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Disciplines Supported: History of Southeast Asia, history of Hong Kong and modern China, British empire and colonialism in Asia, nationalism, communism, and postcolonialism

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VALUE OF THE COLLECTION

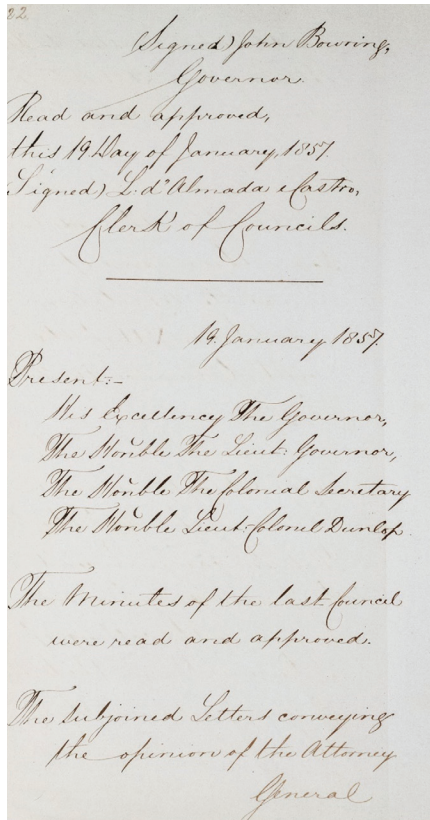
This largely English-language collection of Malaysia-, Singapore-, and Hong Kong-related files selected from the Colonial Office, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Office, Ministry of Defence, and British Council series will provide an essential reference point for researching the history and governance of these former British colonies, as well as their interactions with the UK, China, and other parts of East Asia and Southeast Asia. These records provide context into how Malaysia, Singapore, and Hong Kong conduct government, commerce, international relations, and civic life to this day.

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- history of Hong Kong and greater China
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- Indonesian influence in Malay Peninsula
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- Federation of Malaya
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