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Catalogue of the Loochoo Mission, 1843-1861

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LOOCHOO MISSION

The Loochoo Naval Mission was begun in February 1843 by a small group of naval officers, who wished to send a missionary to the Loochoo Islands (Ryukyu Islands) aiming thereby to reach Japan. When their application to CMS was refused the officers set up an independent fund and sent out Dr. Bernard Jean Bettelheim, who was succeeded by Rev. G. H. Moreton. When Moreton's health failed the mission came to an end. In 1861 the balance of the funds was given to CMS as a basis of support for evangelistic work in Japan, when that should be possible. CMS began work in Japan in 1869.

Secretary: 1842-1851
1852-1857

Lieut. Herbert Clifford
George Rochfort Clarke

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L/A

A Administration

A 1 Annual reports [printed: some duplicates] 1846-1854
(11 docs.)

A 2/1-5 Dr Bernard Jean Bettelheim: 1846,
/1 letters [some duplicates] to: 1848-1852
Captain H[enry] Downes 1846 Secretary,
Church Missionary Society 1848 Rev. V. Stanton
[Hongkong] 1849, Lieut. H. J. Clifford, Rev.
William Gillespie [Hongkong], Secretary, British
and Foreign Bible Society, Captain C.A.J.
Shadwell, Captain Charles Parker, bishop of
Victoria

includes letter re coronation of King of Loochoo with
list of things proposed to present to the King
14 October 1851
(21 docs)

/2 journals 1845-1855
/1 27 Dec 1845 - 19 March 1846
/2 13 April - 23 July 1846
/3 4 July - 1 Oct 1846
/4 Sept 1850 - March 1854 [sheets 208-508]
/5 Oct 1854 - Oct 1855
/6 comments and criticisms by Herbert Clifford
on journals of 26 Sept 1848 - March 1849
/7 duplicates 1847 - 55

/3 reports: mission at Loochoo 1850/51, 1850-1852
medical mission at Loochoo 1851/52
(2 docs.)