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British Colonial Rule in the Cape of Good Hope  
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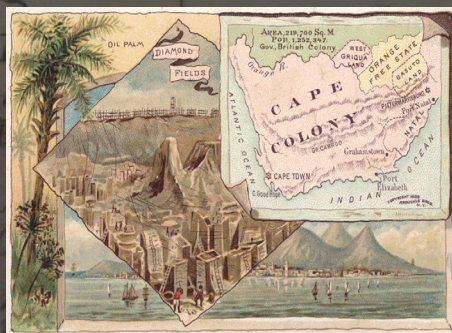
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## Administrative and economic change . . .

*British Colonial Rule in the Cape of Good Hope and Basutoland, 1854–1910*, explores 50 years of colonial rule in southern Africa. Settled by the Dutch East India Company in 1652, the colony came under British control in 1806. In 1910, it became a province of the newly formed Union of South Africa. The collection tracks the administration of the Cape from 1854 to the formation of the Union of South Africa.

This collection explores the development of constitutional governance and infrastructure in the region, as well as the growth of key industries, such as mining and the production of cotton, ostrich feathers, and wine. It contains records related to the use of Robben Island, the development of the colony's education system, road and railway construction, and the failed Jameson Raid of 1895.

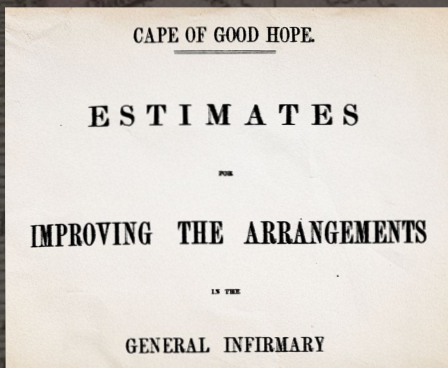


Drawn from official government records, this comprehensive collection contains over 90,000 images.

## . . . during a transformative era in South African history



Although the Cape colony was controlled by a minority class of white settlers, the sources provide valuable glimpses into African cultures and communities, including examples of resistance to colonialism.



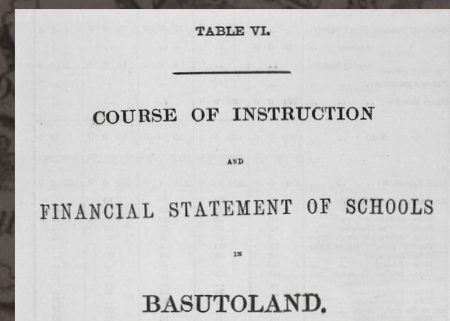
The Cape of Good Hope emerged as a commercial hub after the discovery of diamonds and gold in the 1860s.

*British Colonial Rule in the Cape of Good Hope and Basutoland, 1854–1910* will appeal to students, researchers, and lecturers investigating and delivering courses on the social, political, and economic development of South Africa.

It will also interest those exploring the broader histories of Africa and modern European imperialism.



This collection forms a natural counterpart to BOA's numerous African collections. We have grouped these under the theme of "Colonialism and Empire".



This collection includes material on British Kaffraria and Basutoland (Lesotho), a British colony that was bordered by the Cape, Natal, and Orange River colonies.

"Throughout the nineteenth century, the Cape was probably the most important, the most populous and the wealthiest British colony in Africa."

Shula Marks, Emeritus Professor, SOAS University of London.

  
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