

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.

This material here completes files in catalogue series FCO 141 released in the first, second, third, fourth and sixth tranches and may be partially duplicated in various series already held at The National Archives including:

CO 67 Colonial Office: Cyprus, Original Correspondence 1801-1951
CO 926 Colonial Office: Mediterranean Department: Registered Files, Mediterranean Colonies 1938-1966

Constitutional and government

FCO 141/4204-4205: Lord Radcliffe's Constitutional proposals 1956-58

FCO 141/4245: negotiations relating to the Treaty of Establishment of the Republic of Cyprus, 16 August 1959

FCO 141/4209: partition proposals 1957-59

Policing, intelligence, security and emergency

FCO 141/2451: censorship of newspapers 1931-35

FCO 141/2447: arson attack on Government House, including legal action against perpetrator 1931-32

FCO 141/2449: civil disturbances; correspondence with Leontios, Bishop of Paphos, the acting Archbishop 1932-34

FCO 141/2450: proposed strengthening of the military police 1931-34

FCO 141/3534-3536: Curfew - law of 1955, issue of passes and protests 1954-58

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

FCO 141/3610-3617: recruitment of Assistant Superintendents of Police, recruitment from UK and employment of women, housing of police and appointment of prosecuting solicitor 1955-56

FCO 141/3619-3627, 3630-3638: Detention of Persons Law 1955; appeals against detention, protest, additional powers, impounding of passports, statistics, protests, detention of females, assistance, Advisory Committee and general correspondence 1955

FCO 141/3628-3629, 3639: proposed establishment of a prison at Kyrenia Castle and disturbances, detention camps at Kokkinotrimithia, Pyla and Pergamos within the prison 1955-59

FCO 141/4212: amnesty terms and safe conduct offers to detainees 1957-59

FCO 141/4214: Operation Double March; measures to be taken in the event of recurrence of terrorism 1957-59

FCO 141/4228: security measures for the protection of government officials 1956-59

FCO 141/4196: Operation Doubleshuffle; emergency plans for British service and expatriate families 1955-59

FCO 141/4197: evacuation of Greek and Turkish families 1958

FCO 141/4233-4234: arrangements for a review of the Emergency; comments on the report by Brigadier George Baker 1957-60

FCO 141/4235: successful measures taken to prevent incidents on Greek Independence Day, 25 March 1958

FCO 141/4236: situation reports on Turkish community affairs 1958-59

FCO 141/4568: question of reinstatement of public servants, including police, dismissed for disloyalty during the Emergency 1959

Politics and political activity

FCO 141/3533: petitions of protest on the Government's action against the Enosis movement; press comments 1954-58

FCO 141/3541: visit of Tom Driberg, British politician, August 1954

FCO 141/4194-4195, 4203, 4230: activities of Nikos Kranidiotis, General Secretary of Ethnarchy Council, and Bishop Kyprianos of Kyrenia; seizure of Ethnarchy documents, including minutes of the Ethnarchy Council; activities of the Athens branch 1955-59

FCO 141/4215-4220, 4225-4226, 4231: EOKA - second EOKA truce offer of March 1957; Operation Matchbox; arrest and detention of persons engaged in EOKA violence; countermeasures, campaign against British security forces, third truce offer and declaration of truce December 1958; activities of Colonel Georgios Grivas on return to Greece; intimidation; capture of EOKA documents – Operation Jackpot; list of individuals injured or killed by EOKA 1956-60

FCO 141/4291, 4253: activities of Colonel Georgios Grivas, 1959

FCO 141/4221-4223: activities of Archbishop Makarios 1956-60

FCO 141/4224: assessments of the political situation 1955-58

FCO 141/4227: measures to control the political power of the Greek Orthodox Church 1956-59

FCO 141/4232: activities of Turkish Resistance Organisation (TMT) 1957-59

Sovereign base areas

FCO 141/4237-4244: negotiations for British Sovereign Base Areas 1959-60

FCO 141/4246-4247: minutes of meetings, report of Working Party on Civil Administration in British Sovereign Base Areas 1959

FCO 141/4248: proposals for the resettlement of villagers from the British Sovereign Base Areas 1959

FCO 141/4249: building priorities and labour resources in the British Sovereign Base Areas 1959-60

Services and infrastructure

FCO 141/3539-3540: Central Electrification Scheme; general correspondence; acquisition of existing public supply 1954-58

FCO 141/3618: education; Five Year Development Plan 1955 to 1960 (1955)

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 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 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:
CO 158 Malta: Original Correspondence 1801-1951
CO 926 Mediterranean: Original Correspondence 1936-66

Constitutional and government

FCO 141/9515-9516: circulars and correspondence issued by Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Colonies, including; Letters Patent for Office of Governor passed under the Great Seal of the Realm constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta and providing for the Government thereof, February 1939 and related draft Royal Instructions 1939

FCO 141/9579: new constitution; elections in 1943 and the granting of a new constitution; political situation 1942, 1946

FCO 141/9790: memorandum on the language question, submitted by the Central Council of Maltese Societies to Sir Harold MacMichael, Constitutional Commissioner 1947

FCO 141/9875: memorandum from the Malta Civil Service Association concerning the establishment of a Public Service Commission under the new constitution 1947

FCO 141/10336, 10403, 10464, 10472, 10474, 10476, 10478-10479, 10481-10483, 10496, 10517-10519, 10523-10527, 10535, 10551, 10560-10561, 10629:

Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medals; changes in insignia, decorations and medals following accession of the Queen; new coinage; Prime Minister of

Malta at Coronation, visit of HM The Queen, May 1954; cars; programme; notes of personalities and political notes; Royal Visit Committee; commemorative souvenirs; visit to Royal Opera House; SS Gothic Harbour dues; addresses to HM The Queen; presentation of souvenirs; special issue of stamps; the Royal Malta Artillery (RMA) mess; requests from clubs and other organisations to be included on the schedule; special issue of stamps; proposed visit to the Casino Maltese Club; awards at Royal Victorian Order; proposed visit to the merchant seamen's hostel; public holidays; addresses of welcome; Prime Minister's address of welcome; arrangements for handling mail and telephone arrangements; invitations to State Ball; security arrangements; communication from Sir Arturo Mercieca regarding the Governor's refusal to invite him to the State Ball; calling to attention of military parades 1953-54.

FCO 141/10488: constitutional development in the Colonies 1953

FCO 141/10731: 'Colonial Constitutional Changes; Policy and Progress' by Sir William McLean 1954-55

FCO 141/10865: electoral system; assessment of proportional representation, 1956-57

FCO 141/10869: draft scheme for the new Constitution; consultations with the Nationalist Party and the Progressive Constitutional Party 1957-58

FCO 141/10870: constituencies; electoral divisions 1956

FCO 141/10930: application of the UK electoral procedure under the Representation of the People Act 1949; Maltese representation at Westminster 1956-57

FCO 141/10946: clauses in the new Constitution safeguarding the position of judges, 1957

FCO 141/11098: constitutional position arising out of the resignation of Dom Mintoff, Prime Minister of Malta, 1958

FCO 141/11119: Amendment of the Constitution Letters Patent 1947-1953 to extend the Governor's legislative powers during the emergency period; Malta (Emergency Powers) (Temporary Provisions) Order-in-Council, 1958; Malta (Constitution) (Temporary Provisions) Letters Patents 1958

FCO 141/11171-72: political situation following the resignation of Dom Mintoff's Labour Government and the declaration of a state of public emergency, April 1958; statements by Dom Mintoff at a private meeting of the Maltese Labour Party and General Workers Union (GWU), May 1958

FCO 141/11178: London talks on future Constitutional arrangements, November-December 1958, including the Governor's broadcast, January 1959

FCO 141/10237: general elections, September 1950; Malta (Emergency Provisions) Order-in-Council 1951; Malta (Constitution) (Temporary Provisions) Letters Patent 1951

FCO 141/10401: discussions with Prime Minister, Dr Giorgio Borg Olivier, at the Colonial Office, February 1952

FCO 141/10451: General Election, December 1953; formation of Coalition Government 1953-54

FCO 141/10463: constitutional status of Malta; UK government offer to transfer responsibility for Malta's affairs from the Colonial Office to the Home Office 1954

FCO 141/10559, 10634, 10699: visit by Dom Mintoff, Prime Minister of Malta, to the UK, January; constitutional and political situation; interview with Dom Mintoff in Sunday Express 1954-55

FCO 141/10632: defeat of the coalition Government, November 1954; possible formation of a national government; dissolution of the Legislative Assembly, December 1954; constitutional situation 1954-55

FCO 141/10715: possible integration of Malta into the UK; Westminster Round Table Conference, September 1955

FCO 141/10720: constitutional reforms 1955

FCO 141/10756: Malta Round Table Conference in 1955 to consider constitutional questions 1955-56

FCO 141/10762, 10781: possible integration into the UK; Malta Labour Party meeting at Floriana; broadcast by the Governor; resignation of Dom Mintoff's Labour Government; declaration of a state of emergency, April 1958, discussion with Dom Mintoff 1958

FCO 141/10780: 'Proposals for New Constitutional and Economic Arrangements,' possible integration with the UK; deadlock in the London talks March-April 1957, proposed five year trial period; Industrial Commission 1955-57

FCO 141/10789: third draft report on the Malta Round Table Conference in London, July 1955

FCO 141/10823: referendum February 1956; protests by nationalist and progressive constitutional parties; church – refusal of absolution to penitents 1956

FCO 141/11048, 11061: complaint by Dom Mintoff, Prime Minister of Malta, concerning the leakage of information contained in official documents submitted to the Malta Round Table Conference and to statements made by Mabel Strickland; UK press comments on talks with Dom Mintoff 1956-58

FCO 141/11065: press conferences by Dom Mintoff, Prime Minister of Malta 1958

FCO 141/11316-11317, 11364: Malta constitution: talks with Iain Macleod 1958-59

FCO 141/11345: reorganisation of the Maltese Imperial Government 1959

FCO 141/11364: visit by Iain Macleod, Secretary of State for the Colonies, December 1959; constitutional talks with political parties 1959-60

FCO 141/11372-11373: constitutional talks 1959-60

FCO 141/11405, 11497, 11469, 11778, 11780-11792, 11812: Malta Constitution and drafts: Order in Council; Malta Constitutional Committee report (Blood Report); correspondence; Colonial Office briefs, memoranda and papers; Malta Constitution Conference, London, 1958; Malta Round Table Conference, 1955, report; draft scheme; Colonial Office meetings and talks; papers of D S Stephens; minutes and briefs for talks at Colonial Office, Mary 1957 (1955-61)

FCO 141/11794: records of meetings and discussions between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Prime Minister of Malta, March 1958

FCO 141/11470-11474: draft new Constitution Part IV; UK Commissioner; Part IX; defence and external affairs; Part X; offices and the public service; Part XI; judicature; Part XI; finance 1961

FCO 141/11796: papers relating to the constitutional changes 1936

FCO 141/11800: papers relating to the new Constitution 1919-21

FCO 141/11802: draft Constitution, 1946 1942-47

FCO 141/11805: minutes of talks and correspondence exchanges between Dom Mintoff and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, March 1958

FCO 141/11813: outline of the Scheme for Malta Integration Bill; brief for the Secretary of State on the draft working documents; financial matters and correspondence 1954-57

FCO 141/11561: constitutional and legislative programmes 1961-62

FCO 141/11677-11682: minutes and papers of the Nominated Council, decisions taken by circulation of papers 1952-59

FCO 141/11684-11690: minutes of the Nominated Council 1921-35

FCO 141/11691: minutes and papers of the Privy Council 1929-30

FCO 141/11692-11695: minutes, agendas and papers of the Privy Council 1947-55

FCO 141/11699-11708: minutes of the Executive Council, September 1936-December 1937 1936-54

FCO 141/11709-11711, 11732-11733: minutes of the Public Services Commission; staff matters 1938-47

FCO 141/11773: draft Malta Constitution 1961

FCO 141/11774, 11777, 11779, 11798, 11801, 11803-11804, 11806-11807, 11810-11811, 11814-11818: letters patent and drafts of letters patent on constitution and emergency powers 1907-58

Defence, security and policing

FCO 141/9512-9514: circulars issued by Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Colonies, including; memorandum on handbooks of instruction for officers of British merchant ships; memorandum relating to insurance of British ships against war; orders for internment camps for use in the UK during war 1939

FCO 141/9698: policy concerning military security after organised resistance ends in Europe 1945

FCO 141/9835: Soviet propaganda 1946-47

FCO 141/10235: civil defence report 1949-50

FCO 141/10369: correspondence between Dom Mintoff and War Office concerning the promotion of NCOs in Royal Malta Artillery 1952

FCO 141/10383-10384: civil defence exercises in peacetime; Defence of Malta Exercise 1952

FCO 141/10402: use of police and the military in civil disturbances 1942

FCO 141/10409: fortnightly reports on international organisations under communist control 1952-61

FCO 141/10433: seditious articles in the local press 1953

FCO 141/10440: transfer of responsibility for the defence of Malta from the British Defence Coordination Committee (Middle East) to the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean 1953

FCO 141/10447: Operation Weldfast; use of airfields 1953

FCO 141/10622: detention of Soviet and satellite aircraft and crews 1954

FCO 141/10643: defence exercise 1955 (DXM)

FCO 141/10647: Malta Defence Scheme; review, annual statement and revision 1955-59

FCO 141/10667: civil defence; monitoring of radiological fallout; radiological survey 1955-57

FCO 141/10821: referendum campaign, Progressive Constitutional Party meeting at Sliema, January 1956

FCO 141/11299: Home Office suspect index 1959-62

FCO 141/11331-11332: aid to the civil power; Operations Brood and Forbid; RAF Luqa; attempted sabotage 1959

FCO 141/11354: draft Malta Defence Scheme; chapter VI, civil defence measures (draft); section G treatment of casualties 1959-60

FCO 141/11374: dockyard riots, February 1959

FCO 141/11375: report by Vivian de Gray, Commissioner of Police, on certain incidents between Dockyard Police and Malta Police 1959

FCO 141/11374-11375: dockyard riots, February 1959; report by Vivian de Gray, Commissioner of Police, on certain incidents between Dockyard Police and Malta Police 1959

FCO 141/11380: civil defence policy 1959-60

FCO 141/11440: contingency planning in the event of war; manpower requirements 1960-61

FCO 141/11457: amphibious exercises including Gozo, May 1960

FCO 141/11513: Malta Intelligence Committee report for Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) Middle East six monthly review, November 1960-May 1961

FCO 141/11609: 'Riot control problems, the use of spraying dyes', memorandum by the Colonial Office, February 1961

FCO 141/11673: draft civil defence scheme for Gozo 1962

FCO 141/11716, 11738, 11745, 11760-11761: minutes of the Defence Committee meetings 1942-62

FCO 141/11718: defence papers 1950

FCO 141/11734-11736: Civil Defence Corps; annual reports 1954-55

FCO 141/11783: discussion with the Malta Government concerning the economy, memorandum by Secretary of State for the Colonies; intelligence reports; colonial political intelligence summary; Civil Organisation in the event of an Enemy Landing or attempted landing 1948-49

FCO 141/11799: June Disturbances Commission Report, 1919

Political activity and trade unionism

FCO 141/9714: one day strike organised by the General Workers Union (GWU), January 1946

FCO 141/9741: resolution by Nationalist Party claiming the right of the Maltese people to autonomy to abstain from elections 1945

FCO 141/9748: visit of the Malta Labour Party delegation to London, August 1945

FCO 141/9779: notes on leading personalities 1949

FCO 141/9780, 9800, 9822-9824, 10693: political situation reports; memoranda 1950-57

FCO 141/9826: Nationalist Party 1946

FCO 141/9833: People's Party 1946

FCO 141/9834: interview between George Hall, Secretary of State for the Colonies and R G Miller, General Secretary of the General Workers Union, concerning the standard of living and the minimum wage 1946

FCO 141/9903: disturbances in the dockyard 1947

FCO 141/9970: letter from Dr Enrico Mizzi, leader of the Nationalist Party, concerning the Party's electoral programme and its protest against the new constitution 1947

FCO 141/9798: possible strike by the General Workers Union (GWU) 1946-47

FCO 141/9954: Democratic Action Party 1947

FCO 141/10033: communism; publicity policy 1948

FCO 141/10036: invitation to visit by the Maltese Labour Party to Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council; communist literature received by naval personnel through the post 1948-51

FCO 141/10111: requests for interviews with the Governor from Joseph Attard Kingswell and Paul Domonic Mangion 1949

FCO 141/11216: formation of the Democratic Nationalist Party 1958-59

FCO 141/10305: visit by A Deakin of the British Trades Union Congress and S Crane of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), January 1952 1951-52

FCO 141/10541: General Workers' Union (GWU) correspondence on civilian employees in Services departments; correspondence 1954

FCO 141/10615: increases in pay to industrial and non-industrial service, possible strike by the General Workers Union (GWU) 1955

FCO 141/10722: disturbances at a Nationalist public meeting held at Qui-si-Sana, September 1955

FCO 141/10763: dockyard strike, July, including the non-cooperation of Malta 1955

FCO 141/10821: referendum campaign, Progressive Constitutional Party meeting at Sliema, January 1956

FCO 141/10855: victory rally by the Labour Party 1956

FCO 141/11269: Dr Edwin Busuttil's resignation from the Deputy Leadership of the Progressive Constitutional Party (PCP) 1959

FCO 141/11281, 11320: Maltese Labour Movement (UK), May Day celebrations and demonstrations organised by Malta Labour Party 1959-61

FCO 141/11326: political public meetings; police action against Dom Mintoff; Malta Labour Party (MLP) meeting at Gozo, May 1961; records of political meetings 1959-62

FCO 141/11327: records of political public meetings 1959-60

FCO 141/11349: communist literature 1959-61

FCO 141/11369: reports on political affairs 1959-61

FCO 141/11403, 11410: industrial unrest; strike over pay arrears by oil company employees, August 1960

FCO 141/11409-11411, 11414-11415, 11418: articles in 'Il Helsien' and 'Voice of Malta', boycott of Carnival 1960

FCO 141/11411: article in 'Il Helsien', 2 January 1960, 'Those Who Collaborate Behind the Scenes' 1960

FCO 141/11427: possible legal action against Malta Labour Party (MLP) Club in Kinsway, Valletta 1960

FCO 141/11429: Council for the Defence of European Malta; threats against Indian residents 1960

FCO 141/11490: Malta Labour Party (MLP) visit to Belgrade, Athens, Rome, Cairo and Tunis (Dom Mintoff, Anton Buttigieg and Joseph Cassar), and visit to Haifa, (Albert V Hyzler and Agatha Barbara) 1960-61

FCO 141/11625: Malta Labour Party resolution, passed at extraordinary general conference, April 1961; published in 'il-Helsien' 1961

FCO 141/11631: resolution circulated by A J Scerri, Chairman of the Maltese Labour Movement (UK), complaining about the Maltese clergy, June 1961

FCO 141/11637: general elections 1962; tension between Malta Labour Party and the church; proposed delegation of MPs to visit Malta 1961-62

FCO 141/11565: public assembly at Pawla organised by the Young Christian Workers 1961

FCO 141/11567: visit by delegation from the Socialist International; correspondence on shooting incident during the visit 1961-62

FCO 141/11603-11604, 11610: Dom Mintoff; speech at Birkirkara, November 1961, interview on Granada TV programme, 'Tell the World'; proposed prosecution over open letter to Guy Grantham 1961

International affairs

FCO 141/10723: visit by Dom Mintoff, Prime Minister of Malta, to Egypt, December 1955, and his invitation to Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser to visit Malta; Government's contacts with the United Nations (UN) and specialised agencies 1955-57

FCO 141/11334: Italian proposal for the proposed annexation of Malta by Italy 1959

FCO 141/11363: visit by Hans von Herwarth, West German Ambassador, October 1959

Reconstruction and infrastructure

FCO 141/9682-9686: general policy on reconstruction; Reconstruction and Development Committee minutes of meetings 1945-47

FCO 141/10724: Cyprus; grant of £38 million for a development plan 1955

FCO 141/10757-10758: Colonial Development and Welfare Schemes 1950-55

Broadcasting and media

FCO 141/9762: Broadcast Relay Service (Malta) Limited (Rediffusion Company); copy of agreement and licence 1947

FCO 141/9828: Rediffusion Company; control of the Rediffusion system under the new constitution and in an emergency 1947-56

FCO 141/9905: Enrico Mizzi's newspaper called 'Malta' 1947

FCO 141/10732: proposed setting up of a television service in Malta 1955-59

FCO 141/10764: reorganisation of the Public Relations Office; establishment of a Central Office of Information operating through Rediffusion and political broadcasts through Rediffusion; question of the use of the police for political purposes 1955-56

FCO 141/10765: integration with the UK; effects on broadcasting and television and the position of Rediffusion 1955-56

FCO 141/11272: decision to refuse to broadcast TV programmes in local cinemas 1959-60

FCO 141/11300-13003: Press (Amendment) Ordinance; reorganisation of broadcasting 1959-61

FCO 141/11307: legislation to control radio transmissions in wartime 1959-59

FCO 141/11314-11315. 11321: proposed television service 1959-60

FCO 141/11336: sound broadcasts; political 1959-59

FCO 141/11462: censorship of printed matter 1960-61

FCO 141/11500-11502: Broadcasting Board, report, 1959, broadcasting administration and operations 1959-62

FCO 141/11651: reorganisation of information services; establishment of separate British and Maltese Information Services 1961

FCO 141/11764-11765: notes on the history of party political broadcasting in Malta, prepared by Rediffusion Company (Malta) Limited, 15 September 1958

FCO 141/11766: 'Broadcasting in Malta', report of a BBC working party, April 1959

FCO 141/11772: censorship reports, January-August 1945

FCO 141/11808-11809: licence in relation to the establishment of Broadcasting Receiving Stations 1935

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):

CO 273 Straits Settlements, original correspondence 1838-46
CO 953 Singapore, original correspondence 1936-51
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 1950-63

Government and constitutional

FCO 141/14795-14797, 14812-14866, 14900-14916, 14939-14946, 14949-14950, 14970-14982, 14994-15002, 15015-15029, 15036-15106, 15204-15209 15210, 15229, 15240, 15266-15271, 15277-15287, 15293, 15711, 16836, 17152: New constitution: honours and awards; changes to flag, seal and coat of arms; designs for new mace; legal appointments; citizenship; position of Christmas Island under the new constitution; City Council staffing and elections; Commissioner General's Conference; Eden Hall Conference; Constitutional Conferences; Legislative Assembly composition and elections; union with Federation of Malaya; independence celebrations; Public Services Commission; senior appointments; legislation; Crown Agents files; independence planning for countries in South East Asia and the possible effects on the UK 1952-61

FCO 141/14920-14939, 14951, 15303-15304: Malayanisation: press comments; government agencies; Malayanisation Commission; statistics; harbour board staff; city council workers; working party papers; General Policy Committee 1955-59

FCO 141/15187-15203, 15288-15292, 15324, 15327, 15330, 15333-15338, 15343-15428, 15432-15433, 15444-15445; 15450-15452, 15456-15459, 15464-15465, 15496, 15545-15553, 15559-15561, 15565, 15568, 15574-15627, 15636; 15643-15651, 15700-15703, 15708, 15712-15715, 15718-15719, 16837, 16895-16896, 16933-16936, 16972-16973, 17003-17009, 17046, 17133, 17135, 17149-17150: Governor's papers and Government House: staff; instructions; records of files held; Government House alterations and security measures; Government

Secretary's correspondence; correspondence between the Governor and ministers; procedure regarding petitions; file notes; visits, correspondence and speeches; alphabetical file lists; register of incoming letters; subject card indexes held by the Colonial Administration; telegrams and despatches received from and sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies; circulars from the Secretary of State for the Colonies; Governor's recommendations for honours and awards; Governor's conferences; various appointments and resignations, minutes of meetings at Government House 1946-59

FCO 141/15466, 15473, 15482-15483, 15498-15506, 16881-16882, 16888, 16908, 17048-17050, 17052, 17059, 17078-17081, 17098, 127138: internal government: executive council minutes; index of minutes of miscellaneous meetings; parliamentary questions regarding Malaya (index of minutes only); secret seaborne official mail; transmission of secret and top secret bags by the King's Messengers; visit to Singapore of Lord Listowel, Minister of State for the Colonies; miscellaneous reports and memoranda (annotated list of documents only); visits of VIPs (index of minutes only); reproduction of Government records; Advisory Council minutes; Legislative Council; election bill; Orders in Council; Government Gazettes 1946-59

FCO 141/15241-15265, 15430, 15435, 15572: British High Commission in Federation of Malaya: office establishment; staffing; functions and powers; transmission of telegrams; despatches; status of advisers; publicity; long term policy directives for Malaya; integration of Singapore into the Federation of Malaya; Malayan Union, constitutional problems and proposals 1945-59

FCO 141/15295, 15299-15302, 16833: personal papers: Richard W Jakeman, Secretary of State for Internal Affairs; Dr R H Bland OBE, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health; J B Clegg, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; L H N Davis, Permanent Secretary, Ministry

of Communications and Works; D McLellan, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education; Alan E G Blades, Commissioner of Police 1942-59

FCO 141/15480-15481, 16886; 16902-16906, 16932, 17037, 17106: Sarawak: abolition of the title of Rajah Muda; proposed radio broadcast by Rajah Anthony Brook; appointment of a governor; policy concerning cession of Sarawak to UK; cession instrument; Sarawak and North Borneo Claims Commission; possible exclusion of Anthony and Kathleen Brooke and children from Sarawak; proposed visit by Rajah Charles Brooke; constitutional development in Sarawak 1940-47

Political and intelligence

FCO 141/14867, 15164-15165, 14908-14911, 15328, 15628-15634, 15637, 15653-15680, 15697, 15851-15854, 16838, 16860-16861, 16949, 16958, 16998, 17012, 17023-17025, 17040, 17134: intelligence: organisation of Special Branch; weekly and fortnightly intelligence reports; monthly reports on political and subversive activities in Federation of Malaya; book of Photostat copies of the Malayan Black list, 1949; establishment of Joint Intelligence Bureau; political intelligence journals; Joint Intelligence Committee reports; details of prominent Chinese in Singapore; Police Intelligence Journal; extracts from Foreign Office reports on the situation in South East Asia; future of the Malayan Security Service; Special Planning Committee established to respond to communist activities; transit of secret material between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur; security reports on Europeans; Malayan Security Service; leading personality reports; political activities of public servants 1946-59

FCO 141/14984-14988, 15216-15221, 16865, 16940, 16997, 17041, 17090: press and Information Policy: analyses of political trends from press comments;

The Times correspondent; Reuter news agency; Information Department publications; information policy for South East Asia; control of the press; special news service of Radio Malaya; broadcasting and the 'Voice of Britain'; British Council; radio broadcasting policy in Singapore and Malaya 1946-59

FCO 141/14989-14993, 15003, 15006, 16835, 16948, 16965, 16980: political parties and organisations: Singapore People's Alliance; Citizens' Party of Singapore; Singapore People's Alliance; Liberal Socialist Party; Friends of Singapore; Free Malaya Committee; report on dissolution of political parties; report on Malayan Communist Party; Chinese Democratic League branch in Hong Kong; Chinese secret societies; Revolutionary Islamic Army of Singapore (Angkatan Revolusi Tentera Islam Singapore) (ARTIS) 1947-1963

FCO 141/15100-15102, 15434, 15705, 16986-16987: trade unions: report on industrial relations by F W Dalley CBE; trade union developments; anti-strike legislation; naval base strike; strike action 1952-59

FCO 141/15160, 15163, 15709-15710, 15716: Detentions and trials: appeals arising out of the Maria Hertogh custody case; prosecutions in Fajar sedition trials; press articles on detentions under Emergency Regulations, detention of John Eber under Emergency regulations 1952-56

FCO 141/15305-15316: personal files of individuals including Lee Kuan Yew, who would become first Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore and rebel commander Hassan Saleh 1949-59

FCO 141/15495, 15554, 15640, 15641, 16947, 17153-17154: cases: deportation from Indonesia of Captain Raymond Westerling; inquiry into Kennedy-Skipton Case, member of the Cadet Service, employed by the Japanese during the occupation of Hong Kong; interview concerning attitude of Tan Lark Sye, Chairman of Nanyang University Council, towards the Colonial

Government; investigation of Goh Hood Kiat by the Criminal Intelligence Department; possible asylum for Nai Pridi; proposed memorial to Subhas Chandra Bose; expulsion of Ong Eng Guan from the People's Action Party (PAP) 1946-61

Defence and security

FCO 141/14868-14873: Police Services Commission reports; Gurkha police and reports on general organisation and discipline of Singapore police force 1953-59

FCO 141/14917, 15030-15033, 15074-15075, 15190, 15455, 15669: Malayan Emergency: reports on Federation of Malaya armed forces; emergency regulations and ordinances; proclamation of emergency; liaison with the General Officer commanding; death sentences for British servicemen; services broadcasts; cypher communications between the British High Commission and the Federation of Malaya; emergency operation instructions 1948-59

FCO 141/15155-15159, 15162, 15167-15181, 15280-15282, 15296-15297, 15339-15342, 15431, 15436, 15439-15440; 15446-15449; 15468-15469; 15474-15477, 15533-15534, 15555, 15699, 16880, 16884, 16928-16931, 16937-16938, 16942, 16944, 16946, 16955, 16957, 16968, 16976, 16979, 17013-17016, 17020, 17027-17029, 17111, 17147, 17155: internal security: constitutional discussions; civil internal security scheme; military aid to the civil authorities during strikes; counter sabotage; action against secret societies; Communist Front riots of October 1956; Malayan; Internal Security Council meetings; reports on Sino-Malay tension and organisation and command of British troops; Local Defence Committee monthly intelligence reviews; Registers of 'top secret' security files; defence requirements and formation of the Singapore Regular Battalion; Exercise Orient II; minutes of meetings of the Services Emergency Liaison Committee; minutes of British Defence Committee in South East Asia; Operation Basket, combined Military

and Police internal security exercise, future command organisation in South East Asia; initiation of civil plans for defence; banishment legislation; nature of forces required in the British territories in the Far East in peace time; facilities available in Malaya as an additional base in war; military despatches 1946-59

Foreign affairs

FCO 141/14798-14809, 15478, 16960: situation in and policy towards Indonesia; Civil unrest in Bagan Siapiapi, Indonesia; Indonesian influence in the Malay Peninsula 1946-59

FCO 141/14907: political relations between Thailand and Malaya 1956

FCO 141/15088-15090: policy and procedure for external affairs 1956-59

FCO 141/15148-15154: Chinese nationals and policy towards China 1956-59

FCO 141/15442, 15453: proposed goodwill missions by Australian and Pakistani delegates 1948

FCO 141/17019, 17022, 17071-17072, 17116, 17156: Japan: Peace treaty with Japan, islands of Spratly and Amboyna Cay; Japanese peace settlement; Japanese reparations; War Damage Claims Commission; Japanese trade 1946-62

Economic and social

FCO 141/14844-14847, 14875-14918, 15438, 15535, 15635, 15694-15695, 16745-16758, 16834, 16855-16859, 16866, 16883, 16953, 16991-16992, 16994, 17055, 17062, 17112-17113, 17117, 17129-17130: financial matters: SEATO and other economic conference reports; Central Bank

and Malayan Currency Agreement; financial position and economic policy; activities of Colonial Development Corporation; closer economic association with Europe; income tax; Colombo plan; United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE), Finance Committee meetings; monthly economic bulletins; memorandum on taxation; financial transactions during the Japanese occupation; All Malayan Currency Surplus Fund, United Nations Sub-Commission on the Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas 1946-59

FCO 141/14952-14967, 15185, 15222-15228, 15272-15278, 15414, 16839, 16864, 16876, 16885, 16897, 16950, 16966, 17002, 17045, 17053, 17083-17084, 17101, 17105, 17123: trade: Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations; trade with China, Taiwan and Japan; trade relations between Malaya and Indonesia; rubber; steel; iron ore; coal; rice; tobacco; timber; fishing industry; port development; minutes of Trade Advisory Committee meetings; notes of various meetings on rice stocks; export trade for Borneo; International Trade Negotiations; Commonwealth Trade Talks; United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment; supply of sisal from Borneo to the UK; 'Trading with the Enemy' booklet, 1946; British Food Mission in Washington; International Emergency Food Committee (IEFC) allocations; Colonial Development Corporation; Overseas Food Corporation 1946-59

FCO 141/15108-15124, 17085, 17108-17109: education: reports on Chinese schools; policy, reports, meetings and senior appointments relating to Singapore Polytechnic, Nanyang University and University of Malaya; UNESCO

Fundamental Education
Conference 1947-59

FCO 141/15126-15134, 15831, 16890, 17091-17092, 17099, 17119, 17122, 17128: transport: British civil aviation in the Far East; public transport system; official enquiry into Kallang Airport crash, 1954 (with photographs); history of the Changi Airport project, Malayan Airways 1949-59

FCO 141/15136-15141, 15237-15239: labour: Services labour problems; application of the Factories Ordinance 1958; SEATO meeting on skilled labour shortages; reorganisation of Seamen's Registration Bureau; labour review by Office of the Commissioner General 1946-59

Straits Settlements

FCO 141/15507-15529, 15684-15690, 15707, 15720-15950, 16274-16743, 16759-16830, 16840-16850: various, including: list of Germans, Austrians, Turks and Pro-enemy Residents in the Netherlands East Indies (1916); forthcoming visit to Singapore of the King and Queen of Siam (1901); Indian sedition, papers of Sir David Petrie, Intelligence Officer (who became Director General of MI5) (1915-1916); murder of British Resident James Birch in Perak (1875); Treaty of Federation (1895); correspondence concerning the alleged agitation against the Chinese Government in the Straits Settlements (1901); memorandum concerning the political situations in France and Siam, Russia and the Far East (1902); opium traffic with China

(1907); proposed extradition treaty with Siam (1910); expulsion of Sun Yat Sen from Singapore (1908); protest against the cession of Kedah to Great Britain (1909); Anglo-Siamese Treaty (July 1909); Naval Intelligence Organisation (1925-1932); War Office annual return of secret documents (1932); destruction of secret and confidential censorship and defence documents (1932); War Office return of secret documents (1931); suppression of the Kuomintang in Malaya (1930-1932); concern over press reporting of the disturbances in Patani (1923-1926); visit of the King of Siam to Singapore (1924); visit by Prince George to the Federated Malay States (1926); Federated Malay States decentralisation policy (1917-1934); dispute between the Duff Development Company Ltd and the Government of Kelantan (1901-1924); Muar succession (1877-1881); good will treaty between HM Government and the Government of Trengannu (1910); sovereignty agreement between HM Government and the state of Perlis (1910) 1877-1934

Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Solomon Islands (British Solomon Islands Protectorate)

Lying to the east of Papua New Guinea in the Pacific Ocean, this archipelago consists of several hundred islands, including Guadalcanal, where the capital, Honiara, is situated. In 1883, the South Solomon Islands became a British protectorate, and the remaining islands in the group were added to the protectorate in 1898 and 1899. The protectorate was administered through the Western Pacific High Commission and a resident commissioner was appointed in 1896. In 1952 the headquarters of the High Commission for the Western Pacific was moved from Fiji to Honiara and the High Commissioner took over responsibility for the direct administration of the protectorate from the acting resident commissioner. The British Solomon Islands achieved self-government in 1976 and in July 1978 the islands gained independence, and became known as the Solomon Islands.

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

CO 225 Western Pacific Original Correspondence, 1878-51
CO 1023 Hong Kong and Pacific Department Original Correspondence, 1878-51
CO 1036 Pacific and Indian Ocean Department Registered Files, 1952-67

Personnel files

FCO 141/17163-17384: individual personnel files of government employees in the British Solomon Islands, which can be searched by name or browsed on the online catalogue, with the exception of four general files on staffing administration.

Staffing administration

FCO 141/17240: administrative establishment, British Service New Hebrides including Gilbert and Ellice Islands 1961-1972

FCO 141/17249: effects on serving staff who are liable for service in the three Western Pacific High Commission Territories on separation of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands 1971-1974

FCO 141/17314, 17325: future of HM Overseas Civil Service (HMOCS) and staffing of small territories 1962-1967

Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Southern Rhodesia

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:

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

DO 154: Dominions Office and successors: Governor, Southern Rhodesia and High Commission, Southern Rhodesia, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland and Rhodesia: Correspondence, 1946-66

DO 207: Commonwealth Relations Office: Rhodesia Department: Registered Files (RCA Series), 1965-66

FCO 35: Commonwealth Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Rhodesia Economic Department: Registered Files (RE and CM Series), 1967-73

FCO 36: Commonwealth Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Rhodesia Political Department: Registered Files (RP and CP Series), 1967-80

This release consists of six files. Please see the [Foreign and Commonwealth Office](#) website for a further note on these records.

FCO 141/19938: appointment of Sir Humphrey Gibbs as Governor; proclamation 1959

FCO 141/19939: supplemental loan agreement between the Commonwealth Development Corporation, the Central African Power Corporation, and the governments of Northern and Southern Rhodesia 1963

FCO 141/19940: HM The Queen's Commission appointing the Chief Justice to perform the functions of Governor in the Governor's absence 1963

FCO 141/1994: Central African Power Corporation; obligations under an existing June 1956 loan agreement between the Federal Power Board and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 1963

FCO 141/19942: appointment of Sir Hugh Beadle as deputy Governor during the Governor's absence, November 1964

FCO 141/19943: revocation of the Dormant Commission of May 1963 appointing Sir Hugh Beadle as Chief Justice of Southern Rhodesia 1968

Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Swaziland

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 included in this release and should therefore be used in conjunction with the full list as it appears in [Discovery](#), our online catalogue.

The files are complemented by, and may be duplicated in various series already held by The National Archives, including:

DO 119 High Commissioner for South Africa, and High Commissioner for Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland, and UK High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa: Correspondence 1843-1965

CO 1048 Colonial Office and Commonwealth Office: Southern Africa Department: Original Correspondence 1960-68

DO 157 Commonwealth Relations Office: South Africa High Commission Territories: Registered Files (BBS Series) 1959-63

DO 212 Commonwealth Office: East Africa Department: Registered Files, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland (BLS, SAB, SAL and SAS Series) 1966-67

Executive Council

FCO 141/17519: Executive Council business; Swaziland (Amendment) Order 1963-66

FCO 141/17513: Minutes of meetings between the Secretary for Swazi Affairs, Paramount Chief Sobhuza II and the Council 1961

Constitutional Development

FCO 141/17380, 17385-17387: Constitutional reforms 1959-63

FCO 141/17402, 17411: Constitutional development; Conference of African Governors held in London 1947-49

FCO 141/17481: Swaziland Constitutional Committee; report 1966

FCO 141/ 17477-17478: Electoral law; Legislative Council (Elections) Proclamation 1963-64

FCO 141/17479: Reform Committee of the Swaziland National Administration 1959-61

FCO 141/17579-17582: Resolution passed by the Swaziland European Advisory Council; session dealing with the question of Responsible Government for the Territory 1953-59

FCO 141/17472, 17670: Constitutional proposals; land issues; Africanisation of the Civil Service; documents considered as historical interest 1926-67

FCO 141/17589-17592: Matters concerning the Council 1946-52

Political and Intelligence reports

FCO 141/17407-17409: Intelligence services and organisation; reports 1952-57

FCO 141/17399: B A Marwick-R F Rankin report, Investigation into the Machinery of Government in the Territory; recommendations 1947-49

FCO 141/17655, 17684: Extracts from Central Intelligence Committee Reports; Ngwane National Liberatory Congress 1965-68

FCO 141/17659: British Intelligence Surveys and Port Information Sheets Check Bulletin 1964-67

Defence and security

FCO 141/17406: Deployment of the military in aid of the civil powers 1953

FCO 141/17429: Security of cypher telegrams 1957

FCO 141/17446: Draft Proclamation on Emergency Powers (Amendment) Order in Council 1954-59

FCO 141/17465: Defence measures; position concerning Central and Southern Africa including Portuguese East Africa and the Union of South Africa 1942-43

FCO 141/17453: Special Branch Police; cypher communications 1958

FCO 141/17474-17475: Threat assessment and military reinforcement of High Commission Territories 1963-65

FCO 141/17455-17456: Classification and security of official mail and documents 1943-59

FCO 141/17487: Royal Navy mobilisation instructions 1929-64

FCO 141/17489: Protective Security Sub-Committee 1963-65

FCO 141/17529: Allowance for disabled soldiers 1950-54

FCO 141/17635: Establishment of radar stations 1957-58

FCO 141/17636: Defence discussions with the Union of South Africa Government 1957-58

FCO 141/17637-17638: Defence; proposed airfields 1960-62

FCO 141/17648: Surveillance of possible subversive activities of Carl F Todd 1964

Law and Order

FCO 141/17442-17443: Police reports, administration 1954-57

FCO 141/17451-17452: Police command and Special Branch training courses 1956-59

FCO 141/17466: Separation of the judiciary and executive 1958-59

FCO 141/17522: Prisoners' property 1953-56

FCO 141/17530: High Court and condemned prisoners judicial cases 1948-50

FCO 141/17531-17533: Swazi National Courts including individual cases 1946-54

FCO 141/17536: Correspondence concerning complaints, disputes and court of appeal cases 1945-50

FCO 141/17540: Summary of a speech by the Paramount Chief Sobhuza II at a meeting of the committee constituted to examine the question of medicine murders 1952

FCO 141/17613: Memorandum on production or withholding of official documents in the course of legal proceedings 1935-42

FCO 141/17647: Allegations of threats to the life of Paramount Chief Sobhuza II 1963

FCO 141/17661: Alleged kidnapping of refugees 1965-66

FCO 141/17629: Summons to court for the Ngwenyama and members of Ndlunkulu 1960-63

FCO 141/17632: Unrest in Swaziland; 'Operation Impala' 1963

Land

FCO 141/17398: Lease of a portion of Farm 133 by Bamuza J Vilakazi from Messrs Jina (Propriety) Ltd 1956-57

FCO 141/17459: Control of land speculation and land taxation 1957-59

FCO 141/17462, 17604-17605, 17615, 17617, 17620-17625: 'Native' land, issues, administration inc. forced eviction 1912-58

FCO 141/17476, 17665: Borders and boundaries 1963-66

FCO 141/17542: Recommendations of the Rural Development Committee 1952 -55

FCO 141/17516: Paramount Chief Sobhuza II's line of succession; land settlement 1960-64

FCO 141/17584-17587: Proposed land exchange; Poponyane Native Land Settlement area, Bennett's farm 1950-58

FCO 141/17685: Land problem; security aspects 1959-67

FCO 141/17607, 17614: Sale of Crown Lands 1913, 1937-38

FCO 141/17658: Restrictions on land tenure based on race 1961-64

Political activity, trade unions, conferences

FCO 141/17392: Trade union movement 1957-59

FCO 141/17445: Carl F Todd, member of European Advisory Council and Swaziland Settler Community, correspondence 1954

FCO 141/17523: Swaziland Bantu Students' Association: constitution 1951-54

FCO 141/17488, 17506: Anti-government political activities; propaganda and publications 1959-64

FCO 141/17503: Swaziland Democratic Party; constitution 1963-65

FCO 141/17504: Mbandzeni National Party; Mbandzeni National Convention 1881. 1962-64

FCO 141/17505: Formation of the Pan African Solidarity Conference 1962

FCO 141/17508-17509, 17511, 17649-17654, 17656-17657: Trade Unions and political parties, general files 1961-67

FCO 141/17512: Political activities of Robert M Magagula, assistant teacher at Nomahasha School, Nomahasha 1964-65

FCO 141/17520: General correspondence on political developments 1960-64

Economic, development, education and social

FCO 141/17401: Report of the Colonial Development Working Party 1948-49

FCO 141/17410: Religion in Africa, including Zionism and Christianity 1954-58

FCO 141/17430-17433, 17467, 17483, 17486: Racial discrimination 1950-64

FCO 141/17454, 17470, 17485, 17534-17535: Education matters 1952-64

FCO 141/17460: Acquisition and possession of firearms in the High Commission Territories 1957

FCO 141/17521: Five Year Plan; memorandum on economic development, 1955-60

FCO 141/17525: Swaziland African Sports Association 1950-59

FCO 141/17526: Permanent Nutrition and Welfare Committee; public correspondence 1944-50

FCO 141/17594: Report by Sir Arthur Griffin on proposals to construct a railway

or a road from the Western Border of Swaziland connecting with a railway extension from Lothair on the South Africa Railways 1955

FCO 141/17681: Development of the Swaziland Iron Ore Development Company 1962-67

FCO 141/17682: Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) aid to Swaziland 1965-68

FCO 141/17609-17612: Railway construction 1921-31

FCO 141/17576: Policy for working in the mines 1923

FCO 141/17672: Swaziland Ranches Ltd; Komati River Irrigation Scheme 1948-49

FCO 141/17673-17679: Applications for permission to divert and use surplus water from rivers to generate power 1949-60

FCO 141/17541: Monthly bulletins of livestock, veterinary and agricultural services 1945-48

Immigration

FCO 141/17389-17391, 17393-17397: Immigration of Asians 1943-59

FCO 141/17404: Naturalisation application; Kalman Goldblatt aka Goldblatas 1950-53

FCO 141/17405: Applications for permanent residence 1949-50

FCO 141/17424-17425, 17660: British Nationality Acts and registration 1948-64

FCO 141/17426, 17464, 17668-17669: Passports and visas, issues and policy 1955-65

FCO 141/17461: Legislation to control immigration 1957-58

FCO 141/17492: General correspondence on immigration and emigration 1959-66

FCO 141/17493-17494: Commonwealth immigration to the UK 1961-1965

FCO 141/17499: Appeal by Dennis Brutus against the refusal of his application for a temporary residence permit 1963

FCO 141/17500: Petition by African immigrants following Swazi activities, including abstract laws and customs, discrimination, immigration and taxes 1967

FCO 141/17666: Internal security; undesirable persons 1961-67

FCO 141/17641-17644, 17646: Political refugees, regulations and individuals 1960-63

Administration

FCO 141/17423: Education Department; travel allowances; press cuttings 1952

FCO 141/17403, 17412-17413, 17468: Honours and badges 1938-58

FCO 141/17414-17416: King's Medal and Queen's Medal for Chiefs in the High Commission Territories 1937-58

FCO 141/17436: District Commissioners' minutes of meetings 1953-59

FCO 141/17447: Censorship of cinema films 1943-55

FCO 141/17449: System of administration 1940-41

FCO 141/17463: African executive officers 1957-59

FCO 141/17518: Merger of the Colonial Office with Commonwealth Relations Office 1961-66

FCO 141/17528: Issue of permits to travel to the Union of South Africa and carry liquor for personal consumption 1953-55

FCO 141/17538-17539: Minutes of meetings of the Standing Committee at Lobamba 1951-56

FCO 141/17600: Discovery of a suitable site for the permanent Headquarters of the Swaziland Administration 1888-1904

FCO 141/17602: Enquiries regarding the truth of a report that Mbabane had been definitely fixed as a township 1905

FCO 141/17639: Morale in the Civil Service; extension of the Overseas Service Aid Scheme 1963-65

FCO 141/17640: Staffing; administrative and district officers 1963

FCO 141/17683: Consultative Council; Public Order (Amendment) Bill 1967-68

Swazi Royal family, land issues and internal affairs

Pre 1920

FCO 141/17543-17544, 17546, 17548-17549, 17553-17555, 17558-17559, 17561-17562: Various communications regarding the Queen Regent of Swaziland including questions of loyalty, finance and infidelity. 1902-09

FCO 141/17550: Suggested appointment of a government solicitor to represent Swazis before the Concession Commission 1905

FCO 141/17551: Destruction by fire of the Zombode Kraal (homestead) of Paramount Chief Sobhuza II 1910

FCO 141/17547, 17552, 17556: Joseph M Parsonson of Pietermaritzburg, Resident Adviser and Agent for the Swazis 1904-06

FCO 141/17557: Correspondence from Natal police on information gained from R Holloway, a tout for native labour 1906

FCO 141/17560: Minutes of meeting with Chief Regent and Chiefs held at Mbabane 1907

FCO 141/17563: 'Report that Chief Sometsu has been ordered to send natives to work for Thys Grobler' 1909

FCO 141/17564: Messages sent by the Chief Regent to raise money from Swazis for the purpose of repurchasing land owned by concessionaires 1909

FCO 141/17565: Chief Regent's belief and complaints about her family member's deaths from the effects of poison, administered by evil people 1918

FCO 141/17571, 17573: Education of Paramount Chief Sobhuza II and others 1906-15

FCO 141/17572: Report on a visit to Chief Jokovu Kraal and proceedings of interview relative to the Proclamation of 'Sobhuza' as the Paramount Chief 1908

FCO 141/17603, 17606: Petitions of Swazi Chiefs regarding the title to native areas; private revenue concession 1911-13

Post 1920

FCO 141/17444: Reverend Michael Scott's request to Paramount Chief Sobhuza II, asking if he would agree to prepare a statement containing his views on incorporation 1954

FCO 141/17450: Leading personalities in Swaziland; Paramount Chief Sobhuza 1956-59

FCO 141/17517, 17524: Meetings of Paramount Chief Sobhuza II with Resident Commissioners 1944-61

FCO 141/17566-17568, 17570, 17680: Petitions by Paramount Chief Sobhuza II 1941-61

FCO 141/17569: Constitutional issues arising out of a land case; Paramount Chief Sobhuza II, versus Allister M Miller and the Swaziland Corporation Ltd 1889-1960

FCO 141/17574: Correspondence regarding Reverend J J Xaba and the Zombode School 1920-22

FCO 141/17575: Paramount Chief Sobhuza II and the policy of extortion 1923

FCO 141/17578: Subsidy paid to Paramount Chief Sobhuza II and the Queen Mother, Nukwase 1939

FCO 141/17588: Silver Jubilee of Paramount Chief Sobhuza II 1946

FCO 141/17593: Correspondence between Paramount Chief Sobhuza II and members of the Swazi Royal Family 1946-52

African and Foreign affairs and Visits

FCO 141/17417-17419, 17422, 17457: Visits to Swaziland 1950-56

FCO 141/17438: The Kremlin and the Colonial Revolution 1950-53

FCO 141/17440: European political activity 1953-59

FCO 141/17441, 17471: Visits to the High Commission territories 1954-59

FCO 141/17469: Activities of European Advisory Council 1958

FCO 141/17507: Conference of African Dependent States; Ghana's contacts with the High Commission Territories 1961-64

FCO 141/17577: Visit by the Swazi Deputation to the UK 1923

FCO 141/17583: Self-government; constitutional advance in the Gold Coast 1956

FCO 141/17618: Native Courts and Native Authorities Proclamation 1941; British native policy and administration in Africa 1941

FCO 141/17664: Diplomatic and consular relations 1964-67

FCO 141/17671: Informal visits; itineraries 1963-66

FCO 141/17626: Cessation of hostilities with Germany and Japan; arrangements for celebration 1945-51

High Commission territories

FCO 141/17420-17421: Political crisis in Bechuanaland, following the marriage of Seretse Khama (Chief of the Bamangwato people) to Ruth Williams 1949-51

FCO 141/17434-17435: Drafting of legislation affecting Basutoland and the Bechuanaland Protectorate 1949-59

FCO 141/17437: Conversation between William A W Clark, Assistant Under Secretary of State, Commonwealth Relations Office and Mr Mackeurton, Secretary to Senator Heaton Nicholls, a South African politician 1953

FCO 141/17473, 17482, 17484, 17490, 17616, 17662: Relations between High Commission Territories' and the Republic of South Africa; South African constitutional affairs 1939-66

FCO 141/17510, 17633: Subversive activity in the High Commission Territories; prevention of violence abroad 1963-65

FCO 141/17514: Broadcasting; radio links and communications with the High Commission Territories 1961-63

FCO 141/17619: Secret and personal correspondence of the High Commissioner of South Africa, William Ormsby-Gore 1942-44

FCO 141/17630: High Commission Territories; half yearly progress reports 1959-62

FCO 141/17634: Incorporation of the High Commission Territories 1955-58

FCO 141/17663: Rhodesia independence 1965-67

Miscellaneous

FCO 141/17448: Communications arising from 'An Objective Look at Swaziland in 1955' by D M Cowin 1955

FCO 141/17458: Request for registration of the magazine 'Swazilander' (Ungwane) 1955-57

FCO 141/17491: Parliamentary questions 1964-67

FCO 141/17515: Public and social administration courses at South Devon Technical College, Torquay 1959-61

FCO 141/17527: Constitution of the Swaziland branch of the Boy Scouts Association 1953

FCO 141/17545: Enquiry regarding a Swazi messenger's travel movements 1903

FCO 141/17595-17599: Colonial Office; Colonial Civil History of the War by Sir John Shuckburgh 1949

FCO 141/17601: Copies of affidavits regarding killing of Boers by Swazis during the Boer War 1903-04

FCO 141/17627: Collection and preservation of material required for a history of World War II 1939-46

Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Tanganyika

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.

Tanganyika gained internal self-government on 1 May 1961 and became an independent member of the Commonwealth on 9 December 1961. It became a republic in December 1962. On 25 April 1964, Tanganyika joined with Zanzibar to form the United Republic of Tanganyika and Zanzibar which later became the United Republic of Tanzania on 29 October 1964.

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 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
- FCO 141/17779: Structure of central government after October 1960, 1959-60

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
- FCO 141/17778: Security reports on individuals 1959-61
- FCO 141/17780: Destruction of cypher material; operation 'Executor' 1959-64

Political activity, trade unions, conferences

- FCO 141/17745: Committee on African Organisations 1961

FCO 141/17751: Activities of the staff of the Dar es Salaam American Consulate, prior to independence 1959-60

FCO 141/17754: International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) 1960-61

FCO 141/17755: All African Peoples' Conference (AAPC) 1960-61

FCO 141/17756: East African Federation 1960-61

FCO 141/17744, 17757-17763, 17769, 17776, 17783-17791, 17793, 17795, 17797-17804: Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) and Tanganyika African Association (TAA) 1953-61

FCO 141/17767, 17775: Activities of Julius Nyerere, member of the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) 1957-61

FCO 141/17768: Activities of Oscar Kambona, Secretary-General of the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) 1959-60

FCO 141/17773: Rashidi Mfaume Kawawa, member of the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) 1959-60

FCO 141/17792, 17794: United Tanganyika Party (UTP) 1956-58

FCO 141/17796: Capricorn African Society, the Tanganyika National Society and the Tanganyika National Party 1953-58

Foreign Affairs

FCO 141/17743: Refugees and defectors from the Soviet Union and satellite states 1952-61

FCO 141/17752: Consulate of the Yemen in East Africa 1956

FCO 141/17764: Political affairs in the Congo 1960-61

FCO 141/17765: Belgian Congo; Belbase Agreements 1921 and 1951, 1960-61

FCO 141/17766: Political affairs in Cyprus 1956

FCO 141/17770: Political affairs in the Horn of Africa; Somalia 1956-60

FCO 141/17771: Political affairs in the Sudan; security 1958-61

Miscellaneous

FCO 141/17719-17724, 17727-17728: Chief Secretary's monthly newsletters,
1932-59

FCO 141/17725-17726, 17729-17742: Provincial Commissioner's monthly
newsletters, 1930-56

© Crown copyright 2013.

You may re-use this document/publication (not including logos) free of charge in any format or medium, under the terms of the **Open Government Licence**. To view this licence, **visit The National Archives**; or write to the Information Policy Team, The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU; or email: **psi@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk**. This document/publication is available on our **[website](#)**.

Any enquiries regarding this document/publication should be sent to us at **press@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk**.

▶ **nationalarchives.gov.uk/legal/copyright.htm**