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# Foreword

Apart from its central archival resources for the internal history of British India, the India Office Library and Records (IOLR) maintains a huge body of source materials for the history and culture of areas outside the Sub-continent or on its fringes. In this, the latest of IOLR regional guides, Amar Kaur Jasbir Singh has identified and listed those materials that relate to Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan. Researchers familiar with the complex and scattered nature of the IOLR's holdings for these areas will readily appreciate the value of her work.

Readers of this guide will also wish to know that the author has compiled a companion volume entitled *Himalayan Triangle. A historical survey of British India's relations with Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan 1765–1950*. In this latter work she has closely examined the principal primary sources for British India's relations with the Himalayan region and emerged with an account that is both clear and coherent in its overall treatment as well as challenging in some of its more specific conclusions. It is hoped that this new historical study will stimulate fresh investigation of the unique materials described in the present guide.

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# Preface

The present volume, with its attendant lists, aims to introduce and survey the very wide range of source materials held in the India Office Library and Records (IOLR) for the history of Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan. The main emphasis of the guide is upon the archives held in the India Office Records (IOR), both official and private, which uniquely document the development of British India's political relations with the Himalayan region. A further section includes the India Office's relevant maps and official publications. The survey also covers the India Office Library's (IOL) collections of prints and drawings, printed books and (more briefly) Tibetan language materials.

Inevitably with a complex and heterogeneous collection such as the India Office Library and Records, the source materials for particular subjects or areas are not easy to locate amidst a plethora of catalogues and other finding aids. The aim of this guide therefore is to open up to researchers these very extensive and scattered materials relating to Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan, and to remove some of the obstacles which present themselves on a search of the archival holdings of the India Office Records.

Many colleagues at the India Office gave help and assistance with the compilations used in this guide. I would like to repeat here the thanks I have already given them in private. Amongst those who allowed me to draw on their specialist knowledge were Ian Baxter, David Blake, Andrew Cook, Geoffrey Armitage, David Plumb and Clare Miles. Most specially, do I wish to thank Martin Moir who gave generously of his time and knowledge, smoothing out many rough edges and helping to solve complicated problems in regard to the archival presentation.

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# The India Office Library and Records

## The Records

The official archives held in the India Office Records (IOR) mainly derive from, and reflect, the activities and responsibilities of the India Office (1858–1947), the Burma Office (1937–48), the East India Company (1600–1858) and the Board of Control (1784–1858), and a number of British agencies overseas which were linked with one or other of the four main London offices. Amongst these materials the bulk (over 175,000 volumes, files and boxes) consists of original documentary archives usually, though not invariably, arranged in regular series, *eg* original letters received, drafts or copies of letters sent, registered files of correspondence, minutes of proceedings of committees and other corporate bodies, lists of personnel and nominal returns, title deeds and other legal documents, books of account, reports, memoranda, ships logs, etc. Some private archives are also retained with certain official series (*eg* H: Home Miscellaneous), although in general such materials are administered separately in the European Manuscripts (or Private Papers) Section of the India Office Records. Besides these documentary archives there are also extensive reference collections of maps (about 40,000) and official publications (about 70,000) largely built up by the India Office and its predecessors.

In view of their magnitude and complexity, the India Office Records defy efforts to encompass their scope in any conveniently succinct formula. Although the majority of records relate directly or indirectly to British trade and administration in South Asia, *ie* the territories now occupied by India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Burma, the full geographical scope of the India Office Records is far wider, reflecting both the East India Company's almost global trading activities as well as the foreign, defence and political policies of the Imperial Government of India. As a result of these different concerns, the India Office possesses substantial historical source materials for numerous other areas for varying periods. Areas of particular interest to this study are Tibet, Sikkim, Bhutan, Nepal, Russian Central Asia and Afghanistan (from the late eighteenth century to 1947), China (from the early seventeenth century to 1947) and peripherally Japan (twentieth century).

Most India Office Record series come to an end with the Independence of India, Pakistan and Burma in 1947–48, although certain series continue for a few years later. Broadly speaking, it is then necessary to go to the records of the Commonwealth Relations Office and the Foreign Office in order to study British policies towards India, Pakistan and Burma, as well as those for Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan, Nepal and China in the years following Independence. To the extent that most of the India Office Records series end around 1947–48,

the records may be regarded as a largely, though not entirely, closed official archive. Thus acquisitions are limited in scale and mostly designed to supplement the existing collections.

With the dissolution of the India Office and the Burma Office in 1947–48, the administration of the India Office Records passed to the Commonwealth Relations Office, together with the India Office Library, with which the Records were naturally and increasingly linked. The Records and the Library continued to be administered successively by the Commonwealth Relations Office, the Commonwealth Office, and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office until 1982 when their management was transferred to the British Library. *See also below under The Library.*

## The Library

The India Office Library was founded as the Library of the East India Company in 1801. It was established as a repository for the safe custody of oriental books and manuscripts placed in its care by its servants in India and by others. The Company Directors soon adopted a systematic policy of strengthening both the Library and a museum illustrating Indian art, antiquities, social life, and natural history, which grew up side by side with the Library. In 1858, on the transfer of the Company's powers and material possessions to the Crown, the Library came under the administration of the newly-created Department of State, the India Office.

The Library has fulfilled two distinct purposes. It has served as a library of official reference, at first for the East India Company's Court of Directors, after 1858 for the Secretary of State for India in Council, and from September 1947 for the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations; at the same time it has functioned as a learned library for the use of orientologists. The accumulations have been from the outset made available to scholars and are constantly augmented by a considered policy of expansion, as well as by the generosity of private benefactors. After the transfer to the Crown in 1858, successive Secretaries of State for India continued the Company's enlightened direction of the Library. Partly by design, partly by historical accident, the India Office Library continues to serve the needs of Asian specialists, and sometimes is a useful source of reference to other government departments. In 1982, the management of the India Office Library and Records was transferred from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to the British Library, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs still retaining ultimate responsibility for all the collections acquired up to 1947.

The resources of the Library fall into five main categories: printed books, manuscripts, prints and drawings, photographs, serials and newspapers. There are more than 121,000 books in European languages, 262,806 books in Asian languages and over 39,000 serials in western and oriental languages. The collection of newspapers which exceeds more than 4,000 volumes, mainly in English, includes many rare and, in some instances, unique titles. An overall figure for western, Company and natural history drawings is approximately



24,000, whereas Indian miniatures and Indian popular painting number more than 2,000. The photograph collections contains over 195,000 photographs. The collection of Oriental printed books are divided into separate language collections, of which the main ones are Bengali, Hindi, Sanscrit and the Prakrits, Urdu, Tamil, Telegu, Arabic and Persian. Also to be found are smaller collections in some eighty Indo-Aryan languages. The Oriental manuscripts number nearly 28,000 items, excluding several thousand fragments in classical languages such as Sanscrit, Tibetan, Khotanese and Kuchean. Sanscrit, Tibetan, Persian and Arabic manuscripts form the bulk of the India Office collection, but also included is material in modern Indian languages, ie Assamese, Bengali, Balochi, Pashto, Brahui, Kanarese, Kharia, Kurku, Khasi, Mon, etc. Manuscripts in Burmese, Indonesian, Sinhalese, Thai, Turki and Turkish, and in other Tibeto-Burman languages, ie Abor-Miri, Bhotia, Ahom are also to be found in the India Office Library.

## East India Company General Correspondence with India and Board's Collections, 1700–1858 (IOR: E/4, F/4)

These series include some of the most important correspondence concerning the East India Company's connections with the Himalayan region from the late eighteenth century to the end of Company rule in India (1858). Though of different provenance – East India Company and Board of Control – they are archivally very closely connected and are best used in conjunction with each other.

### E/4

#### **East India Company General Correspondence with India 1703–1858**

1112 volumes

The General Correspondence consists principally of four great series of Letters received from Bengal/India, Madras and Bombay for the period 1709–1858, plus four series of Despatches sent by the Company's Court of Directors to the same governments between 1753 and 1858. The particular series of direct relevance to Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim are as follows:

- E/4/20–147 Letters from Bengal, 1709–1834
- E/4/148–288 Letters from Bengal and India, 1834–58
- E/4/616–739 Despatches to Bengal, 1753–1833
- E/4/740–855 Despatches to Bengal and India, 1834–58

The above series cover almost the entire range of the Court of Directors' correspondence with the Governments of Bengal and India in all departments with the exception of letters addressed to, or received by, the Secret Committee in London, which is normally omitted after about 1787 (for Secret Correspondence *see* Political and Secret Department Records, pp. 24–102). Within this wide-ranging correspondence it will usually be found that the Political Department Letters and Despatches are the most useful for the study of British Indian relations with the Himalayan states, although some relevant material is also scattered through the correspondence of the other departments (*eg* Public, Revenue, Military etc) included in the main E/4 series.

In general enclosures to Letters from Bengal and India – which often contribute the most information and detailed parts of the Company's correspondence – are not usually bound up with their covering letters in the E/4 series. Such documents may, however, be traced elsewhere in the India Office Records, notably in the Board's Collections (*see* below) or in the India Proceedings (*see* pp. 103–7).

The best approach to the voluminous E/4 correspondence series is through the separate indexes to the Court's Despatches, *viz*

- Z/E/4/1–13 Index to Despatches to Bengal, 1753–1834
- Z/E/4/14–32 Index to Despatches to India and Bengal, 1834–58

These indexes, which are fairly modern and also comprehensive, provide references to pages in the actual volumes of Despatches to Bengal and India. Given that material relating to Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan is not very extensive during this period (and also very widely scattered throughout these lengthy series), it is necessary to make the fullest use of the references given in the indexes. In particular, once a relevant Despatch has been traced, it is then possible to work back to the appropriate letter(s) from Bengal/India under reply, as well as to refer across the Board's Collections (*see below*) for enclosures, etc.

#### F/4

#### **Board's Collections, 1796–1858**

About 2734 volumes

The Board's Collections are very closely linked with the E/4 series, described above, in that they are made up of copies of correspondence, minutes and resolutions, etc. cited in, or enclosed with, Letters from Bengal and India (as well as Madras and Bombay). In fact most of the material in the collections consists of extracts from the India Proceedings, (*see pp. 105–6*), relating to particular subjects. This form of subject arrangement in some ways makes the Collections easier to use than the Proceedings themselves. On the other hand, the Collections have the disadvantage of being arranged not according to the dates and numbers of the letters from Bengal and India (with which they were originally associated as enclosures) but according to the numbers and dates of the Court of Directors' answering draft despatches. Finally, it should be mentioned that although many of the Board's Collections were destroyed by the India Office during the 1860s, fortunately those for the Political Department (dealing with frontier and external relations) were mostly preserved.

In the following list the contents of the relevant Collections have been briefly described down to 1829. For the later Collections researchers should refer to the original registers compiled at the Board of Control, viz

Z/F/4/1–18 Register of Board's Collections, 1794–1858

Since these Registers are not themselves indexed, it is necessary either to look through the contents of each volume for relevant material or to trace relevant Collections in the Registers by means of the Draft Numbers and related details contained in the volumes of E/4 Despatches. For a more detailed explanation of how to trace Board's Collections *see IOLR Aids to readers*, no 2.

#### F/4

#### **BOARD'S COLLECTIONS**

F/4/268 9211

Further discussions between the Foreign Secretary [John Monckton] and the Vakil of the Raja of Nepal regarding the withdrawal of Nepalese troops from

the Bhimnager Zamindary in Purnea District, Dec 1810–Sep 1812

*Ben Pol 18 Feb 1814, draft 75/1813–14*

*E/4/678 pp.523–24*

F/4/304 7010

Employment of a military force under the command of Lieut Colonel Archibald Ferguson to expel some Nepalese invaders from the Bhimnagar Zamindary in Purnea District, Aug 1804–Dec 1809

*Ben Pol 4 Sep 1811, draft 22/1810–11*

*E/4/671 pp.756–57*

F/4/329 7605

The Company call on the Raja of Nepal to give up certain lands in Purnea District belonging to the Zamindar of Bhimnagar, Feb 1809–Sep 1811

*Ben Pol 9 Sep 1812, draft 8/1812–13*

*D/674 pp.324–27*

F/4/370 9222

Further papers regarding the encroachments of the Nepalese in Almora, Gorakhpur and other parts of the frontier, Mar 1811–Sep 1812

*Ben Pol 18 Feb 1814, draft 75/1813–14*

*E/4/678 pp.572–80*

F/4/403 10124

Further papers regarding encroachments by the Nepalese in the districts of Butwal [Gorakhpur] and Saran [Champaran], Mar 1812–Feb 1814

*Ben Pol 30 Sep 1814, draft 277/1813–14*

*E/4/680 pp.827–31*

F/4/421 10366

Papers regarding William Moorcroft's journey to Tibet; objections by the Nepalese to his travelling through their territory, Nov 1812–Jan 1813

*Ben Pol 6 Jan 1815, draft 43/1814–15*

*E/4/683 pp.18–19*

F/4/422 10381

Further encroachments by the Nepalese in the districts of Saran [Champaran] and Gorakhpur, Sep 1812–Sep 1814

*Ben Pol 6 Jan 1814, draft 43/1814–15*

*E/4/683 pp.65–66*

F/4/423 10382

Question of establishing commercial relations with Nepal, Tibet and Central Asia, Jun 1795–Jun 1813

*Ben Pol 6 Jan 1815, draft 43/1814–15*

*E/4/683 pp.65–66*

F/4/453 11107

Continued encroachments by the Nepalese in the districts of Saran [Champaran], Gorakhpur and Kumaon – decision of the Bengal Government

to commence hostilities against them, vol 1, Oct 1813–Jan 1815

*Ben Pol 13 Oct 1815, draft 1/1815–16*

*E/4/686 pp.265–99*

F/4/454 11108

Continued encroachments of the Nepalese – commencement of hostilities against them – first assault on the fortress of Kalanga – death of Major General Robert Rollo Gillespie (includes return of casualties for the assault on Kalanga, pp.650–51), vol 2, Mar–Nov 1814

*Ben Pol 13 Oct 1815, draft 1/1815–16*

*E/4/686 pp.265–99*

F/4/455 11109

Military operations against the Nepalese – second assault on the fortress of Kalanga – siege of Nalagarh (including return of casualties, pp. 162–63, 187, 209–10, 239), vol 3, Nov–Dec 1814

*Ben Pol 13 Oct 1815, draft 1/1815–16*

*E/4/686 pp.265–99*

F/4/455 11110

Military operations against the Nepalese – operations of the division commanded respectively by Major Generals David Ochterlony, Gabriel Martindell, George Wood and Bennet Marley (includes returns of casualties, pp 33–34, 42–43, 59–60, 73–75, 210–11), vol 4, Dec 1814–Jan 1815

*Ben Pol 13 Oct 1815, draft 1/1815–16*

*E/4/686 pp.265–99*

F/4/455 11111

Formation of two local corps to defend the frontiers of Bengal and Bihar against further encroachments by the Nepalese, Aug 1813–Mar 1814, vol 5, Aug 1813–Mar 1814

*Ben Pol 13 Oct 1815, draft 1/1815–16*

*E/4/686 pp.265–99*

F/4/533 12847

Reports on the administration of the police in the Murshidabad Division; reports by Thomas Sisson on the depredations committed by the Garos in the Rangpur district, and on the general administration of the police in Rangpur; sketch map of the country round Falakata between Nepal and Bhutan, p. 349, vol 2, Aug 1790–Aug 1815

*Ben Jud 2 Feb 1819, draft 123/1817–18*

*E/4/695 pp.535–609*

F/4/550 13375

Negotiations with the Nepalese regarding the transfer of the districts ceded to the Company by the Treaty of 2 Dec 1815 (includes a map entitled 'rough sketch of the Terae lying between the rivers Raptree and Koosa', signed Lieutenant J P Boileau, Katmandu, 21 Jul 1816, pp.71–72), vol 1, Dec 1815–Feb 1817

*Ben Pol 12 Feb 1819, draft 89/1818-19*

*E/4/695 pp.688-92*

F/4/550 13376

Negotiations with the Nepalese regarding the transfer of the districts ceded to the Company by the Treaty of 2 Dec 1815, vol 2, Jun-Nov 1816

*Ben Pol 12 Feb 1819, draft 89/1818-19*

*E/4/695 pp.688-92*

F/4/551 13380

Cession to the Raja of Sikkim of the fort and territory of Naggri and other lands east of the Mechi river, which had been surrendered to the British by the Nepalese, Dec 1815-Apr 1817

*Ben Pol 12 Feb 1819, draft 89/1818-19*

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*Ben Pol 12 Feb 1819, draft 89/1818-19*

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Report by David Scott, 27 Sep 1819 regarding the protection of the *parganas* of the Rangpur district bordering on the Garo hills, vol 2, Aug 1816-Dec 1821

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F/4/843 22566

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*Ben Com 25 Oct 1826, draft 472/1825-26*

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Alexander Csoma de Körös, the Hungarian traveller, permitted to proceed to Tibet to prosecute his linguistic and literary researches: de Körös' account of his journey to the East in 1820-22 pp. 22-43, Apr 1824-May 1826

*Ben Pol 10 Dec 1828, draft 60/1828-29*

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Protest of the Tibetan Government against the attempts made by British officers travelling in the Simla Hill States to cross into Tibetan territory, Mar 1827-Jul 1828

*Ben Pol 10 Nov 1830, draft 21/1830-31*

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*Ben Pol 10 Nov 1830, draft 21/1830–31*

*E/4/729 pp.804–06*

F/4/1223 30998

Papers regarding the affairs of Sikkim; transfer of the district of Debgaon to the Zemindar of Baikantpur; settlement of Karjis in Debgaon; murder of Baljit Karji and his family by the Raja of Sikkim; appointment of Captain George William Aylmer Lloyd to settle the boundary between Sikkim and Nepal, etc, vol 1, Feb 1817–May 1829

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*Ben Pol 7 Jan 1831, draft 93/1830–31*

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Favourable reports by Captain James Dowling Herbert and James William Grant on Darjeeling as a possible site for a convalescent depot (Herbert's published report appears at the beginning of the collection; Grant's memorandum is on pp. 13–24) Apr–Sep 1830

*Ben Mil 10 Aug 1831, draft 557/1830–31*

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# Home Miscellaneous Series, 1600–1900 (IOR: H)

858 volumes

This collection began to be assembled in the late nineteenth century and came to be used by the India Office Record Department as a convenient repository for almost any type of document for which a suitable place could not be found elsewhere amongst the more regular archive series. The principal components are as follows:

- (a) Miscellaneous Company records ranging in date from the early seventeenth to the mid-nineteenth century. These include letters and other materials received from India, together with compilations, extracts, accounts and memoranda prepared in East India House, particularly in the Examiner's Office.
- (b) A collection known as the 'East Indies Series' consisting largely of correspondence on Indian affairs supplied to the Office of the Secretary of State by the Company (1748–84) and inherited by the Board of Control.
- (c) Miscellaneous records of the Board of Control (1770–1830), including materials received from India in original or copy or extract form (*eg* Enclosures to Bengal Secret Letters, 1800–30); Home Correspondence, notes and memoranda.
- (d) Various collections of private papers, the most extensive being those of David Scott (1778–1805), the Marquess of Wellesley (1799–1805), Sir John Malcolm (1808–37), James Cumming (1808–27), and General John Jacob (1840–72). In addition there are collections of archival materials, mostly copies but some originals, formed by various officials, notably Sir John Kay, Sir George Forrest, S C Hill and others.

The bulk of the material relates to the Company period and especially to trade; disputes involving Company servants; revenue, financial and judicial administration in India; and to military and diplomatic operations in the Sub-continent and outside (Tibet, Bhutan, Sikkim, Nepal, Burma, etc).

For a detailed analysis *see* Samuel Charles Hill *Catalogue of the Home Miscellaneous Series* (London, 1927). The entries in this list are mostly taken from Hill's catalogue. In the case of out-dated methods of spelling or contemporary renderings of certain proper names (*eg* Cooch Beyhar, Boutanners) which are contained in Hill's catalogue have been retained here.

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44,948 volumes/files and 1935 boxes

The Military Department records originated in the activities of various different offices and committees, viz:

The Military Department at East India House (1809–58)

The several Court of Directors Committees concerned with military matters, eg the Military Seminary Committee (1809–34), the Political and Military Committee (1834–58)

The Military Department of the Board of Control (1807–58)

The India Office Military Department (1858–1947)

Addiscombe Military Seminary (1809–61)

The L/MIL records reflect and document the whole spectrum of military affairs ranging from military policy, defence schemes and the organisation of the army, navy and airforce in India and related territories, to the careers – appointments, pay, leave, promotion and pensions – of individual officers and soldiers in the Indian Army, the Indian Medical Service and the Royal Indian Navy and its predecessors (from 1867).

Very closely linked with the Military Department records are the India Office War Staff Papers (L/WS). The War Staff organization was set up in 1939 within the India Office under the Military Secretary. Having taken over a number of pre-war Military Department files, it continued to operate and produce its own records relating to virtually all aspects of military strategy, organization, intelligence and supply, down to 1949 when it was merged with the Commonwealth Relations Office Defence Department.

For a comprehensive guide to all the Military Department and War Staff records see Anthony Farrington, *Guide to the records of the India Office Military Department* (London, 1982). This present study only therefore briefly singles out some of the main L/MIL and L/WS series which throw light on British India's military involvement with Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim. In particular, researchers who wish to locate biographical material for the careers of individual officers and soldiers who served in the Himalayan region should consult Farrington's *Guide*. See also I A Baxter, *A brief guide to biographical sources* (London, 1979).

## L/MIL/3

### Correspondence with India, 1803–1937

2,547 volumes

In addition to the main series of Military Letters received and Despatches sent, Marine Letters received are included from 1867. There are also separate series

of Secret Military Letters (1906–35) and Despatches (1904–30) and Secret and Confidential Military Telegrams received (1914–35) and sent (1914–37).

The pre-India Office series originated in the archives of both the Company and the Board of Control (*see* William Foster, *A guide to the India Office Records 1600–1858* (London, 1919), pp. 17–18, 25–26).

For registers and indexes *see* Z/L/MIL/3. For earlier correspondence on military matters *see* under E/4; and for later file copies *see* L/MIL/6–7.

## **L/MIL/5**

### **Compilations and Miscellaneous Records, 1754–1944**

1,071 volumes/files

These include the following series:

- (a) Military Department Minute Papers, 1860–81
- (b) Medal Rolls, 1799–1911
- (c) Prize and Batta Rolls, 1793–1886
- (d) Miscellaneous Memoranda, 1819–74

For some registers and indexes, *see* Z/L/MIL/5

## **L/MIL/6**

### **Departmental Papers, 1882–1948**

5,221 volumes/files

These comprise the series called Military Correspondence which differs from the series of annual files started by other India Office departments during the 1880s in that it does not always contain complete copies of correspondence with India (*see* L/MIL/3).

For registers and indexes *see* Z/L/MIL/6.

## **L/MIL/7**

### **Departmental Papers: Military Collections, 1850–1950**

19,656 files

A particularly vast, valuable and accessible assembly of documents on all aspects of military policy and administration. Collections concerning Sikkim, Bhutan and the North-East Frontier are listed below.

For registers and indexes *see* Z/L/MIL/7.

L/MIL/7/746 Collection 6A  
Bhutan Expedition, 1865

L/MIL/7/9621 Collection 220  
Sikkim and Hazara Expedition, 1888: honours and rewards, 1888–89

L/MIL/7/11808–11810 Collection 264  
North-East Frontier: operations against the Abors, 1894–95



L/MIL/7/14639-14646 Collection 325  
Sikkim Expedition 1888, 1888-95

L/MIL/7/16820-16978 Collection 403  
Frontier and Overseas Expeditions, 1901-44

L/MIL/7/19395 Collection 440  
North-East Frontier (Bolshevik threat), 1927

**L/MIL/17**  
**Military Department Library**

Approximately 10,000 items

A large and varied collection of official publications, commercially published works, and confidential prints. The main division is between:

(a) Basic reference series such as army lists, standing orders, regulations, etc, for the British and Indian Armies (including the Bengal, Madras, Bombay and Burma Armies, etc).

(b) Reference material such as military reports, route surveys, gazetteers, etc, dealing with the Indian frontier region and areas outside the Sub-continent in which the Government of India had military or political interests, especially Central Asia, Tibet, China, Bhutan, Burma, North-East Frontier, Sikkim, etc.

**L/MIL/17/5/1622-1806**

GENERAL ORGANISATION, COMMISSION, COMMITTEES, REPORTS, 1859-1947

L/MIL/17/5/1723

Memorandum by Sir Ashley Eden on the Government of India Despatch No 47, 21 Mar 1885 on native officers  
India Office, 6 Jul 1885  
14p 33cm

**L/MIL/17/12/1-60**

INDIA, BHUTAN AND SIKKIM, CEYLON

L/MIL/17/12/3

Military handbook on North-East India  
Simla: Military Intelligence 2(a), Apr 1942  
[30]p map 33cm Secret [typescript]

L/MIL/17/12/51

Military report on the Subansiri river area 1920  
Calcutta: GSI, 1921  
[ii], 30p map 17cm Confidential

L/MIL/17/12/54

A military report on the country of Bhutan, containing all the information of military importance which has been collected up to date (12 Jul 1866)

Lt Charles Metcalfe MacGregor

Calcutta: QMG's Dept, 1873

[iv], 74p map 33cm

L/MIL/17/12/55

A short military report on Bhutan

Simla: Intelligence Branch QMG's Dept, 1906

157p illus maps 24cm Confidential

L/MIL/17/12/56

Mobilisation—routes in Bhutan 1925

Simla: GSI, 1926

iv, 101p map 18cm Confidential

with corrections . . . 1st series, 1927

11p

L/MIL/17/12/57

Military report on Sikkim and Bhutan

Calcutta: GSI, 1932

171p maps 18cm Confidential

L/MIL/17/12/58

Routes in Sikkim

Simla: GSI, 1910

ii, 73p maps 20cm Confidential

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Proceedings of the Government of India Military

Department: Sikkim 1888–90

Calcutta: 1890

xxii, 468p maps & sketches 33cm

L/MIL/17/12/60

Report on the Sikkim Expedition from January 1888 to January 1890

Lt Charles John Markham

Calcutta: Intelligence Branch QMG's Dept, 1890

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L/MIL/17/13/9

Notes on the Indian frontiers

Simla: GSI, 1912

45p maps 21cm

with Addenda and errata, 1912

L/MIL/17/13/16

Frontier and overseas expeditions from India

Simla/Calcutta: Intelligence Branch, Army HQ India, 1907-11

Vol 4 North and North-Eastern Frontier tribes

Vol 6 Expeditions overseas

**L/MIL/17/14/92-93**

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L/MIL/17/14/92

Military report on Tibet

Calcutta: GSI 1910

iv, 210p map 21cm Confidential

with annual list of corrections, Dec 1912

L/MIL/17/14/93

Routes in Tibet

Simla: GSI, 1910

vi, 287p map 21cm Confidential

with Additions and corrections, Dec 1912

Additions and corrections, 2nd series, 1918

**L/MIL/17/18**

NORTH-EAST FRONTIER

L/MIL/17/18/1

A strategical study of conditions on the North-East Frontier

Simla: GSI, 1911

iii, 82p map 31cm Secret

L/MIL/17/18/2

Reports of an exploration on the North-East Frontier, 1913

2 parts 33cm

*Pt 1 Capt Henry Treise Morshead*

—Dehra Dun: Trigonometrical Survey, 1914

—21p map For official use only

*Pt 2 Capt Frederick Marshman Bailey*

—Simla: Political Dept, 1914

—153p Confidential

L/MIL/17/18/3

Handbook on the Abor country

Simla: GSI, 1911

ii, 48p maps 18cm For official use only

with list of corrections, No I, 1911

29p

L/MIL/17/18/4

Report on the Abor Expedition 1894

Capt William Rutherford Little

Simla: Intelligence Branch QMG's Dept, 1895

[60] maps & sketches 33cm

L/MIL/17/18/5

Official account of the Abor Expedition 1911-12

Simla: GSI, 1913

iv, 241p illus map 33cm

L/MIL/17/18/6

Orders for the organisation of the Abor Expeditionary Force

Simla: GSI, 1911

i, 12p 33cm Confidential

L/MIL/17/18/7

Abor Expeditionary Force 1911-12. Despatch describing the operations against the Abors, by Maj-Gen Hamilton Bower, commanding the force

Simla: GSI, 1912

i, 19p 33cm Confidential

L/MIL/17/18/8

Military report on the Bhareli river area and Tawang

Pt 1 the Bhareli river area.

Pt 2 Tawang or Monyul

Calcutta: GSI, 1921

v, 52p illus map 18cm Confidential

L/MIL/17/18/19

Military report on the Dibong Valley

Simla: GSI, 1919

i, 40p map 18cm For official use only

L/MIL/17/18/20

Military report on the Dihang Valley

Simla: GSI, 1919

91p map 18cm For official use only

### **L/MIL/17/19/1-44**

**BURMA, SOUTH-EAST ASIA**

L/MIL/17/19/7

Military report on the Mishmi country

Lt George Louis Stuart Ward

Simla: Intelligence Branch, QMG's Dept, 1901

26p maps & sketches 24cm

**L/MIL/17/19/41**

Military report on the Hpimaw Expedition  
 Maj John Lawrence William Ffrench-Mullen  
 Rangoon: Burma Military Police, 1912  
 50p maps 33cm Confidential

**L/WS**

**War Staff Papers, 1921-51**

1840 files

The scope of the War Staff Papers is described above. The following files deal with Tibet and relations with China.

File WS 13098-L/WS/1/1573

Indo-Tibetan frontier (McMahon Line), 1945-46

File WS 17058-L/WS/1/1042

Tibet, 1945-1947

File WS 17209-L/WS/1/1231

Communism in China, 1949

L/WS/2/1-85

Other War Staff Files, 1940-51

L/WS/2/84

Supplies to China and Russia: route in East Persia, 1944

## Political & Secret Department Records, 1756–1950 (IOR: L/P&S)

Most of the pre-India Office records contained in this group – minutes, correspondence with India and Home correspondence – originated either in the activities of the Secret Committee (1784–1858), or in the work of the Secret and Political Departments of the Board of Control (1784–1858). In L/P&S/1 and 2, the group covers records of various other early committees concerned with Secret or Political affairs. For the period of the India Office proper (1858–1947), the Political and Secret archives are from the following departments:

Political and Secret, 1858–1930  
Political (Internal), 1931–41  
Political, 1941–44

Political (States), 1944–47  
Political (External), 1931–41  
External, 1941–47

The L/P&S records are broadly similar in scope to those of the Government of India Foreign Department, and as with the Foreign Department, the subjects covered in L/P&S tend to fall into two distinct main groups: internal and external. The former group mostly covers relations with the princely states within the sub-continent, together with certain general matters connected with honours and ceremonies. The latter group (*ie* the external) relates primarily to frontier affairs and to foreign policy (*ie* relations with the Middle East, Iran, Afghanistan, Russian Central Asia, Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet and China etc, as well as with other western powers in South Asia). This distinction formed the basis of the administrative division made in 1931 between the Political (Internal) and the Political (External) departments but it had also in practice existed earlier in the division between the Political and Secret branches of the old Political and Secret Department. According to this arrangement the secret branch dealt with highly sensitive correspondence about war, peace and diplomacy – which usually meant frontier and foreign affairs – whilst the political branch handled the more routine matters that normally characterised relations with the Indian princely states.

It should be noted that British India's relations with the Himalayan states were variously classified as Secret or Political in the course of the nineteenth century; it is therefore necessary for researchers to explore both series (*see* L/P&S/5 and 6 below) for relevant material. From 1875 onwards the distinction between Secret and Political becomes far less significant from the political point of view of locating relevant correspondence since from that year Secret and Political documents were filed together in the same volumes (*see* L/P&S/7, L/P&S/8, L/P&S/10, L/P&S/13). After the division of the Political and Secret Department into two separate branches – Political (External) and Political (Internal) – in 1931, the former branch dealt with the affairs of Tibet and Bhutan and the latter with Sikkim.

Within the huge accumulation of Political and Secret Department Records

the following classes are particularly important for Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim and are therefore described in some detail

- L/P&S/3 Political and Secret Home Correspondence, 1807–1911 pp.25–6
- L/P&S/5 Secret Correspondence with India, 1756–1874 pp.26–7
- L/P&S/6 Political Correspondence with India, 1792–1874 pp.27–9
- L/P&S/7 Political and Secret Correspondence with India, 1875–1911 p.29
- L/P&S/8 Demi-Official Correspondence and Secretary's Letters, 1862–1912 pp.29–30
- L/P&S/9 Correspondence relating to areas outside India, 1781–1911 p.30
- L/P&S/10 Department Papers: Political and Secret Separate (or Subject) Files, 1902–31 pp.31–5
- L/P&S/11 Departmental Papers: Political and Secret Annual Files, 1912–30 pp.36–70
- L/P&S/12 Political and Secret (External) Files and Collections, 1931–50 pp.71–90
- L/P&S/13 Political and Secret (Internal) Files and Collections, 1931–50 p.91
- L/P&S/18 Political and Secret Memoranda, 1840–1947 pp.92–7
- L/P&S/19 Political and Secret Miscellaneous Records, 1750–1947 pp.98–9
- L/P&S/20 Political and Secret Department Library, 1800–1947 pp.100–2

### **L/P&S/3**

#### **Political & Secret Home Correspondence, 1807–1911**

469 volumes and 22 boxes

For the most part Political and Secret Home Correspondence are arranged as separate series until 1875 from which date they are combined. The series includes the Board's and the India Office's correspondence with other Home Government departments, official and non-official organisations and persons. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries the Foreign Office often assumed joint responsibility for certain posts with the India Office and its predecessors. Even where posts were not shared there was often a strong Foreign Office interest in relations with the particular area concerned, and this increased during the late nineteenth century. In addition, the much more complicated administrative divisions of responsibility which resulted from the First World War involved a number of other British Government departments, notably the Colonial Office, War Office and Admiralty, as well as Cabinet Committees such as the Committee of Imperial Defence.

For Home Correspondence after 1911 *see* L/P&S/10–11 file series (pp.31–70).

### **L/P&S/3/5–93**

SECRET HOME CORRESPONDENCE, 1839–74

L/P&S/3/5–32 with list of contents

L/P&S/3/33–93 with index

**L/P&S/3/117-137**

POLITICAL GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1823-58

All volumes with index

**L/P&S/3/138-184**

POLITICAL HOME CORRESPONDENCE, 1859-74

All volumes with index. *See also* Z/L/P&S/3/9-11

**L/P&S/3/188-471**

POLITICAL AND SECRET HOME CORRESPONDENCE, 1875-1911

L/P&S/3/188-361 with index. *See also* Z/L/P&S/3/12-33

**L/P&S/5**

**Secret Correspondence with India, 1756-1874**

590 volumes and 10 boxes

Copies of correspondence kept by the Secret Committee, the Board and the India Office are included. Up to 1858 there are two broadly overlapping sets of Secret Letters received from each of the three Indian governments – Bengal/India, Madras and Bombay. One of these sets belonged to the Secret Committee, whilst the other (more complete) series belonged to the Board. Enclosures to Secret Letters are usually bound separately. Copies of Secret Despatches exist in three largely duplicating series, some of which also contain correspondence between the Board and the Secret Committee. Between 1859 and 1874 there is only one series of Secret Despatches.

The following series contain scattered documentation for Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim:

**L/P&S/5/1-19**

SECRET LETTERS RECEIVED FROM BENGAL AND INDIA, 1817-65

For registers and indexes *see* Z/L/P&S/5/1-2, Z/L/P&S/4/7-11

**L/P&S/5/20-65**

SECRET LETTERS FROM BENGAL AND INDIA, 1778-1859

Some volumes contain list of contents or indexes. *See also* Z/L/P&S/4/5-11 and Z/L/P&S/5/1-2

**L/P&S/5/80-125**

ENCLOSURES TO SECRET LETTERS FROM BENGAL, 1784-1835

No indexes



**L/P&S/5/126-257**

ENCLOSURES TO SECRET LETTERS FROM INDIA, 1836-74

L/P&S/5/63-257 with index. *See also* Z/L/P&S/5/1-2, 6**L/P&S/5/259-277**

SECRET LETTERS AND ENCLOSURES FROM INDIA, 1866-74

All volumes with index. For index and registers to the whole series *see* L/P&S/5/258**L/P&S/5/537-561**

SECRET LETTERS AND DESPATCHES TO INDIA, 1778-1858

For register and index *see* Z/L/P&S/5/3-4**L/P&S/5/562-582**

SECRET LETTERS AND DESPATCHES TO INDIA, 1786-1858

Most volumes have indexes. *See also* Z/L/P&S/5/1-2**L/P&S/5/583-590**

SECRET DESPATCHES TO INDIA, 1785-1858

For register and indexes *see* Z/L/P&S/5/1-2**L/P&S/5/591-596**

SECRET LETTERS TO INDIA, 1859-74

L/P&S/5/591-596 with index. *See also* Z/L/P&S/5/5-6**L/P&S/6****Political Correspondence with India, 1792-1874**

761 volumes

This class consists largely of separate series of Letters received from and Despatches sent to, each of the three main Indian governments (Bengal/India, Madras and Bombay) in the Political Department. Up to 1858 copies of most of this correspondence will also be found in the East India Company's General Correspondence with India, E/4 (*see above* pp. 4-5). However, the pre-1858 L/P&S/6 series have two notable advantages from the researcher's point of view, viz:

- (a) Most of the volumes are fairly well indexed or have lists of contents
- (b) They are entirely made up of Political Department correspondence – a major source for the study of the Himalayan region in the nineteenth century –

whereas the E/4 series comprise letters relating to almost all departments of government.

The location of enclosures to the Political Letters from Bengal/India included in L/P&S/6 presents some problems. Thus down to the end of Company rule, such documents were not normally kept with their covering letters but have to be traced in the Board's Collection, F/4 (*see* above pp. 5–9). Between 1858 and 1874, however, the enclosures to Political Letters received will be found in the special series included in L/P&S/6 called Collections to Political Despatches to India (*ie* they are separated from their covering Political Letters and filed according to the dates and numbers of the answering India Office Despatches).

Material concerning Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim may be traced in the following main series:

**L/P&S/6/16–46**

POLITICAL LETTERS RECEIVED FROM BENGAL, 1803–34

Many volumes have indexes or lists of contents

**L/P&S/6/49–82**

POLITICAL LETTERS RECEIVED FROM INDIA, 1834–58

Some volumes have indexes or lists of contents. *See* also Z/L/P&S/6/1–2

**L/P&S/6/83–122**

FOREIGN LETTERS FROM INDIA, 1859–74

L/P&S/6/99–105 with index. *See* also Z/L/P&S/6/3, Z/L/P&S/6/12–13

**L/P&S/6/400–403**

ABSTRACT OF POLITICAL DESPATCHES TO BENGAL AND INDIA, 1792–1858

For register and index *see* Z/L/P&S/6/10

**L/P&S/6/404–413**

POLITICAL LETTERS TO BENGAL, 1804–34

For register and index *see* Z/L/P&S/6/10

**L/P&S/6/415–437**

POLITICAL LETTERS TO BENGAL AND INDIA, 1834–58

Some volumes have indexes or lists of contents. *See* also Z/L/P&S/6/7

**L/P&S/6/438-454**

POLITICAL DESPATCHES TO INDIA, 1858-74

L/P&S/6/453-454 with index. *See also* Z/L/P&S/6/8-9, Z/L/P&S/6/11-13**L/P&S/6/455-458**

COPIES OF POLITICAL LETTERS AND DESPATCHES TO INDIA, 1858-74

All volumes with index

**L/P&S/6/459-602**

COLLECTIONS TO INDIAN POLITICAL DESPATCHES, 1858-74

All volumes with indexes. *See also* Z/L/P&S/6/8-9, Z/L/P&S/6/11-13**L/P&S/7****Political & Secret Correspondence with India, 1875-1911**

356 volumes and 70 boxes

Consists mostly of long series of Political and Secret Letters received and sent, and shorter sequences of Despatches. Correspondence about the Indian States, 1881-1902, extracted from these volumes, is arranged in boxes at the end of the section. These series constitute a major source for British Indian relations with the Himalayan region for the period covered. For later file copies *see* L/P&S/10 and L/P&S/11 (pp. 31-70 below).

**L/P&S/7/1-253**

POLITICAL AND SECRET LETTERS AND ENCLOSURES FROM INDIA, 1875-1911

L/P&S/7/1-97 with index. For registers and indexes *see* Z/L/P&S/7/1-37**L/P&S/7/320-341**

POLITICAL AND SECRET DESPATCHES TO INDIA, 1875-96

All volumes with index. For registers and indexes *see* Z/L/P&S/7/1-22**L/P&S/8****Demi-official Correspondence, Secretary's Letters, 1862-1912**

16 volumes and 1 box

Demi-official correspondence and Secretary's letters were used primarily to carry information between the India Office and the Government of India rather than to express or declare official policy.

**L/P&S/8/1-14**

POLITICAL AND SECRET DEMI-OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1872-1912

Most volumes contain indexes

**L/P&S/9**

**Correspondence relating to areas outside India, 1781-1911**

196 volumes and 12 boxes

This group, consisting of a number of series, includes letters for various periods from agents, envoys and others. In addition there are copies of Despatches to the Persian Gulf, Aden and Zanzibar, and special collections of correspondence of all types relating to China (1839-52) and Abyssinia (1867-71). Those relating to Tibet are to be found in the China correspondence series.

For some registers *see* Z/L/P&S/9.

**L/P&S/9/193-202**

SECRET DEPARTMENT CHINA CORRESPONDENCE, 1832-44

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Roland Thomas Nugent, Foreign Office, 26 Aug 1912

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## **Bengal Proceedings etc, 1704–1937**

Approximately 14,510 volumes or part-volumes

Between 1633 and 1686 the East India Company maintained at various times several trading posts in Bengal and Orissa, including Hariharpur, Balasore, Hugli, Casimbazar, Patna, Dacca and Malda. Of these, Hugli (established 1651) emerged as the principal centre with its Agent generally in charge of Company trade in the Bengal region. Except for two brief periods (1658–61 and 1682–84) the Hugli Agency remained generally subordinate to Fort St George (*see* under Madras) during the seventeenth century. Soon after the permanent establishment of the settlement at Satanati (Calcutta) in 1691, and the construction of Fort William there a few years later, the new headquarters in Bengal was fixed at Fort William, and by 1700 the Governor and President at Fort William was made independent of Fort St George.

During the eighteenth century the commercial and strategic importance of Calcutta gradually grew, whilst its political importance was immensely increased after the defeat of the Nawab of Bengal at Plassey (1757), the Company's acquisition of the Twenty-four Parganas and other districts, and, above all, by the grant of the *diwani* (*ie* revenue authority) over Bengal, Bihar and Orissa in 1765. This basic change in the position of Calcutta was then reflected in the provisions of the Regulating Act of 1773 (13 Geo III, *c.* 63), which appointed Warren Hastings, the Governor of Fort William, as the first

Governor-General invested with certain supervisory powers over the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay. Thereafter, until 1833, the immediate dominions of the Bengal Government gradually expanded to include Benares (1775), the 'Ceded and Conquered Provinces' of Oudh and Nagpur (1800-03), Kumaon (1816), the Saugor and Nerbudda territories (1817), Ajmer and Merwara (1810-20), and Arakan, Tenasserim and Assam (1826) etc.

The Charter Act of 1833 (3 & 4 Will IV, c. 85) effected a major division in these territories by establishing the Presidency of Agra for the Upper Provinces (*see* under Agra), leaving the Lower Provinces to the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal. At the same time the Governor-General was appointed Governor-General of India, thus creating the Government of India over and above Bengal Presidency, for which, however, the Governor-General continued to be responsible as Governor, though empowered to appoint a Deputy Governor for that Presidency during his own absence (*see* under India). By 1843 separate secretariats for India and Bengal had also been set up. In 1854 (following the India Act of 1853) it was decided to complete the process of differentiating Bengal from India by appointing a separate Lieutenant-Governor for Bengal, with the Governor-General no longer acting as its Governor. Bengal continued to be administered in this fashion until 1905 when the province was divided, with the eastern part combined with Assam to form the new Lieutenant-Governorship of eastern Bengal and Assam, and the remainder of Bengal continuing under its own Lieutenant-Governors. On the reunification of Bengal in 1912 and the formation of the separate provinces of Assam and Bihar and Orissa, Bengal was once more raised to Presidency status with its own Governor.

For earlier records, *see* under G, Factory Records (especially G/2, 6, 7, 15, 16, 20, 23, 25, 27 and 28). For the Proceedings etc of the Governor-General of India in Council from 1834 onwards, *see* under India. For the period 1905-12, *see* under Eastern Bengal and Assam. *See* also Foster's *Guide*, pp. 36-64.

Appointments, 1866-85, 1905-36 (*see* also General, and Judicial)

Durbar Political Journals and Ledgers, 1826-59

Military Board of Ordnance Reports, 1855-57

Military Journals and Ledgers, 1852-56, 1858-72

Durbar Accounts, 1825-26

Foreign, 1781-86, 1790-1842 (*see* also Colonial, and Secret and Foreign)

General Journals and Ledgers, 1704-1879

Judicial (with numerous and varied sub-series), 1791-1936 (*see* also

Appointments, Jails, Police, Political, Registration and Revenue)

Military, 1771-86, 1794-1834, 1906-36 (*see* also Public Works, Secret and Military, and, from 1834, India Military)

Miscellaneous, 1761-62, 1773-74, 1777

Public, 1704-1858 (*see* also General and from 1834, India Public)

Secret and Foreign, 1787-89 (*see* also Foreign)

Secret and Political (with sub-series, Secret only from 1790), 1786-1834 (*see* also Colonial, Political and Secret, also, from 1834, India Secret)

Political (with varied sub-series), 1789–1844, 1852–55, 1905–36 (*see also* Colonial, Judicial, Public, also, from 1834, India Political)  
 Secret, 1772–73, 1778 (*see also* Secret and Military)  
 Secret and Military (with sub-series, 1756–93 (*see also* Military))

### India Proceedings, 1834–1942

Approximately 9049 volumes or part-volumes

The Government of India (*ie* the Governor-General of India in Council) was established in 1834 according to the terms of the Charter Act of 1833 (3 & 4 Will IV, *c.* 85). Before this – and since the Regulating Act of 1773 (13 Geo III, *c.* 63) – the Governor-General of Fort William in Bengal had only exercised certain limited supervisory powers over the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay. The 1833 Charter Act not only increased these powers but in principal separated the Government of India (in which these powers were vested) from the Government of Bengal. Separate departmental Proceedings for India were accordingly started in 1834 although the full division of the India and Bengal secretariats was only effected in 1843. With the transfer of the Company's powers to the Crown in 1858, the Governor-General was also recognized as Viceroy, *ie* the Queen's representative in India.

For earlier records, *see* under Bengal. *See also* Foster's *Guide*, pp.64–66.

Army, 1906–36

Listed under Military in IOR

Foreign, 1843–1913

Establishment, 1908–13; Electric Telegraph, 1867–70; External, 1882–1913 (including various sub-branches between 1882 and 1884); Finance, 1861–82; Foreign, 1860–61; Frontier, 1884–1913; General, 1861–1913 (including various sub-branches between 1882 and 1884); Internal, 1882–1913 (including various sub-branches between 1882 and 1884); Judicial, 1861–82; Military, 1861–82; Political, 1843–59, 1861–82; Revenue, 1861–82 (including Revenue: Irrigation between 1869 and 1882); Secret; 1843–59.

Between 1843 and 1861 all the Foreign Department series are listed in IOR under Foreign and Political, except the Secret series, ending in 1859, which is listed separately.

For later series *see* under Foreign and Political.

Foreign and Political, 1914–21

Establishment; External; Frontier; General; Internal; Reforms, 1920–21; War, 1915–20. The Foreign and Political series are listed under Foreign in IOR.

General, 1834–43 (listed as Public); Foreign, 1834–42.

For later series *see* under Home and Foreign.

Military, 1834–1936

Military, 1834–1936; Military Works, 1882–1906. Listed series extended to

cover Army Department, 1906–36; Defence Department, 1936 only; Military Supply Department, 1906–09; Military Works, 1906–09.

Military Supply, 1906–09

Listed under Military in IOR.

Political, 1834–43

For later series *see* under Foreign.

Secret, 1834–43

For later series *see* under Foreign.

### **Assam Proceedings, 1874–1905, 1912–31**

Approximately 461 volumes or part-volumes

The settled areas of Assam were ceded by the Burmese in 1826. Thereafter (until 1874) the Assam territories – gradually augmented by various hill and tribal areas – were administered as part of Bengal. In 1874 Assam became a Chief Commissionership and remained so until 1905 when it was combined with part of Bengal to form the new Lieutenant-Governor's province of Eastern Bengal and Assam (*see* below). In 1912 it was once more separated from Bengal and reconstituted as a Chief Commissionership. Between 1921 and 1947 it was given the status of a Governor's province.

For earlier records *see* under Bengal. For Assam Proceedings, 1905–12 *see* under Eastern Bengal and Assam.

Home (including confidential series), 1874–1905

Foreign (including confidential series), 1884–1905

General and Judicial (with sub-series), 1921–31

Judicial (with sub-series), 1912–21

### **Bihar and Orissa Proceedings, 1912–31**

Approximately 589 volumes or part-volumes

Bihar and Orissa were both separated from Bengal in 1912 and formed into a Lieutenant-Governor's province and later (in 1920) into a Governorship. In 1936 Bihar and Orissa were divided, each being constituted as Governor's provinces.

For earlier records *see* under Bengal.

Political (with sub-series), 1912–31

Judicial, 1912–31

### **Burma Proceedings, 1864–1924**

Approximately 894 volumes or part-volumes

In 1826 Arakan and Tenasserim were ceded by the Burmese and placed under



the control of the Bengal Government. Arakan remained under Bengal until 1862 but responsibility for Tenasserim was divided between the Governments of India and Bengal between 1834 and 1854. In 1852 Pegu and Martaban were annexed, the former being headed by a Commissioner directly under the Indian Government, whilst the latter area was initially entrusted to the Commissioner of Tenasserim. From 1852 the Tenasserim Commissioner was made entirely subordinate to India; and from 1862 the whole administrative structure was simplified by amalgamating the three divisions of Pegu, Arakan and Tenasserim under a Chief Commissioner for British Burma – which thus formed a new province of British India. In 1886 Upper Burma was added to the charge of the Chief Commissioner, the province itself then being simply designated as Burma. Burma became a Lieutenant-Governor's province in 1897, a Governor's province in 1923, and was finally separated from India in 1937, the Governor being thereafter answerable to the Secretary of State for Burma in London.

For earlier records *see* under India and Bengal. *See* also under M, Burma Office Records.

Judicial and Legislative, 1900–24 (*see* also Home)

Military and Marine (including Confidential Military series), 1884–1923

Foreign and Political, 1884–1924

### **Eastern Bengal and Assam Proceedings, 1905–12**

Approximately 221 volumes or part-volumes

This Lieutenant-Governor's province was created in 1905 from an amalgamation of part of Bengal with Assam. Bengal was reunited in 1912, and Assam then reverted to being a Chief Commissionership.

For Proceedings before 1905 and after 1912 *see* Bengal and Assam.

Appointments (with sub-series), 1905–12

General (including sub-series and confidential series), 1905–12

Political (including confidential series), 1905–12

## Official Publications, 1760–1957 (IOR: V)

Approximately 70,000 volumes

The official publications section contains the volumes which formed the reference collection maintained by the Record Department of the India Office. They provide near-comprehensive coverage of British Indian central and local government publications up to 1947 and also include British statutes, parliamentary journals, debates and papers and other British official publications relating to Indian affairs. The publications of the Indian states, with the exception of administration reports, are not generally to be found in the collection.

Other official publications, including confidential prints, are in the Proceedings (P) and in the Departmental Records (L), especially the Military Department Library ((L/MIL/17), the Political and Secret Department Library (L/P&S/20) and the Parliamentary Branch Collections (L/PARL/2).

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#### **Parliamentary Papers, 1802–1955**

8137 volumes

Commons sessional papers, 1802–1955 are complete and there is also an incomplete collection of Lords Sessional papers relating to India, 1802–1949. Earlier parliamentary papers on Indian affairs are included in the Parliamentary Branch collections (L/PARL).

The following list covers the main Parliamentary Papers relating to Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim.

Indian Territories: third report from the Select Committee with minutes of evidence. Appendix contains papers regarding Kalka-Simla-Kunawa-Tibet road

(HoC) 1852–1853, xxx 20 III

1p

Hindustan-Tibet road: account of expenditure

(HoC) 1857, xi 79

203p

Despatches relating to the Sikkim Expedition

(HoC) 1862, xl 214

519p

Papers relating to Bhutan

(HoC) 1865, xxxix 47

155p

**Further papers relating to Bhutan****(HoC) 1866, lii 13****171p****Convention between Her Majesty and His Majesty the Emperor of China relating to Burmah****(HoC) 1886, lxxii C 4861****77p****Convention between Her Majesty and the Emperor of China relative to Burmah and Tibet****(HoC) 1887, xcl C 5164****Convention between Great Britain and China relating to Sikkim and Tibet****(HoC) 1890–1891, xcvi C 6208****151p****Convention between Great Britain and China giving effect to Article III, of the Convention of 24 July 1886****(HoC) 1894, xcvi C 7547****89p****Convention between Great Britain and China relating to Sikkim and Tibet****(HoC) 1894, xcvi Cd. 7312****81p****Agreement between Great Britain and China modifying the Convention of 1 March 1894****(HoC) 1898, cv C 8654****129p****Papers relating to Tibet****(HoC) 1904, lxxvii Cd. 1920****779p****Further papers relating to Tibet [in continuation of Cd. 1920]****(HoC) 1904, lxxvii Cd. 2054****1103p****Tibet: Trade Statistics since 1890****(HoC) 1904, lxxvii 48****1137p****Further papers relating to Tibet [in continuation of Cd. 2054]****(HoC) 1905, lviii Cd. 2370****433p****Convention with China, signed 27 April 1906, to which is annexed the Convention between the United Kingdom and Tibet, 7 Sep 1904****(HoC) 1906, cxxxvi C 3088****119p**

**Anglo-Russian Convention containing arrangements on the subject of Persia, Afghanistan and Thibet**

(HoC) 1907, cxxv Cd. 3750

**Anglo-Russian Convention relating to Persia, Afghanistan and Thibet**

(HoC) 1907, cxxv Cd. 3753 [ratified version of Cd. 3750]

489p

**Regulations respecting trade in Tibet concluded between the United Kingdom, China and Tibet**

(HoC) 1908, cv Cd. 4450 [amending those of 5 Dec 1893]

317p

**Returns of the military operations undertaken by the Government of India in the period 1899–1908**

(HoC) 1908, lxxiv 338

739p

**Further papers relating to Tibet [in continuation of Cd. 2370]**

(HoC) 1910, lxxviii Cd. 5240

615p

**Operations against the Abors**

(HoC) 1911, lx Cd. 5961

631p

**Russo-Mongolian Agreement and Protocol of the 21 October (3 November)**

1912

(HoC) 1913, cxxi Cd. 6604

615p

## **V/10**

### **Administration Reports, 1855–1957**

2704 volumes

The annual administration reports of the territories of British India provide a summary record of the main events and developments in each department of government. 'Red Letter' chapters of standing information on the history, geography and administrative framework are included decennially from 1872/73 to 1921/22. There is also an incomplete set of administration reports for many of the princely states. The following references to Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan are taken from:

#### **V/10/1–680**

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS: BRITISH INDIA, 1855–1875**

#### **V/10/12**

**China Expedition, 1859–60**

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Bhootan Dooars annexation, 1865–66

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Cooch Behar Division formed, 1866–67

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Bhootan Dooars: trade 1867–68

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Thibet: supposed existence of persecuted Roman Catholic missionaries in Thibet, 1867–68

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Thibet: Roman Catholic missionaries in Thibet, 1869–70

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Sikkim: trade, 1872–73

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Sikkim: trade, 1873–74

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Sikkim: trade, 1874–75

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ADMINISTRATION REPORTS: INDIAN STATES

V/10/1977

Sikkim, 1912–29

V/10/1978

Sikkim, 1928–30

V/10/1979  
Sikkim, 1930–32

V/10/1980  
Sikkim, 1932–34

**V/23**  
**Selection from the Records, 1849–1937**

346 volumes

Miscellaneous papers and reports considered to be of public interest were published in series by the government of India, Bengal, Madras, Bombay, North-Western Provinces and Punjab. The subject coverage is extremely wide; here it can only be noted that the Government of India series includes administration reports of political agencies, and all series contain a number of departmental annual reports.

Selections relating to Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan are listed below.

V/23/3/16 (23)  
Report on the operations connected with the Hindostan and Thibet road 1850–55, to Simla and beyond  
Calcutta: Calcutta Gazette Office 1856  
ii, 35, vip, maps, plan

V/23/13/71 (99)  
Selections from reports of the Trigonometrical and Topographical surveys. Includes notes on the Pangong Lake, Ladakh by Capt H H Godwin Austin; visit to Khotan by W H Johnson; report and extracts from the diary of a Pundit's route-survey from Nepal to Lhasa and through the upper valley of the Brahmaputra  
Calcutta: Supt Govt Printing 1869  
273p, maps

V/23/16/79 (107)  
Official narrative of the expedition to explore trade routes to China via Bhamo 1868, under the guidance of Maj E B Sladen, with connected papers  
Calcutta: Supt Govt Printing 1870  
vi, 187, xcvp, map

V/23/84/427 (446)  
Administration report of the Sikkim State 1905–1906  
[Foreign Dept No 162]  
Calcutta: Supt Govt Printing 1906  
31p, map

V/23/87/440 (462)  
Administration report of the Sikkim State 1908–09  
[Foreign Dept No 175]

Calcutta: Supt Govt Printing 1909  
29p

V/23/88/446 (468)  
Administration report of the Sikkim State 1910–11  
[Foreign Dept No 180]  
Calcutta: Supt Govt Printing 1910  
23p

V/23/89/449 (471)  
Administration report of the Sikkim State 1910–11  
[Foreign Dept No 181]  
Calcutta: Supt Govt Printing 1911  
25p

V/23/89/450 (472)  
Administration report of the Sikkim State 1911–12  
[Foreign Dept No 182]  
Calcutta: Supt Govt Printing 1912  
25p

V/23/91/5 (480)  
Papers on the Sikkim Morung by A Campbell; on Kooch Behar by Maj  
Francis Jenkins  
Calcutta: Military Orphan Press 1851  
51p

V/23/94/17 (497)  
Report on Darjeeling by W B Jackson; inspection report; itinerary from Phari  
to Lhasa by A Campbell  
Calcutta: Calcutta Gazette Office 1854  
28, 1xp, plan

V/23/95/23 (510)  
Papers relating to some frontier tribes on the north-east border of Assam  
Calcutta: Calcutta Gazette Office 1855  
pp 1–191

V/23/96/27 (521)  
Papers relative to the colonization, commerce, physical geography etc, of the  
Himalaya mountains and Nepal by Brian Haughton Hodgson  
Calcutta: Calcutta Gazette Office 1857  
243p, maps, illus

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Selections of papers regarding the hill tracts between Assam and Burmah and  
on the Upper Brahmaputra  
Calcutta: Bengal Secretariat Press 1873  
335P

V/23/117 Vol 2 No 46 (1679)

Road-making in the hills [principles and rules for the road from Kalka to Simla and Tibet]

Reprints 1810, 1815

pp 167-84

V/23/336 Vol 2 No 26 (1966)

The borax of Tibet

Lahore: Chronicle Press 1854-55

pp 496-552

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**Monographs, 1774-1950**

About 12,300 volumes

Most of these are non-serial items published for sale by the central and provincial governments in India. There are also a number which were printed for official use only as well as British Government publications and books published commercially under the auspices of the India Office or the Government of India. The types of material include gazetteers, press lists of records, land revenue settlement reports, departmental codes and manuals, reports and authoritative works of scholarship. They are arranged in a classified subject order within ten broad classes; general; law and law enforcement; civil and military administration; finance and revenue; natural and physical sciences; agriculture; products and trade; public works and communications; social and economic conditions; culture.

Monographs having a bearing on Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan are listed below.

V/27/42/23

Proceedings of the Committee of Circuit, 1772-73

Vols 5-8: Rangpur, Dinajpur, Purnea and Rajmahal, 16 Dec 1772-18 Feb 1773

Calcutta, 1927

V/27/42/32

Bengal district records

Vol 1: Rangpur, 1770-79 ed by W K Firminger

Calcutta, 1914

V/27/42/33

Bengal district records

Vol 2: Rangpur, letters received, 1779-82

Calcutta, 1920

V/27/42/34

Bengal district records

Vol 3: Rangpur, letters received, 1783-85

Calcutta, 1920



V/27/42/35

Bengal district records

Vol 4: Rangpur, letters issued, 1779–85

Calcutta, 1921

V/27/42/36

Bengal district records

Vol 5: Rangpur, letters received, 1786–87

Calcutta, 1927

V/27/42/37

Bengal district records

Vol 6: Rangpur, letters issued, 1786–87

Calcutta, 1928

V/27/50/34

A history of Assam by E A Gait

Calcutta, 1906

V/27/61/2

A statistical account of Assam by William Wilson Hunter

Vol 1: Kamrup, Darrang, Nowgong, Sibsagar, Lakhimpur

V/27/61/3

A statistical account of Assam by William Wilson Hunter

Vol 2: Goalpara, Eastern Duars, Garo hills, Naga hills, Khasi and Jaintia hills, Sylhet and Cachar

London: Trubner 1879

V/27/61/10

Assam District Gazetteer

Vol 4: Kamrup by B C Allen

Allahabad: Pioneer Press, 1905

V/27/61/11

Assam District Gazetteer

Vol 4: Kamrup, supplement by R Friel

Shillong, 1914

V/27/61/12

Assam District Gazetteer

Vol 5: Darrang by B C Allen

Allahabad: Pioneer Press, 1905

V/27/61/13

Assam District Gazetteer

Vol 5: Darrang, supplement by R Friel

Shillong, 1915

V/27/61/14

Assam District Gazetteer  
Vol 6: Nowgong by B C Allen  
Calcutta: City Press, 1905

V/27/61/15

Assam District Gazetteer  
Vol 6: Nowgong, supplement by R Friel  
Shillong, 1915

V/27/61/24

Assam District Gazetteer  
Vol 11: Sadiya Frontier Tract and Balipara Frontier Tract  
Shillong, 1928

V/27/62/7

A statistical account of Bengal by William Wilson Hunter  
Vol 7: Maldah, Rangpur, Dinajpur  
London: Trubner, 1875-77

V/27/62/10

A statistical account of Bengal by William Wilson Hunter  
Vol 10: Darjiling, Jalpaiguri, State of Kuch Behar  
London: Trubner, 1875-77

V/27/62/75

Bengal District Gazetteer  
Vol 5: Darjeeling by L S S O'Malley  
Calcutta, 1907

V/27/62/76

Bengal District Gazetteer  
Darjeeling by A J Dash  
Alipore, 1947

V/27/62/77

Bengal District Gazetteer  
Darjeeling; statistics, 1901-02  
Calcutta, 1905

V/27/62/78

Bengal District Gazetteer  
B Vol: Darjeeling, 1900-01, 1910-11  
Calcutta, 1913

V/27/62/79

Bengal District Gazetteer  
B Vol: Darjeeling, 1921-22, 1930-31  
Calcutta, 1933

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Vol 11: Jalpaiguri by J F Gunning  
Allahabad: Pioneer Press, 1911

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Jalpaiguri: statistics, 1901-02  
Calcutta, 1905

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Eastern Bengal and Assam District Gazetteer  
Vol 12: Rangpur by J A Vas  
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Rangpur; statistics, 1901-02  
Calcutta, 1905

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B Vol: Rangpur; statistics, 1900-01, 1910-11  
Calcutta, 1913

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Calcutta, 1933

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Sikkim State; statistics, 1901-02  
Calcutta, 1905

V/27/62/226

Dorje-ling [Darjeeling: information as to its suitability as a sanatorium,  
compiled from official reports] by H V Bayley  
Calcutta: Bengal Military Orphan Press, 1938

V/27/62/245

Report on the statistics of Rungpore by Gopal Chunder Dass  
Calcutta, 1874

V/27/64/160

Report on the eastern frontier of British India, with an appendix and maps;  
with a supplement by Dr Bayfield on the British political relations with Ava  
by Robert Boileau Pemberton  
Calcutta: Baptist Mission Press, 1835

V/27/69/4

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Calcutta: Bengal Military Orphan Press, 1839

V/27/69/7

Hints for collecting information compiled for the expedition to China

Calcutta: William Rushton, 1840

V/27/69/8

Journal of an overland journey from China towards India; the plains of Hoopah by T J Cooper

Calcutta, 1869

V/27/69/9

Official narrative of and papers connected with the expedition to explore the trade routes to China via Bhamo, under the guidance of Maj E B Sladen

Rangoon, 1869

V/27/69/12

Narrative of a journey to Lhasa in 1881–82 by Sarat Chandra Das

Calcutta, 1885

V/27/69/14A

Report on the trans-Himalayan explorations in connection with the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India during 1870 by T G Montgomerie

Dehra Dun, 1871

V/27/69/15

Report on explorations in Nepal and Tibet by explorer M-H, 1885–86 by C Wood

Dehra Dun, 1887

V/27/69/25

Gazetteer of Sikkim; introduction by H H Risley

Calcutta, 1894

V/27/69/26

Report on the explorations of Lama Serap Gyatsho 1856–69, Explorer K-P 1880–84, Lama UG 1883, Explorer RN 1885–86, Explorer PA 1885–86, in Sikkim, Bhutan and Tibet

Dehra Dun, 1889

V/27/69/27

Routes in Sikkim by William Frederick O'Connor

Calcutta, 1900

V/27/69/29

Narratives of the mission of George Bogle to Tibet, and of the journey of Thomas Manning to Lhasa, ed by Clements Robert Markham

London: Trubner, 1876

V/27/69/30

Narratives of the mission of George Bogle to Tibet, and of the journey of Thomas Manning to Lhasa, ed by Clements Robert Markham  
London: Trubner, 1879 [2nd edition]

V/27/69/31

Report on the explorations in Great Tibet and Mongolia, made by A-K in 1879–82, in connection with the Trigonometrical Branch, Survey of India by J B N Hennessey  
Dehra Dun, 1884

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Calcutta, 1871

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List showing the names, titles and modes of address of the more important sovereigns, ruling princes, chiefs, nobles, having relations with the Indian Government: *Alqabnamah*. Corrected up to 5 October 1935 [with correction slips nos 1–15, 1936–44]  
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V/27/210/1

Alphabetical list of the officers of the Indian Army 1760–1834, corrected to 1837, compiled by Edward and Miles Dodwell, James Samuel

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Calcutta: Baptist Mission Press, 1844

V/27/210/4A

Statement of contemporary officers employed under the Government of Bengal from 1850–86

Calcutta, 1886 [2nd edition]

V/27/210/4B

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Calcutta, 1903

V/27/210/5

Appointments in Bengal and their holders, 1850–1906

Calcutta, 1906

V/27/210/6

Appointments in Bengal and their holders, 1850–1910

Calcutta, 1910

V/27/210/7

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W/LPS/M 21

[Skeleton map showing Boundary between Tibet and China claimed at Simla Conference 1913-14, with the frontiers claimed by the Tibetan Plenipotentiary, sent with McMahon's memorandum of 6 November 1913]. [Scale 1:3 800 000] [Government of India, 1913].

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W/LPS/M 25

[Skeleton map showing Boundary between Tibet and China claimed at Simla Conference 1913-14, with the frontiers claimed by China and Tibet, and the proposed boundaries of the Inner and Outer Zones as defined in the Viceroy's telegram of 17 January, 1914]. [Scale 1:3 800 000] [Government of India, 1914].

See also L/P&S/10/343: P. 461/14, and map W/LPS/I 66/1

W/LPS/I 66/1

[Skeleton Map showing Boundary between Tibet and China claimed at Simla Conference 1913-14, with the frontiers claimed by China and Tibet and the proposed boundaries of the Inner and Outer Zones]. [Scale 1:3 800 000] [Government of India, 1914].

See also L/P&S/10/343: P. 461/14, and map W/LPS/M 25

W/LPS/I 66/2

[Skeleton Map showing Boundary between Tibet and China claimed at Simla Conference 1913–14, showing the boundary between Inner and Outer Tibet, to accompany the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Tibet Conference, 17 February 1914]. [Scale 1:3 800 000] [Government of India, 1914].  
See also L/P&S/10/343: P. 893/14, and map W/LPS/M 24

W/LPS/M 24

[Skeleton Map showing Boundary between Tibet and China claimed at Simla Conference 1913–14, showing the boundary between Inner and Outer Tibet, in red and blue respectively, to accompany the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Tibet Conference, 17 February, 1914]. [Scale 1:3 800 000] [Government of India, 1914] Similar to W/LPS/I 66/2, with amendments reported in the Viceroy's telegram of 28 April 1914.

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Map showing India–Tibet frontier as mutually agreed upon by the British and Tibet Plenipotentiaries, 24 March 1914. A later version of Sheets I and II of North-East Frontier, Provisional Issue, rough compilation (General Staff, 1913).

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Map to accompany McMahon's Memorandum on the North-East Frontier. Scale 60 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1914.

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[Skeleton map showing Boundary between Tibet and China claimed at Simla Conference, showing the boundary between Inner and Outer Tibet; a copy sent with McMahon's Memorandum of 23 April 1914, of the map laid on the table at the Conference meeting of 22 April 1914]. [Scale 1:3 800 000] [Government of India, 1914].

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[Skeleton map showing Boundary between Tibet and China claimed at Simla Conference, showing the boundary between Inner and Outer Tibet: copy from Annexure IV of the proceedings of the 7th meeting of the Tibet Conference, 22 and 27 April 1914]. [Scale 1:3 800 000] [Government of India, 1914].

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See also L/P&S/10/344: P. 2653/14

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Tibet before 1905, *ie* before Chao Erh-Feng's advance. [Scale 100 miles = 1 inch] [c. 1914].

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Extended copy of X/995/6. Scale 5 miles = 1 inch.

X/2172

Route from Gwahatty to Kolltah Koosy, on the borders of Bootan, as likewise along part of the boundary of Assam and Bootan. Surveyed in 1793 by Ensign Wood, Bengal Engineers, Surveyor with Capt Walsh's Detachment. Scale 1 mile = 1½ inch. Manuscript.

X/1799

Map of Kashmir, Ladak, and Little Tibet, and of the countries between the Sutlej and the Oxus [by] John Walker, 1842. Scale 14 miles = 1 inch.

X/1330/1-63

[An atlas of the district maps of Bengal and the North-Western Provinces]. Includes an index map of the North-Western provinces. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1846. 63 sheets in 1 volume.

X/997/1-20

A map of Bengal and Bahar in 8 parts. Scale 10 miles = 1 inch. [In] Rennel, *A Bengal Atlas*, London, 1781].

X/997/5

The Northern Provinces of Bengal, with the Bootan, Morung and Assam Frontiers.

X/1288

Map of Sikkim and Eastern Nepal by J D Hooker, exhibiting the routes of that traveller. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch. 1850. Manuscript.

X/1287

Independent Sikkim, from a sketch by J D Hooker, based on the operations of the Great Trigonometrical Survey. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1850.

X/1273

Map of the boundary between Cooch-Bihar and Bootan. Surveyed in 1850-51 by John Kelso, Assistant Revenue Surveyor. Scale 2 miles = 1 inch. Manuscript.

X/1280/1

Map of British Sikkim, comprising the Darjeeling Hill Territory and two Morung Pergunnahs. Includes a list of Native Tribes and principal trees and plants. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch. 2 sheets. 1853. Manuscript.

X/1280/2

Map of British Sikkim, comprising the Darjeeling Hill Territory and two Morung Pergunnahs. Includes a list of Native Tribes and principal trees and plants. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch. 2 sheets. Survey of India, 1853.

X/2996

Preliminary sketch of Nepal and the countries adjoining to the south, west and east. Scale 16 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1855.

X/1299/1-18

Pergunnah or Main Circuit maps of District Rungpoor. Scale 1 mile = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1856-60. Includes a general map of the District and Kooch-Behar. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch.

X/1298/1-2

District Rungpoor, including the independent state of Kooch-Behar, 1856-60. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch.

X/1298/1/1-2

District Rungpoor, including the independent state of Kooch-Behar. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1861. 2 sheets joined.

X/1298/2/2

District Rungpoor, including the independent state of Kooch Behar. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch. 1861. South sheet only. Manuscript.

X/320/5/1-47

Results of a Scientific Mission to India and High Asia, undertaken between the years [1854] and [1858] by order of the Court of Directors of the Honourable East India Company, by Hermann Adolphe and Robert von Schlagintweit. (F A Brockhaus, Leipzig: Trubner and Co, London, 1861). Comprises an atlas of panoramas, views and maps, [with] text in 4 volumes. Atlas, 46 sheets in 4 parts.

See also IOR: V/27/400/2-5 for text.

X/320/5/4

Lake Tso Mitbal in Pangkong; Lake Tso Gam in eastern Ladak.

X/320/5/9

Leh, the capital of Ladak, western Tibet

X/320/5/10

Chorkanda glacier, Balti, Tibet

X/320/5/24

The ranges of western Tibet, between the Himalaya and Karakoram

X/320/5/25

Parts of the central chain in Tibet from Pangkong to Ladak

X/320/5/32

Index map to the routes in the western parts of the Himalaya, Tibet and Central Asia

X/320/5/33

Facsimile of a Bhutia map of the commercial route from Lhasa to Assam, via Tawang and Narigan

X/320/5/34

Map of equidistant horizontal contour lines determined in the southern part of the Sikkim Himalaya

X/320/5/41

The Salt Lake, Tsomorisi, western Tibet

X/320/5/42

The Salt Lake, Tsomognalari, western Tibet

X/3000

Bhootan, 1863. Photographed from an unfinished compilation. Scale 8 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1863.

X/321

Buddhism in Tibet, by Emil von Schlagintweit (F A Brockhaus, Leipzig, 1863). Atlas of objects of Buddhist worship with 20 plates, to accompany a text of the same title by Emil von Schlagintweit.

See also IOL: X 819, X 820, X 687, X 705

X/3003

[A map of Bootan and the adjoining British territory showing the tract of country to be occupied by the British]. Scale approximately 20 miles = 1 inch. [To accompany Parliamentary Paper 47 of 1865.]

X/3001

Bootan, with the Bengal Dooars, illustrating the route of the Mission of 1864. Scale 8 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1865.

X/1037/1/1-6

North-East Frontier, Bengal, including Sikkim, Bhootan. Scale 8 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1865. 6 sheets.

X/1286

Main Circuits Nos 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Pergunnahs Hattigheesa and Patturghatta [in] District Darjeeling, 1863-64 and 1865. Scale 1 mile = 2 inches. Survey of India, 1866.

X/3295

Route Survey from British India into Great Tibet through the Lhasa territories and along the upper course of the Brahmaputra River. Scale 16 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1867.

X/1278

Hill territory of British Sikkim, District Darjeeling, 1861-67. Scale 1 mile = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1868.

X/1285

Main Circuit Nos 2 and 3, Daling Sub-Division, District Darjeeling, surveyed in seasons 1865-66 and 1867. Scale 2 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1868.

X/1284/1

Main Circuit No 1, Daling Sub-Division, District Darjeeling, surveyed in seasons 1865-66 and 1867. Scale 1 mile = 2 inches. Survey of India, 1868.

X/1279

Rough Index Map of British Sikkim, District Darjeeling. Scale 1 mile = 2 inches. Survey of India, [? 1868].

X/3300

Map drawn by Chowsam Gohain of his route to Rochna (Rooema) from the eastern frontier of Assam up the Brahmaputra River, 1869-70. Manuscript.



X/3299

Sketch map of some parts of Southern and Eastern Thibet as used many years ago by Catholic missionaries in those countries. Survey of India, 1871.

X/2998

The Dingri Maidan and Upper Arun River with the Eastern and Western sources of the Kosi or Kosiki River, the Great Eastern Tributary of the Ganges, also part of Great Tibet. Scale 16 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1871. To accompany a memoir on the same subject in the General Report on the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India for 1871-72.

See also IOR: V/24/4310 for Report.

X/3004

Preliminary map of Bhootan, 1874. Scale 8 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1874.

X/10150

A map of trade routes to Tibet from the Lower Provinces of Bengal and Assam. Scale approximately 30 miles = 1 inch. [To accompany Parliamentary Paper 196 of 1874.]

X/1283/1-5

District Darjeeling. Scale 1 mile = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1874. 5 sheets.

X/1272

Skeleton map of the Kooch-Bihar Division, comprising the districts of Darjeeling, Julpigooree and Kooch-Bihar exhibiting the Civil and Criminal Jurisdictions. Scale 8 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1874.

X/1282/1

District Darjeeling. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1874.

X/1282/2

District of Darjeeling. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1898.

X/1283/3

District Darjeeling. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1901.

X/1281

Hill territory of British Sikkim, District Darjeeling. Scale 1 mile = 2 inches. Survey of India, 1881.

X/9242/1-4

Darjeeling Revisionary Survey. Scale 1 mile = 2 inches. Survey of India, 1885. 4 sheets.

X/3298/1-2

Map illustrating the Report on the Pundit's route through Great Tibet from Ladakh to Assam via Lake Tingri Nur and Lhasa in 1874. Scale 16 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1875. 2 sheets.

See also IOR: V/27/69/33 and IOL: V 3128 for Report.

X/10149

Plan of Lhasa. Scale 1 mile = 4 inches. Survey of India, 1884.

X/10151

Sketch map showing routes between Tibet and India [by] W F O'Connor. Scale 16 miles = 1 inch. 1903.

X/9243

Map of Sikkim. Scale 4 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1906.

X/9954

Map of Bhutan. Scale 8 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1907.

X/9939

The North-East Frontier of India. Scale 32 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1910.

X/9244

Panoramic Profile of the hill ranges of Sikkim, [with] Sikkim and parts of Nepal and Bhutan. Scale 16 miles = 1 inch. Survey of India, 1911.

X/10144

Tibet and Adjacent Countries. Scale 1:2 500 000. Survey of India, 1914.

X/10108

Asia. Scale 1:4 000 000. War Office: Series GSGS 2957: Sheet 33, Northern India, 1927; Sheet 34, China, 1939 [second edition].

X/10141

Highlands of Tibet and surrounding regions. Scale 1:2 500 000. Royal Geographical Society, 1936. 2 sheets.

X/L.XIV.11

Bhutan. Scale 1:300 000. [London] Ministry of Defence, 1964.

X/O.XIII.1

The Kingdom of Sikkim. Scale 1:150 000. Association of American Geographers, 1969.

## **Y Modern topographical and small-scale map series**

The Y Collection consists of topographical and small-scale map series, chiefly produced by the Survey of India following the recommendations of the 1904–05 Indian Survey Committee. Various of the Survey of India topographical map series were extended, at least in their planned coverage, to include Sikkim, Bhutan and parts of Tibet.

Atlas of India. 4 miles = 1 inch. 1827–1900.

North-East Frontier series. 8 miles = 1 inch (some sheets at 4 miles = 1 inch and 2 miles = 1 inch). 1885–89.

Northern Frontier series. 16 miles = 1 inch. 1882.

India and Adjacent Countries series. 1:1 000 000. 1905–1940.

Carte Internationale du Monde. 1:1 000 000. 1920 onwards. Now known as International Map of the World.

Southern Asia series. 1:2 000 000. 1920–1940.

India and Adjacent Countries series. 8 miles = 1 inch. 1930. Special publication for parts of Tibet.

India and Adjacent Countries series. 4 miles = 1 inch. 1905 onwards. Extended from India to cover Sikkim and parts of Bhutan.

## European Manuscripts, 1600–1947 (IOR: MSS EUR)

The European Manuscripts comprise private collections of papers, letters, diaries, memoirs, or other historical material relating to South Asia and neighbouring territories and in particular to the British connection with the Indian sub-continent. Though often containing papers similar to, or complementing, the records of the East India Company, the Board of Control the India and Burma Offices, and the Government of India, the European Manuscripts are distinguished from the official archives of those bodies by their status as private papers, or because they have been parted from their official context.

The European Manuscripts trace their origin as a distinct group of papers to the decision in 1801 of the Directors of the East India Company to establish a Library for the safe custody of books and manuscripts placed in their care by their servants in India and others. The Section was transferred to the India Office Records from the India Office Library in 1975.

The materials to be found in this select list relating to Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim include copies of official or demi-official correspondence and papers, reports, memoranda, diaries, memoirs, notes, drafts of scholarly or literary works, private letters, newspaper cuttings, scrapbooks, photographs and illustrations. For the most part, the manuscripts are in a European language, normally English, but oriental languages occur, for example among the papers of Sir Charles Bell (1870–1945), whose collection includes material in Tibetan, Lepcha, Sanscrit and Bengali. Also to be found are papers in typescript as well as printed material, both published and unpublished – the unpublished printed correspondence of Viceroys and Secretaries of State being a notable example of the latter.

For further details of the European Manuscripts collections, see *Select List of Private Collections in the European Manuscripts*.

### MSS Eur A 83

Letter, dated 19 April 1902, of Sir Clements Robert Markham (1830–1916), Clerk at the Board of Control 1845–58, and on the staff of the India Office 1858–77, replying to an enquiry concerning the journal of Thomas Manning (1772–1840), traveller in Tibet, India and China 1807–17

### MSS Eur A 189

Diary and notebook, dated 1821–33, of Lieutenant (later Lieut-Col) Henry Rutherford (1802–74), Bengal Artillery 1819–46, Assistant to Political Agent, Upper Assam 1830–33, including entries of his travels in Upper India and part of his service in the First Burmese War; with notes of his survey of the frontier between Assam and Bhutan

### MSS Eur B 294

Letter, dated 1 September 1819, concerning his financial affairs, from

Alexander Csoma de Körös (1784–1842), author and Tibetan scholar, to an unknown friend, together with a modern translation

MSS Eur C 125–26 Hamilton Collection

Papers of Lord George Francis Hamilton (1845–1927) as Under-Secretary of State for India, 1874–78 and as Secretary of State for India 1895–1903. Mainly comprising correspondence with the Earl of Elgin and Lord Curzon. *See also* MSS Eur D 508–10

MSS Eur C 163

Dr Frederick William Thomas' introduction to Tibetan literary texts and documents concerning Chinese Turkestan [undated]

MSS Eur C 205 French Collection

Notebooks, dated 1926–49, of Joseph Charles French (b. 1883), Indian Civil Service, 1905–32, containing proof copy of Chapter IB of the *Gazeteer of the Kangra District, 1924–25*, and notes, cuttings and correspondence on Buddhism and the culture of Tibet and Nepal

MSS Eur C 270 Iggulden Collection

An undated account of Lhasa and its inhabitants, by Brigadier General Herbert Augustus Iggulden (1861–1937), British Army, 1882–1917, and Chief Staff Officer, Tibet Mission Escort 1903–04

MSS Eur D 49 Thomas Collection

Manuscript handlist of the Lhasa Collection of Tibetan Works [nd] collected in 1903–04 by Lieut Colonel Lawrence Waddell (1854–1938), Indian Medical Service 1880–1906. Waddell accompanied the Tibet Mission to Lhasa in 1903. The handlist was compiled by Dr Frederick William Thomas, Librarian, India Office 1903–07, and Boden Professor of Sanscrit, University of Oxford, 1927–31

MSS Eur D 503

Draft of the Catalogue of the Stein Tibetan Manuscripts prepared by Louis de Vallee Poussin, c 1914–18. *See also* MSS Eur D 721

MSS Eur D 508–10 Hamilton Collection

Papers of Lord George Francis Hamilton (1845–1927) as Under-Secretary of State for India, 1874–78 and as Secretary of State for India, 1895–1903. Mainly comprising correspondence with the Earl of Elgin and Lord Curzon. *See also* MSS Eur C 125–26

MSS Eur D 532

An account of the kingdom of Tibet in a letter from John Stewart, FRS to Sir John Pringle, FRS read on 17 April 1777 [Printed in *Philosophical Transactions for the year 1777*]

MSS Eur D 558 Lansdowne Collection

Papers of Henry Charles Keith Petty Fitzmaurice, Marquess of Lansdowne (1845–1927) as Viceroy, 1888–94

**MSS Eur D 573 Morley Collection**

Papers of John, Viscount Morley of Blackburn (1838–1932) as Secretary of State for India, 1905–10 and 1911. In the main, the collection contains correspondence with the Earl of Minto, 1903–10, with Lord Curzon, 1899–1905 and with colleagues at the India Office

**MSS Eur D 721**

Annotated staff copy of Louis de Vallee Poussin's *Catalogue of Tibetan Manuscripts from Tun-Huang* in the India Office Library, (OUP, 1962). See also MSS Eur D 503

**MSS Eur D 722 Shuttleworth Collection**

Papers, dated 1909–46, of Henry Lee Hadwen Shuttleworth (1882–1960), Indian Civil Service, 1906–23, relating to Tibet. The collection contains translations of Tibetan letters and Tibetan manuscripts from the Tibetan authorities, 1921–24. Also included are inscriptions from the La-sgo and Ki monasteries, translations of Tibetan manuscripts and reports on the Hemis monastery and those of western Tibet, including the text and translation of the Kesar Saga. Reviews of books on Tibet, correspondence with colleagues, together with photographs of western Tibet

**MSS Eur D 727 Durand Collection**

Papers, dated 1876–1908, of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand (1850–1924), Foreign Secretary to the Government of India, 1886–94, mainly comprising official correspondence with the Viceroys, the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and the Marquess of Lansdowne

**MSS Eur D 793**

Correspondence of Sir Aurel Stein (1862–1943) with the British Museum and the India Office Library regarding the Stein Collection of manuscripts and antiquities

**MSS Eur D 979 Ludlow Collection**

Diaries and papers, dated 1911–49, of Frank Ludlow (1885–1972), Indian Education Service, 1908–26, botanist, member of the British Political Mission to Lhasa, 1942–43. Also included is a report on the school at Gyantse in Tibet which Ludlow helped to set up, acting as its headmaster from 1923–26

**MSS Eur D 998 Hopkinson Collection**

Demi-official and private correspondence, papers and photographs, dated 1921–51, of Arthur John Hopkinson (1894–1953), Indian Civil Service, 1924–47. Papers regarding Sikkim, Tibet and Bhutan relate to Hopkinson's appointment as Political Officer in Sikkim, 1944–48

**MSS Eur D 1073**

Letters from Major James Rennell, Surveyor General of Bengal to the Reverend Gilbert Burrington, Vicar of Chudleigh, Devon, 1858–1885. See also *H/765 Home Miscellaneous*, pp. 55–68, 70–90, 100–02, 107–54, 156–69, 172–201, 203–324, 2 Jul 1758–18 Jan 1785.

**MSS Eur E 78**

History of Sikkim compiled by the Maharaja Thutob Namgyal and Maharani Yeshés Dolma of Sikkim, 1908. Chiefly the work of the Maharani. Mainly based on saints' lives for the early period, but taking on a more historical character with the accession of the present dynasty in 1642 and making use of official records as it approaches modern times. More than half of the history is devoted to Maharaja Thutob Namgyal's reign

**MSS Eur E 226 Bogle Collection**

Papers, dated 1774–77, of George Bogle (1746–1781), Bengal Civil Service, 1769–81. Journals, memoranda, official and private correspondence relate, for the most part, to Bogle's various visits to the Tashi Lama (Panchen Lama) at Shigatse. Amongst the official papers are minutes of conversation and official despatches to Warren Hastings, Sir Elijah Impey, Sir Gilbert Elliot, Dr Hamilton, etc. Notes on Bengal manuscripts contain draft letters to the Deb Raja of Bhutan, and to other persons in Tibet

**MSS Eur E 233 Amphill Collection**

The collection consists of files, manuscripts and volumes of printed works of Arthur Oliver Villiers Russell, 2nd Baron Amphill (1869–1935), Governor of Madras, 1900–04 and *ad interim* Viceroy, Apr–Dec 1904

**MSS Eur E 278 Reid Collection**

Papers, dated 1918–62, and diaries, 1908–64, of Sir Robert Neil Reid (1883–1964), Indian Civil Service, 1907–43, Governor of Assam, 1937–42, Acting Governor of Bengal, 1938–39. Official correspondence consists of letters to the Viceroy and Provincial Governors, including newspaper and journal articles relating to the North-East Frontier

**MSS Eur E 281**

Draft Catalogue by Dr Frederick William Thomas of Tibetan manuscripts collected during the third Stein Expedition, 1906–08, 10 Sep 1942

**MSS Eur E 410 Godfrey Collection**

Letters, papers and photographs, dated 1880–1935, of Lieut-Col Stuart Hill Godfrey (1861–1941), Indian Political Service, 1892–1915, and of his father-in-law Sir Adelbert Talbot (1845–1920), Indian Political Service, 1873–1900. Served as Political Agent in Dir, Swat and Chitral, 1902–11 which probably accounts for the Tibetan interest

**MSS Eur F 78 Wood Collection**

Papers of Sir Charles Wood, 1st Viscount Halifax (1800–85) as President of the Board of Control, 1852–55, and as Secretary of State for India, 1859–66

**MSS Eur F 80 Charles Bell Collection**

Papers, dated 1901–40, of Sir Charles Bell (1870–1945), Assistant Political Officer, Sikkim 1904–05, Political Officer, Sikkim 1908–18, Adviser to the British plenipotentiary Sir Henry McMahon at the Simla Conference, 1913–14. In the main, the papers consist of files, notes, reports and

correspondence on the subject of Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim; official correspondence relating to the Simla Conference; correspondence with and from the XIIIth Dalai Lama, the Lönchen Shatra, Prime Minister of Tibet, the Panchen Lama, Laden La, Dewan Pa-lhe-se, the Maharaja of Bhutan and other Tibetan notables. Included are notes on British future policy in Tibet, translation of Tibetan letters and works of a religious nature, also official papers relating to Mongolia, Manchuria, Sinkiang and the USSR. Also included are 200 bundles of index cards used by Bell to index his files when writing his books on Tibet

**MSS Eur F 84 Elgin Collection**

Papers of Victor Alexander Bruce, 9th Earl of Elgin (1849–1917), Viceroy, 1894–99. Official correspondence relates to his Viceroyalty

**MSS Eur F 90 John Lawrence Collection**

Papers, dated 1841–79, of John Laird Mair Lawrence, 1st Baron Lawrence (1811–79), Viceroy, 1864–69. Official correspondence relates to the period before, during and after his Viceroyalty

**MSS Eur F 101 Henry McMahon Collection**

Papers of Sir Arthur Henry McMahon (1862–1949), Indian Political Service, 1883–1949. Appointed British plenipotentiary at the Simla Conference, 1913–14. The papers reflect his career on the North-West Frontier and only marginally of his connection with Tibet and the 1914 Simla Conference

**MSS Eur F 108 George White Collection**

Papers, dated 1853–1912, of Field Marshal Sir George White (1835–1912), Military Secretary to the Viceroy (1880–81), Commander-in-Chief, India, 1893–98. In the main, the papers deal with the conquest of Burma and contain memoranda on the Chinese frontier

**MSS Eur F 111 and F 112 Curzon Collection**

Papers of George Nathaniel Curzon, Marquess Curzon of Kedleston (1859–1925). The collection covers the whole of Curzon's varied career, private and official. Those which deal principally with Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim can be found in the official correspondence while Curzon was Under-Secretary of State at the India Office, 1891–92, at the Foreign Office, 1895–98 and as Viceroy, 1899–1905. A further section deals with Curzon's administration relating to Tibet, Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan, and correspondence relating to Curzon's book *Russia in Central Asia*. Papers relating to Tibet are also to be found during Curzon's charge at the Foreign Office in 1919 in F 112 but not extensively



**MSS Eur F 127 Strachey Collection**

Correspondence and papers, dated mainly 1826–1927, of Lieutenant General Sir Richard Strachey (1817–1908), Member of the Council of India, 1875, Finance Member and Military Member of the Supreme Council, 1878–79. For the most part, the collection consists of articles, pamphlets and correspondence on scientific subjects. Articles on a visit to Tibet were published during the period he was President of the Royal Geographical Society, 1887–90

**MSS Eur F 130 Dufferin and Ava Collection**

Printed copies of papers of Frederick Temple Hamilton-Temple Blackwood, 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava (1826–1902) as Viceroy, 1884–88. Official correspondence deals with letters and telegrams to and from the Secretary of State for India

**MSS Eur F 153 Ghose Collection**

Papers and draft novels, 1940–65, of Dr Sudhindra Nath Ghose (1899–1965), Bengali novelist. Included are an Anthology of Tibetan stories, 1965 [unpublished] and correspondence relating to a Buddhist exhibition held at Hammersmith Art Gallery, 1956

**MSS Eur F 157 Bailey Collection**

Papers, mainly dated 1855–1945, of Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Marshman Bailey (1882–1967), Indian Army, 1900–38, Indian Political Service, 1907–38. Member of the Younghusband Expedition, 1903, which started him on a secondary career as a naturalist, explorer and expert on Tibet and the states of the North-East Frontier. British Trade Agent at Gyantse, 1905–09, and Assistant Political Officer, Chumbi (now Yatung). Official correspondence relating to Bailey's career in Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan; diaries, reports, photographs of his various expeditions; drafts of published and unpublished writings

**MSS Eur F 160 Lytton Collection**

Papers of Victor Alexander George Robert Bulwer-Lytton, 2nd Earl of Lytton (1876–1947), Governor of Bengal, 1922–27, and Acting Viceroy, 1925. Official correspondence with Lord Reading, and the various Secretaries of State for India, ie Edwin Montagu, Lords Peel, Olivier and Birkenhead

**MSS Eur F 197 Younghusband Collection**

Papers of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Francis Edward Younghusband (1863–1942), Indian Political Service, 1890–1910, British Commissioner to Tibet, 1903–04, explorer and mystic. Official papers specifically dealing with Tibet are to be found in Younghusband's Tibet Mission papers, 1903–05, and his private correspondence with Curzon, his father and wife for the same period. Included are manuscripts and printed copies of books on Tibet, articles and pamphlets on the XIIIth Dalai Lama, and the geographical results of the Tibet Mission

**MSS Eur F 203 Caroe Collection**

Papers, mainly dated 1946–81, of Sir Olaf Kirkpatric Caroe (1892–1981), Indian Civil Service, 1920–23, Indian Political Service, 1923–47.

Correspondence relates to Caroe's Governorship of the North-West Frontier Province, 1946–47, and to the period of his retirement when he was involved in Tibetan affairs in the wake of the Chinese invasion and the flight of the XIVth Dalai Lama from Tibet. Also included is official correspondence with the British Government relating to Sikkim

**MSS Eur F 228/8 Kirkpatrick Collection**

Papers and correspondence, mainly dated 1782–1811, of Maj-Gen William Kirkpatrick (1754–1812), joined Bengal Army, 1773. Sent on mission to Nepal in 1793 by Lord Cornwallis to mediate between the Nepalese and Chinese. Resident in Hyderabad, 1793–97. Secretary to Marquess Wellesley, 1798–1801.

## Prints and Drawings (IOL)

The Prints and Drawings collection consists of various types of material. For the purpose of this guide, the material relating to Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim has been listed, with catalogue numbers and short descriptions in an approximately chronological order, by media, under three country headings. The types of material listed are (i) Western drawings, (ii) Prints, (iii) Photographs, (iv) Oriental drawings.

(i) Western drawings are mainly of India by European artists dating from the mid-eighteenth century onwards. Those relating to Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim reflect the interests of various travellers, British missions, botanical expeditions and Trigonometrical Surveys in the Himalaya. Separate drawings are mounted individually and arranged according to numbers and size [eg WD 3267]. Bound volumes or albums are given separate numbers which in turn are subdivided by folio numbers [eg WD 152/ff 1–26].

(ii) Prints are mainly British but the collection also includes prints published in France, Germany and Holland. Those relating to Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim, in general, deal with landscape, architecture and portraits of Tibetan, Bhutia and Lepcha men and women. The numbering of prints and engravings is pre-fixed with the letter P [eg P. 1315].

(iii) The Photograph collection, in the main, records landscapes, architecture, engineering projects, social scenes and portraits. It dates from the 1850s onwards and, in the case of the Himalayan kingdoms, includes the work of Johnston and Hoffman, John Claude White, Sir Charles Bell, Frank Ludlow and also photographs compiled by Lewin Bentham Bowring. Serial numbers have been given to each album or collection of photographs and sub-numbers to each item [eg Photo 355/1].

(iv) The oriental drawings in the collection relating to Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim are, for the most part by Tibetan, Nepali and Indian artists. Each drawing, whether separate or bound into an album, has a separate number [eg Add Or 3047–3058].

### **Tibet, Baltistan and Ladakh**

#### (i) WESTERN DRAWINGS

WD 348–350

Drawings in watercolour by Maj Hyder Young Hearsey (1782–1840), made on an expedition by Hearsey and Moorcroft to Tibet in 1812. Includes: the frontier village of 'Neetie, also called Leetie', 1812, and encampment at 'Ghertope'; also Hearsey and Moorcroft in Indian dress on the road to Lake Manasarowar.

## MSS Eur G 29 Moorcroft Collection

(f5a) Plan of irrigation for 'Pioo', Ladakh, 1821, (f5b) the 'Bandy' made use of in the game of polo, called in Ladakhi 'Benlo', 1822.

## WD 3110

Album of 154 drawings made between 1834 and 1839 by Godfrey Thomas Vigne (1801–1863) during two expeditions to Kashmir and Baltistan (Little Tibet): (ff 33a, 33b, 33c) portraits of a dancer and child of Little Tibet and of 'Moonshu Mohammad Shah', principal councillor of 'Ahmud Shah' of Little Tibet; (ff 46b, 46c, 46d) portraits of men of Little Tibet.

## WD 2331

Scrap book containing 102 drawings by Sir Richard Strachey (1817–1908) in pencil, pen and ink and watercolour and 23 lithographs and other prints, some of which relate to expeditions to Tibet in 1848 and 1849. The lithographs are Plates III–VII, IX–XIII, of Richard Strachey's *The Physical Geography of the Himalayas* [nd, and place of publication unknown]. The prints are illustrations of Strachey's *Narrative of a journey to the lakes of Rakas-tal and Manasarowar in Western Tibet undertaken in September, 1848*, *Geographical Journal* xv, Jan–Jun, 1900, pp. 150–70, 243–64, 394–415

## WD 2332

Scrapbook containing 86 drawings in pencil, pen and ink and water watercolour and four lithographs, 1839–67, a few of which relate to the 1848 and 1849 expeditions undertaken by Strachey to Tibet.

## WD 2336–2343

Drawings in pen and ink of wooded hills and mountains in Tibet made during Strachey's expedition in 1848.

## WD 2345–2346

Drawings in pencil by James Edward Winterbottom (1803–54) of Strachey and Winterbottom riding on yaks and also seated with Tibetans, 1848.

## WD 3315

Drawing in watercolour by Henry Ambrose Oldfield (1822–71) of a Tibetan prayer wheel at 'Buddhnatti', Nepal, 1854.

## WD 3272

Drawing in crayons by Ayrton Pullan (1834–91) of a view of Leh in Ladakh, 1866–67.

## WD 295–302

Drawings of Ladakh by Stanley Leighton (1837–1901); also copies of sketches of Leh, 'Stok', 'Chinry' and other places made by Dr Henry Gayley (1834–1904) on an expedition to Ladakh, 1868.

## WD 1159–1222

64 drawings by Norman Victor Lacey Rybot (1876–1961) in pencil, pen and ink and watercolour, made during the Younghusband Expedition to Tibet,

1903–04. Includes: views of mountains, villages, forts, camps and convoys; portraits of army officers and Tibetans and studies of Tibetan objects.

WD 3690, WD 3692

Drawings in watercolour by Percy Brown (1872–1955) of a monk from ‘Tashilumpo’ monastery in Shigatse, Tibet, and of a Tibetan trader in Sikkim, 1915.

WD 3706–3710

Drawings in watercolour by Muriel Brown (fl 1908–43) of a Tibetan woman, children and a Tibetan nun at Gyantse, Tibet, 1915.

WD 3392

A sketchbook by Lady Heather Frances Bourne (b 1898–) which includes landscapes and studies of figures and animals in the Himalaya, Kangra and Ladakh.

WD 4016

Portrait by Mrs Ruby K Gray (fl 1917–70) of a Tibetan woman, inscribed Tibetan wife.

WD 4018

Portrait of a Tibetan trader.

See also MSS Eur D 1037 for Mrs Gray’s Journal.

## (ii) PRINTS

P 1313

‘Masharbrum Peak’, Baltistan (Little Tibet), engraved illustration from the *Illustrated London News*, 2 January, 1869.

## (iii) PHOTOGRAPHS

W 4772

J Forbes Watson and John William Kaye (eds.). *The people of India; a series of photographic illustrations with descriptive letterpress* (India Museum, London, 1868). Vol I (53–55), portrait of a Tibetan man and a ‘Bhotia’ man and women [unidentified photographers].

Photo 27

(93) Tibetan and Bhutanese labourers at Darjeeling, 1870

Photo 355/1

(43b–45d) Yarkand Mission camp and views of Leh, Ladakh, 1873; (46a, 46c) shrines and temples, and Yarkand Mission camp above ‘Tooti Aylak, Sasser Pass’, Tibet, 1873.

Phot 475

(14c) three young Tibetan women in Nepal, 1875.

Photo 15/10

(49) group of Tibetan women, 1880.

Photo 10

28 albums of photographs and press cuttings of the Marquess of Reading (1860–1935).

Photo 10/1

(34b, 34d, 34e) Lamas in masks and a women from Jammu, 1922.

Photo 10/17

(1–11) Mount Everest Expedition, 1924.

Photo 431/1

(47, 47d) Tibetan traders and Lamas and 'devil dancers' at Darjeeling, 1925 from the Viscount Goschen Collection.

Photo 743/4

61 photographs of views in Tibet, by Frank Ludlow (1885–1972), and the school at Gyantse, 1923–26.

Photo 743/5

368 snapshots of Tibet, 1923–26.

Photo 743/7

200 photographs of western Tibet and Kashmir, the 'Depsang plains and Shyok river'; Lama dancers, 1929.

Photo 743/8

409 snapshots of Tibet, Turkistan, Kashmir, including studies of flowers, birds and animals, 1929.

Photo 743/9

416 snapshots of places and people in Tibet, Sind, Kashmir and Bhutan, 1933.

Photo 743/10

408 snapshots of Tibet and Bhutan, 1934, including the Potala in Lhasa, 'Lobas', monasteries and natural history in south-east Tibet, 1946–47. Also a group photograph of the Tibetan Mission in Delhi, April 1946, with Frank Ludlow.

Photo 6/1–19

Extensive collection of photographs, pre-1933 and 1933–34 by Sir Charles Bell (1878–1945). For references and description of the photographs under 48 sectional headings, see Photo 6/16–19 [typescript] *Guide to Sectional Index of Photographs*. See also MSS Eur F 80/5h v–viii, Bell Collection.

MSS Eur G 38 Lewin Bentham Bowring Collection

Vol III, f 192, portrait photographs of 'Sheng Tai', Amban in Tibet, 1888–1891; of 'Penchoo Dorze-Shapé-se', Kalon or Shapé of Tibet; a group including 'Sring Denpo, Tenzing Tendup, Chesson Tendup, Khyun Rampa, Pu Wangden and Penchoo Dorze Shapé'.

Photo 430/54–55

56 photographs of the Sikkim-Tibet frontier taken during the boundary demarcation expedition from Gangtok, Sikkim, 1902. Including views of

identified mountains, passes, glaciers, forts and monasteries.

Photographer, John Claude White.

Photo 430/53

89 photographs of Tibet taken on the British Mission to Lhasa, 1904, including views of mountains, monasteries and mission camp scenes.

Photographer, John Claude White.

(82) portrait of Tri Rimpoché of Tibet, Acting Regent during the British Mission to Lhasa, 1904.

(84) Yu-T'ai, the Chinese Amban at Lhasa, 1904. Photographers, Johnston and Hoffman.

Photo 613

(34-35, 37-38) the Potala, Lhasa, 1904. Photographer, John Claude White.

Photo 8

Photographs taken on the Younghusband Mission to Tibet, 1903-04 of (a) a smallpox edict pillar, and (b) the Jo-Khang in Lhasa.

Photo 430/56

48 photographs attributed to Capt Cecil Godfrey Rawling (1870-1917) of the expedition to Gartok in Tibet, 1904-05.

Photo 56

(31) Tibetan religious mendicants, taken during Sir Henry Mortimer Durand's Mission to Afghanistan, 1905

MSS Eur F 138/190 Laithwaite Collection

(22) Hemis Monastery in Tibet, with a group of masked dancers, 1920.

#### (iv) ORIENTAL DRAWINGS

Add Or 3047-3058

Tibetan artist, probably at Lhasa, c1800. Drawings in gouache, 11 of Tibetan deities, and 1 meditation drawing bound into a volume thought to have been in the possession of Sir Gore Ouseley (1770-1884) during his time in India, 1788-1805.

Add Or 1366-1369

Indian artist, probably at Amritsar, c1838-39. Drawings in pencil and watercolour of Tibetan men and women, a Tibetan Lama, a man from Ladakh, in an album of drawings depicting people of the Panjab and neighbouring areas.

Add Or 3013-3043

Tibetan artist, c1844-62. 6 large picture maps in ink and watercolour of Tibet and 25 drawings in watercolour of places, monasteries, people and ceremonies in Tibet, inscribed with notes in Tibetan characters. Bound into 3 volumes, each binding of which is lettered: *Wise, Tibetan drawings*.

Add Or 3044

Tibetan artist, mid-nineteenth century. Drawing in gouache on cloth of Buddhist deities.

Add Or 3045

Tibetan artist, mid-nineteenth century.

Prayer scroll, gouache on cloth with silk brocade ends on rollers.

Add Or 3046

Tibetan artist, c1880. Drawing in pen and ink and watercolour of a Tibetan *Mandala*.

Add Or 3296

Nepali or Indian artist, c1860. Drawings in watercolour of a Buddhist Lama from Lhasa, 'Bhotia' men and women and beggars from Lhasa, and from the Province of Kham in eastern Tibet.

## Sikkim

### (i) WESTERN DRAWINGS

WD 2887

(ff 8–13, 16, 17) drawings in watercolour by John Beames (1837–1902) of places in Sikkim made over a four day period in August 1865. Includes: the 'Pemyongchi' monastery, the ruined palace at 'Rebdinchi', the 'Teesta' river, the Buddhist prayer-wall at 'Gyazhing', and portraits of 'Bhotia' women.

WD 1132–1158

Drawings in various media by Norman Victor Lacey Rybot made during the Younghusband Expedition to Tibet, 1903, showing roads being excavated, bridges, camps, Buddhist temples at 'Pakyong, Gnatong and the Jelep Pass'; also portraits of 'Bhotias'.

WD 3698–3700

Drawings from a sketching book by Percy Brown made during 1910–15, of hill figures either in Sikkim or Nepal.

WD 3689–3691 and WD 3693, WD 3694

Drawings in watercolour of people in Sikkim, 1915 including a woman from Chumbi, a monk from the 'Rhumtok' monastery, a yellow hat Lama and a woman spinning at 'Lachen'.

WD 3704–3705

Drawings in watercolour by Muriel Brown of a water carrier and a Lepcha man and woman in Sikkim, 1915.

### (ii) PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo 615

(12) 'Tchebu Lama', Minister of Sikkim, with two retainers, Darjeeling 1860. Photographer, Lt Col Henry C James.

J Forbes Watson and John William Kaye (eds), *op cit* Vol 1 (44–50) portraits of



Lepcha and 'Bhotia' men, women and groups; (51) 'Tchebu Lama', Minister of Sikkim [unidentified photographers].

Photo 355/1

(7a & 7b), the Raja of Sikkim, his wife and retinue with the Lieut Governor of Bengal at Darjeeling (? 1870).

Photo 99

(51), the Maharani of Sikkim, wife of Maharaja 'Thotab Namgue' (1851–1914), Calcutta, 1877. (96) 'Thotab Namgue', Maharaja of Sikkim, 1877. (94) 'Sidkeong Tulku', Maharaj Kumar of Sikkim (heir-apparent), (1879–1914), Calcutta, 1900. Photographers, Johnston and Hoffman.

Photo 143

(21) 'King-la Pass' from the west, 1885.

Photo 430/53

Views in Sikkim, 1902–03. (3) Glacial lake, 'Lonak valley'. (9) nuns of 'Ta-tshang' monastery (13) 'Natu-la Pass' from 'Champitang' in Tibet (20) 'Chomolhari' peak with Tibet Mission Force camp at 'Pha-ri-jong' in foreground. (24) 'Changu Lake' near 'Natu-la'. Photographer, John Claude White.

Photo 430/54 and 430/55

55 photographs of the Sikkim-Tibet frontier taken during the boundary demarcation expedition from Gangtok, Sikkim in 1902, including views of identified mountains and passes, glaciers, 'Langpo Chu, Kinchinjanga and Lamtung monastery'. Photographer, John Claude White.

Photo 355/6

(44a) Sikkim footmen with lancers in the Retainers Review, Delhi Darbar, 1903.

MSS Eur G 38 Lewin Bentham Bowring Collection

Vol I, f 34, Maharaja of Sikkim. Includes: a notice on the history of the government of Sikkim; 2 sketch maps; a description of the coat of arms, a pedigree and painting of a seal of the Maharaja of Sikkim; a notice on three Lamas; a gouache portrait of Maharaja 'Sidkeong Namgue', enthroned; an unidentified cutting from an early 20th century magazine article showing a photograph of the Maharani of Sikkim in her palace at Gangtok, 1905

Photo 431/8

(12) Snapshot view of a valley in Sikkim, 1925 from the Viscount Goschen Collection.

Photo 1/2D

(17 v. a) Sikkimese *chaprassis*, Delhi, 1929 by Sir Harold Wilberforce-Bell (1885–1956).

Photo 743/6

87 photographs of Bhutan 1928, by Frank Ludlow, including portraits of 'Thotab Namgue', Maharaja of Sikkim with bodyguards and officials.

## Photo 6/1–19

22 photographs by Sir Charles Bell, 16 of Lepchas, 5 taken in Gangtok and a portrait of the Maharaja of Sikkim, 1933–34. See Photo 6/16 [typescript], *Guide to Sectional Index of Photographs, 1933–34*. See also MSS Eur F 80/5vii–viii, Bell Collection.

## MSS Eur F 138/59 Laithwaite Collection

Photographs taken during the Viceregal visit of Lord Linlithgow to Sikkim, in April 1939.

(134–36) the Residency, Gangtok, Sikkim. (139, 142, 149) The Palace, Gangtok, Sikkim.

**Bhutan**

## (i) WESTERN DRAWINGS

## WD 3267–71

Watercolours of landscapes by Lieut Samuel Davis of the palace-fort of 'Tashichodzong at Thimpu', the valley near Thimpu, and the palace at Punakha painted during Turner's embassy to Tibet, 1783.

## WD 545

Drawings by John Ruggles (1827–1919) in pencil and grey wash from original sketches of 1865, (ff 5–12) showing the 'Bala' stockade, the camp of the 19th Bengal Native Infantry at 'Sabzee' and the 'Sorobah's' house.

## WD 3828–39

Drawings by William Henderson (b. 1903) in watercolour from a sketch book, including a portrait, studies of figures and landscapes of Damtang, Ha Dzong, Paro and Paro valley in western Bhutan.

## (ii) PRINTS

## P. 1315

'The war in Bhootan: Punakha, Bhootan', the burnt palace of the 'Raja of Saleeka', engraved illustration from the *Illustrated London News*, 28 Apr 1866.

## X 655

Lieut Samuel Davis, *Views in Bootan*, 6 aquatints by William Daniell, in portfolio (London, 1813).

## (iii) PHOTOGRAPHS

## W 4772

J Forbes Watson and John William Kaye (eds), *op cit.* Vol I: (42) Bhutanese man, (43) group of Bhutanese men [unidentified photographers].

## Photo 27

(93) Bhutanese and Tibetan labourers at Darjeeling, 1870.

Photo 430/53

(84) Sir Ugyen Wangchuk (1861–1926), the Tongsa Penlop, with retinue at Lhasa, 1904. Photographers, Johnston and Hoffman.

Photo 355/6

(61) Sir Ugyen Wangchuk, the Tongsa Penlop, seated, Lhasa, 1904.

Photo 20

40 photographs taken by John Claude White during his mission to Bhutan, 1904–05, including 6 portraits of Sir Ugyen Wangchuk, the Tongsa Penlop, and 1 of 'Cho-le Tul-Ku', Deb Raja of Bhutan; views of monasteries at 'Tashichuu Jong, Tongsa, Punaka and Duk-gye Jong'; also views of a 'Chörten, Angauchaling and Paro Jong'.

Photo 613

43 photographs of Bhutan, 1905, including a series of monasteries, the house of the Paro Penlop of Bhutan and of the Paro Penlop's wives, 'Chalu Thang and Tchin-chu valley'. 15 items are duplicated in Photo 20.

MSS Eur G 38 Lewin Bentham Bowring Collection

Vol I, f 33, the Dharma Raja of Bhutan. Includes: a sketch map of Bhutan, watercolour copy of a portrait of 'Jigten-Gonpo' founder of the 'Dikhung School' of Tibetan Buddhism, photographs of Sir Ugyen Wangchuk, of the Dharma Raja of Bhutan and of 'Chole Tulku', Deb Raja of Bhutan, 1905; letter from the Dharma Raja [with] state seal, and letter from the Deb Raja of Bhutan; an undated and unidentified newspaper cutting giving the history of the government of Bhutan; photographs of the 'Tri Rimpoché' and the 'Ta Lama' of Tibet, and of the 'Tashi Lama' [Panchen Lama] of Tibet.

Vol III, f 105, the Dharma Raja of Bhutan. Includes: a history notice, a painting of 'Jigten-Gonpo', the Dharma Raja of Bhutan and two letters.

Photo 743/5

368 snapshots, by Frank Ludlow of Bhutan and Tibet, 1923–26, including landscapes, domestic architecture and groups of figures.

Photo 743/6

87 photographs including the Maharaja of Bhutan's welcome party outside Dewangiri with various members of the Maharaja's entourage, 1928.

Photo 743/9

416 snapshots of places and people in Bhutan, Tibet, Sind and Kashmir, 1933.

Photo 743/10

403 snapshots, inscribed 'Bhutan-Tibet, 1934', of places, people and natural history, 1934.

Photo 6/1–19

Photographs mainly of Tibet by Sir Charles Bell; the collection also contains material on Bhutan. See Photo 6/16 [typescript], *Guide to Sectional Index of Photographs, 1933–34*. See also MSS Eur F 80/5h. vii–viii, Bell Collection.

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## Tibetan Language Material (IOL)

The IOLR's collection of Tibetan block-books and manuscripts is comparable in depth and quality only with that of its sister department of the British Library, Oriental Collections. The foundation of IOLR's collection goes back to the donation in 1852 of a Narthang Kanjur (Tib O-V, 105 vols) and Tanjur (Tib W-Y, 223 vols) by Brian Hodgson, British Political Resident in Nepal, and the mysterious acquisition around 1846 of 14 manuscript volumes comprising the *Śer-phyin* (*Prajña-pāramitā*) section of a magnificent St Petersburg Tripitaka, in circumstances unrecorded in the Library's Day Books. Both great collections, however, like those of Oxford and Cambridge universities, owe their rapid growth at the beginning of this century to the archaeological activities and the enterprise of L A Waddell, Medical Officer to Younghusband's political mission to Lhasa (1903–04), and Sir Marc Aurel Stein. The library owes to these two men such treasures as Waddell's 29-volume *minri-ma'i-rgyud-'bum* (tantras of the Nying-ma-pa or oldest sect of Tibetan Buddhism); the pre-11th century religious and literary texts collected by Stein from the immured monastic cave library at Tun-huang; and over 3,000 documents on paper and wood from various sites in Tibet and Central Asia.

Individual collections, with numbers used for requisitioning items, are as follows:

- A-H. Narthang Kanjur (Waddell Collection). Boxed 99 vols (5 missing)
- I. A portion of the Lhasa Collection (brought back by Lt-Col Waddell from the Younghusband Mission, and dispersed in British Libraries in 1905) containing approximately 340 xylograph and ms works.
- J. The literary mss, mostly Buddhist, of the Stein Tibetan Collection (Second Expedition, ie Tun-huang).
- K-N. Approximately 2,300 documents, quasi-official or personal, brought back by Stein.
- K. Second Expedition; documents on wood.
- L. Second Expedition; documents on paper.
- M. Third Expedition; documents on paper.
- N. Third Expedition; documents on wood.
- O-V. Narthang Kanjur (Hodgson Collection). Bound 105 vols.
- O. Dul-ba.
- P. Śer-phyin.
- Q. Dkon-brtsegs.
- R. Phal-chen.
- S. Mdo.
- T. Rgyud.
- U. Rgyud.
- V. Dkar-chag.
- W-Y. Narthang Tanjur (Hodgson Collection). Boxed 223 vols.
- W. Bstod.

X. Rgyud.

Y. Mdo.

Z. St Petersburg Academy donation (c 1846) containing 14 vols of the 'Red [so-called because the print is red] Pekin' Kanjur, Śer-phyin section.

AA. SC Das Collection.

BB. The Denison Ross purchase (acquired 1907). 33 MSS, 45 blockprints.

CC. Miscellaneous MSS and block-prints acquired by donation or purchase from the collections of Ettinghausen, Teichman, Kegan Paul, F W Thomas, Cox, Harland, and other sources.

DD. Rñin-ma'i-rgyud 'bum. 29 vols.

While scholarship is at a preliminary stage in assessing the linguistic and cultural significance of these several collections, the following catalogues represent progress made so far in their description:

Poussin, Louis de Vallee, *Catalogue of the Tibetan MSS from Tun-huang in the India Office Library*. London, 1962. Ross, E D, *A new collection of Tibetan books*. Calcutta, 1907. Thomas, F W, *Inventory of the Lhasa Collection of Tibetan works amassed by Lt Col L A Waddell, 1903-04 and deposited in the India Office Library*. [nd] (MSS Eur. D 496). Denwood, P, *Catalogue of Tibetan MSS and block-prints in the India Office Library outside the Stein Collection* [This list supersedes the previous item], London, 1975. Waddell, L A, 'Tibetan manuscripts and books, etc, collected during the Younghusband Mission to Lhasa' (*Asiatic Quarterly* vol 34 (1912) 80-113). Smith, E Gene. *Tibetan catalogue* [of microfilm copies made from Tibetan material in libraries in Europe and Great Britain including IOLR], Seattle, 1969.

The Library holds some 480 Tibetan printed books. These include the Tokyo Tripitaka (Otani) in 168 vols; the complete works of the great masters of the Sa-Skya (-pa) sect (Tokyo 1968), in 15 vols; and several other multi-volume works. All relevant issues in the Satapitaka Series of the International Academy of Indian Culture (New Delhi) have been acquired.

In building up the Library's collection of Tibetan printed books emphasis has been placed on areas strongly represented in the collection of manuscripts and blockprints: thus Nying-ma-pa texts, for instance, have been acquired rather than Bon-po. In recent years the acquisition of colloquial texts and teaching aids has been left to the Library of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.



# Appendix: Brief notes on other archival sources in Britain, India, Sikkim, Bhutan and China

## 1. THE BRITISH LIBRARY: DEPARTMENT OF MANUSCRIPTS

Limited material relating to the early period of Anglo-Tibetan relations is to be found in the Additional MSS. The following have been consulted.

BL Add MSS 39871, f. 51

BL Add MSS 39892, f. 22 and f. 26

## 2. THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

Copies of the greater part of the correspondence between the Government of India and the India Office relating to Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan and those concerned with the conduct of British relations with China, were sent by the India Office to the Foreign Office. This correspondence comprises Foreign Office minutes and despatches and Consular reports from Chungking and Nanking in China. Also included is correspondence from St Petersburg specifically relating to Tibet and Sikkim; from the Political Officer in Sikkim, the Trade Agent at Gyantse and Chumbi and the Nepalese Government. The material is to be found particularly in the Foreign Office Confidential Prints published on a yearly basis. They have proved to be an invaluable source of information for all aspects of this study. The following series have been consulted:

FO 17 China. This series, listed as Various contains correspondence from the India Office in the form of drafts, despatches, draft telegrams, telegrams.

FO 17/1108, FO 17/1109, FO 17/1745-1756 deal solely with Tibet and Sikkim.

FO 228. The series contains correspondence between the Peking Legation, its Consulates and the Government of India.

FO 65 Russia. The series contains correspondence between the Russian Foreign Ministry in St Petersburg and the Foreign Office in London. For the purpose of this study, correspondence relevant to Tibet and China has been consulted.

## 3. NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA, NEW DELHI

Range of materials relating to Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan closely parallel the official records in the India Office. This is particularly true with reference to the Bengal and India Proceedings for the early years of the East India Company's rule in Bengal, and later for British administration in India.

**4. THE DALAI LAMA'S LIBRARY OF TIBETAN WORKS AND ARCHIVES, DHARAMSALA**

Contains a large collection of rare Tibetan texts and manuscripts, the emphasis being on works of a religious nature. There is also a section on archives relating to monasterial administration in the Tibetan provinces, edicts from the Dalai Lamas, documents relating to tax and revenue systems.

**5. THE NAMYGAL INSTITUTE OF TIBETOLOGY, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

No information regarding the extent of its archival holdings.

**6. ROYAL BHUTAN LIBRARY, THIMPHU, BHUTAN**

Large collection of Bhutanese records and religious manuscripts. Also correspondence with the British Government, the Deb Raja, the Tongsa Penlop, the Paro Penlop during the Bhutan War. Contains correspondence of the Deb Raja and the Tongsa Penlop with Colonel Younghusband during the Tibet Mission to Lhasa in 1904.

**7. STATE ARCHIVES OF CHINA**

The archives of the Ming and Qing period relating to foreign affairs are divided between the Palace Museum in Taiwan, the Institute of Modern History in the Academia Sinica in Taiwan, and the Ming-Qing archives, sometimes known as the Number One Archives in Beijing. The last institution contains the documents of the Zong li Yamen [referred to in this study as the Tsungli Yamen] or the Century Foreign Affairs Office. The collection numbers some 100,000 items and includes material dealing with about fifty foreign countries. Some foreign language materials, among them Tibetan, Mongol, Uighur and Manchu, are to be found among the Zong li Yamen Collections; foreign language documentation also exists in other parts of the Ming-Qing archives. Documents relating to the Republican period are housed in Nanjing and are known as the Number Two Archives.

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