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British Columbia: entry books of correspondence, 1 July 1858 - 11 August 1871.
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Letterbook copies of despatches to British Columbia from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of letters to departments of the British government and to individuals from the Secretary of State on matters relating to British Columbia.

Volumes 1, 2, 5, and 7 contain despatches. Volumes 3, 4 and 6 contain letters to public offices and individuals. Letters to public offices and individuals have been copied into the letter books in a single chronological series. However, they are indexed at the end of the volumes under the names of public offices and under the initial letters of individual's names. Public offices include Admiralty, Crown Agents, Council, Emigration Commissioners, Foreign Office, Home Office, Law Officers (or Attorney General), Treasury, War Office, etc.

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