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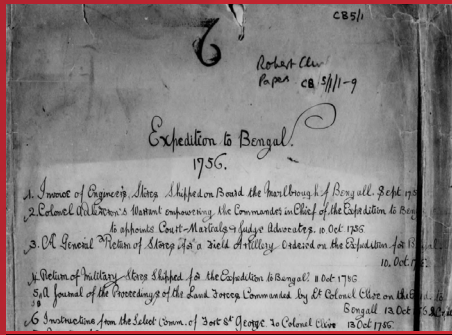
THE EAST INDIA COMPANY: LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR
BRITISH COLONIAL DOMINATION OF INDIA, 1752-1774

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Explore how the East India Company...

British Online Archives updated collection, *The East India Company: Laying Foundations for the British Colonial Domination of India, 1752-1774*, examines how key figures within the British military helped the East India Company establish rule over the complex subcontinent.

This collection draws from the personal papers of Colonel Robert Clive and Brigadier-General James Carnac, two key figures in the military branch of the East India Company who wielded great influence in bringing the much coveted India under British domination.

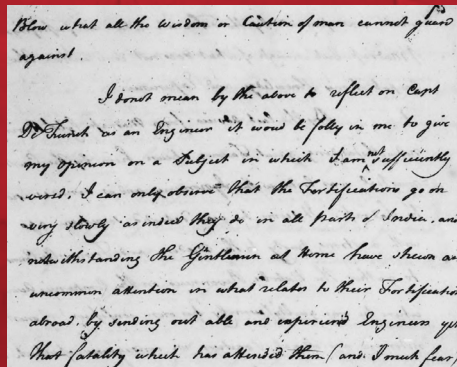


This collection is the first in a series documenting colonial rule in India.

... laid the foundations of British colonial rule in India.



Colonel Robert Clive ushered in a new era for British influence in India when he defeated the ailing Mughal forces at the Battle of Plassey 1757 and established company rule in Bengal, the wealthiest region in the subcontinent.



The collection contains over 24,000 unique images.

The collection features extensive correspondence detailing the conquest and administration of India, financial records detailing the transactions and accounts of the East India Company, as well as documents showing the wealthy lifestyle in England that was fueled by the men's Indian exploits.

As such, the collection paints a portrait of what life was like as a prominent figure in early colonial government.

The papers provide a unique insight into the reality of 'company rule', in which India was made to bend to the will of wealthy British capitalists.



He would go on to become Governor of Bengal, with his neglectful and brutal rule culminating in the Bengali Famine, 1769-1772.



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