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High in the eastern Himalayan foothills, people had a unique vantage point on the British Empire. *The Mizo Discovery of the British Raj* presents a history of Mizoram in Northeast India told from historical Indigenous perspectives of encounters with empire from the 1890s to the 1920s. Based on a wide range of research and enriched by sources newly digitised by the author through the British Library's Endangered Archives Programme, Kyle Jackson sheds new light on the complex and violent processes of how and why diverse populations of highland clans in the Indo-Burmese borderlands came to redefine themselves as Christian Mizos. By using historical Indigenous concepts and logics to approach early twentieth-century imperial encounters, Jackson guides readers into a decolonial history of Northeast India, demonstrating the value of thinking not just about the histories of colonized peoples and concepts but also with them.

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Abbreviations

ALA	Angus Library and Archive, Regent's Park College, Oxford
ASA	Assam State Archives, Guwahati
BCMCA	Baptist Church of Mizoram Centennial Archives, Serkawn
BL	Asia, Pacific and Africa Collections, British Library, London
BL EAP	Endangered Archives Programme, British Library, London
BU	Bangor University, Department of Manuscripts and Archives, Bangor
C	Census Department
CB	carton box
CMA	Calvinistic Methodist Archives, Aberystwyth
CRO	Caernarfon Record Office, Caernarfon
CSAA	Cambridge South Asian Archive, Cambridge
DA	Denbighshire Archives, Ruthin
Edu	Education Department
FRO	Flintshire Record Office, Hawarden
G	General Department
H	Home Department
JMLA	J. M. Lloyd Archive, Aizawl Theological College, Durtlang
KPUSC	Kwantlen Polytechnic University Special Collections, Surrey
LSMTH	London School of Medicine and Tropical Hygiene, Library and Archives Service, London
LUL	Leiden University Library, Special Collections, Leiden
M	Military
MPCSCA	Mizoram Presbyterian Church Synod Centenary Archives, Aizawl
MSA	Mizoram State Archives, Aizawl
NAI	National Archives of India, Delhi
NLW	National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth
Pol	Political Department

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R	Revenue Department
RGSMA	Royal Geographical Society Manuscript Archive, London
SA	Shakespear Archive, Vienna
ULAM	University of London Archives and Manuscripts, London
WCAM	Wellcome Collection Archives and Manuscripts, London