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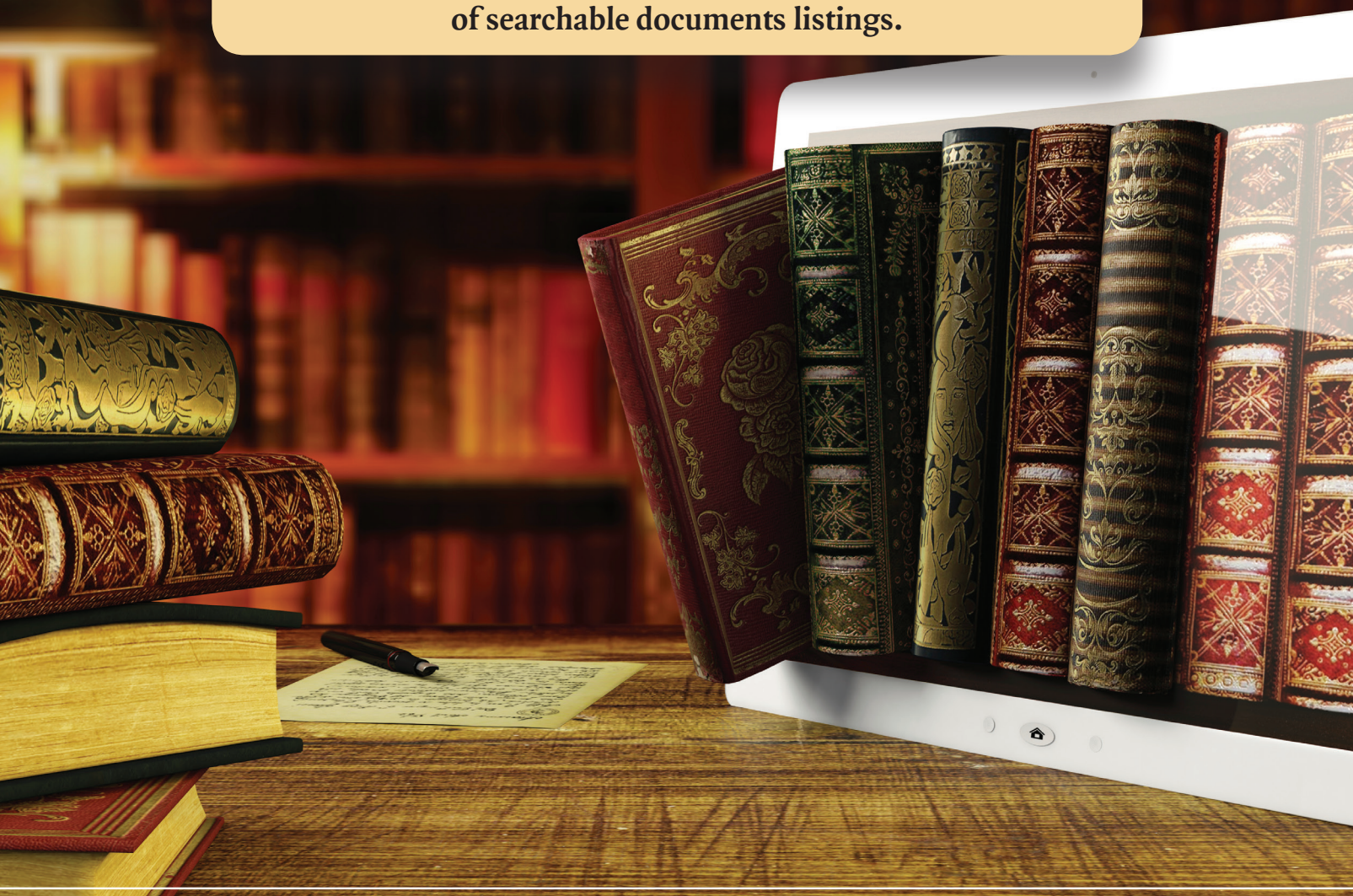
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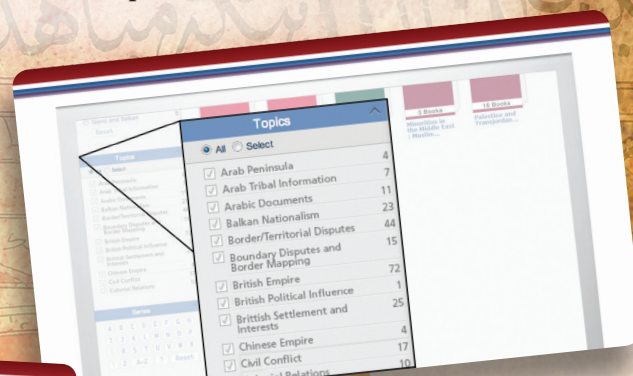
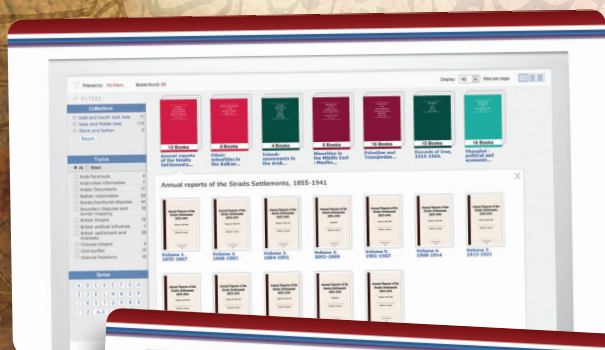
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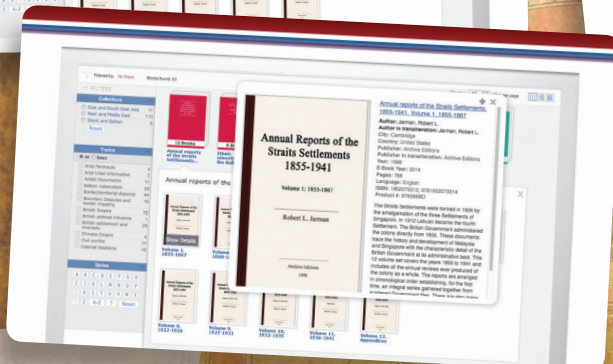
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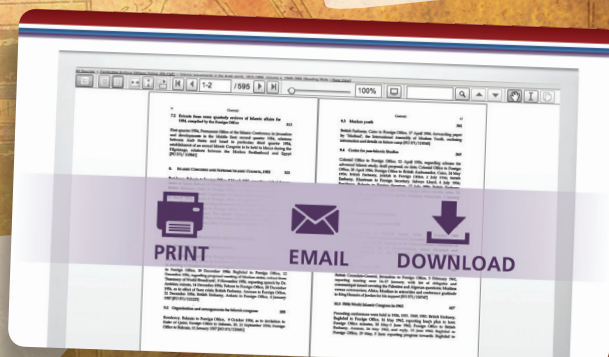
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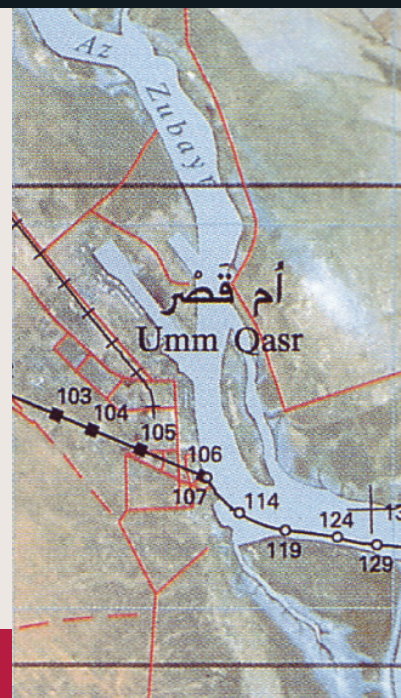
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Dr. Hussain M. Al Baharna; Former Minister of Legal Affairs, Bahrain

Dr Al Baharna took his doctorate in public international law at Cambridge and is a member of the bar at Lincoln's Inn, London. He was Minister for Legal Affairs in Bahrain from 1971 to 1995 and then Legal Counsel for the State of Bahrain on International Law.

This study presents an account of the exercise of extra-territorial jurisdiction by Britain in the Arab Gulf States during the period before they gained full sovereignty and independence. This work provides a valuable analysis of the working of the British Court System in the Arab context. The material is based on the author's original research among the juridical records of the British Court for Bahrain and on interviews with judges and lawyers of the period.

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7 volumes including map box, 4000 pages; ISBN 9781852075859; ISSN 1351-363X

For the first four volumes the Editor's aim has been to guide the reader through all the relevant, publicly-available documents which have shaped the evolution of the international boundary between Iraq and Kuwait, from Ottoman times to the recent operations of the United Nations. In volumes 5 to 6 of the collection attention is paid to the emerging international status of Kuwait, Britain's role in this process and Ottoman and Iraqi claims to the sovereignty or suzerainty of Kuwait. This publication provides primary source materials relating to the history of the two separate, and seemingly contradictory, territorial claims that successive Iraqi governments have maintained with respect to the state of Kuwait and its territory. Volume 7 is a substantial set of maps demonstrating the boundary at different periods.

Documentary Studies in Arabian Geopolitics: The Lower Gulf Islands: Abu Musa and the Tunbs Dispute

6 volumes, 4000 pages; ISBN 9781852074906; ISSN 1351-363X

Disputes over the status of Abu Musa and the Tunbs dominate the maritime history of the southern Persian Gulf as recorded for the last hundred years in the archives of the Foreign Office and the British government in India. This series of volumes makes available for the first time the vital historical evidence pertaining to the status of the islands.

The issues involve Iran, the UAE, Abu Musa, the Tunbs, the lower Persian Gulf islands and the Strait of Hormuz. These volumes present balanced historical evidence on the long-standing dispute over island sovereignty, documenting successive Iranian claims and also the positions taken by the British government on behalf of the Qasimi shakhdoms before UAE independence.

Documentary Studies in Arabian Geopolitics: The Red Sea Region: Sovereignty, Boundaries and Conflict, 1839–1967

6 volumes, 5500 pages; ISBN 9781840972306; ISSN 1351-363X

This 5500 page collection documents the political and territorial changes within and between states bordering the Red Sea, or linked with it, including islands and European colonies. Although the dates chosen inevitably reflect the British provenance of the records, corresponding as they do with Britain's acquisition of Aden in 1839 and departure from it in 1967, the collection is much more than this. It is a study of Ottoman influence; European encroachments and the building of the Suez Canal; erosion and collapse of Ottoman sovereignty; consolidation of European presence and rise of nationalism in Egypt and Arabia; the Italo-Ethiopian crisis and the Red Sea in the Second World War; the Suez Crisis; and the waning of British influence in the region post-World War II.

Documentary Studies in Arabian Geopolitics: South-West Arabia: the Saudi–Yemen Dispute

6 volumes, 4000 pages; ISBN 9781852074807; ISSN 1351-363X

These six volumes cover the period from 1802 to 1966 and provide the reader with a wide historical context in which to view the efforts to finalise the political map of the south-western peninsula. Any settlement finally reached between Saudi Arabia and Yemen, whether by direct negotiations, third-party mediation or arbitration, will need to take full account of a number of critical factors which have shaped the history of their borderlands: the nature, strength and relevance of historic claims; the allegiance of tribes; and the degree to which effective occupancy has been extended to the territory claimed by each state. Much useful information on these questions is provided in the records maintained by the British Government during their 129-year stay in Aden, selectively reproduced in this collection.

Documentary Studies in Arabian Geopolitics: The UAE: Internal Boundaries and the Boundary with Oman

8 volumes, including 2 map boxes, 4000 pages; ISBN 9781852075750; ISSN 1351-363X

Editor: J.F. Walker, CMG, MBE

A definitive guide to the internal boundaries of the seven Emirates and the UAE–Oman boundary in a comprehensive collection of British documents covering the settlement of virtually all the onshore boundaries. The documentation from the 1949–1962 period is of particular importance because no boundaries in the area had been settled before 1949, while the majority of the onshore boundaries, both within the Trucial States and with Oman, were delimited by 1962. Certain boundaries are still being finalised [as at publication], as is shown by the announcement of agreement over the Ras al Khaimah–Umm al Qawain boundary, and by work done by Sharjah to physically demarcate its boundaries with neighbour Emirates. The Editor, Julian Walker, carries special authority as a former ambassador who has long been personally involved in the arbitration and delimitation of Emirates territory.

Contained in the map boxes is a superb collection of maps, including the series of 1957–1960 sketch maps drawn by Mr Walker and made public here for the first time.

The Expansion of Wahhabi Power in Arabia 1798–1932: British Documentary Records

8 volumes, 5500 pages; ISBN 978184097270 2

The objective of this collection is to use contemporary documents to depict the gradual spread of Wahhabism within the Arabian Peninsula. It covers the period when Wahhabism and its adherents, a proportion of the al-Saud of Najd, attempted to spread their power base and impose Wahhabism, while enduring numerous defeats and set-backs, but also waves of success. Ultimately it might be argued that the support of the

British government was crucial from 1925 to 1932 for Ibn Saud's eventual and ultimate defeat of the Akhwan revolts, in which one type of Wahhabism, that which endorsed constant and forceful territorial expansion, was itself defeated. However, this collection of documents is not presented as a history of the rise to power of the al-Saud, and the formation of the state of Saudi Arabia but instead is an attempt to focus on Wahhabism as the pivotal and driving force to that expansion.

- 5,500-page collection of facsimile original documents offering access to primary source material on this topic rarely available outside the British archives.
- This collection sheds light on the history of Wahhabism and shows how it has been used in the past as a powerful political tool.
- An understanding of Wahhabism, the dominant form of Islam in Saudi Arabia, is key to an understanding of modern fundamentalist beliefs.

Foreign Office Annual Reports from Arabia 1930–1960

4 volumes, 2400 pages; ISBN 9781852073459

This publication establishes the complete series of available Ambassadors' Reports for the Arabian peninsula up to 1960.

In 1930 the British Legation in Jedda was the first diplomatic post in Arabia to produce an Annual Report on Hejaz–Nejd. Thereafter, Annual Reports were sent from all British diplomatic representatives in Arabia, including Ambassadors, Ministers and the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf. Reports are found for Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Persian Gulf, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. The Annual Reports cover all events of significance in each country, details of trade and economic activity and external relations with other Arab states, Britain and other powers.

Gazetteer of Arabian Tribes

18 volumes, 12000 pages; 6 tribal maps; ISBN 9781852077006

This gazetteer, after years of research, provides a magnificent collection of historical descriptions of Arabian tribes from British archival sources in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Some 745 tribes are included, representing most of the major clans and families in the Arabian peninsula. From Iraq and Syria the geographic coverage includes Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States to Oman, the Hadhramaut and Yemen. The records show territories and nomadic routes, tribal relations and allegiance, military strength, personalities and modern influence. These 12,000 pages, supported by 6 tribal maps, provide the broadest array ever assembled of English language historical references concerning approximately 745 tribes, tribal confederations and clans in the Arabian peninsula. The editor has sought to provide substantial descriptive references on the tribes. He has included references to tribal movements where significant and to the irregular skirmishes between neighbouring tribes where they reflect changes within the balance of relations between those tribes. It is likely to remain the definitive research work for tribal history. From the eyewitness accounts of the Hijaz tribes riding into battle in 1917 to a social and political breakdown of the Jaburi tribe of Iraq, this gazetteer adds an important resource to the study of Arab history.

Gazetteer of the Persian Gulf, Oman and Central Arabia

6 volumes including map box, 5000 pages, many photographs; ISBN 9781852070304

J. G. Lorimer

This is the most important single source of historical material on the Gulf States and Saudi Arabia. Lorimer's *Gazetteer* was compiled with the original intention of providing British agents and policymakers in the Gulf, India and London with "a convenient and portable handbook to the places and interests with which they are likely to be concerned". Better documentation was regarded as an essential prerequisite to the strengthening of British influence in the area during a period of increasing international tension. The original edition was issued as a secret document by the British Government in India in 1908 and 1915. The range of the gazetteer is extensive and complex, with descriptive text supported by a variety of annexes and appendices, including historical analyses, texts of treaties and special essays on subjects of interest.

The GCC States: National Development Records: Civil Aviation 1920–1962

8 volumes, 5500 pages; ISBN 9781852074777

The documents tracing the early days of civil aviation in the Gulf region provide much new material on geographical, tribal, political and diplomatic aspects of Arab history. The coming of air transport to the remote Gulf and desert emirates has been a factor in the twentieth century transformation of an older way of life.

The records reflect the relative independence and strength of Saudi Arabia from the 1920s, when Ibn Saud sought training facilities for his Hijazi air force, through to World War II and the Saudi–US agreement over the Dhahran air base. The end of World War II saw a rapid growth in international regulatory bodies and the affirmation of sovereign control by the Gulf States over their airspace.

The GCC States: National Development Records: Communications and Transport 1860–1960

9 volumes including map box, 6300 pages; ISBN 9781852076207

This collection traces the development of the modern network of communications which makes light of the great distances involved in traversing the Middle East. From the first schemes to link India to Europe via a submarine cable through Muscat and Bushire in 1859, the documents detail a slow blooming of infrastructure in all aspects of communications: the development of deep water ports, shipping routes and navigational data; the growth of telegraph, cable, wireless and finally telephone systems, the press and broadcasting; the spectacular success of the railways in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait; the creation of a reliable postal service; the improvement of roads and the 20th century expansion of motor transport, all creating links between and within the Gulf states.

The GCC States: National Development Records: Defence in the Gulf States and Saudi Arabia 1920–1960

12 volumes, 8000 pages; ISBN 9781852075002

These volumes establish a collection of primary documents relating to the evolution of regional and local defence resources in the six member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council: Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. Throughout the period of the collection, from the 1920s to the early 1960s, the records reflect the independent status of Saudi Arabia, its lesser degree of military dependence on Britain and the extent of US influence.

The documents examine local security issues in detail throughout the period, including facilities and arrangements during World War II. There is extensive information about the origins and development of local levy forces in Bahrain, Muscat and the Trucial States; and about the emergence of independent armed strength in Saudi Arabia, Oman and Kuwait.

Historic Maps of Bahrain 1817–1970

69 maps with historical commentary; ISBN 9781852076757

Compiled by R. L. Jarman, formerly Advisor, Bahrain National Museum.

This collection comprises 69 surveys, charts and plans of Bahrain, many in colour, including the complete island and surrounding waters and islands. The publication makes valuable maps available which were previously unknown or inaccessible. It begins in 1817 with the first ever mention of Muharraq on a map and finishes in 1970 with the last maps made before independence. It includes the first ever town plans of Manama and Muharraq to be compiled by the Government of Bahrain, and the first ever accurate land survey of the Hawar islands. There is also a detailed commentary on each map.

History of the Indian Navy 1613–1863

2 volumes, 1160 pages; ISBN 9781852073367

C. R. Low

Low's work has never been surpassed as a history of the maritime arm of India's foreign policy. First published in 1877, it was out of print for many years, but it has remained the basis for studies of campaigns and exploration wherever the Bombay Marine operated.

Its primary value now is in recording the history of the British presence in the Gulf – where the Bombay Marine served as police force, mail carrier, explorer, ethnographer, surveyor and (when necessary) strike force over three centuries.

Iran Political Developments 1941–1946: Iran Under Allied Occupation: British Documentary Sources

13 volumes, 10,000 pages ISBN 9781840971958

Editor: A.L.P. Burdett

This collection forms the first part of a series tracing the political development of modern Iran through contemporary documents. This selection is presented with the intention of examining in detail the political developments within Iran and the changes in Iranian policy that resulted from movements in the balance of power during the Second World War.

The period 1941–1946 is a significant and complex one. These key documents draw together despatches, letters, telegrams, reports, minutes and records of meetings from many disparate British Government files to give a full record of Iran during the period of World War II, detailing Iran's relations with Great Britain, the Soviet Union, Turkey and the USA during this critical period.

Iran: Political Diaries 1881–1965

14 volumes, 12000 pages; ISBN 9781852077105

Advisor: Dr. R.M. Burrell; Editor: R.L. Jarman

A key source work for modern Iranian history, this comprehensive series of British political reports not only provides an insight into the complexities and conflicts of Persian politics, but also closely reflects the changing nature of the relations between Britain and Persia. In 1881, when the first of the diplomatic reports reproduced in this work was written, Persia was being ruled by its 4th successive Qajar Shah, Nasir al-Din. He had come to the throne in 1848 and his was to be the longest reign of that dynasty, being brought to an end by an act of assassination in May 1896. When this series of volumes ends in 1965, the second Pahlavi Shah was still on the throne, but an important religious leader, Rouhalla Khomeini, was writing his first lectures on the theory of Islamic government.

The Iran–Iraq Border 1840–1958

11 volumes, including 2 map boxes, 5500 pages; ISBN 9781852071608

The Iran–Iraq boundary can be viewed as unique within the Middle East region, as it has long displayed the classic characteristics of a political frontier zone or a border march. This contrasts sharply with the twentieth-century framework imposed largely by European colonial powers elsewhere in the Middle East. Imperial conflict over the Zagros mountains and elsewhere in the Mesopotamian plain was a regular phenomenon in ancient times. The period under review covers three principal phases of diplomatic activity which have shaped the course of the Iran–Iraq boundary. Each has resulted in the signature of treaties defining or modifying the boundary.

Iraq Administration Reports 1914–1932

10 volumes, 5500 pages; ISBN 9781852073602

This title is a comprehensive series of British administration reports for Mesopotamia (Iraq) from the outset of World War I up to the independence of Iraq. It includes accounts of the British campaign against the Turks in Iraq (including the siege of Kut) 1914–1918, the administration of the vilayets of Basra, Baghdad and Mosul up to 1920; also the complete series of administration reports under the British Mandate over Iraq 1920–1932, including the final report submitted to the League of Nations. These reports provide vital historical background to recent and current events in Iraq, especially concerning regional and tribal affairs, agricultural organisation and civil administration.

Iraq Defence Intelligence 1920–1973

6 volumes including map box; 4000 pages; ISBN 9781840971002

The documents and supporting maps in this collection explore the central role of Iraq in both the politics of the Middle East and the formation of government policy in the West from 1920–1973. The volumes cover Iraq's strategic and military history from the beginning of the British Mandate in 1920, through independence in 1932, the death of King Feisal and accession of King Ghazi, the Second World War, the overthrow of the monarchy and the death of King Feisal II and his Prime Minister Nuri Al-Said, the regimes of Qasim and then Aref, and through to the "bloodless coup" of 1968 which consolidated the Ba'ath Party in power. Saddam Hussein, Vice President of the Revolutionary Command Council, appears in the final documents of this collection.

Islam: Political Impact 1908–1972 (British Documentary Sources)

12 volumes, 8000 pages; ISBN 9781840970708; with accompanying map

This collection begins, in 1908, with the revolution of the Young Turks in Turkey and carefully details the effects which spread outward from this seminal event. Their revolutionary idea of using Islam as a vehicle for modernization began the greatest revival of the Islamic faith since that faith began despite the apparent irony of the demise of the Caliphate and the secularisation of Turkey in the mid-1920s. The concurrent rise of King ibn Saud and the Wahabis in the Arabian peninsula, created a powerful debate between different views of modern Islamic faiths, states, and rulers.

Presenting a documentary survey of the impact of Islam in the early- and mid- twentieth century with particular reference to its political and international dimensions, the intention is to make available to scholars a broad research base of primary materials for the modern period reflecting Islamic affairs and expansion in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. While such a project cannot be comprehensive, it is hoped that the wide range of geographical references will provide many starting points for further enquiry. Included in the documents are diplomatic correspondence, departmental minutes, letters and reports both internal and to foreign governments, telegrams, summaries and briefings.

Extract from Volume 2: Memorandum by Captain N. Bray, March 1917, 'A note on the Mohammedan question, its bearing on events in India and Arabia, the future of the Great Islamic revival now that Turkey ceases to be a power on which the hopes of the Moslem world were placed':

"At the present moment agitation is intense in all Mohammedan countries...the reports of agents and others confirm...the extreme vitality of the movement [Pan-Islamism]. ... It is ... essential that the country to whom Mohammedans look should not be Afghanistan. We should therefore create a State more convenient for ourselves, to whom the attention of Islam should be turned. We have an opportunity in Arabia."

Islamic Movements in the Arab World 1913–1966

4 volumes, 2000 pages; ISBN 9781852078003

This set examines the progression of pan-Islamic organisations, movements and activists extant in the Arab states in the early twentieth century, particularly in the Hijaz (Saudi Arabia), Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and most of the Maghreb states, together with the involvement of Islamic institutions in regularising and interceding in aspects of both religious and secular life.

The contents include: early fundamentalist (Wahhabi) support for King Abdul Aziz from 1913; repercussions following the end of the Caliphate, 1920s; the World Islamic Conference in Mecca, 1926, opened by King Abdul Aziz; plans for a Pan-Islamic League, 1919; pan-Islamic activity in Jerusalem; Islamic propaganda missions to the Maghreb states; Saudi proposal for an Islamic pact; records of numerous Islamic conferences from the 1930s to the 1960s.

Islands and Maritime Boundaries of the Gulf 1798–1960

20 volumes, including 2 map boxes, 13500 pages; ISBN 9781852072759

This work is the single most important reference source for tracing the origins of contemporary maritime disputes in the Gulf – coverage includes Warba, Bubiyan, Hawar, Halul, Tamb, Abu Musa; in fact over 290 islands are indexed. It records the development of the continental shelf boundaries of the Gulf, the importance of the islands in determining baselines and oil concession boundaries, evolving state practice and Anglo-American negotiations, and explores Anglo-Arab, Anglo-Persian and Perso-Arab relations.

The collection contains facsimiles of letters, reports, memoranda, sketches, charts and maps from a wide range of sources housed in the British Library (Oriental and India Office Collections) and the Public Record Office.

Israel: Boundary Disputes with Arab Neighbours 1946–1964

10 volumes, 7000 pages; ISBN 9781852076306

This documentary study focuses on the borders of the Palestine mandate and the State of Israel. The documents reflect two different types of border: those coinciding with the British mandate for Palestine, and the lines resulting from the war-won divisions of land following the 1949 cease-fire. The armistice lines followed the course of mandate boundaries with Transjordan, Syria and Lebanon with small modifications. The border between Israel and Jordan on the West Bank was based exclusively on an armistice line that had no geographical or historical foundations. However, as far as Israel and

Jordan were concerned, the differences in alignment between the mandate boundary of 1921 and the 1949 armistice line only became apparent in the run-up towards their boundary settlement.

Israel Political and Economic Reports 1948–1953: Israel under the Premiership of David Ben Gurion 1948–1953

7 volumes, 4,000 pages; ISBN 9781840973105

This set is the first in a series of collections of British political and economic reports on Israel. The 4400 pages are the collected British government political and economic reports on the state of Israel from its creation in May 1948 to the end of the first premiership of David Ben Gurion. Ben Gurion, regarded as the 'Father of Israel', held the post of Defence Minister as well as Prime Minister during the first 5 years of the Israeli state, throughout the War of Independence, the first wave of immigration, the implementation of mass settlement, development projects and the signing of a reparations agreement with Germany. This was one of the most important periods in the history of the Middle East and the Jewish people in particular. The documents are written by British civil servants working in Tel Aviv, Haifa or Jerusalem and show the difficulties faced by the new administration in its relations with its Arab neighbours, the US and UK governments and international bodies like the United Nations.

Israel Political and Economic Reports 1954–1955: Israel under the Premiership of Moshe Sharett 1954–1955

6 volumes, 4100 pages; ISBN 9781840973303

This project is the second in a series of collections of British political and economic reports on Israel. It examines the premiership of Moshe Sharett, second Prime Minister of Israel (1954–55) in this crucial period as Nasser comes to power in Egypt, and the US and UK governments work together behind the scenes on the "Alpha" project, to try and bring peace to Palestine, while within Israel the tensions increase with regard to its neighbours Egypt and Syria.

In these volumes the despatches, letters and telegrams that were received by the Foreign Office in London originated from many sources: the Embassy in Tel Aviv and the Consulates-General in Jerusalem and Haifa provide the majority; but documents also originated from British Embassies in countries adjacent to Israel (Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, and Egypt) and other interested Middle Eastern states (such as Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Iran). The internal papers of the Foreign Office are useful for the tracing of the development of future British policy, or for the exposition of the current policy, and where more detailed information was required, this was provided by the Foreign Office Research Department.

The recommendations of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee are reproduced, in particular the report of April 1955 which discussed British military options in the event of Israeli aggression – the necessity of abiding by the UK/Jordan defence agreement being the reason for this policy decision. These discussions about possible military action against Israel are

echoed in Treasury papers on possible economic sanctions against Israel.

King Abdul Aziz: Diplomacy And Statecraft 1902–1953

4 volumes, 2000 pages; ISBN 9781852078850

These papers necessarily reflect British diplomatic interests, but also provide the most continuous source available of reports and commentary on local events within the territory of the present Saudi Arabia. They reflect the methods, policies and diplomacy employed by Abdul Aziz in extending and then consolidating the Saudi state. The records trace his relations with Arab rulers as well as with Britain, other European powers and the United States. This work illustrates particularly well the rise to power of Abdul Aziz and his concern to build his own prestige and establish a unified kingdom.

King Abdul Aziz: Political Correspondence 1904–1953

4 volumes, 2000 pages; ISBN 9781852077051

Contains Arabic and English text. This publication presents, for the first time, an extensive collection of personal correspondence, letters to neighbouring Arab States and to foreign governments, from and to the Saudi leader over half a century. The first items date from the years after his fabled recapture of Riyadh in 1902, when Abdul Aziz emerged as Amir of Nejd. The last letters are from the year of King Abdul Aziz's death, 1953. The correspondence reflects the evolution over 50 years of the status, authority, style and statesmanship of King Abdul Aziz. The documents are in the original Arabic, sometimes with contemporary English translations; a minority are in English in the original.

Kuwait Political Agency: Arabic Documents 1899–1949

13 volumes, 8000 pages; ISBN 9781852074401

Editor: M. Asser. Contains Arabic and English text

The Arabic texts preserved in these files form a rich and interesting source for reading and research. The volume and range of material is extensive, including correspondence between Gulf States Rulers and their respective political agents and much material on affairs of state as well as legal, commercial and domestic matters. There is frequent correspondence with Ibn Saud, throwing light on relations with the Nejd and the emerging Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The collection constitutes a valuable research resource for Kuwaiti, Saudi and Arab Gulf history, reflecting the development of the region, relations with rulers, and local and tribal information.

This work makes available the mass of material in the Arabic language from the files of the British Political Agency, Kuwait preserved within the India Office Records in London.

La Nation Arabe 1930–1938

4 volumes, 2430 pages; text in French; ISBN 9781852071004

A virtually complete set of this rare journal has been assembled from surviving originals. This most influential journal of Arab political opinion was created, inspired and sustained by the famous Arab activist, Amir Shakib Arslan. Published in French from Geneva, it was banned from French North Africa in the 1930s, but widely read in Arab and European capitals. *La Nation Arabe* is a remarkable and important document in the history of Arab–Islamic politics.

Land Legislation in Mandate Palestine

9 volumes, 5500 pages, including 1 map box; ISBN 9781840972603

A great many books have been written on the subject of Jewish land-settlement and the Arabs, or the land question in Palestine, but rarely does one have the opportunity to access the primary documents involved. This new collection of original documents from Cambridge Archive Editions allows scholars to form their own opinions on this most controversial, and critical, series of events.

The set consists of the texts of the major pieces of legislation that governed the rural land regime in Palestine between the years 1918 and 1948, as well as the key reports and memoranda produced by British officials during that period. These reports show governmental attempts to understand and control the rights that governed access and management, in some cases details of which exist only in government archives, and a number of which are less well known than they ought to be. Political questions concerned with the dynamics of Jewish land acquisition are also clearly highlighted in relevant laws and memos but overall, the collection provides a broader perspective on land rights, and pays particular attention to continuities with the Ottoman past and some comparison with other colonial contexts.

Memoirs of Baghdad, Kurdistan and Turkish Arabia 1857

[Records of the Bombay Government, No. XLIII]; Cmdr J.F. Jones; Preface by Dr R.M. Burrell

1 volume, 500 pages including 30 maps and plates; ISBN 9781852070991

Memoirs of Baghdad is a nineteenth-century original with a new preface by the late Dr R.M. Burrell, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. The volume includes six important historical, archaeological and geographical essays covering Baghdad, the Nahrwan canal and large parts of Kurdistan, the topography of Nineveh and the old course of the River Tigris. Also included are some 30 maps and plates, many in colour, most notably the large ground-plan of Baghdad. The author and surveyor, Commander J.F. Jones, was in the Bombay Marine for nearly 25 years, was Political Agent in Bushire from 1855 to 1862 and had an important role to play in the British invasion of southern Persia in 1856.

The Middle East Intelligence Handbooks 1943–1946

5 volumes, 3180 pages, approx. 1260 photographs and 335 maps; ISBN 9781852070601

The function of the intelligence handbooks, which were compiled by the British Foreign Office, was to inform British officials engaged on diplomatic duties in foreign countries about every aspect of the country in which they were resident. They provide a full, splendidly illustrated, geographic encyclopaedia of the culture and civilisation of each country, including over 1,200 photographs.

Each volume describes the history, administration and public life of the country concerned: Iraq and the Persian Gulf; Western Arabia and the Red Sea; Palestine and Transjordan; Syria; Persia. Economic geography, agriculture, trade and communications are dealt with in detail. In volumes also designed for naval and military intelligence, particular attention is accorded to the coasts and topography, but there are also street plans and photographs of every significant town as well as of the archaeological sites.

Military Handbooks of Arabia 1913–1917

10 volumes, 5140 pages including map box, numerous photographs; ISBN 9781852070809

These handbooks are the documents of a lost continent – the Arabia of the old tribal way of life: scattered settlements, remote oases and uncertain tracks across the desert, an Arabia irrevocably altered by World War I and the oil revolution.

Intelligence handbooks were compiled for the use of British officers for military purposes. The handbooks were compiled partly on the basis of existing authorities such as Lorimer's *Gazetteer*, earlier travel records and recent military intelligence, and partly from what was called "native information". They provide detailed descriptions of the regions, settlements, routes and inhabitants of the Arabian Peninsula and Gulf. Originally all these documents were classified secret. They are now made available to historians and researchers as richly detailed surveys of a land and a culture.

Minorities in the Middle East: Christian Minorities 1838–1967

10 volumes, 6500 pages, ISBN 9781840971859

These ten volumes consist of original political despatches, correspondence and reports covering: Christian communities in the Levant 1838 to 1955, in overview, and the affairs of the Assyrian communities 1880 to 1951, the Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Jacobite, Chaldean and Syrian Catholic communities, and Protestant communities in the Levant and Iraq, in particular, with further detail about the Maronite communities in the Levant 1841 to 1958, and Coptic Christian communities in the Levant and Egypt 1917 to 1967. These volumes also cover the Jeddah murders of 1858 and 1895, and the treatment of Armenians in Turkey and the Levant, including the Armenian massacres during the First World War.

Minorities in the Middle East:**Druze Communities 1840–1974**

4 volumes, 2000 pages; ISBN 9781840971651

These four volumes consist of original political despatches, correspondence and reports, which describe events affecting the Druzes of Syria and Lebanon from the time of Ottoman rule under Bashir II, through the Turkish rule of Lebanon under the double kaimakamship, the 1860 massacre of the Christians and the tensions in the aftermath that persisted through to the occupation of Lebanon by the French and British during World War I.

The documents also record the period of the French Mandate, and events leading up to the Druze Rebellion of 1925. The final volume tracks the history of the Druzes in the mid-twentieth century from the perspective of Anglo-French relations up to and during the Second World War, noting the power struggles of the leading Druze families, and going on to describe the situation in the Jebel Druze, the Druze position with regard to Palestine and Israel, and finally the position of the Druze communities within Israel.

Minorities in the Middle East:**Jewish Communities in Arab Countries 1841–1974**

6 volumes, 3870 pages, ISBN 9781840971200

This group of six volumes covers the arrangements and conditions for Jewish communities living under Islam throughout the Arab world from 1841–1974. The first two volumes study the position of Jews during the Ottoman Empire in Syria, Lebanon and Palestine. Later volumes consider conditions in Iraq, Kuwait, Yemen, Egypt and the Maghreb states: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya.

The documents reflect the acknowledged historical generalisation that the Jews found greater toleration under Muslim than under Christian rule. However, the situation changed abruptly in 1948 with anti-Jewish feeling increasing after the founding of the Israeli state, and succeeding years saw dramatic reductions in Jewish communities in the Arab world as emigration to Israel and elsewhere proceeded apace.

Minorities in the Middle East:**Kurdish Communities 1918–1974**

4 volumes, 2000 pages; ISBN 9781840971606

Since the end of the First World War the former Ottoman Kurdistan has been administered by five sovereign states: Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria, and the former Soviet Union. These original despatches, correspondence and reports chart the modern history of the Kurds in the Middle East, starting from the period just after the First World War.

In 1918 Kurdish hopes for an independent Kurdistan provided for by the Treaty of Sèvres (1920) were quashed by the constitution of modern Turkey, founded by Mustafa Kemal (Ataturk), and by the division of Kurdistan between Turkey, Syria and Iraq by the French and British, formalised in the Treaty of Lausanne in 1923. The result has been almost a century of rebellion by, and repression of, the Kurdish communities.

Minorities in the Middle East:**Muslim Minorities in Arab Countries 1843–1973**

4 volumes, 2400 pages; ISBN 9781840971804

These four volumes, concerning Muslim minority communities from 1843 to 1973, consist of contemporary political despatches, correspondence and reports composed by British diplomats, some of whom were resident in the country under debate. The papers are written very clearly from a British perspective but this authoritative voice of government allows us an insight into high politics at a time when the British were inextricably involved in the government of the Middle East. What is also evident, is the extent to which the position and treatment of minority cultures is a central consideration in achieving peace and good governance. Perhaps inevitably the material concerning minorities is partial and unsatisfactory in some ways; but taken together these volumes provide a continuity of evidence for how little has changed from historical to modern times.

Minorities in the Middle East:**Religious Communities in Jerusalem 1843–1974**

4 volumes, 2090 pages; ISBN 9781840971255

The documents explore the treatment and position of the diverse religious minorities within Jerusalem and more generally in Israel after 1948. Historically, relations between Muslims and non-Muslims have varied according to political events. Within the confines of Jerusalem and its environs the many different claims of the main faiths to Islam, Judaism and Christianity to parts of the city have exacerbated the effects of the political climate. Furthermore, struggles for rights to minority worship within the State have been diverted as rivalries between churches, particularly within the Christian church, have divided congregations. This selection of documents gives an overview of the interplay within and between the different faiths.

Neglected Arabia / Arabia Calling 1892–1962

8 volumes, 4600 pages, with photographs and an index to all volumes; ISBN 9781852071103

The complete run of the journal of the Arabian Mission of the Reformed Church in America. The journals of the Arabian Mission are much more than the chronicle of Christian missionary activity: over a 70-year period this publication is the mirror of social, medical and educational development in the Gulf States. *Neglected Arabia* (later called *Arabia Calling*) is an indispensable source for medical history in particular, with extensive information on the incidence of disease and methods of treatment. An historical aspect of particular interest is the development of the relationship between the missionary stations and the local communities, including direct contacts with the ruling Shaikhs, who behaved with great courtesy and tolerance.

Oil Concessions in Five Arab States 1911–1953

12 volumes, 7000 pages; ISBN 9781852072100

Today the modern economies and socio-political structures of the Arab Gulf states are so dominated by the petro-chemical industry that it is difficult to conceive of a time before oil. *Oil Concessions in Five Arab States* presents a documentary record of the negotiations between Arab Gulf Rulers, the oil companies and the British government, including the texts of the first land-based oil concession agreements for Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE and Oman. It provides detailed evidence of the secret processes of negotiation, the rivalries, the personalities, the commercial and diplomatic considerations, and the economic and political transformation of the Gulf states.

OPEC: Origins and Strategy 1947–1973

6 volumes, 4400 pages; ISBN 9781840970906

This collection of documents is a selection of official British government records pertaining to the creation of OPEC in 1960, and the activities of precursor and related bodies and events from 1947. The volumes cover OPEC's major meetings from 1960–1973, the reactions and evolving policy decisions on the part of British officials, diplomats and politicians at every level, as well as British interaction, co-operation and differences with the United States and the European Community, through the records of the Cabinet, the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Fuel and Power, Prime Minister's Office and the Treasury. British records are naturally dominated and informed by the relations with the major domestic oil companies, BP and Shell, through which many of the records tracing OPEC's activities were obtained.

Palestine and Transjordan Administration Reports 1918–1948

16 volumes, 11500 pages; ISBN 9781852075576

Close reading of the material collected here reveals that the British Government considered the administration of Palestine in great detail but 'the whole period was bedevilled by the incompatibility of the aspirations of the Jewish settlers and the rights of the Arab inhabitants'.

This is the essential research source for information on British administration in Palestine and Transjordan; on the continuous tensions of the period between the Arab and Jewish populations; on civil disorders and the eventual unworkability of the Mandate. It constitutes a collection of British administrative reports and associated documents, including extensive material hitherto unknown and unpublished, such as the Mandate Reports for 1940 and 1941. Other seminal documents reproduced here are the series of pre-Mandate reports of 1918–1923, the Mandate and Departmental Annual Reports from 1923 to 1947/8, the extensive Survey of Palestine 1946/47 and the final papers covering the termination of the Mandate in 1948. This collection is the only research source available as an integral series.

Palestine Boundaries 1833–1947

4 volumes, including map box, 2500 pages; ISBN 9781852071752

With a preface by Professor J. Hurewitz, Columbia University, New York

The aim of the present work is to provide, in a single source of reference, copies of those historical documents that cumulatively defined the geographical and political limits of Palestine up to the end of the British Mandate in 1947. The work is intended to establish an objective historical base, taken from the records, for understanding the evolution of the territorial idea of Palestine before the modern era. The collection is also intended to demonstrate the extent and limits of responsibility, particularly British and French, for territorial decisions, and the extent of solid international agreement on the delimitation of Palestine boundaries in the past. The collection is supported by a fourth volume containing fifteen maps, including the map showing the boundaries of Palestine in the French proposals of March and June 1920, the Sykes–Picot line and the Meinertzhagen line; and the map showing the boundary between Syria and Palestine, signed by Lt.-Col. Paulet for the French Government in 1922 and later removed from the report on the boundary.

Persian Gulf Administration Reports 1873–1957

11 volumes, 7700 pages; ISBN 9781852070106

The bland official title "administration reports" conceals the true value of the series, which is a mine of information on the development of the modern Gulf. British officials appointed to the area in the nineteenth century were often scholars of high repute and many of their appended monographs have since become a vital source for historians of the region. They range from S. B. Miles' biographical sketches of the rulers of Muscat and E. C. Ross' "Memoir on Nejd" to notes on the pearl industry, date cultivation and fisheries which contain information still sought after by regional planners. As British involvement in the Arab Gulf states increased so did the range of material included in the reports. Oil exploration is chronicled from the early years of the twentieth century as are the subsequent social and economic changes brought about by its discovery. Education, particularly in Bahrain, is regularly reported on as well as developments in health and medical care.

Persian Gulf and Red Sea Naval Reports 1820–1960

15 volumes, 11000 pages; ISBN 9781852074500

This publication establishes for the first time a virtually complete series of reports of British naval activity in the waters around the Arabian peninsula during some 140 years. Extensive and painstaking research was required to locate and organise this mass of information, much of it scarcely known hitherto, on maritime and coastal aspects of Arab history. The naval reports form a superb and henceforth indispensable source work for research on difficult subjects such as piracy and the slave trade. The Naval Reports cover the activities both of the Royal Navy and of the Indian Navy until its dissolution in 1863. The three original functions of British maritime policy in Arabian waters are made manifest in the Reports: while avoiding commitments on land among disputing tribal factions, the Navy sought the

suppression of maritime aggression, the expansion of peaceful trading and the exclusion of competition. The Reports make clear both the benevolent and the harsher aspects of British naval intervention in past times. During the two World Wars detailed operations reports are submitted. In the 1950s the changing circumstances of the modern period are reflected in successive assessments, including the re-organisation of the Arabian Peninsula Command in 1960.

The Persian Gulf Gazette and Supplements 1953–1972

6 volumes, 3900 pages; ISBN 9781852070908

The Persian Gulf Gazette was instituted as the administration of British interests in the Gulf entered a new, and final, phase of direct involvement in government. It provides a detailed research source for the study of commercial and political life in the Gulf, in sections covering each state: Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, the Trucial States and Oman. The following policy directives of the Foreign Office to the Political Resident in 1953 reflected the changing British role – perhaps more accurately than was realised: harmonise with US policy; maintain good relations with Saudi Arabia; resolve territorial disputes; encourage co-operation among the Gulf States.

The Persian Gulf Historical Summaries 1907–1953

4 volumes, including map box, 920 pages; ISBN 9781852071059

The summaries were prepared in 1907, 1928 and 1953 as British government documents to provide a continuation of Lorimer's *Gazetteer of the Persian Gulf, Oman & Central Arabia* up to the mid-twentieth century. The summaries give both an historical account and a political assessment of events and personalities in the Gulf during and after the two World Wars. The object of the compilations was to provide the background to current problems in the Gulf States, and precedents which, it was hoped, might be of use in dealing with future problems. The reports were once the indispensable companions of British Foreign Office and diplomatic staff.

The Persian Gulf Pilot 1864–1932

8 volumes, 2600 pages; ISBN 9781852071806

This series of guides to navigation was issued by the Admiralty, London, for a range of maritime areas including the Red Sea, the Mediterranean, and the Persian Gulf. *The Persian Gulf Pilot* provides a progressive survey of the Gulf coast viewed from the seaboard side. Particular attention is paid to navigational hazards, including weather, water depths and islands; the regular shipping channels are described and in the later editions illustrations of coastal profiles and views of particular locations are included.

The documentary interest of the Pilots lies in their detailed descriptions of coastlines and communities of 50 and 100 years ago, most of which have altered beyond recognition. The Pilots go into great circumstantial detail about local conditions of life as well as the geography of the coastline and shipping features.

The Persian Gulf Précis 1903–1908

8 volumes, 3200 pages; ISBN 9781852070007

J.A. Saldanha

Alongside Lorimer's *Gazetteer*, Saldanha's *Persian Gulf Précis* series stands as a separate and unique, but complementary, source of reference, indispensable for any serious study of the area. Over the period 1600 to 1853 each geographic area is dealt with separately, from Oman through the Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, parts of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and along the Persian coast to southern Iran. General subjects, including the arms trade, slave trade, commerce and communications, naval affairs and international rivalry, are included in supplementary volumes.

The Persian Gulf Trade Reports 1905–1940

8 volumes, 3250 pages; ISBN 9781852070502

In the early years of the century most of these annual trade reports were edited and made available to the general public in the form of parliamentary papers. Certain issues, however, were classified as confidential and were not made available to the public even in summary form, for example the pre-World War I Kuwait reports. Complete sets such as this are, therefore, extremely rare and form an essential research tool for the study of the economic and social development of the Gulf in the twentieth century. There are two volumes each for: Bahrain, Kuwait, Muscat, and Bushire.

Political Diaries of the Arab World: Aden 1899–1967

16 volumes, 13200 pages; ISBN 9781852077402

This 13,000 page collection brings together for the first time the detailed reports on what was happening in the British controlled territories of Aden and its hinterland from the beginning of the twentieth century to the end of British rule in November 1967. It provides a unique guide to events as they happened on a monthly, weekly, or even a daily basis. The reports were based on first-hand observations by British officials on the spot or on information supplied by informers and travellers from the interior. They covered not only Aden and the Protectorate but the Imamate of the Yemen, the Tihama, and the Asir (now in Saudi Arabia). This information was then sifted and analysed before being passed on to the British authorities in India or London and was the basis on which British Policy in the Gulf was made.

Political Diaries of the Arab World: Iraq 1920–1965

8 volumes, 5000 pages; ISBN 9781852078652

During the years covered by these diaries, the history of Iraq can be split into three distinct phases – firstly, until 1932, when it was under the mandate administration of the United Kingdom; secondly, from independence in 1932 until the revolution in July 1958, when it was a monarchy; and lastly, from July 1958 until 1965, when there was a republican form of government.

The beginning of this collection in November 1920 is dictated by events – that is, when the recently-arrived British High Commissioner, Sir Percy Cox, began a series of Fortnightly Intelligence Reports that was to continue uninterrupted until the end of 1932. The ending of this collection in 1965 is an artificial one and is dictated by the public accessibility of British Government official documents. This publication creates, for the benefit of scholars, an orderly series of political reports for Iraq in a single 8-volume set.

Political Diaries of the Arab World: Palestine and Jordan 1920–1965

10 volumes, 7860 pages; ISBN 9781852077358

The various different types of report gathered together in this collection capture in great detail the convulsions wrought within the old land area of Palestine by the developments at the end of World War I, in particular the Balfour Declaration of 2 November 1917; the Anglo-French Declaration of 7 November 1918 and the recommendations of the King–Crane Commission of 28 August 1919. Once formulated, the idea of a national home for the Jewish people, created without prejudice to the civil and religious rights of non-Jewish communities, was impossible to contain. The difficulty inherent in the realisation of such an idea is the subject of the forty-five years of history captured here. After the creation of Israel the volume of British records diminishes as the new Government of David Ben Gurion takes over the task of recording its own development. However, the British annual reports for this later period remain invaluable as a continuous historical commentary.

Political Diaries of the Arab World: Persian Gulf 1904–1965

24 volumes, 13000 pages; ISBN 9781852077266

The political diaries offer a superb primary resource to historians. These volumes comprise the periodical political reports and intelligence summaries prepared by British political officers stationed in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Trucial States and Muscat, as well as in Bushire, Bandar Abbas and elsewhere on the Persian (Iranian) side of the Gulf. The great value of the Diaries lies in their frequency and their detail, creating a cumulative, consistent and reliable historical record. The Diaries pass through a number of different formats and series over the years, but the backbone of the collection is the sequence of Residency Diaries running through most of the period. The local agents' reports have been included wherever they have survived, for example from Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Trucial States and Muscat. The earlier reports contain extensive information concerning the Persian side. From around 1925 the growing importance of the Arabian side was reflected in the separate series of Arab States Newsletters included here.

Political Diaries of the Arab World: Saudi Arabia: 1919–1965

6 volumes, 2800 pages; ISBN 9781852077303

This work absorbs and adds to a title previously published by Archive Editions – *The Jeddah Diaries 1919–1940*. The two additional volumes (5 and 6) bring the Diaries from 1919, when reports began, to 1965. The Diaries provide an on-the-spot

account of local events in the detailed and disciplined format demanded by the British Foreign Office, and cover political events in Saudi Arabia, diplomatic analysis and interpretation, foreign relations, home affairs, civil administration and development, tribal affairs, economic affairs and local personalities. The value of the Diaries lies also in their frequency and their detail, creating a cumulative, consistent and reliable historical record.

Records of Bahrain 1820–1960

8 volumes, including map box, 5250 pages; ISBN 9781852073503

Records of Bahrain 1961–1965

5 volumes, 3750 pages; ISBN 9781852077907

Records of Bahrain 1966–1971

6 volumes, 4876 pages; ISBN 9781840971705

In this collection the documentary evidence of history is selected and arranged from important archival sources to provide a comprehensive introduction to the origins and development of the State of Bahrain. It includes documentation on boundary and sovereignty issues including relations with Persia and Persian claims, relations with Qatar, with particular reference to Zubarah and Hawar, and relations with Saudi Arabia. It also covers: important contributions to the published historical records on tribal movements, regional rivalries, relations with the British, economic growth, political development, Al-Khalifah rule and succession.

The British records are of particular interest because the British were in the unique position of being at the heart of government in the Gulf states. They administered Bahrain's foreign and defence affairs through treaty relations from as early as 1820 and despite a convention acknowledging the independence of Bahrain agreed in 1913.

For the years 1961 to 1971 the intention was to compile all the pages relating to the history and development of Bahrain for this period, therefore the key events are covered in greater detail than in the earlier collection. The events of 1961 to 1965 include the death of Shaikh Salman bin Hamad, and the succession of Shaikh Isa bin Salman al Khalifah.

The years 1966–71 are of particular interest to researchers because of the intense political and diplomatic activity engendered by the announcement of the British, in 1968, of their intention to withdraw from the Gulf States by 1971.

The three sections of the *Records of Bahrain* series combine to create a large collection which offers historical evidence for the political, economic and social evolution of Bahrain. Such evidence improves our understanding of the modern political position of Bahrain in the Persian Gulf.

Records of Dubai 1761–1960

8 volumes, with map pocket 5000 pages; ISBN 9781852078454

The Dubai Municipality, conscious of the special status of Dubai as an international commercial and financial centre requested Archive Editions to research and publish this original project. Here are eight volumes of primary documents relating to the origins, rise and development of the city and emirate of Dubai, now one of the leading commercial centres of the Arab world.

Original papers from the British Government archives provide detailed accounts of affairs of state and events within the ruling family, treaties applicable to the Ruler of Dubai 1820–1906, detailed descriptions of Dubai from the nineteenth century, tribal histories going back to 1761, inter-Arab relations and relations with the USA and with Iran, oil exploitation and commercial activities, and civic and administrative development up to 1960.

Records of the Emirates 1820–1960

12 volumes, including maps, 8250 pages; ISBN 9781852072308

Records of the Emirates 1961–1965

5 volumes, 3000 pages; ISBN 9781852077655

Records of the Emirates 1966–1971

6 volumes, 4000 pages; ISBN 9781852078904

This publication provides facsimile copies of the key documents reflecting the development of the United Arab Emirates from 1820 to modern times. The collection offers historical evidence for the political, economic and social evolution of the seven Emirates. The files include numerous translations and Arabic originals of correspondence with the Sultans. These sources are augmented by the reports of semi-diplomatic missions, maps and narrative descriptions of the Indian Navy's qualified surveyors, who began charting the Gulf waters in 1820 and whose work provided a vast body of new information on the Gulf in the mid-19th century.

After 1947 archival material on the Emirates is drawn largely from the Public Record Office in London, in particular from its Embassy and Consular files and its Foreign Office records. These documents continue the economic story through oil concession negotiations, prospecting rights and surveys up to the first oil strike in Abu Dhabi in 1958. They include internal and external frontier negotiations and questions of island sovereignty; constitutional and military developments; the Trucial States Council and the Trucial Oman Levies; municipal development; banking; medicine; and air travel. These volumes establish a complete historical background to the evolution of the Emirates from desert shajdhoms to the modern federal union in 1971.

Records of the Hajj: the Pilgrimage to Mecca

10 volumes with maps and pilgrimage certificates, 6000 pages; ISBN 9781852074302

The contents of this publication have, almost without exception, been selected from primary sources, such as the correspondence of rulers, diplomats and leading authorities on Islamic history and philosophy. On the one hand there are extracts from Varthema, Burckhardt, Richard Burton and other travellers; on the other, huge quantities of highly interesting despatches and memoranda prepared by diplomats and agents sent to the area to monitor events and promote their Government's interests. Of outstanding value are the lengthy comprehensive Pilgrimage Reports that were, until the 1950s, prepared annually by British political staff assisted by Muslims sent specially to Mecca as observers. These have been reproduced in their entirety. As for the last thirty years – as for the thirty years prior to publication – the period in which such records are withheld from view – the

Editor has made careful selections from recent publications and combined them with media coverage including the text of important broadcasts from Riyadh and Tehran..

Records of the Hashimite Dynasties

15 volumes, 10000 pages; ISBN 9781852075903

The story of the Hashimites dates back over fourteen hundred years to the lifetime of Hashim, great-grandfather of the Prophet Muhammad (d. 632 A.D.) and grandfather of Abbas, the forerunner of the Abbasid Caliphs. Most Muslims accept this lineage and it is this traditional consensus that legitimised the ascendancy of the Hashimites in the Holy Land for over six centuries, until their expulsion by Ibn Saud in 1925. This work is an encyclopaedia of authentic historical documents, tracing in detail through fifteen volumes the destiny of this most ancient and distinguished family in the Middle East.

Records of the Hashimite Dynasties concentrates on the modern period and provides the reader with a detailed study of the convergence of Hashimite and British interests that led to the Arab Revolt during World War I and the establishment of Hashimite rule in Iraq, Jordan and, briefly, in Syria following the defeat of Turkey.

Many hundreds of documents are collected and made public in this extensive work, many of them previously hidden or scattered in obscure archives, some of great political importance and all of historic interest.

Records of the Hijaz 1798–1925

8 volumes, 5000 pages; ISBN 9781852076559

This important regional study provides historical research materials on the Hijaz province before its incorporation into the modern Saudi Kingdom. This work is therefore an essential complement to companion works on Saudi and Hashimite history.

Records of the Hijaz addresses aspects of Ottoman rule, Turkish–Arab relations, administration under Egyptian occupation, and power struggles within the Hashimite family. Political, commercial, regional and tribal affairs are all covered and there is extensive material on the main cities of Jeddah, Yenbo, Mecca and Medina.

The work uses hitherto little-known records from the nineteenth century, including recently released intelligence reports on the activities of the Sharif of Mecca in the 1880s. *Records of the Hijaz* establishes a firm research base for a turbulent and uncertain period of Hijazi history.

Records of Iraq 1914–1966

15 volumes, 13700 pages; ISBN 9781852078201

Records of Iraq 1914–1966 makes available an extensive collection of primary documents for the study of the formation and development of the modern state of Iraq. The purpose of this publication is to provide scholars, diplomatic personnel and political analysts with a comprehensive vision of Iraqi history, based on the evidence of authentic papers from British Government archives. There is a huge amount of material extant and these 13,700 pages represent an expert selection. A schedule of documents is given in each volume.

Contemporary reports, comment and analysis are used to describe the principal events of the period, including: the establishment of the monarchy and the Iraqi constitution in the 1920s; the activities and succession of Kings Faisal I, Ghazi and Faisal II; the activities of the Regent, 'Abd al-Ilah; the numerous seizures of control of the government and successive cabinets; the events leading to the 1958 overthrow of the royal family; the rise of the Ba'ath party.

In addition there is much material on the influence of regional factors, such as the Arab-Israel conflict, the Baghdad Pact of 1955 and the Suez Canal debacle of 1956. The volumes reflect the progress of internal development, including civil administration, transport, economics and petroleum affairs. In particular there is information on the treatment of minorities, including the Assyrians, the Yezidis, Jews and, running throughout the collection, on the Kurdish question.

Records of Jerusalem 1917–1971

9 volumes, c. 6000 pages, including map box; ISBN 9781840970050

Taking the history of Jerusalem from post-Ottoman control this study provides a detailed account of the most interesting and ancient of cities over the course of the twentieth century and during, arguably, its most turbulent period.

Although it is impossible to disentangle such material entirely, an attempt has been made to provide research resources specific to Jerusalem and exclude material relating to Palestine in general.

After 1917 arguments over the administration of the city and the Holy Places involve not only the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths per se, but there is also frequent internal dissent, and the historical record provides evidence of issues between Latin, Greek, Ethiopian, Armenian and Russian Orthodox; of concern from the Vatican about their religious orders and the election of patriarchs; and of mutual opposition between Islamic and Jewish religious practices. In response to the arguments the documents describe various attempts to ensure the protection of Jerusalem, such as through its "internationalisation" or the creation of a trusteeship. From these despatches the historic picture of life in the city can be reconstructed, with its political and religious tensions, and its social problems of poverty, health and water supply.

Records of Jordan 1919–1965

14 volumes, 10000 pages; ISBN 9781852076450

This significant document collection describes in detail the creation and development of today's Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan. The earliest documents relate to the British Mandate to administer what was termed Transjordan, and the problems of establishing the boundaries of Transjordan, in particular the tensions between Ibn Saud and King Abdullah over Ibn Saud's claims to Aqaba and Ma'an. Detailed records are included on the effect of the refugee population on political stability and on the impact that Jordan's relatively moderate position *vis-à-vis* Israel had on her relations both within her own population and with powerful neighbour states. The accession of King Hussein and key events such as the creation of the United Arab Republic and the fall of the monarchy in Iraq in 1958 are crucial to the understanding of the political position in which Jordan stands today and give this publication topical relevance to the continuing Middle East peace process.

Records of the Kurds: Territory, Revolt and Nationalism, 1831–1979

13 volumes, 9000 pages including map box; ISBN 9781840973259

These nine thousand pages of facsimile documents trace early insurgencies directed by the Kurdish people against regional and metropolitan powers, and their interrelations with neighbouring tribes and other ethnic groups at historical flash points, from the origins of nationalist sentiments through a series of disparate revolts in the nineteenth century, and then on to a larger, more cohesive and discernible nationalist movement launched in the aftermath of World War I. They concomitantly depict the extent of territories pertaining to the Kurdish 'homeland', the use of the term 'Kurdistan' generally refers to an agreed geographical area, not to a legal or political entity. Kurdish populated territory evolved over the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with some regions becoming entrenched, others subject to constant flux. The map box provides illustrations of the changing territory, or those sections subject to alterations and contestation.

Records of Kuwait 1899–1961

8 volumes including map box, 5000 pages; ISBN 9781852072001

Records of Kuwait 1961–1965

6 volumes, 3200 pages; ISBN 9781852077754

Records of Kuwait 1966–1971

6 volumes, 4200 pages; ISBN 9781840970159

Installed in an imposing Agency overlooking Kuwait harbour, Britain's Political Agents, earlier this century, were conspicuous figures – ostensible friends of the shaikhs and notables, but strangers and 'infidels' to most Kuwaitis. Their correspondence and reports form an impressive memorial and perform a new function, in the absence or unavailability of relevant Arab records, in helping to understand Kuwait's national development and international relations. Taken together these documents – reports, letters, memorabilia, personality profiles, reports and diplomatic correspondence – offer invaluable insights into all aspects of Kuwaiti life including oil negotiations, Islamic affairs, labour movements and boundary questions. The

collection includes previously unpublished letters in Arabic, with translations, from former rulers of Kuwait.

Since the original set of *Records of Kuwait*, ten more years of documentation have become publicly available and additional volumes have been compiled to 1971. These include documents describing the foundation of the National Assembly and the new processes of government; the role of the Prime Minister and the changing role of the Amir; the emergence of a radical 'opposition' to the government; and Kuwait's pioneering work through the Arab Fund for Economic Development.

Records of Oman 1867–1960

12 volumes, including map box, 7500 pages; ISBN 9781852071202

Editor: R. Bailey, CMG

Records of Oman 1961–1965

5 volumes, 3500 pages; ISBN 9781852077600

Records of Oman 1966–1971

6 volumes, 4200 pages; ISBN 9781840970401

This is the definitive document collection on the history of the Sultanate. Until the mid-twentieth century, the Sultanate of Oman was largely unknown to the outside world. Only the town of Muscat had regular links with other countries and it was often cut off from its own hinterland by internal unrest. The British Consul was the link between the reigning Sultan and the British authorities, and they met frequently and exchanged letters on all manner of subjects. For these particular historical reasons, the records of the British political officers remain virtually the sole source of continuous information on the modern development of the Sultanate. These letters are in Arabic until the reign of Saiyid Said bin Taimur (1932–1970). All the Arabic texts are accompanied by contemporary English translations.

The years 1961–1965 saw a political struggle take over from the armed conflict of the 1950s, and the Imamate took their claims of oppressive government and alleged public hostility to Sultan Said bin Taimur to the United Nations. By 1965 a UN resolution was formed which recommended "the elimination of British domination in any form".

The period 1966–1971 is of particular interest because of the *coup d'état* that saw the deposition of Sultan Said bin Taimur and the accession of his son Sultan Qabus bin Said. This collection of documents quite clearly reveals that even in his first two years of government, Shaikh Qabus was determined to create a modern Arab state in place of what he had regarded as an insular and reactionary régime.

Records of the Persian Gulf Pearl Fisheries 1857–1962

4 volumes, including map box, 2000 pages; ISBN 9781852076054

The pearling fleets centred around Bahrain, Kuwait, Muscat and the Trucial States were the great traditional industry in the Persian Gulf. Their rise and fall over the nineteenth and twentieth centuries is explored in one of the most interesting historical collections on Gulf history. This collection focuses on the hundred years between the mid-nineteenth and mid-twentieth centuries, when the traditional pearling industry reached its peak

and began its abrupt decline. The documents show clearly the impact of the twentieth century on pearling: the more lucrative arms traffic, the introduction of cultured pearls, the threat of mechanised diving, a Government of India ban on pearl imports in 1947–1948, and, from the late 1940s, alternative work in the oil industry.

Records of Qatar 1820–1960

8 volumes, including map box, 4500 pages; ISBN 9781852073008

Records of Qatar 1961–1965

5 volumes, 3170 pages; ISBN 9781852077808

Records of Qatar 1966–1971

4 volumes, 3400 pages; ISBN 9781840971750

This collection makes available the most important documents and maps for the history of Qatar from 1820 to modern times. The documents are selected from British political archives and are facsimiles of the contemporary reports, letters and memoranda written by British political representatives in the Gulf. The files include numerous translations and Arabic originals of letters from the Shaikhs. The records show how the turbulence of the nineteenth century, with Qatar at the mercy of tribal migrations and invasion and occupation by the Wahhabis and the Turks, is replaced in the early twentieth century by increasing stability and territorial integrity, permitting the administrative development of the modern state. Included in the collection for 1820–1960 are historic maps.

Some important themes run through the collection for 1961–1965 including the disagreement over the succession; mounting financial difficulties; internal pressure for reform of the administration; issues around the creation of an Advisory Council under the chairmanship of the Ruler; territorial disagreements and problems of internal security.

The collection covering 1966–1971 saw the end of Qatar's 150 years as a British Protectorate and its emergence as an independent sovereign state. It also details the *coup d'état* of 1972 in which Sheikh Khalifah bin Hamad al-Thani deposed his cousin Sheikh Ahmad bin Ali al-Thani; negotiations with Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain centering on land and sea boundary disputes; developments in the petroleum industry and the associated development of a more modern urban infrastructure.

Records of Saudi Arabia 1902–1960

10 volumes, including maps, 5200 pages; ISBN 9781852073251

Records of Saudi Arabia 1961–1965

6 volumes, 3500 pages; ISBN 9781852077709

Records of Saudi Arabia 1966–1971

6 volumes, 5000 pages; ISBN 9781840970852

The origins of Saudi power are illustrated by selections from early European accounts of the Wahhabi religious reform movement in the eighteenth century, documents on the political development of the Saudi dynasty and official British summaries of events in Najd and Al Hasa in the nineteenth century. The volumes trace the evolution and development of the Saudi state from the momentous reconquest of Riyadh

in 1902 by Abd al-Aziz, Amir of Najd, through the struggle for supremacy in Najd and Al Hasa in the early years of the century, to the conquest of the Hijaz in the 1920s and the formal proclamation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 1932. Regional relations with Kuwait and the Gulf States, with the mandated territories of Iraq and Transjordan and with the southern neighbouring states of Yemen and Asir are also included.

The period 1961 to 1965 includes details of the illness of King Saud, his power struggle with Prince Faisal and the eventual accession of King Faisal; the death of Yusuf Yasin; boundary disputes including those at Buraimi, Khor al-Odaid and the boundary with Yemen, sometimes exacerbated by the demands of the oil industry; the intervention of the United Nations in the Buraimi dispute; Saudi–Jordan defence and economic agreements; UAR aggression against Saudi Arabia, particularly the poor relations between Cairo and Riyadh.

The events of the period 1966 to 1971 reveal a tumultuous period in the history of Saudi Arabia: the exile of King Saud; the war with Yemen over Asir and other disputed territories; the concerns for security engendered simultaneously by aggression from the United Arab Republic in support of Yemeni insurgents and from the Arab–Israeli War of 1967; unresolved territorial contests with other Gulf states; and increasingly complex negotiations over petroleum rights through OPEC.

Records of Syria 1918–1973

15 volumes, 12000 pages; ISBN 9781840971408

With a Preface by Dr Patrick Seale

Records of Syria is a collection of documents researched from the British National Archives, covering the modern period. It includes documents regarding: issues arising from the proposed Sykes–Picot Agreement, 1916; the seizure of Damascus from the Turks in 1918; Arab government and King Feisal; French occupation, the French Mandate and the struggle for self-government; Druze rebellion 1925/26; the proposed Franco-Syrian Treaty, 1936, and the failure of the French to ratify it; the Free French and General de Gaulle; the French imprisonment of the Syrian Government, 1943; the bombardment of Damascus and the final break with the French; Independence in 1946 and the ensuing political instability; Michel Aflaq, Salah al-Din Bitar and the creation of the Ba’th party; Antun Sa’ada, executed in 1949, and the *Parti Populaire Syrien*; reactions to the war with Israel, 1948, including the coup bringing Colonel Husni Zaim to power; the rise of the Ba’th Party and union with Egypt in 1958; Communism and relations with Russia; the Arab–Israeli War, 1967; the struggle for power between the Ba’th and the progressives 1968–1971; the final *coup d’état* which brought Hafiz al-Asad to power.

Records of Yemen 1798–1960

16 volumes including map box, 12000 pages, prints and photographs; ISBN 9781852073701

Editors: D. Ingrams; L. Ingrams

Five years of research, including privileged access to ancient and fragile archives now closed to public view, make it likely that this publication will remain unrivalled as the definitive source work for the history of Yemen. The work provides scholars, administrators and diplomats with an extensive

reference collection of primary documents on political and social development. Early volumes reveal the legendary fascination of ‘Arabia Felix’, the later volumes show the political instability after World War II that was to lead to the departure of the British in 1967.

For much of the modern period the volumes provide evidence for the development of the Imamate in the north, the Aden Colony and Protectorate in the south, the impact of the British and Ottoman empires, and the complex political relations between Sana’a and Aden. The documents trace the ferment of conflict and shifting allegiances between the tribes. Negotiations, treaties on boundary affairs and Saudi–Yemeni flashpoints of the twentieth century are examined in detail.

Ruling Families of Arabia: Documentary Records of the Dynasties of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE and Oman

12 volumes, including box of family trees, 7500 pages; ISBN 9781852073107

Editor: A. Rush

Despite current political intrigue and unrest, the Arab ruling families continue to dominate the financial and social régimes in the Gulf States and Arabia. By retaining *de facto* control over the oil revenues of their respective states, they exert a pivotal force in the politics of international trade and the workings of the world’s money markets.

This publication contains twelve volumes of previously unpublished despatches, diplomatic correspondence and political reports concerning the origins, evolution and legitimacy of the dynasties ruling in the Gulf States, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. The volumes present a coherent background detailing treaties, correspondence and agreements explaining the origins, composition and the nature of the régimes currently in power. The famous names covered in the volumes include the House of Saud, the Hashimite royal families of Jordan and Iraq, the Al-Sabah of Kuwait, the Al-Khalifah of Bahrain, the Al Bu Said of Oman and the Al-Thani of Qatar. In the UAE the Al-Nihayyan, the Al-Maktum, the Al-Qasimi, and the dynastic affairs of the shajdhoms of Ajman, Fujairah and Umm al-Qawain are examined.

Included are key documents illustrating the role of Kuwait’s ruling family, Al-Sabah, and the background to the Iraq invasion of Kuwait in 1990. There is extensive coverage of the Hashimite Royal House of Jordan and historical aspects of the Palestine problem. Much of the documentation is made up of memoranda on ruling family affairs; genealogical tables; confidential profiles and biographical data on emirs, shajhs, kings and sultans; and Arabic originals of letters since the eighteenth century but there are also reports on the policies of the ruling families regarding dissident Islamic groups and popular demands for political reform.

Saudi Arabia: Secret Intelligence Records 1926–1939

8 volumes, 6300 pages; ISBN 9781840970258

This eight volume set is taken from a record class of Foreign Office counter-intelligence files more recently released by the British Government. It gives superb insight into the day-to-day running of the modern Saudi state under its founder King Abdul Aziz ibn Saud in his most exciting period of rule. The documents themselves are a combination of British secret memoranda and British military intercepts of internal Saudi Arabian telegraphic communications such as those between King Abdul Aziz and his commanders in the field. Such direct correspondence from King Abdul Aziz to his most trusted personnel has previously rarely been seen.

The Saudi Green Book 1934; Relations between Saudi Arabia and the Yemen

1 volume, 500 pages; ISBN 9781852073237. Contains Arabic and English text.

This edition makes available the original Arabic text of the famous so-called *Saudi Green Book* issued by the Saudi Government in April 1934, regarding relations and conflict between Saudi Arabia and Yemen, followed by the English translation prepared at the British Legation at Jeddah in the 1930s. This is a key document for historical study of relations between Ibn Saud and the Imam Yahya, and of tribal and territorial claims in the Tihama and Najran regions.

The Slave Trade into Arabia 1820–1973

9 volumes, 7000 pages; ISBN 9781840971309

Historical analysis of slavery and the slave trade is extensive for the traffic from the west coast of Africa to North, Central and South America, and recently some publications have addressed 'Islamic slavery,' especially its social history, as well as aspects of the trade as it affected the Ottoman Empire. However, these monographs do not analyse in any detail the sea trade towards the Arabian littoral. One reason for lack of analysis of the Arabian trade may be because there is no single large community of slave descendants in the former Ottoman Middle East, as there is in the United States and the Caribbean. In tracing the massive effort made to stop the sea trade, it is hoped that this collection of documents will also convey the scale of the diaspora out of east Africa.

These nine volumes contain the original political despatches, correspondence and systematic naval reports which relate meetings with Sultans and chieftains, interviews with captured slave dealers, informants and freed slaves; correspondence between British officials, and with their Ottoman, Egyptian, French, Italian and Arab counterparts; firmans from the Sublime Porte; bilateral and multinational conventions and treaties, which little by little began to lay down an agreed international framework aimed initially at modifying, then gradually containing, and eventually, only after the fall of the Ottoman Empire, aiming at total suppression of the slave trade.

Survey of the Shores and Islands of the Persian Gulf 1820–1829

1 text volume and 4 map boxes; ISBN 9781852071905

Advisor: Dr A. Cook

Edited by A. S. Cook, Map Archivist at The British Library: Oriental & India Office Collections, this work reproduces the first complete survey of the Gulf coast, carried out by the Bombay Marine in the 1820s. The survey comprises contemporary textual descriptions, maritime charts, harbour maps and handpainted water-colour coastal views. The text and the harbour plans provide the first British portrayal of coastal settlements including Muscat, Ajman, Ras al-Khaimah, Umm al-Qaiwain, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha, Bahrain, Kuwait, etc. The collection includes 20 paintings in watercolour of the Coast of Oman and the Trucial States painted by Lt. Houghton from on board ship during the survey. Previous surveys were incomplete, omitting much of the Arabian coast; later surveys were partial revisions.

The text volume includes a contemporary account of the survey; a plan for conducting the survey; sailing directions for the Gulf, 1836; and other contemporary descriptions of navigation, the islands and the coastal settlements. The four map boxes contain 54 charts and views. The charts have been reprinted as faithfully as possible to their original size and colours.

Survey of Western Palestine 1882–1888

10 volumes, 3760 pages with colour plates, and 3 map boxes including 50 archaeological plates and 26 maps; ISBN 9781852078355

In association with the Palestine Exploration Fund

One of the great standard works of reference for Middle East studies this comprehensive work was the first detailed survey of the area that used to be known as Western Palestine: the whole country west of the Jordan from Tyre in the north to Beersheba in the south was submitted to the surveyors' scrutiny - every town, village, saint's tomb, sacred tree, and heap of stones was meticulously recorded. The area surveyed in the 1870s includes modern day Israel, the southernmost part of Lebanon and Jordan as far as the River Jordan. The Islamic archaeology of Jerusalem and the countryside is also meticulously surveyed. Ruined cities, buildings, tombs, and interesting sites were all excavated, drawn, or photographed: place names, geological and natural history specimens, as well as antiquities, were collected, and casts of inscriptions were made. The 50 black and white printed plates created to record these finds are included in this collection.

The survey covered 6000 square miles and included a set of 26 highly detailed maps of great historical significance – indeed, in the areas unaffected by modern development they are still valid. This edition encompasses the original maps and plates, and the nine text volumes. The Survey was intended to include at a later date Eastern, Southern and Northern Palestine. In fact only one volume on Eastern Palestine was published, and has been included here.

Treaties and Engagements Relating to Arabia and the Persian Gulf

1 volume, 350 pages; ISBN 9781852070762

Compiled by C. U. Aitchison

Treaties and Engagements, or 'Aitchison XI', must be counted alongside Lorimer's *Gazetteer* and the *Persian Gulf Historical Summaries*, among the small number of standard reference works on the history of the Persian Gulf.

The attractions and value of Aitchison's work are several. The original documents cited go beyond the formal treaties drawn up by the British Government, and include numerous undertakings made by local Rulers, many being translated from the Arabic. Aitchison prefaces each section with an historical essay on events, causes and inter-relationships which the subsequent treaties and undertakings reflect.

Turkey and her Arab Neighbours 1953–1958

1 volume, 250 pages; ISBN 9781852078416

Dr A. Sanjian

Unlike most of Cambridge Archive Editions' collections this work is an academic monograph and is the only major published study in English of Turkish–Arab diplomatic and political relations following World War II. This study traces Turkey's relations with her Arab neighbours, Syria and Iraq, and to a lesser extent with Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt, during the period of the formulation and eventual collapse of the Baghdad Pact. The study shows that Turkey repeatedly attempted to improve her relations with the Arab world after 1945, in the search for security against the perceived Soviet threat, and as such reveals the correlation between the Cold War concerns of the Great Powers and the national policies of the Middle East states.

US Presidential Papers concerning Saudi Arabia 1941–1962

1 volume, 400 pages; ISBN 9781852076658

This collection contains US State Department papers on Saudi Arabia from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s drawn from the National Security files and the private presidential office files of Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy. These documents are particularly interesting as they represent direct correspondence between heads of state and although some are heavily censored it is possible to discern different styles of leadership beneath the layers of protocol.

US Records on Saudi Affairs 1945–1959

8 volumes, 6000 pages; ISBN 9781852076702

These volumes are prepared from confidential US State Department central files, from records of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and from other US Government archives in Washington DC, and in some places remain censored. The period of coverage traces defence development post-World War II and

the close strategic relationship between Saudi Arabia and the US in the light of American interests in the Middle East up to 1959. This period covers the Suez crisis and the creation of the United Arab Republic, deteriorating US relations with Iraq and Egypt especially over Israel and sees some of the most exciting diplomatic activity of the last century.

US records are of particular importance in the light of the renewed instability in the Middle East and the special relationship that Saudi Arabia has traditionally had with the USA. This publication provides an important historical record seen from the American diplomatic viewpoint and represents a useful counterbalance to material drawing on British views of strategic issues in the Middle East.

Water Resources in the Arabian Peninsula 1921–1960

2 volumes, 1000 pages; ISBN 9781852077952

The discovery and development of local water resources is an important theme in the history of Arab states. These volumes draw together the surviving historical records on the water resources of Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the Trucial States and Oman. Material has also been included on the Jeddah water scheme in Saudi Arabia.

A great bulk of the material relates to the intense period of prospecting for water in the 1950s, particularly in the Trucial States, but also in Doha and Muscat, and to the political issues of the 1950s of Kuwait deriving water from the Shatt al-'Arab and the question of her dependence on Iraq.

The Zionist Movement and the Foundation of Israel 1839–1972

10 volumes, 8000 pages; ISBN 9781840970500

These ten volumes draw together documents found in the British National Archives to trace the origins and development of the Zionist movement in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with specific reference to the idea, and eventually the goal, of establishing a Jewish homeland. Material is relatively sparse in the nineteenth century and volume 1 is rather an historical volume covering the rise of Zionism, including the work of Theodor Herzl and the first Zionist Congress at Basle, ending in 1916 with the fall of the Ottoman Empire. The bulk of the material, volumes 2 to 8, relates to the years 1916–1948 when the Zionist debate raged, the movement became factionalised, split, and eventually, partly because of events surrounding World War II, achieved its goal of the creation of Israel. Volume 10, like volume 1 ranges over a greater number of years in less detail, covering the period after the creation of Israel in 1948 to the most recent releases by the British government from 1972, when the main question for Zionism, perhaps, was whether it still had a role to play beyond the inception of the State.

EUROPEAN, SLAVIC, & CAUCASIAN COLLECTIONS

Albania and Kosovo: Political and Ethnic Boundaries 1867–1946

1 volume, 1100 pages, and 1 map box; ISBN 9781852079109

This two volume set of documents and maps provides the historical background appropriate to understanding the present Balkan crisis. It makes available the essential historical texts and maps determining the formation of boundaries in the Kosovo region. Treaties, political reports and diplomatic correspondence have been selected from British government files to show the main historical developments in territorial relations between Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia and Greece.

The collection begins with the rise of Balkan nationalism in the mid-nineteenth century, and ends with the provisional Government of Albania set up in 1944, turning away from its original close links with Yugoslavia, fearing Yugoslav expansionism, and seeking alliances with China and other Communist powers.

Armenia: Political and Ethnic Boundaries 1878–1948

1 volume, 1000 pages; ISBN 9781852079550

This collection of documents and maps provides scholars with an independent research publication whose primary aim is to illustrate key events, using material from British government archives, as markers in defining Armenian territory. These 70 years are crucial in the formation of the boundaries of what now constitutes the state of Armenia.

The “Armenian Question” came under international scrutiny with the rise of modern nationalism in the Armenian communities living in the Ottoman and Russian empires. Borders had always shifted to and fro on the territory inhabited by Armenians. What changed from the nineteenth century onwards was that the Armenians – despite being militarily and politically weak – now tried to set a political agenda of their own (ultimately, the creation of an independent Armenian state encompassing a large part of what they considered to be their historical homeland) and to gain the maximum from the rivalry of the Great Powers in Anatolia and the Transcaucasus.

Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia: Historical Boundaries 1815–1945

1 volume, 700 pages, and 1 map box; ISBN 9781852079659

The purpose of this document collection is to establish from the historical record the diplomatic and cartographic background to the Balkan zone of territorial and ethnic conflict. The primary focus of the work is on the internal, i.e. the shared boundaries of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia rather than on their relationships with states on their outer periphery. The Editor has sought

to provide documentary evidence at the main watersheds of history between the end of the Napoleonic era and the end of the Second World War. Since then, as Tito’s régime established itself, the international community has been able to gain few documentary traces of internal Yugoslav administration.

This publication offers, therefore, a survey of the great imperial shift of the Balkan territories in the nineteenth century, from the Ottoman to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and of the creation of the twentieth century kingdom, subsequently the republic, of Yugoslavia. Text and maps support each other closely.

Caucasian Boundaries: Documents and Maps 1802–1946

1 volume, 928 pages, and 1 map box; ISBN 9781852079604

This collection of key documents provides background information on present-day conflicts in the Caucasian region, and includes historical maps from British, French, German, Russian and Ottoman sources.

The aim of this work is to depict the evolution of major boundaries of Transcaucasia and the Northern Caucasus as measured and agreed by the international community at certain historic watersheds. Through extensive research into diplomatic and military records of the British government, we have attempted to trace descriptions of recognised frontiers and boundaries. The documents, used in conjunction with the map box, will depict evolving geopolitical claims of the key states of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and North Caucasia; but also territories such as Daghestan, Circassia, Kars, Elisavetopol, Abkhasia, Kouban, at times subsumed into the larger states, are covered.

Ethnic Minorities in the Balkan States 1860–1971

6 volumes, 4400 pages, ISBN 9781840970357

Editor: B. Destani

This new collection of documents has been brought together in an attempt to add a depth of understanding to consideration of the ethnic conflicts within the Balkan region over the last 150 years. It is wide-ranging in its coverage of the position and treatment of ethnic minorities within the Balkan states and beyond. Countries covered are: Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Croatia; Dalmatia; Greece; Kosovo; Macedonia; Moldavia; Montenegro; Romania; Serbia; Slovenia; Transylvania; Turkey; and, to some extent, the Austrian Empire. It will be discovered that within each state is a minority of some kind with a degree of persecution formed against them, whether they be Jews, Magyars, Circassians, Muslims, Christians or former residents of a different country such as Greeks in Turkey or Albanians in Greece.

Greece: Ethnicity and Sovereignty 1820–1994

1 volume: 56 pages of 4-colour maps and 446 pages of supporting text and facsimile documents, with index to all sections; ISBN 9781852078959

J. M. Wagstaff

A knowledge of the geographical dimension is fundamental to an understanding of how independent Greece came to be defined in terms of territory, how it actually grew in size and how its driving force, the Great Idea of uniting all 'Greeks' within one territorial state, was made reality.

Aimed at presenting diplomats, politicians and scholars with the cartographic and documentary material for reflecting on the development of Greece and the continuing controversies over its territory and sovereignty, the atlas contains material relevant to understanding not only the complex political problems in the wider Balkans but also the strained relationships between Greece and Turkey.

Montenegro: Political and Ethnic Boundaries 1840–1920

2 volumes, 1800 pages; ISBN 9781852079055

Editor: B. Destani, with an introduction by former President M. Djukanovic

The documents in this collection describe in detail the history of Montenegro, first as the independent principality and later as the sovereign state. There is extensive correspondence between the British Government in London, and the Embassy in Constantinople, and directly with Prince Nicholas in Cetinje; naturally a large proportion of the documents are concentrated around 1878. These documents form an invaluable first-hand research base for the study of this politically important state and in his introduction the former Montenegrin President Milo Djukanovic recommends this work to the research community as well as to the broader readership.

Oil Resources in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus 1885–1978

9 volumes, 6000 pages, and 1 map box; ISBN 9781840973150

The greatest currently anticipated source of petroleum is said to be in the Caspian Sea off Baku, but the Caucasus region has been exploited for oil for centuries, as have other smaller, but key fields in Roumania. Now that so many former Soviet satellite states, Azerbaijan and Roumania included, are independent territories, there is global involvement and interest in their development. Through these documents the history of the industry and business itself is depicted, but the involvement of European and overseas companies and governments in this field will serve also as a lens through which to focus on political relations with Russia, her successor state the USSR, and annexed territories.

These nine volumes depict the sustained interest, efforts and effectiveness of Great Britain in acquiring, and then defending, petroleum resources in a geo-political realm where it had neither legal standing nor political presence in the late 19th and early 20th century. Thereafter, they address its fight to obtain redress

for those oil interests following the seizure by the USSR of numerous concessions and equipment after World War I, notably those in Roumania, and again after Allied oil denial policy during World War II, and the impact upon relations and trade in petrochemicals between eastern and western Europe. During the Cold War era and beyond, issues and shifts in international relations are depicted through the western European acquisition of Russian oil: Great Britain defied the USA in the late 1950s to end an embargo on Russian oil imports, and gradually began to resume trade with the USSR, thus marking the beginning of the end of the Cold War, and by the end of the 1970s perhaps even foreshadowing Perestroika.

Proceedings Of The Caucasian Archaeographical Commission 1866–1904

1 volume, 956 pages, including 146 microfiche, c.14,000 docs in Russian & Persian; ISBN 9781852079758

A great part of the original Russian records have been lost through the ravages of time, war, accident and earthquake. But a unique collection of archive documents has been preserved, showing the consequences of conquest or annexation by the Russian Empire and details of the many boundaries which were established by Tzarist officials in the 18th and 19th centuries. At the direction of the Russian Governor-General in the Caucasus, the Archives of the Central Administration from 1802 to 1862 were gathered together and published between 1866 and 1904 in Tiflis (Tbilisi), Georgia: some 14,000 of the most important documents were published including many secret service reports about the situations in Turkey and Persia. A handlist of the contents, in English, has been prepared by staff at the Board of Scientific Editors in Tbilisi (Tiflis), Georgia as an aid to research.

Soviet Union: Political Reports 1917–1970

12 volumes, 9000 pages; ISBN 9781840970609

These volumes cover the period from the beginning of 1917 to the end of 1970 during which the political landscape of Russia changed beyond recognition. Beginning with the dying days of Imperial Russia under Nicholas II, the last of the Romanov Tsars, Russia then saw revolution, civil war, the formation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the rule of Lenin followed by the dictatorship and purges of Stalin, the invasion of Russia by Nazi Germany, the period of the Cold War when the Soviet Union ruled much of Eastern Europe and threatened the rest, the era of de-Stalinisation under the rule of Krushchev and ending with the collective leadership of Brezhnev and Kosygin.

[Extract from *Quarterly Report No. 54, 8 April 1953*]: "A quarter which began with the 'doctor's plot', took in its stride Stalin's death and his succession by Malenkov and ended with Chou-en-Lai's acceptance of the voluntary repatriation of Korean war prisoners, has claims to be historic. The apparent departure from attitudes which, while Stalin was alive, seemed immutable, is astonishing enough. But even more remarkable is that the process of change should have been initiated before he was cold in his grave and by men whom we still have no reason to suppose were not, while he was alive, anything but his devoted associates."

Yugoslavia: Political Diaries 1918–1965

4 volumes, 3200 pages; ISBN 9781852079505

This important collection of British political reports on the former Yugoslavia will provide extensive historical background to modern developments and while the reports are written from the point of view of British diplomatic interest, the observations and judgements are largely balanced, and may contribute to a wider understanding of the political and ethnic heritage of the peoples and states of the former Yugoslavia. The material provides useful summaries of actual events, together with evaluations of their political significance.

The main series within the volumes comprises the diplomatic annual reports or reviews from Belgrade. The annual reports have been supplemented with special “situation reports”, current events reports, personality reports, and weekly or fortnightly reports to provide continuity and to fill gaps.

EAST & SOUTH-EAST ASIA COLLECTIONS

China: Political Reports 1911–1960

11 volumes, 6970 pages ISBN 9781852079307

China: Political Reports 1961–1970

3 volumes, 1800 pages ISBN 9781840970203

This collection draws together the periodic political reports sent by British officials based in China back to the British Foreign Office in London.

The collection begins with the 1911 annual report. To summarise this report would be to say it describes the fall of the Manchu Dynasty, but any attempt to do so reveals the nature of all these reports on China. The vastness of the land area of China, the many different peoples and the different political character of the many provinces mean a level of detail that defies any attempt at simplification. Furthermore, China shares external boundaries with 14 countries to the north, west and south and has 14,000 kilometres of coastline to the east.

This collection of reports ends in 1960 with the effects of the ‘Great Leap’ forward of 1958 just beginning to be felt; the first suggestions of dissent within the leadership of the Communist Party; and the process of the elevation of Chairman Mao to cult status well under way.

10 more years of documentation have become publicly available and additional volumes have been prepared for 1961–1971. In this period is the recovery from the ‘Great Leap Forward’ and the main thrust of the ‘Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution’. These two events alone would sustain research for years to come

but also within this period are huge foreign relations disputes such as with India over Tibet but behind which lay the central issue of China’s relationship with the other great Communist power and its near neighbour – Russia.

Hong Kong: Annual Administration Reports 1841–1941

6 volumes, 3000 pages; ISBN 9781852079703

This collection of administration and related reports covers the first 100 years of British rule in Hong Kong. On 26th January 1841 Hong Kong was occupied by British forces; two days after this initial occupation, on 28th January 1841, a Royal Proclamation placed the civil administration in the hands of Captain Elliot, then Chief Superintendent of Trade of British Subjects in China.

It naturally took time for the whole apparatus of colonial government to be developed in Hong Kong and for the standard reporting back to London to be established. Foremost among the reports that had to be sent back to London was the annual Blue Book: the collection of all available statistics for the colony, with details of all income and expenditure (including official salaries and pensions), and with the Blue Book was sent the Governor’s report summarising the events of the year.

This series has been established in its complete form for the first time by Robert Jarman, who also provides an archival introduction.

Japan: Political and Economic Reports 1906–1970

14 volumes, 9500 pages; ISBN 9781852079000

Cambridge Archive Editions presents a revised edition of the 1994 title *Japan and Dependencies: Political and Economic Reports 1906–1960*. It provides an extensive series of British diplomatic reports containing a continuous account of developments in Japanese history from 1906–1960, now updated by the addition of previously withheld documents from the 1940s and 2 volumes of documents from 1960–1970. It is further changed by the separate publication of the dependencies titles. The resulting 9,500 pages is a considerable piece of research which provides descriptions and assessments of Japanese international relations, internal political and economic affairs and post-war civil and economic reconstruction for this relatively unknown country, viewed latterly as one of the great engines of economic change in the twentieth century.

Korea: Political and Economic Reports 1882–1970

14 volumes, 10000 pages; ISBN 9781840971101

This comprehensive collection of facsimile documents contains all available diplomatic reports regarding Korea that are housed in the British National Archives. The period covered by the collection begins with the Korean monarchy, and includes the time spent under Japanese rule, the split into north and south Korea and the Korean War.

From the documents it can be seen that the history and status of Korea was dependent upon the rivalries between, and the comparative strengths of, the three countries that lay adjacent to Korea – Russia, China and Japan. After the Second World War, the vacuum caused by the elimination of Japan meant that the Soviet Union, the USA and Communist China now vied for influence in Korea, and the post-1945 division of the peninsula into North and South Korea and the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950 are symbols of that rivalry. The entrenchment of the division between the Communist North and the non-Communist South, and their respective supporters in the Soviet bloc and the capitalist West, is the central issue from the armistice in 1953 to the final report in this collection in 1970.

Shanghai: Political and Economic Reports 1842–1943

British Government Records from the International City

18 volumes, 14500 pages; ISBN 9781840972108

The remarkable and durable institution of the International Settlement allowed the British to report in detail on political and economic matters in Shanghai and China. This collection of primary documents establishes a comprehensive series of despatches, in the main from the British consul in Shanghai to the British ambassador to China usually based in Peking, but in the 1930s based in Shanghai itself.

There is regular information on the government of the Settlement, and reports on the opium trade; there are extended reports, in 1856, on the continuing Taiping Rebellion, and later,

reports on the Sino-Japanese war over the control of Korea; from 1901–1 reports include: the Boxer Rebellion; commentary on the French settlement; anti-government conspirators in Shanghai; the Russo-Japanese war; the Shanghai tramway system; the bubonic plague in Shanghai; the Chinese revolution of 1911–12; British intelligence reports on German activities, 1914–18; and in the mid-1920s telegrams reflect the impact of the civil war in China, and report “the Shanghai incident”. The collection ends with the winding up of the Settlement under wartime Japanese occupation.

Straits Settlements: Annual Reports 1855–1941

12 volumes, 7850 pages, plus 6 maps in volume 11; ISBN 9781852079406

The Straits Settlements were formed in 1826 by the amalgamation of the three Settlements of Singapore (including Christmas Island and the Cocos-Keeling group), Penang (including Province Wellesley), and Malacca. Initially the seat of government was Penang but in 1836 Singapore became the capital.

On 1 April 1867 the Straits Settlements were transferred from the control of the Indian Government to that of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in London. In 1912 Labuan became the fourth Settlement.

This 12 volume set covers the years 1855 to 1941 and includes all the annual reviews ever produced of the colony as a whole. The reports are arranged in chronological order establishing, for the first time, an integral series gathered together from scattered Government files. There are also many instances of hitherto unknown or unreleased documents which were specially requested by the editor from the British Foreign Office to complete this series of reports.

Taiwan: Political and Economic Reports 1861–1960

10 volumes, 7000 pages; ISBN 9781852079451

For the first time the complete series of British diplomatic reports from the island of Taiwan is published. These volumes provide an extensive and reliable research source for study of a 100-year period of Taiwanese history. The early reports cover the nineteenth century years of Formosa as a part of China, as well as the brief period of independence in 1895; followed by the long period up to World War II as a Japanese colony.

The post-war reports are of special value in documenting the struggle between the Kuomintang, led by Chiang-kai-shek, and the Communist forces of Mao-tse-tung. The Nationalists, defeated on the mainland, brought to Taiwan the flag which had been adopted as the national flag of China from 1928–1949. These reports provide contemporary accounts of the military tensions of the early 1950s, the rivalry over the Chinese heritage and the unresolved status of Taiwan. The reports also give a balanced picture of the different political and ethnic constituents in Taiwanese history, with information on the Chinese, Japanese and aboriginal communities.

Vietnam under French rule 1919–1946

The nationalist challenge and the Japanese threat

4 volumes 3,500 pages; ISBN 978-1-84097-390-7

Editors: Robert L. Jarman and K.E. Evans

Born out of the maelstrom of the Second World War, the country today formally recognised as Vietnam soon became a virtual synonym for conflict, in much the same manner as Iraq and Afghanistan now are at the beginning of the twenty-first century. The regions of Tonkin, Annam, and Cochinchina, from which Vietnam was constituted, had been governed by the French as part of French Indochina since 1887 and were territories over which Britain had never held sway; yet at various stages throughout the turbulent twentieth century, events conspired in surprising ways to provide the British government with a significant role in shaping and determining their future for many years to come.

These 3500 pages of documents have been selected from across all major departments of the British government – the Foreign, Colonial, Dominions and War Offices, the Prime Minister's Office, as well as the Cabinet Office, and occasionally from other departments where relevant or appropriate. They present a constant flow of detailed monthly reports and diplomatic despatches to the Foreign Office in London from officials on the spot who attempted to evaluate the political, social, economic and military situation as it appeared to them. These reports contain a surprisingly diverse range of information and are often supplemented by examples of political tracts, circulars or pamphlets, copies of speeches and extracts from the local press, many of which have been reproduced in this volume, and which provide valuable insights into aspects of the early development of nationalism and the communist movement in Indochina.

NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTION

America and Great Britain: Diplomatic Relations 1775–1815: British Government Documents

9 volumes, 7500 pages; ISBN 9781139976398 EBook Only

America and Great Britain: Diplomatic Relations 1775–1815: British Government Documents is the first of the CAE collections to be presented in colour. It is provided only as an e-book because it comprises manuscript copy dating back to 1775, with a small section covering events back to 1768, and many of the original documents are large and in the e-book format they can be viewed at the original size for excellent reading quality.

There are 7000 pages of primary material, charting the emergence of an independent America from the hands of those responsible. The set is made up of the diplomatic official correspondence between Britain and America and gives an extraordinary insight into the shaping of a nation, from America being referred to as “our Colonies and Plantations in North America” by King George III to its recognition as the “United States” by Britain in 1782.

The document collection is sourced from a wide selection of files from the British Archives and includes an extensive collection of letters between British officials and a number of the Founding Fathers such as Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John Jay, James Madison and John Hancock. The correspondences form a narrative which not only capture central historical events from a contemporary viewpoint, but also provide a very human element to the creators of modern America.

The collection begins with a resumé of events centered around American protests over taxation, follows the course of the war for independence, and concludes, after ratification of the Treaty of Ghent in February 1815, with the restoration of normal diplomatic relations.

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