Guide to the British East India Company Records

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Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 925

**CREATOR:** British East India Company

**TITLE:** British East India Company records

**DATES:** 1821–1853

**BULK DATES:** 1821–1839

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE(S):** The materials are in English.

**SUMMARY:** Reports of agents of the East India Company in Mahi Kantha in Gujarat (western India) and dispatches from East India officials in Bombay sent to London. The reports provide a history of the Mahi Kantha before 1821 and describe political events there through 1839. The documents are all copies.

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Biographical / Historical
The British East India Company was founded around 1600 in order to control British trade, especially in spices, from India, China, and neighboring regions. Initially, the company held a monopoly on such activities and both exploited and expanded British colonial power, by acting as an agent to the Crown from the early eighteenth century to the mid nineteenth century.

Description of the Collection
The two volumes which constitute this small collection pertain to the activities of the British East India Company in the Mahi Kantha, a fiscal and military district now making up part of the state of Gujarat in western India. The first volume contains copies of reports (1821-1827) made to company officials in Baroda and Bombay from local agents, while the other volume contains copies of despatches (1826-1839) sent from Bombay to the Court of Directors of the East India Company in London. There is also one loose despatch from 1863. Taken together, these papers provide a history of the Mahi Kantha before 1821 and detail political and military events there through 1839.

These papers were purchased for Yale University in 1949. They were formerly known as the Bombay Presidency Papers.
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Access Terms

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