

House of Commons Parliamentary Papers 19th Century



HOUSE OF COMMONS
PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS



About this database

Subject areas covered	<p>The papers are of relevance to researchers across a wide range of subject areas.</p> <p>The 19th Century House of Commons Parliamentary Papers online are an extremely useful source of information on everything officially published concerning the work of the British Parliament during the 19th Century.</p> <p>This resource provides access to digital versions of sessional papers, or 'blue books' (House Papers, Command Papers, Bills, Reports of Committees, Reports of Commissioners and Accounts and Papers) that were required for the work of the House of Commons between 1801-1900.</p> <p>Bibliographic records and searchable full text for 79,000 papers (4.2m pages) is provided, accompanied by detailed indexing from Peter Cockton's 'Subject Catalogue of the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers, 1801-1900' making it possible to fully exploit this resource for the first time.</p> <p>This resource is of use to researchers working across a range of disciplines, as information relating to a diversity of topics such as the colonies, agriculture, industry, transport, law, education, poverty, population, health, Ireland, slavery, defence, religion and foreign affairs is provided. In addition to this new online database, Senate House Library provides access, in print, to a great deal of the Parliamentary papers published during the 19th Century. ***depos</p>
Date of coverage	1801 - 1900
Types of publication covered	<p>Includes the full-text of 19th century parliamentary papers. This includes:</p> <p>Bills: drafts of legislation, to be reviewed through various parliamentary stages.</p> <p>House of Commons Papers: documents resulting from the work of the House and its committees.</p> <p>Command Papers: Government papers conveying information or decisions the government wishes to draw to the attention of the House, presented by 'Command of Her Majesty'.</p>
Does it include full text?	Yes.

Accessing this database / Logging on

You can use this database straight away inside the library. Just click on the database link on our web pages at <http://www.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/resources/databaseloc.asp?loc=shl>

If you are using a computer at home, from a college of the University of London, or from outside the SAS Institutes, you will be asked for your name and Library card number to log in.

Please note that in some cases access may be restricted to specific user groups according to the licensing agreement in force. To find out if you are an authorized user, check on the page <http://www.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/resources/databaseauth.asp>

How to get help using this database

If you need help when using this database click on Help on the homepage. You may also select 'Information Resources' or 'Find out more about House of Commons Parliamentary Papers' from the homepage. Alternatively, you may wish to contact the Information Services Team via enquiries@shl.lon.ac.uk or 020 7862 8462 / 8461.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers (HCPP) database. The header features the text 'HOUSE OF COMMONS PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS' and the HCPP logo. A navigation bar includes links for SEARCH, BROWSE, INFORMATION RESOURCES, MY ARCHIVE, and HELP. The main content area contains a survey notice, a welcome message, and a list of collections. Callout boxes point to various elements: 'Search or Browse' points to the navigation bar; 'Information Resources' points to the 'INFORMATION RESOURCES' link; 'Help' points to the 'HELP' link; 'My Archive' points to the 'MY ARCHIVE' link; and 'Find out more' points to the 'Find out more about House of Commons Parliamentary Papers' link.

Search options in this database

You can [search](#) or [browse](#) House of Commons Parliamentary Papers Online. Search allows you to:

- Narrow your search by selecting specific search fields (such as those that allow you to select reports or bills etc.)
- Use the lists available (such as paper title and subject lists) to help build search queries.
- Choose whether to search the entire database, full text only, or index data only.
- Search for pages containing maps, tables and illustrations within the full text.

The image shows a search interface for the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers. It is divided into two main sections: 'General Keyword Search' and 'Specific Search Fields'. The 'General Keyword Search' section includes a search box, a 'Search' button, and options to limit the search to the entire database, full records only, or full text only. The 'Specific Search Fields' section includes fields for Paper title, Subject, Chair/author, and Session, each with a 'Select from a list' link. There are also checkboxes for 'Limit to' (House of Commons Papers, Command Papers, Bills, Reports of Committees, Reports of Commissioners, Accounts and Papers) and 'Paper containing' (Maps/Plans, Tables/Graphs, Illustrations/Photographs). At the bottom, there are options for 'Sort results' and 'Display'.

General Keyword Search

Search

Limit keyword search to:

Entire database Full records only Full text only (available for 1801-1900)

Paper title: [Select from a list >>](#)

Subject: [Select from an alphabetical subject list >>](#)
[Select from a hierarchical subject list >>](#)

Chair/author: [Select from a list >>](#)

Session: [Select from a list >>](#)
e.g. 1801, 1867-68, or 2004/05 [Help](#)

Limit to:

House of Commons Papers [Help](#)

Command Papers

Bills

Reports of Committees *

Reports of Commissioners *

Accounts and Papers *

* pre-1969 content only

Paper number:
e.g. 42 or Cm 6390 [Help](#)

Year: From: To:

Paper containing: Maps/Plans Tables/Graphs Illustrations/Photographs

Sort results:

Display:

Search the entire database, full text only, or index data only.

To refine your search click on the links for:

- Paper Title list
- Alphabetical Subject list
- Hierarchical Subject list
- Chair/Author list
- Session list

Search for pages containing maps, tables and illustrations within the full text.

Boolean operators: Search also supports Boolean operators. You combine your search terms using the keywords **AND**, **OR** and **NOT**.

AND: The AND operator retrieves all records that contain the search terms it separates. e.g. employment AND women. If you want to search for the word 'and' in a phrase, such as 'food and drink', you should type the phrase into the search box and enclose it in double quotes.

OR: The OR operator retrieves all records that contain either or both of the search terms it separates. e.g. Army OR Navy.

NOT: The NOT operator retrieves all records that contain the first search term but not the second. e.g. emigration NOT Ireland

Proximity operators: The database also enables you to refine your searches by using two proximity operators to look for words that are close to each other: **NEAR** and **FBY (Followed BY)**

NEAR: The NEAR operator retrieves records containing terms that have a specified distance between each other, and are in any order. For example:
treaty NEAR Netherlands
weaving NEAR.3 lancashire

FBY: FBY retrieves records containing terms that have a specified distance between each other, and are in a specified order. For example:
domestic FBY servants
health FBY.4 housing

Wildcard character: The database allows you to use the * (asterisk) wildcard character to find variations on a word ending. For example:
work* finds work, works, working, worker, workman, workmen.

Search Results: The result of your searches will be presented in the following way:

LIST OF RESULTS

[New search](#) | [Modify search](#)

You searched on: **Keyword: "scotland"**
Subject: EXACT "Ancient Monuments"

[Save search in My Archive](#)

Your search produced 13 records.

Sort results: Chronologically by earliest session **Sort** [Display 50 results per page](#)

Mark/Clear all results on this page

- 1873 (5) [Bill to provide for Preservation of Ancient Monuments](#) [Durable URL for this record](#)
 Document type: BILLS
 [View full text](#) (16 pages with 7 hits)
 Add to Marked List
- 1874 (1) [Bill for Preservation of Ancient Monuments](#) [Durable URL for this record](#)
 Document type: BILLS
 [View full text](#) (16 pages with 9 hits)
 Add to Marked List
- 1875 (9) [Bill for Preservation of Ancient Monuments](#) [Durable URL for this record](#)
 Document type: BILLS
 [View full text](#) (16 pages with 9 hits)

To access the full-text of a document, click on the View Full Text link.

The database allows you to 'mark' (select) the records you find useful. You can do this by clicking on the Add to Marked List box below each record. If you select [Marked List](#) (at the top left of the screen) you can view all of the records you have marked. You can then e-mail, download, print or save the records you have marked to your archive.

Using the full text documents:

When you access a full-text document, it will be presented in the following way:

HOME | **SEARCH** | **BROWSE** | **INFORMATION RESOURCES** | **MY ARCHIVE** | **HELP**

FULL TEXT [Durable URL for this record](#)

[Back to List of Results](#) | [View Full Record](#) | [Modify search](#) | [New search](#)

1867-68 (20) **Return of Record Publications published by Record and State Paper Coms., or Master of Rolls, to 1866**

Page images with tables/graphs: [2-35](#)

Add to Marked List
 [Download](#)
 [Save in My Archive](#)

Pages containing highlighted words are indicated with an orange box, e.g. 5.

Page image(s): [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#) [8](#) [9](#) [10](#) [11-20](#) [21-30](#) [31-36](#)

RECORD PUBLICATIONS.



To [Print](#) a full text document, you can select Print in PDF Format (at the bottom of the screen). You can also save the document in My Archive.

My Archive

My archive allows you to create your own personalised area of the database.

It allows you to store saved searches and selected records between sessions. In order to use My Archive you will need to register your details by clicking on Create a Profile in My Archive.

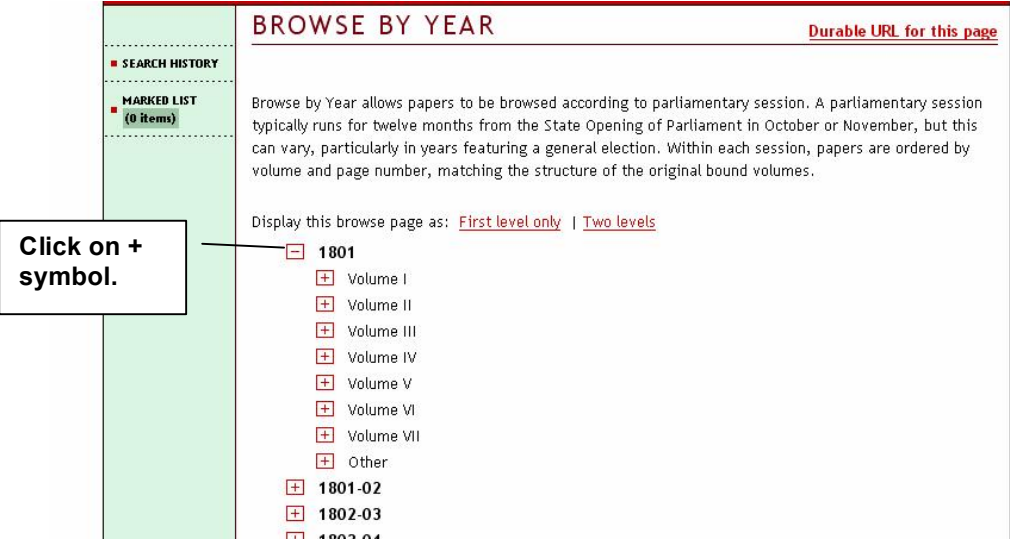
Browse

The browse menu allows you to browse by subject or by date.



Browse 19th Century

To browse for documents by date, click on the + symbol next to the year. You can then click on the + symbol next to the Volume you want to access. A list of the papers within that volume will then be presented.



Browse Subject Catalogue

To browse by subject click on 'Browse subject catalogue'. You will then be presented with the following screen:

The screenshot shows the 'BROWSE SUBJECT CATALOGUE' page. On the left, there is a green sidebar with 'SEARCH HISTORY' and 'MARKED LIST (0 Items)'. The main content area has the title 'BROWSE SUBJECT CATALOGUE' and a 'Durable URL for subject catalogue' link. Below the title, there is a paragraph: 'HCPPP incorporates Peter Cockton's *Subject Catalogue of the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers, 1801-1900*. This can be browsed below.' Underneath, there are three options: 'First level only', 'Two levels', and 'Three levels'. A list of subject headings follows, each with a '+' symbol and a 'Show all sub-headings' link. Callout boxes are present: one pointing to the '+' symbol in the sidebar with the text 'Click on + symbol.', another pointing to the 'First level only' option with the text 'First, Two and Three levels.', and a third pointing to the 'Show all sub-headings' link for 'CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION' with the text 'Show all sub-headings.'

Click on + symbol.

First, Two and Three levels.

Show all sub-headings.

To browse further click on the + symbol next to the subject headings.

You will be presented with further sub-headings, and to explore the content of these sub-headings click on + symbol next to the sub-headings.

Alternatively click on 'Show all sub-headings' for a comprehensive list of sub-headings.

You may also click on First Level Only, which presents the subject heading list as shown above. Two Levels provides the subject headings and key sub-headings and Three Levels provides subject headings and a more extensive list of sub-headings.