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Records of the Raj

The papers of Clive of India from the National Library of Wales

This collection forms an essential resource for those studying the life and career of Robert Clive (1725-1774), a man who stands in the very first rank of historical figures. It is also of the greatest importance to those who wish fully to explore the often hotly debated events that preceded, accompanied and followed the establishment of Britain's Indian empire during the mid-18th century, especially the periods 1756-1760 and 1765-1766. By reproducing in full Clive's English and Persian correspondence, the collection makes it possible to compare firsthand Indian and European accounts of Clive's resounding victory in 1757 at Plassey over the superior French-backed force of the Nawab of Bengal in the aftermath of the notorious 'Black Hole of Calcutta' incident; of the conclusive routing of the Dutch in 1759; or of the ill-fated career of Maharaja Nandakumara (d. 1775), who became chief administrator of revenues through Clive's patronage.

The publication comprises Clive's India papers, 1752-1774 (including: original correspondence; financial papers; civil and military administration of Bengal; Calcutta government records; East India Company records; and the highly contentious *Jagir* papers); his estate administration & household management; and his political papers.



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First an officer in the private army of the East India Company, and then later twice governor of Bengal, Clive was the leading actor in the political and military events of the 1750s and 1760s that served to lay the foundations of the British Raj. But he was also a highly controversial figure who, during an often troubled lifetime, attracted much unwanted attention from the public, Parliament, and the press. Many in Britain came to revile him and, tainted by accusations of corruption and the abuse of power in India, he was condemned for spending his enormous private fortune on houses, estates and possessions, acquired in an attempt to carve out an elevated position for his family in English landed society. Even in death Clive remained controversial, with many believing that he committed suicide in 1774 at the age of forty-nine.

Originally part of the Clive family's Powis estate, this immensely rich and varied collection of papers facilitates close study of a highly complex and enigmatic man, as well as the contested origins of the British Indian empire. In addition the papers contain invaluable material on the economic, social and political history of Britain during the 18th century.

Published with the permission of the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, this microfilm edition is accompanied by guide (92pp) comprising a detailed catalogue by the Library's Archival Data Section, introduced by Huw Bowen, Professor of Modern History at University of Wales, Swansea.

A further volume is scheduled, containing '*The Persian correspondence in the Clive papers held at the National Library of Wales*', translated by Salim al-Din Quraishi, and supplemented, edited and arranged by Roderic Vassie, both former curators of Islamic languages at the British Library.

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Records of the Raj

The Indian correspondence of Brigadier-General John Carnac (1716-1800) from the National Library of Wales

John Carnac joined the army of the East India Company with the rank of Captain in 1758, after seeing service with the 39th infantry regiment. Between 1760 and 1761, as Commander-in-Chief, he fought and ultimately defeated the French-supported forces of the Mughal Emperor, Shah Alam II, near Bihar. Made Brigadier-General in 1764, Carnac again assumed the command of the East India Company army, defeating the Marathas in 1765 before handing control back later that year to Clive.

The present collection focuses on the early period of Carnac's career in India from 1760 to 1767, a period of major political change, with four nawabs of Bengal in succession and a change of Mughal Emperor in Delhi. In particular, this correspondence helps to fill the gap in the Clive papers of Robert Clive during his absence from India between March 1760 and April 1765; events such as the 3rd Battle of Panipat on 14 January 1761 between the Marathas and the Rohillas, or the Battle of Buxar in October 1764, at which the East India Company forces under the command of Hector Munro defeated the combined armies of the nawabs of Awadh and Bengal, Shuja-ud-Daula and Mir Qasim, and of the Mughal Emperor, Shah Alam II, whose seal appears overleaf.

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A detailed account of the build-up of combined force in advance of the battle during the summer of 1764 appears as a covering note to a bundle of secret letters in Persian (series 5/7), in which Shah Alam II ostensibly asks for Carnac's advice on how to tackle the treachery of the 'unfaithful' Mir Qasim following his dismissal and the reinstatement of Mir Jafar as Nawab of Bengal on 8 July 1763.

This collection of original correspondence was deposited at the National Library of Wales in 1990 as part of the Powis Castle estate archive: it was subsequently purchased along with the papers of Robert Clive by the Library in 1996. While the friendship that existed between Carnac and Clive, exactly how the correspondence came into the latter's possession is unknown. Perhaps the most likely explanation, given the period covered by the letters, is that Carnac had been required to submit his letters for inspection by the Select Committee of which Clive, as the East India Company's then Governor in Bengal, was *ex officio* a member.



The collection comprises some 2,000 items of correspondence, including a small number of letters in Persian. Its emphasis on the years between 1763 and 1766 complements *The papers of Clive of India*, also from the National Library of Wales and published in the *Records of the Raj* series. It therefore helps to fill the gap on events in those papers during Clive's absence from India between March 1760 and April 1765, when he returned to Britain. At the same time, the collection serves to amplify our understanding of Clive's third and final tour of duty, by providing the opportunity to contrast how two senior British figures set about implementing the East India Company's new approach, combining commercial with growing political power.

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Records of the Raj

The Indian papers of the 1st Earl of Minto, 1806-1813, from the National Library of Scotland

Gilbert Elliot Murray-Kynynmond, 1st Earl of Minto, after a distinguished diplomatic career, especially in Corsica and Vienna, was appointed President of the East India Company's Board of Control in 1806, and then Governor-General during a crucial period of colonial state-formation in India. The first of the six Scots who were to rule India, his six-year period in office from 1807 to 1813 occurred in a period in which British officials were anxious about their position in India but which nonetheless saw a process of imperial consolidation. His government saw dramatic debates about the way rural society should be governed, and witnessed efforts to greater regulate the activities of missionaries. In foreign policy, Minto inaugurated imperial interest across a range of territories and South East Asia, and saw greater immersion in the politics of then-independent Punjab and Afghanistan.

The National Library of Scotland's Collections on first Earl of Minto reflect this multitude of imperial interests and actions within Indian subcontinent as well as its wider sea-frontiers, the later region being increasingly popular among the historians of international and global history. Allowing students and scholars to trace the Governor-General's thought and actions through Minto's extensive correspondence, the papers also include large numbers of local records collected by Minto, including court cases and correspondence with district officials. These collections can prove immensely useful to the students and historians of governance and culture in South Asia itself as well as to those who are interested in the history of imperial and global connections across Asia, from Persian Gulf to Java, by the turn of the nineteenth century.

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According to one contemporary diary entry (NLS Ms. 11102, f. 221), recording the occasion of the banquet of victory in a military expedition led by the 1st Earl against the Dutch in Java on 3rd October 1811, 'Sir Sam[uel Auchmurty] rose and said he should propose a toast which could have been drunk before. To Ld Minto Governor General of ALL India.'

This collection from the National Library of Scotland focuses on the 1st Earl's correspondence and papers relating to India and other parts of Asia (Ms. 11272-11739), but also includes sundry other items such as the above-quoted letters and journals of Captain T.W. Taylor (Ms. 11102) and four fascinating volumes of papers (Ms. 11199-11202) from the parliamentary review (1787-1788) of the impeachment of Robert Clive's former friend and associate, Nandakumara (Nuncomar), executed in 1775 for forgery.

Accompanied by an introduction by Iftexhar Iqbal and Jon Wilson, King's College London.

2008 price for set (ISBN 978-1-85117-145-3): £/US\$ to be confirmed

Supplementary materials from the period are available at a special price of £45/US\$90 per reel to purchasers of the Indian papers of the 1st Earl of Minto: (a) the *Calcutta morning post*, 1812-1813 (1 reel); (b) *Minutes and other records of the East India Association*, 1812-1814 (reel 1); (c) the *Indian records of Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*, 1751-1835, series C/Ind (3 reels); and (d) *The Observer*, 1806-1813 (14 reels).

The 1st Earl of Minto's papers from the earlier period of European diplomacy will be published separately later in 2009.

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The Indian papers of the Rt. Hon. Charles John, Earl Canning : Governor- General (1856-1858) and Viceroy (1858-1862)

This collection publishes for the first time, and in their entirety, the Indian papers of the Right Honourable Charles John, Earl Canning, who in 1856 became the last governor-general appointed before the rule of the East India Company passed to the British crown in 1858, whereupon he served until his death in 1862 as India's first viceroy.

The contents of the microfilms comprise:

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- letters and telegrams exchanged between the military secretary's office and the Commander-in-Chief and others;
- papers relating to the administration of the North West Provinces during 1858-1859; and,
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INDIA – HISTORY – SEPOY REBELLION, 1857-1858 – SOURCES

The history of British commercial, military and political involvement in South Asia. One of the chief factors precipitating the transfer of power in South Asia from the Honourable East India Company to the British Crown was the so-called 'Indian Mutiny' or Sepoy Rebellion. The impact of this uprising, which began 150 years ago in May 1857 and ended in June 1858, and the policies adopted in response are among the many subjects comprehensively covered at both the national and provincial level in this monumental collection.

In his appointment speech in 1855, Canning had predicted impending troubles in India. Yet there had long been revolts against the ascendancy of the Raj. So, if anything was unexpected about the rebellion of 1857, it was not the simple fact of its occurrence but rather its scale and its repercussions in India, and indeed across the British Empire. As Governor-General, Canning's policies came under intense scrutiny at the time. Though initially criticised by his contemporaries as too lenient, within a few years his stance against the applying the full force of Britain's imperial might to wreak vengeance earned him admiration at home in Britain.

This essential collection, without which no serious history of the period can now be attempted, is published with the permission of Lord Harewood. Accompanying it is an introduction by Dr William Gould, School of History, University of Leeds, and a contents list derived from the descriptions created over the years by archivists at the Harewood Estate and the West Yorkshire Archives Service in Leeds, where the papers are now held.

2008 price for 67 reel set (ISBN 978-1-85117-080-7): £5,025/US\$10,050

Supplementary materials from the period are available at a special price of £45/US\$90 per reel to purchasers of the Canning papers: (a) the Hickleton papers (36 reels); (b) the *Bengal hurkaru*, 1856-1862 (16 reels); (c) the *Dacca news*, 1856-1858 (2 reels); (d) the *Catalogue of native publications for the Bombay Presidency to 1864* (1 reel); (e) the *Indian calendars of Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*, 1815-1859 (1 reel); (f) the *Indian records of SPG, series E/PRE*, 1840-1861 (4 reels); (g) the *Indian records of SPG series E/IV*, 1856 & 1858-1863 (4 reels); and (h) *The Observer*, 1856-1862 (14 reels).

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The Indian papers of the 4th Earl of Minto

including his service on the North West Frontier during the Afghan War of 1879 and as Viceroy, 1905-1910

The papers of Gilbert John Elliot-Murray-Kynynmound, the 4th Earl of Minto, (1845-1914), Viceroy of India between 1905 and 1910, cover a period of dramatic and momentous change in the history of colonial India. The beginning of Minto's tenure in India was marked by unprecedented anti-colonial protests against the partition of Bengal, initiated by Minto's predecessor, Curzon. It ended with the crucial 'Morley-Minto reforms' contained in the Government of India Act and the Indian Councils Act, both of 1909. These two new laws established, among other things, the constitutional principle of separate electorates for India's Muslim communities.

This rich, varied and complex collection of documents forms part of a larger archive now held at the National Library of Scotland, and which covers almost the entire Elliot family of Minto. The 4th Earl's great-grandfather was the first family member to build an official connection with the Indian subcontinent, assuming the office of Governor General in 1807. Almost a century later, the 4th Earl was confronted with the sensitive political situation surrounding the partition of Bengal and the rise of radical nationalism in that same province, as well as in Maharashtra and Punjab.

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A key part of this collection contains weekly reports on the 'political situation', which reflect not only specifically Indian preoccupations, but also their impact on domestic UK politics. For example, the correspondence of March and April 1906 between Minto and John Morley, Secretary of State for India, document how the latter had interviewed a deputation of fifty textile workers who were calling for the introduction of health and medical inspectors into the Bombay factories, ostensibly protesting against the 'callous inhumanity to children' working in India, but with an eye on British concerns about Indian competition.

There is also material here for the researcher of Indian social and educational history including, for example, detailed discussions on the founding of Aligarh Muslim University and on educational reform. Other parts of the collection move beyond India, to Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf, including for example, letters relating to Minto's early personal experience as an officer fighting on the North West Frontier in 1879, as well as correspondence with Cromer in relation to Egypt, Earl Grey in relation to wider colonial and imperial affairs and correspondence with governors of other imperial territories around wider Indian migration.

This was a period in which the confidence of high imperialism in India was facing some of its first real challenges, and when the whole basis of British imperial power in its most important possession was being adjusted and reformed in response to changing imperial priorities. A notable inclusion in these documents which provides the context for this, is a full survey of the turn of the century administration of Lord Curzon – Minto's predecessor. Beyond this, the Minto collection offers to the researcher a unique insight into a formative period of radical Indian nationalism, Muslim separatism and Indian constitutional reform.

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