters during the 1950s.

This material complements files released in fifth tranche and files held in various series in our online catalogue, Discovery, particularly:

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**Constitutional and government**

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Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Singapore

Singapore is a city and island off the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. A part of the Straits Settlements since 1826, along with Penang, Malacca and Labuan, the colony was occupied by the Japanese in the Second World War. 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.

This is the second batch of documents relating to Singapore in this series following the release of FCO 141/14351 to FCO 141/14794 in April 2013.

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 represent two distinct periods, from the time when Singapore was part of the Straits Settlements, 1826-1945, and from the end of the Second World War 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):

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Original correspondence on the British Solomon Islands Protectorate already held by The National Archives can be found in the following series:

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In 1889, the British South Africa Company was given a charter to administer and develop the territory of Southern Rhodesia, which was annexed to the British Crown in 1923. Southern Rhodesia became part of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1953, but the Federation was dissolved at the end of 1963. In 1965, the government of Southern Rhodesia unconstitutionally made a unilateral declaration of independence, although no other nation in the world recognised it as an independent state.

Original correspondence relating to Southern Rhodesia from the 1960s can also be found in various series in our online catalogue, Discovery, particularly the following:

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Swaziland was administered by the South African Republic until 1899. After the defeat of the Afrikaner republics in 1902, a Special Commissioner for Swaziland was appointed. From 1903 it was administered by the High Commissioner for South Africa through a Resident Commissioner. In 1964, the post of Commissioner and Executive and Legislative Councils were created. The traditional Swazi political system was largely retained and the Swazi Paramount Chief was advised by the councils.

Swaziland became a protected state in 1967 with the Paramount Chief recognised as the king and head of state. A parliament and new constitution were established to take the country through to independence. Swaziland became an independent state within the Commonwealth on 6 September 1968.

These files span the twentieth century up until Swazi independence, although the large majority are from the 1940s onwards. The majority of earlier files relate to relations with the Swazi royal family from the early twentieth century. Due to the history of Swaziland’s administration, various files relating to South Africa, Basutoland, and Bechuanaland are included. This group were often known as the ‘South Africa High Commission Territories’ and are listed under ‘High Commission Territories’ below. Please note that this guide is not a full list of the files in included in this release and should therefore be used in conjunction with the full list as it appears in Discovery, our online catalogue.
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Tanganyika was captured by Britain and Belgium from Germany in 1916/17. It was assigned by mandate to Britain in 1919, while Ruanda-Burundi (now Rwanda and Burundi), also a part of German East Africa, was assigned to Belgium. A British governor was appointed in 1920, prior to which the administration was carried out by a British administrator. An Executive Council was also appointed in 1920 and a Legislative Council in 1926.


The large majority of the Tanganyika files cover the decade leading up to independence, although there is a substantial series of Executive Council minutes dating from 1920 in FCO 141/17686-17718 and various newsletters dating from the 1930s (see 'Miscellaneous'). There is also material relating to the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU), led by Julius Nyerere and key players in the lead up to independence (see 'Political activity, trade unions, conferences'). Please note that this guide is not a full list of the files in included in this release and should therefore be used in conjunction with the full list as it appears in Discovery, our online catalogue.

The material is complemented and may also be duplicated in various series already held at The National Archives including:

- CO 691 Colonial Office: Tanganyika: Original Correspondence, 1916-51
- CO 822 Colonial Office: East Africa: Original Correspondence, 1927-64
- FCO 31 Commonwealth Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office: East Africa Departments: Registered Files (P and JE Series), 1967-80

Images of Tanganyika and Zanzibar from the period can be found in:
- CO 1069 Colonial Office and successors: Photographic Collection, 1815-86
- INF 10 British Empire Collection of Photographs, 1945-65
Constitutional Development

FCO 141/17747-17748: Constitutional developments; statements by African political leaders and administration 1958-61

FCO 141/17750: United Nations visiting mission, chaired by Mason Sears; independence issues 1960

FCO 141/17753: Minority problems including the Kenya coastal strip 1960-61

FCO 141/17781-17782: Full internal self-government 1960-61

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Defence and security

FCO 141/17746: Security report on Maida Springer (later Springer-Kemp), pan-Africanist and international labour leader 1957-60

FCO 141/17772: Security reports; June M Lait 1957-58

FCO 141/17774: Security report; Frene Noshir Ginwala a South African journalist 1959-60

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