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	Correspondence
CO 130	Colonial Office: Hong Kong, Acts and Ordinances
CO 131	Colonial Office: Hong Kong, Sessional Papers
CO 132	Colonial Office: Hong Kong, Government Gazettes
CO 133	Colonial Office: Hong Kong, Miscellanea
CO 295	Colonial Office: Trinidad, Original
	Correspondence
CO 323	Colonial Office: General Correspondence
CO 381	Colonial Office and Predecessors: General Entry
	Books, Series II
CO 403	Colonial Office: Hong Kong, Entry Books
CO 700	Colonial Office and Predecessors: Maps and Plans,
	Series I
CO 854	Colonial Office: Circular Despatches
FO 17	Foreign Office: General Correspondence, China
FO 83	Foreign Office: General Correspondence, Great
	Britain and General
FO 405	Foreign Office: China and Taiwan Confidential
	Print
FO 705	Private and Semi-official Correspondence of Sir
	Henry Pottinger
MPG 1	Maps and Plans Extracted from the Records of the
	Colonial Office

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PCAP 9	Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: Minutes			
Public Records Office, Hong Kong SAR				
HKRS 100-3	Correspondence Received by the Chief Police Magistrate from the Colonial Secretary of Hong Kong			