

*Research value*

The collection contains much important material relating to Admiralty policy and the activities of the Royal Navy in the Pacific Basin. The Masters' logs are an excellent source for individual voyages and there are records concerning the Australia, China and Pacific Stations.

GREAT BRITAIN, FOREIGN OFFICE Micro MS Coll 7

Records relating to French affairs in the Pacific, 1782-1905. 97 reels.

*Provenance*

The original records are located at the Public Record Office, London. They were microfilmed by the AJCP in 1969-1970.

*Contents*

The records comprise Foreign Office documentation (FO 27) concerning French activities in the Pacific with some coverage of the South East Asian area.

The copying has been selective; in many cases only one or two letters from a piece have been filmed. Most of the correspondence is between the British Consulate in Paris and the Foreign Office. There are also reports from consulates in the Pacific, enclosing French communications.

The records concern French expeditions to the Pacific; French interest in Australia and New Zealand; Catholic-Protestant missions and rivalry in the Pacific; the annexation of Tahiti, the New Hebrides and New Caledonia and the establishment of French colonies and penal settlements; the escape of convicts to Australia and New Zealand and French naval activities; trade, tariff, and postal matters in the Pacific.

*Finding aids*

*AJCP Handbook, Part 5*, and an inventory. Also useful are the *Guide to the Records of the Public Records Office* (London: HMSO, 1963), Vol 2, pp. 123-64 and the *Guide to Manuscripts in the British Isles Relating to Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific*, by P. Mander-Jones (Canberra: ANU Press, 1972), pp. 233-45.

*Research value*

This collection of official documents provides useful coverage of French aspirations and activities in the Pacific as viewed by the British Foreign Office.

GERMANY. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS Micro MS Coll 9

Selected records, 1879-1944. 55 reels.

*Provenance*

These records are located at the Answartige Amt Archiv, Bonn, Germany. Selected records were filmed by British and American authorities after the Second World War. The AJCP copied this microfilm as part of the Miscellaneous Series.

*Contents*

The selections relate mainly to Australia, the South Seas, the Indian Ocean, and to colonial possessions of the German, French and Dutch governments.

The collection covers three main subject areas: papers of the German Ministry for Colonies, 1879-1939; records relating to Australian and New Zealand economic affairs, 1887-1944 and London Ministry records relating to Samoa, 1886-1906.

Most material is in German.

*Finding aids*

Access is through the *AJCP Handbook, Part 8*, p. 39 and a detailed inventory.

*Research value*

This collection provides invaluable research material, not otherwise readily accessible to researchers in this country, concerning German aspirations and activities in the Pacific Basin. It includes German commentary on local politics and economic affairs.