

OLD MSS COLONIAL GOVERNOR¹ AND JAMES DOUGLAS² RECORDS

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Descriptions of colonial governor and James Douglas records given GR or MS numbers can be found on our collections database (<http://search-bcarchives.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/>).

Call Number	Name	Description
74-A-541	Vancouver Island. Governor	Correspondence from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Board of Trade, Treasury re lighthouses at Race Rocks and Fisgard Island; schedule of correspondence re Vancouver Island lighthouses.
74-A-617	Vancouver Island. Governor (Kennedy)	Letters from Elwood Evans, Acting Governor of Washington Territory, to Kennedy re seized ships. 1865
74-A-658	British Columbia. Governor (Musgrave)	Correspondence inward (draft) from E.G. Alston et al.
74-A-708	Douglas, James	Correspondence, notes and family tree re: Douglas family history. 1951-1952
A/B/10/D75 MS	Douglas, James	Correspondence outward. Photocopy. 1848
A/B/20/C72M.1 MS	Fort Colvile	Correspondence of Archibald McDonald relating to Fort Colvile. Letter-book copies. 20 Apr 1838-May 1842.
A/B/20/G76 MS	Grant, Walter Colquhoun	Report on Vancouver's Island by Capt'n W.C. Grant, 25 Oct 1849. Report to James Douglas, Acting Governor, on southern Vancouver Island re land use, resources and indigenous population. Holograph transcript.
A/B/20/L3A MS	McDonald, Archibald et al.	Correspondence relating to Fort Langley. 1830-1859.
A/B/20/L3YK/A MS	Fort Langley	Correspondence inward: from Fort Vancouver and Fort Victoria.
A/B/20/V Book	Fort Vancouver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence outward. 13 Jul 1840-24 May 1841. Letters signed by James Douglas at Fort Vancouver and on inspection tours to northwest coast and California. • Distribution of Gentlemen and men, outfit 1839 • James Douglas correspondence outward, 15 Dec 1866-16 Mar 1867.

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A/B/20/V2/Od MS	Fort Vancouver	Correspondence outward. 1849-1854. Letters signed by Peter Skene Ogden and James Douglas.
A/B/20/V2D MS Mfm A01360 & 738A	Fort Vancouver	Correspondence outward. 1830-1849. Letters signed by James Douglas. See A/B/20/V2DA MS for transcripts.
A/B/20/V2DK MS	Fort Vancouver	Correspondence inward. Typescript of letter signed by James Douglas. 1840
A/B/20/V9 MS	Fort Vancouver	Register of marriage licences. No. 1 James Douglas and Amelia Connolly; No. 2 Benjamin McKenzie and Katherine Campbell. 1837.
A/B/40/D75.2 BOOK	Douglas, James	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diary, 22 Apr-2 Oct 1840, pp. 1-62. Trip to the Northwest coast, with chronological contents list on loose pages at front of volume. See A/B/40/D75.2A for transcript. See also A/B/40/D75.4 MS. Diary of a trip to California, 2 Dec 1840-23 Jan 1841, pp. 63-92. See A/B/40/D75.3A for transcript,. Notes on traditions and population of the Indians of the Northwest coast, pp. 118, 124-126, 128-130, 138-140. For transcript, see F1/D75. Voyage records of HBC ships, pp. 132-137. Diary, 14-16 Aug 1827, pp. 146-147. Trip down Connolly's river. For transcript, see A/B/40/D75.1A. For second transcript, see B/20/1858..
A/B/40/D75.4 MS Mfm A01361(1)	Douglas, James	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diary, 6-21 Oct 1841. Trip to Sitka. See A/B/40/D75.4A for transcript. [Diary], 1-21 Mar 1843. Trip to Fort Victoria ["Voyage to Northwest Coast"]. See A/B/40/C75.4A for transcript. Diary, 26 Sep 1843. Trip to Fort George (Astoria). See A/B/40/D75.4A for transcript.
A/B/40/F49 MS	Finlayson, Roderick	Correspondence outward [to James Douglas]. 1 letter with transcript. 1844
A/B/40/M22K BOOK	McLeod, John	Correspondence inward 1826-1837. Letter dated Mar 12, 1832 [from James Douglas].
A/C/15/D75 MS Mfm A01360(5)	Douglas, James	Confidential report on officers. 1863. Includes transcript.
A/C/15/H86P BOOK	Hudson's Bay Company Land Office, Victoria	Correspondence outward [to Governor James Douglas]; signed by J. D. Pemberton. 1851-1858.
A/C/15/V66D MS	Hudson's Bay Company, Victoria	Correspondence outward [to Governor James Douglas]. Originals and some transcripts. 1859-1861.
A/C/20/M191.1 MS	McKay, Joseph William	Report of journey through a part of the Fraser River and adjoining districts. 1858

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A/C/20/Vi2 BOOK Mfm A01411(4)	Fort Victoria	Correspondence outward to HBC on the affairs of Vancouver Island colony. 16 May 1850- 6 Nov 1855. Letter-book. Letters from James Douglas to Archibald Barclay. See A/C/20/Vi2A for transcript.
A/C/20/Vi3 BOOK Mfm 101A	Fort Victoria	Correspondence outward to HBC on the affairs of Vancouver Island colony. 11 Dec 1855-8 Jul 1859. Letter-book. Letters from James Douglas to William G. Smith and Thomas Fraser. See A/C/20/Vi3A Book for transcript.
A/C/20/Vi3B	Fort Victoria	John Work, Dugald Mactavish, Chief Factors Hudson's Bay Company to James Douglas, Governor of British Columbia, 24 Nov 1858, re land in BC claimed by HBC and confirmation of title.
A/C/20/Vi3D MS Mfm A01360(3) & 738A	Fort Victoria	Correspondence outward. Letters signed by James Douglas. 1850-1859. See A/C/20/Vi3DA for transcript.
A/C/20/Vi4 BOOK	Fort Victoria	Correspondence outward. Letters signed by James Douglas. 21 Dec 1856 -25 Jan 1858. See A/C/20/Vi4A Book for photocopy.
A/C/20/Vi5 MS	Fort Victoria	Correspondence outward. Letter-book copies; letters signed by James Douglas. 1855-1858 [note: nothing from 1858]
A/C/20/Vi7 MS	Fort Victoria	Correspondence inward (from HBC, London) to James Douglas. 1849-1859. See A/C/20/Vi7A for transcripts.
A/C/20/Vi8 MS	Fort Victoria	Correspondence and papers (from HBC) re chaplain. 1849-1859
A/C/20.1/N15 BOOK	Fort Nanaimo	Correspondence between James Douglas and Joseph William McKay. Aug 1852-Sep 1853. Transcript.
A/E/C86/D74 BOOK	Douglas, James	Personal notebook with index. Various subjects and dates.
A/E/R731/D741 MS	Douglas, James	Correspondence outward. 1846 (Charles Ross collection)
B/20/1853 MS Mfm 737A	Douglas, James	Private papers; second series. Transcript (Bancroft Library has the originals). Copy of originals on microfilm reel 737A. Contents include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register of Observations on Temperature at Fort Victoria, 1846-1852, pp.1-5 • Census of Indian population in Vancouver Island and British Columbia, pp. 5-30 • Diary, 3-25 Jan 1853, pp. 31-43 (re trip in H.M.S. Thetis to Cowichan and Nanaimo to apprehend "Indian criminals") • Miscellaneous notes
B/20/1858 MS	Douglas, James	Private papers; first series. 1827-1861. Transcript (Bancroft Library has the originals). Diaries, 1827, 1835, 1858, 1860, 1861 and miscellaneous

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		papers. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diary Aug 14-16, 1827. Notes respecting a voyage down Connolly's River, pp. 3-5 • Diary of a journey from Fort Vancouver, Mar 3-Oct 27, 1835, pp. 5-48; "further diary" Nov [1835] Cowlitz River, pp. 48-49 • HBC correspondence and instructions ca. 1835-1836; Indians food supply, weather, pp. 49-57 • Diary of gold discovery on Fraser's River (trip to gold diggings) May 24-Sep14, 1858, pp. 58-69 • Diary Aug 28-Oct, 1860 (trip to Similkameen and Rock Creek), pp. 69-85 • Journey up country (Yale, Lytton, Kamloops) May 10-Jun 8, 1861, pp. 85-93 • Memoranda from 1840-41 journal (American Fur Company; HBC fur trade monopoly; Indian beliefs and customs), pp. 94-101
B/20/1864 MS	Douglas, James	Diary, 14 May 1864-16 May 1865. Trip to Europe. See B/20/1864 Book for transcript.
B/20/1869 MS	Douglas, James	Diary, 1 Apr 1869-8 Sep 1871. Life in Victoria.
B/20/1874 MS	Douglas, James	Diary, 25 Jun-16 Sep 1874. Trip to Europe; Diary, 1 Mar 1876-2 Aug 1877. Life in Victoria.
B/40/1 Book Mfm 738A	Douglas, James	Correspondence outward. 1854-1857. Miscellaneous letter and scrapbook.
B/40/2 Book Mfm 246A	Douglas, James	Correspondence outward. 22 Mar 1867-11 Oct 1870. Private letter-book. For transcript, see B/40/2A Book.
B/40/1 MS Mfm 738A	Douglas, James	Correspondence outward. Undated [to 1849].
B/40/2 MS 738A	Douglas, James	Correspondence outward. 1850-1871
B/40/3 MS	Douglas, James	Correspondence outward. 15 Dec 1866-16 Mar 1867. Includes transcripts.
B/40/4 MS Mfm 246A	Douglas, James	Letters to Martha. 30 Oct 1871-27 May 1874. 74 letters. See B/40/4A Book for transcripts.
B/40/5 MS	Douglas, James	Correspondence outward. 1874, 1877
B/40/6 MS	Douglas, James	Observations on the Oregon Treaty of 1846. 1871
B/40/7 MS	Douglas, James	Miscellaneous invitations etc. Various dates.

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B/90/1 Book Mfm A01405 & 738A	Douglas, James	Account and correspondence book.
B/90/1 MS Mfm 738A	Douglas, James	Miscellaneous papers to 1849.
B/90/2 MS	Douglas, James	Certificate of death. 2 Aug 1877, Signed by J. S. Helmcken.
B/90/3 MS	Douglas, James	Miscellaneous papers. 1850-1877. Memos; will; probate of will.
B/90/4 MS	Douglas, James	Indenture for land. Land receipt. Supreme Court order re Section 96, Esquimalt District – “Rosebank”.
B/90/C87 MS	Cridge, Edward	Characteristics of Sir James Douglas. 1878.
B/90/D74 MS	Douglas, James	Ancestry of Sir James Douglas. Research for W. Kaye Lamb.
C/AA/10/L26 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Correspondence inward; from E. E. Langford . 1856, 1860. Includes files F966a/1 (land issue), 4 and 5 (position of Chief Justice and unsuitability of David Cameron), originally in GR-1372.
C/AA/10/V66 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Report of the Victoria Harbour Commission. 1862.
C/AA/10B/3 BOOK	Vancouver Island. Governor (Blanshard)	Instructions to Richard Blanshard. Jul 16, 1849
C/AA/10D/D16 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Correspondence with A.G. Dallas (inward and outward) re financial arrangements with HBC, responsibility for civil expenditure, revenue from land sales, new government buildings (see C/AA/10.1/4A MS), Colonial Surveyor. 19 Aug-12 Sep 1859
C/AA/10K/1 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Kennedy)	Commission ... Arthur Edward Kennedy ... to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Vancouver and its Dependencies. Written transcript. Oct 26, 1863
C/AA/10K/2 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Kennedy)	Instructions ... Arthur Edward Kennedy ... administering the Government of our said Island Written transcript. Dec 11, 1863
C/AA/10K/3 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Kennedy)	Commission to the Governor of Vancouver Island revoked. Oct 22, 1866.
C/AA/10.1/1 BOOK	Vancouver Island. Governor (Blanshard)	Despatches to Secretary of State, London. Dec 26, 1849-Aug 30, 1851. (Copies received by Governor James Douglas, 9 May 1854 from Colonial Office, London and pasted into book with chronological list of despatches.) Typed transcript from copy of published version (from Academy of Pacific Coast History, University of California) in C/AA/10.1/1 MS. ⁴
C/AA/10.1/2 BOOK Mfm B02644(1)	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Despatches to Secretary of State, London. 31 Oct 1851-24 Nov 1855. Official letter-book. Also in C/AA/10.1/7 Book.

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C/AA/10.1/3 BOOK Mfm B02644(1)	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Despatches to Secretary of State, London. 10 Dec 1855-9 Jun 1859. Official letter-book. Also in C/AA/10.1/7 BOOK.
C/AA/10.1/4 BOOK Mfm B02644(1)	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Despatches to Secretary of State, London. 8 Jun 1859-28 Dec 1861. Official letter-book. Also in C/AA/10.1/7 BOOK.
C/AA/10.1/4A MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Despatch to Secretary of State, London, 16 Feb 1860 (No. 11), with enclosure - Secretary of State to Douglas, 1 Dec 1859 (Despatch No. 24) - in regards to cost of construction of Government Buildings ["Birdcages"]. See 3603, CO 305/14. ⁵
C/AA/10.1/5 BOOK Mfm B02644(1)	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Despatches to Secretary of State, London. 12 Jan 1862-12 Mar 1864. Official letter-book. Chronological list of despatches at front of volume. To 13 Jun 1863 also in C/AA/10.1/7 BOOK.
C/AA/10.1/6 BOOK	Vancouver Island. Governor (Kennedy)	Despatches to Secretary of State, London. 25 Mar 1864-19 Nov 1866. Official letter-book. Despatches dated 24 Oct 1866-19 Nov 1866 signed by W. A. G. Young. C/AA/10.1/6A (2v) is photocopy.
C/AA/10.1/7 BOOK Mfm B02644(2)	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Despatches to Secretary of State, London. 31 Oct 1851-13 Jun 1863, no. 21. Transcripts apparently made in 1873. For official copies see C/AA/10.1/2 BOOK, C/AA/10.1/3 BOOK, C/AA/10.1/4 , C/AA/10.1/5 BOOK.
C/AA/10.2/1 BOOK C/AA/10.2/3 BOOK C/AA/10.2/3 BOOK C/AA/10.2/4 MS C/AA/10.2/5 MS C/AA/10.2/6 MS C/AA/10.2/7 MS	Great Britain. Colonial Office.	Despatches to Vancouver Island (official correspondence from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Vancouver island). Jul 21, 1849-Jan 10, 1867. 7 vol. ⁶ Consists of original despatches, some including copies of outgoing inter-departmental letters, representations and reports. Some transcripts. See C/AA/10.2/1A BOOK to C/AA/10.2/7A BOOK for photocopy.
C/AA/10.2/8 BOOK	Great Britain. Colonial Office.	Despatches to Vancouver Island (official Correspondence from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Vancouver island). 31 Dec 1863-31 Oct 1865. Copied into book titled "Vancouver Island Colony Instructions" - pp.1-34, blank; pp. 11-34, despatch from Secretary of State (Newcastle) re keeping colonial accounts of revenue and expenditure; pp. 35-42, letter-book copies of circulars re office expenses, postage stamp, auditor, etc.
C/AA/10.2A/1 BOOK	Great Britain. Colonial Office.	Circular despatches to Vancouver Island. 28 Dec 1852-31 Dec 1855
C/AA/10.2A/2 BOOK to C/AA/10.2A/6 BOOK	Great Britain. Colonial Office.	Circular despatches to Vancouver Island and British Columbia. ⁷ 9 Jan 1856-31 Dec 1866
C/AA/10.2B/1 BOOK	Vancouver Island. Governor (Kennedy)	Register of despatches received from Colonial Office. 1864-1866.

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C/AA/10.3/1 BOOK	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Proclamations. 26 Mar 1853-8 May 1858. Official letter-book copies.
C/AA/10.3/2 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Blanshard)	Proclamation dated 12 Aug 12 1850 re: Riots at Fort Rupert. Official and typewritten copies.
C/AA/10.4/1 BOOK	Vancouver Island. Governor (Blanshard and Douglas)	Correspondence outward. 22 Jun 1850-5 Mar 1859 (part 1). ⁸ 22 Jun 1850-12 Aug 1850 signed by Blanshard; 14 Oct 1851-5 Mar 1859 signed by Douglas. Calendar (correspondence list) and original book cover filed as part 2. Index included. For Transcript see C/AA/10.4/1A MS.
C/AA/10.4/2 BOOK Mfm B02650	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Correspondence outward. 7 Jan 1859-13 Sep 1859. Many letters signed by W. A. G. Young, Colonial Secretary. Two letters, dated 12 Aug 1859 and 8 Jul 1859, signed by W. E. Cormack. Official letter-book copies. For photocopy see C/AA/10.4/2A2 Book; for transcript see C/AA/10.4/2A Book.
C/AA/10.4/3 BOOK Mfm B02650	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Correspondence outward. 27 May 1859-9 Jan 1864. Private official letter-book. Also contains many letters relating to Colony of British Columbia. Vol. 2. Inventory and calendar See C/AA/10.4/3A Book (2 v) for photocopy.
C/AA/10.4/4 BOOK	Vancouver Island. Governor (Kennedy)	Correspondence outward. 2 Apr 1864-3 Aug 1866. Messages to House of Assembly.
C/AA/10.4/1 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Blanshard)	Correspondence outward, 1850-1851. Letters to J.S. Helmcken, official and private, in Fort Rupert ⁹ , HBC and naval officers. For Transcripts see C/AA/10.4A/1
C/AA/10.4/2 MS Mfm B02650	Vancouver Island. Governor (Kennedy)	Correspondence outward. 1864-1866. To Governor Frederick Seymour.
C/AA/10.5/1 BOOK	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas and Kennedy)	Correspondence inward. 11 Feb 1864-31 Aug 1866. Communications from House of Assembly.
C/AA/10.5/1 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Blanshard)	Correspondence inward, 1849-1851. For transcripts see C/AA/10.5A/1.
C/AA/10.5/2 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Kennedy)	Correspondence inward from Governor Frederick Seymour.
C/AA/10.6/1 BOOK Mfm B02650(1)	Vancouver Island – Governor	Vancouver Island 1863 Schedule of Taxes, Duties, Fees and all other Sources of Revenue. ¹⁰ 2 copies (written in different hands). See B14173 (formerly 625A) for 1863-1865 (Public Record Office copy).
C/AA/10.7 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Census. 1855. Partly in handwriting of James Douglas. See also <i>British Columbia Historical Quarterly</i> , Oct 1939.
C/AA/10.9B MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Blanshard)	Miscellaneous official papers. Inquest on William Gillespie, 13 May 1850.

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C/AA/20.2K/1 BOOK	Vancouver Island. House of Assembly	Returns, messages [from Governor James Douglas], etc. to the House. 27 Nov 1856-20 Jul 1860. Messages from Governor.
C/AA/20.2K/2 BOOK	Vancouver Island. House of Assembly	Correspondence with the House of Assembly. 27 Jul 1860-11 Mar 1864. Returns, messages from Governor James Douglas, etc.
C/AA/20.2K/1 MS	Vancouver Island. House of Assembly	Correspondence inward from Governor James Douglas (141 letters). 27 Nov 1856-1 Sep 1863. Some of these letters are missing, including four from 27 Nov-17 Dec 1856. For a complete series of the letters, with index, see C/AA/20.2K/1 BOOK and C/AA/20.2K/2 BOOK. For typed transcripts of 34 of the letters (including the missing 1856 letters) see C/AA/20.2K/1A MS.
C/AA/30.1J/1 BOOK to C/AA/30.1J/6 BOOK	Vancouver Island. Colonial Secretary	Correspondence outward. Official letter-book copies. ¹¹ 14 Sep 1859-29 Nov 1866. See C/AA/10.4/1-2 BOOK for earlier letters.
C/AA/30.1J MS	Vancouver Island. Colonial Secretary	Correspondence outward, 8 Oct 1866. Reconveyance of Vancouver Island.
C/AA/30.1Jl BOOK	Vancouver Island. Colonial Secretary	Index to correspondence outward. Sep 1864-Nov 1866
C/AA/30.1Kl/1 BOOK	Vancouver Island. Colonial Secretary	Index to correspondence inwards. 1857-1864. These letters can be found in GR-1372.
C/AA/30.1Kl/2 BOOK	Vancouver Island. Colonial Secretary	Index to correspondence inwards. 1864-1866. These letters can be found in GR-1372.
C/AA/30.71/D74 MS	Vancouver Island. Colonial Surveyor	Indenture between James Douglas and B.W. Pearse, Colonial Surveyor, for lease of piece of land on Fairfield Estate. 1865.
C/AB/10/1 MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Proclamation of Indemnity. Indemnifying Governor for acts done before establishment of any legitimate authority in British Columbia. Proclaimed 19 Sep 1858.
C/AB/10/2 MS	British Columbia. Governor (Seymour)	Proclamation establishing Ports of Entry in BC (Victoria, New Westminster, Esquimalt, Nanaimo, Burrard Inlet). 1867
C/AB/10.1 MS	British Columbia. Governor (Seymour)	Despatch to London re appointment of Philip J. Hankin as Colonial Secretary. 21 Nov 1868. Contemporary copy.
C/AB/10.1A/1 BOOK	British Columbia. Governor (Douglas)	Despatches to London. 12 Oct 1858-25 Oct 1859. Transcripts made from original letter-book copies in 1872.
C/AB/10.1A/2 BOOK	British Columbia. Governor (Douglas)	Despatches to London. 25 Oct 1859-14 Sep 1863. Transcripts made from original letter-book copy in 1872. Chronological list of despatches from 12 May 1860 onward at front of book.

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C/AB/10.1A/3 BOOK	British Columbia. Governor (Douglas and Seymour)	Despatches to London. 14 Sep 1863-31 Dec 1867. Transcripts made from original letter-book copies. See C/AB/10.2B/1 MS for register, 1864-1867.
C/AB/10.1A/4 BOOK	British Columbia. Governor (Seymour and Musgrave)	Despatches to London. 11 Jan 1868-24 Jul 1871. Transcripts made from original letter-book copies. Index to despatches 12-21 Jul 1871 in GR-0443, vol. 30 (originally C/B/10.1/1). For register see C/AB/10.2B/2 BOOK.
C/AB/10.1A/5 BOOK	British Columbia. Governor (Douglas)	Despatches to London. 12 Oct 1858-4 Jul 1859. Photostats of original letter-book copies in Public Archives, Ottawa.
C/AB/10.1A/6 BOOK	British Columbia. Governor (Douglas)	Despatches to London. 6 Jul 1859-24 Jun 1860. Photostat of original letter-book copies in Public Archives, Ottawa. Includes index to despatches 6 Jul 1859-17 Apr 1861.
C/AB/10.1A/7 BOOK	British Columbia. Governor (Douglas)	Despatches to London. 6 Jul 1860-17 Apr 1861. Photostat of original letter-book copies in Public Archives, Ottawa. For index see C/AB/10.1A/6 BOOK.
C/AB/10.1D/1 MS	British Columbia. Governor (Douglas)	Despatches to London re Stekin [Stikine] Territories (No. 1 Executive and No. 2 Executive, respectively 437 and 438, C.O. 60/13). 17 Nov and 18 Nov 1862. Enclosed with second despatch are a letter from Alexander Choquette, "discoverer of ... Gold-field", to James Douglas, 28 Sep 1862 and one from J.H. Furuhjelm, "Governor of the Russian Possession [Alaska]" to Douglas, 23 Sep 1862. Copies from microfilm.
C/AB/10.2/1 BOOK to C/AB/10.2/7 BOOK	Great Britain. Colonial Office	Colonial Office despatches to British Columbia (official correspondence from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of British Columbia). 10 Jun 1858 ¹² -21 Jan 1871. 7 vol. ¹³ For photocopy see C/AB/10.2/1A-7A BOOK.
C/AB/10.2/1 MS	Great Britain. Colonial Office	Colonial Office despatches to British Columbia (official correspondence from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of British Columbia). 1 Sep-31 Dec 31 1858. ¹⁴
C/AB/10.2B/1 BOOK	British Columbia. Governor (Douglas)	Register of despatches from London. 16 Jul 1858-14 Jul 1863 ¹⁵
C/AB/10.2B/2 BOOK	British Columbia. Governor (Musgrave)	Register of despatches from London. 17 Jul 1869-5 Jul 1871
C/AB/10.2B/1 MS	British Columbia. Governor (Seymour)	Register of despatches to London. 1864-1867
C/AB/10.2B/2 MS	British Columbia. Governor (Musgrave)	Register of despatches to London. 1869-1871
C/AB/10.2i/1 MS	British Columbia – Governor	Despatches to British Columbia. Jul 1858-Oct 1863. ¹⁶ Index.

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C/AB/10.4/1 BOOK Mfm B04716	British Columbia. Governor (Douglas)	Correspondence outward. 14 Jul 1858-30 May 1859. ¹⁷ Original letter-book copies. For later letters see Colonial Secretary.
C/AB/10.4/2 BOOK	British Columbia. Governor (Douglas)	Correspondence outward. Miscellaneous letters. 30 Nov 1859-8 Dec 1863. For Transcript, see C/AB/10.4A/2 Book. Also contains miscellaneous notes, 19 Mar-2 Nov 1869.
C/AB/10.5/3 MS	British Columbia. Governor (Musgrave)	Correspondence inward; from Governor General of Canada. 1869-1871.
C/AB/10.5/4 MS	British Columbia. Governor (Musgrave)	Correspondence inward. 1871.
C/AB/10.6/1 BOOK to C/AB/10.6/12 BOOK Mfm B11283 & B11284 ¹⁸	British Columbia. Governor	Blue books of statistics. 1859-1870. 12 vol. 1859, 1860, 1861 (excerpts only); 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865 (c. 1-2.), 1866 (c. 1-2), 1867, 1868 (c. 1-2), 1869 (c.1-2), 1870 (incomplete).
C/AB/10.9S MS	British Columbia. Governor (Seymour)	Transcripts of Commission, instructions. 1864, 1867. Death certificate, 1869.
C/AB/10/G74 MS	Gundry, Frances and George Newell (PABC staff)	"The Governors of Vancouver Island and British Columbia: a study in the continuance of the royal power" 1969.
C/AB/30.1KI/I BOOK	British Columbia. Colonial Secretary	Index to miscellaneous correspondence inwards. 1858-1863. On spine: "General index. In letters. 1859-1864" 558 p. Some of the early letters are addressed to the Governor.
C/B/10/M97 MS	British Columbia. Governor (Musgrave)	Draft of instructions. 1869
C/B/10/T39 MS	Thornton, Edward, 1817-1906	Despatches to Governor Anthony Musgrave. 12 Jan-29 Aug 1870. Four despatches from Thornton, British Minister to the United States (with enclosures from U.S. Secretary of State Hamilton Fish): 1. 12 Jan 1870, re annexation petition, pp.1-4 2. 11 May 1870, re conveyance of European closed mails at Portland, pp. 5-11 3. 8 Jul 1870, re intention to include San Juan in 9 th U.S. census, pp. 12-18 4. 29 Aug 1870, re exemption of San Juan from U.S. census, pp. 19-30
C/B/20.1J MS	British Columbia. Legislative Council	Correspondence outward to Governor Anthony Musgrave. Official Council communications, signed by P.J. Hankin. Feb-Apr 1870, Jan-Mar 1871.

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D/A/Un3N MS	Vancouver Island. Governor (Douglas)	Papers and correspondence from and relating to John Nugent, Special Agent for the United States Government on the Pacific Coast. 1858. Appointed 2 Aug 1858. Includes letters from British Minister to the United States, Lord Napier, to Governor James Douglas re appointment; letters from Nugent to Douglas re lack of legal counsel for Americans being tried in criminal cases; response from A.F. Pemberton.
E/A/T56 Book	Tod, John	History of New Caledonia and the Northwest coast. 1878. Photostat.
E/B/B85 MS	Buckley, Cecil William	Journal of a journey to the Cariboo gold mines. Apr-Aug 1862. 2 folders. Chapter in second folder with observations on Governor James Douglas.
E/B/B97 MS	Buttle, John	Correspondence (3 letters). Includes correspondence with Governor Seymour and letters of reference from Governor Kennedy and Robert Brown. 1867
E/B/B261 MS	Barnston, John George	Correspondence outward. Letter to Douglas re "exploring trip ... from Alexandria to the North Bentinck Arm. 1861
E/B/C26.9	Casamayon, Antoine	Papers relating to. Land grant No. 218 for Lot 3, Block 5, Town of New Westminster, 1860; indenture between Casamayon and James Douglas, 7 May 1861.
E/B/H24 Book	Harris, Martha (Douglas)	Journal, Vancouver Island. 1 Jan 1866-3 Apr 1869. 30 Nov 1867-3 Apr 1869 in handwriting of James Douglas. See E/B/H24A MS for transcript.
E/B/M148 MS	McDonald, Archibald, Jr.	Correspondence outward. Letter to James Douglas seeking employment, 1858.
E/B/M594.9 MS	Miles, Elizabeth (Mrs.)	Indentures, 1865. Drafts sent to Colonial Secretary. 1. Mrs. Eliz. Miles to The Queen. Conveyance of Section 75 Victoria District [part of Fairfield Estate] – reference to Indenture of 25 May 1861 between James Douglas and G. H. Cary (2 drafts) 2. The H.B.Co. and Mrs. Eliz. Miles to The Queen. Conveyance of portion of Section 68 Victoria District (2 drafts)
E/B/Sh1 MS	Shanks, Hugh	Correspondence outward. To Colonel Moody, CCL&W, suggesting methods by which Colony of BC should be ruled, 17 May 1859; to James Douglas complaining of too few British subjects as settlers and too many foreigners, 27 [Dec]1861.
E/C/H21 MS	Hardie, Alexander	Correspondence with Government Agent, Yale re application to pre-empt land on the South Thompson River and application for water rights. 1 letter, 3 applications, May 1873.

Call Number	Name	Description
E/C/N33.9 MS	Nelson, Stephen Marden	Mortgage: Nelson (mortgager) to James Douglas (mortgagee) for Subdivision 21, 19, and 17 (part) in Lot IX, Victoria. 1876.
F/52/D74 MS	Douglas, James	Correspondence outward: James Douglas reply to I.W. Powell re "laying out of Indian reserves". 14 Oct 1874
G/V/27/D28 MS	Davidson, W. M.	"The forgotten colony" 1835
J/G/C81 MS	Douglas, James	Correspondence regarding direct steamboat communication between England and Vancouver Island. 1863-1865.
K/RS/Sa5.1- K/RS/Sa5.5 MS	various	Correspondence re San Juan boundary dispute. 1859-1871. Comprised largely of relevant documents taken from files in GR-1372 (Colonial Correspondence) for Royal Navy officers and ships as well as colonial government departments and officials. ¹⁹
S/R/D74C MS	Colman, Mary Elizabeth	James Douglas – the man behind the mask. Mimeographed radio script. 1950
S/R/D74L MS	Lane, Myrtle E.	James Douglas, empire builder. Typed radio script. 1949
Z/D75 BOOK	Goldsbury, John, & Russell, William	<i>The American common-school reader and speaker</i> . Boston, 1844. Inscribed: "Cecilia Douglas from her affectionate Father 23 Jun 1847"

¹ The Governors were: Richard Blanshard, James Douglas, and Arthur Edward Kennedy for the Colony of Vancouver Island, and James Douglas, Frederick Seymour and Anthony Musgrave for the Colony of British Columbia.

² Records with, or beginning with, the following numbers - B/20; B/40; B/90; A/B/40/D75; A/E/C86/D74 - are available as PDF copies as part of the [James Douglas family fonds \(PR-1428\)](#) on the BC Archives Collections database.

³ The numbers assigned to these records are accession numbers used briefly after the old MSS numbers were discontinued. Slips of pink paper, rather than catalogue cards, were initially filed in the old MSS card catalogue with the number and a brief description.

⁴ *Vancouver Island. Despatches. Governor Blanshard to the Secretary of State. 26th December, 1849, to 30th August, 1851. New Westminster: Government Printing Office. See NW 971K V223 (CIHM 17222) for BC Archives library copy .*

⁵ Available on Colonial Despatches website at <http://bcgenesis.uvic.ca/getDoc.htm?id=V60011.scx&search=3603#searchHit1>.

⁶ Three bound volumes, 4 boxes of loose documents. 1. BOOK: 21 Jul 1849-18 Dec 1852 (1871 transcripts); 2. BOOK: 21 Jul 1849-24 Dec 1855; 3. BOOK: 26 Jan 1856-16 Aug 1858; 4. MS: Sep 1858-Dec 1860; 5. MS: Jan 1861-Dec 1864; 6. MS: Jan-Dec 1864; 7. MS: Jan 1865-Jan 1867. Chronological lists for some of the despatches. See Old MSS Finding Aid 18 (Old MSS) for list of 1858 and 1859 despatches and explanation of numbering system for this period.

⁷ See Old MSS Colonial Office records list for volume details.

⁸ Original title: "Vancouver Island Miscellaneous Letters June 22nd, 1850 to March 5th, 1859"

⁹ Many of the letters stamped "Helmcken Collection"

¹⁰ Catalog card title: Blue book of statistics.

¹¹ See Old MSS Colonial Secretary records list for volume details.

¹² Douglas did not officially become Governor of the Colony of British Columbia until it was proclaimed into existence on 19 November 1858 and his Commission presented.

¹³ See Old MSS Colonial Office records list for volume details.

¹⁴ See Note 10.

¹⁵ See Note 10.

¹⁶ See Note 10.

¹⁷ See Note 10.

¹⁸ Formerly reels 626A and 627A.

¹⁹ Letters and associated documents were removed in whole or in part from the following GR-1372 files: F58, F138, F276, F335, F448, F451, F775, F878a, F950, F952, F962a, F963q, F1206, F1207a and F1212a. See the finding aid for GR-1372 for the description for each file and to see which specific items were removed.