

**AUSTRALIAN JOINT COPYING PROJECT**

**PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE**

**Lists of Colonial Office records**

**Reels M418-20, M422**

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Chancery Lane  
London WC2A 1LR**

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 1911 the Public Record office published a *List of Colonial Office records*. About forty years later, it was superseded by a ten volume typescript entitled *Comprehensive list of Colonial office records*, which was shelved in the Round Reading Room of the Public Record Office. These volumes were arranged alphabetically by the name of the colony. For each colony the relevant classes were listed and within each class all the pieces (usually bound volumes) were listed, with their titles and date ranges. Two supplementary volumes were later produced, which listed the non-geographical classes that dealt with the colonies generally or with broad subjects, such as emigration and honours.

The Australian Joint Copying Project microfilmed those sections of the *Comprehensive list of Colonial Office records* that related to the colonies in Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific and South East Asia. It also filmed on reel M419 the sections dealing with a few colonies that were outside this region but which conceivably might have contained some Australian material, such as Mauritius and the Falkland Islands. (As it eventuated, none of these records were ever filmed by the AJCP, although it did film a few reels relating to Gibraltar, Bermuda and Newfoundland.) The two supplementary volumes were filmed in their entirety on reel M420.

The National Library of Australia and the State Library of New South Wales hold photocopies of the extracts of the lists filmed by the AJCP, excluding those on reel M419. They are bound in four blue volumes and are often known as 'the Blue Books'.

The lists are identical in form and level of detail with those in Part 2 of the *Australian Joint Copying Project Handbook* (1984), which covers the Colonial Office. The microfilm, however, includes lists of some classes that were not filmed by the AJCP, particularly those relating to South East Asia.

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### **LISTS OF COLONIAL OFFICE RECORDS**

#### **Reel M418**

##### **Extracts from the Comprehensive list of Colonial Office records (10 vols.)**

Auckland Islands (3 classes)

Australasia (1 class)

Australia, General (8 classes)

Australia, Commonwealth of (7 classes)

Australia, North (1 class)

Australia, South (11 classes)

Australia, Western (11 classes)

Australia and New Zealand (2 classes)

Borneo, British North (5 classes)

Brunei (1 class)

East Indies (1 class)

Eastern (1 class)

Fiji (11 classes)

Johore (2 classes)

Kedah and Perlis (2 classes)

Kelantan (1 class)

Labuan (10 classes)

Negri Sembilan, Sungei Ujong and Jelebu (2 classes)

New Guinea, British (Papua) (7 classes)

New Guinea (former German territory) (1 class)

New Hebrides (2 classes)

New South Wales (12 classes)  
New Zealand (13 classes)  
Malay States, Federated (7 classes)  
Malaya, British (1 class)  
Pacific, Western (6 classes)  
Pahang (2 classes)  
Perak (2 classes)  
Queensland (10 classes)  
Sarawak (2 classes)  
Selangor (2 classes)  
Solomon Islands, British Protectorate (2 classes)  
Straits Settlements (10 classes)  
Sungei Ujong (2 classes)  
Tasmania (10 classes)  
Tonga (2 classes)  
Trengganu (1 class)  
Victoria (11 classes)

## **Reel 419**

### **Extracts from the Comprehensive list of Colonial Office records (contd.)**

Hong Kong (11 classes)  
Mauritius (14 classes)  
Seychelles (7 classes)  
Falkland Islands (12 classes)  
Wei Hai Wei (5 classes)

## **Reel 420**

### **Supplementary list, vol. 1**

Accounts Branch (3 classes)

Lord Aylmer's papers (1 class)

Chief Clerk (1 class)

Colonial statistical tables (1 class)

Colonies (General) (14 classes)

Confidential Print (8 classes)

Correspondence, Indexes (1 class)

### **Supplementary list, vol. 2**

Duplicates (1 class)

Emigration (6 classes)

Governors' pensions (1 class)

Honours (3 classes)

Maps (1 class)

Patronage (2 classes)

Precedence, general (1 class)

Registers (5 classes)

St Michael and St George, Order of (5 classes)

Board of Trade (commercial) (4 classes)

Reel M421 was not used

### **Reel M422**

Introductory note by Phyllis Mander-Jones, the AJCP Officer, on the lists of Colonial Office records, followed by lists of the classes of Australasian and Pacific interest. (typescript, 10pp)

The classes listed by Mander-Jones are those covered on reels M418 and M420, but not those on reel M419.