INFORMATION ON SERIES OF DOCUMENTS

Series	T 38/310-338
Title	Treasury: Convict Hulks 1802-1818
Structure	Treasury Departmental Accounts covering returns of lists of crew and convicts, as well as accounts and reports relating to convicts Pieces 310-337 are organised by Ship, while piece 338 is organised in two parts organised by content. Information is arranged mostly in portrait double spread tabular format although some books contain information on single page format or single spread landscape A4
Size/Scope	29 Pieces each containing an estimated average of 10 books, estimate 30 double spread pages each: **8700 images** Estimated average of 25 individuals per image**: estimated 217,500 named individuals** Pieces 310-337 cover quarterly lists of crews and convicts on convict hulks. Details given include the number of days of victuals received, counts of bedding and clothing used and also returns of sickness and accounts of work carried out by convicts as well as occasionally remarks and references such as where convicts may have been sent on to. Covering dates are 1802-1818 and the range of pieces covers the hulks: Bellerophon, Captivity, Justitia, Laurel, Leviathan, Portland (Woolwich & Sheerness), Woolwich: Retribution, Prudentia and Stanislaus and Zealand Piece 338 contains Inspector's accounts 1802-1815 giving details such as summaries of victuals and sickness and also reports to the House of Commons 1831
Physical Format and Condition	The majority consist of string bound paper books/pamphlets, roughly A4 in size (195mmx295mm). There is some evidence of mould/water damage to a small number of pages which has left some text faint and difficult to read, a collection care survey will be required. The covers are sometimes damaged and there is some paper loss to the edges of pages where pages are crumbling but little evidence of text loss. The pages are mostly double spread with each record line covering both pages although some text is across a single page only and the reports in Piece 338 are landscape in format. The material is a mix of printed forms and handwritten text to entirely handwritten content.
Popularity	These records are expected to prove very popular when combined with other records of convicts, prisoners and courts to provide a more complete view of those imprisoned at the time
Research Guide	Tracing 19th and 20th Century Criminals
Possible areas for indexing	Date, Name, convict/guard, Name of hulk, no. days victuals received

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