Britain’s Maritime Empire

Britain’s Maritime Empire explores the maritime gateway to Asia around the Cape of Good Hope and its critical role in the establishment, consolidation and maintenance of the British Empire in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Situated at the centre of a maritime chain that connected seas and continents, this gateway bridged the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Its commercial and strategic links formed a global web that reflected the development of the British Empire in the period. The book examines how contemporaries perceived, understood and represented this area; the ways in which it worked as an alternative hub of empire, enabling the movement of people, goods, and ideas, as well as facilitating information and intelligence exchanges; and the networks of administration, security and control that helped to cement British imperial power.

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The following abbreviations are employed throughout the text:

Add. MS Additional Manuscripts
AHU Arquivo Histórico Ultramarino, Lisbon
BL British Library
Bodl. Bodleian Library Special Collections, University of Oxford
B’hurst Brenthurst Library, Johannesburg
CA Western Cape Archives and Records Service, Cape Town
CRL Cadbury Research Library, University of Birmingham
CRO Cumbria Record Office, Carlisle
CUL Cambridge University Library
DRO Devon Record Office, Exeter
ESRO East Sussex Record Office, Lewes
HALS Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies, Hertford
HRO Hampshire Record Office, Winchester
IOR India Office Records, British Library
Journals The Cape Journals of Lady Anne Barnard, 1797–1798, edited by A. M. Lewin Robinson with Margaret Lenta and Dorothy Driver (Cape Town: Van Riebeeck Society, 1994)
KCL Foyle Special Collections Library, King’s College, London, Foreign and Commonwealth Office Historical Collections

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