

BONDS, LICENCES and CERTIFICATES, 1763-1867

Volumes 1-138

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Applications for bonds, licences and certificates for various occupations and activities have been formed into several sub-series. Related petitions, correspondence, lists and schedules are included. Other related material is found in the Provincial Registrar's records (see RG 68, Registrar General), the Department of Marine (RG 42) and Department of Public Works (RG 11). Lists of pilots licensed 1805-1846 are found in MG 8, A 18 (transcriptions from Trinity House records).

Several sub-series have been indexed; the indexes are in the Reference Room.

Marriage Bonds	- in a separate card index
Medical Licences	- in the General Index
Bonds (vols. 133-138)	- in the General Index

The card index for the old 'S' Series, from which RG 4 was formed, contains references to various types of licences. Unfortunately, the coverage is neither systematic nor complete. Care should be taken in using it (vide the inconsistent practice with names such as Leforêt dit Gauthier).

The fur trade licences (volumes 110-115) were reorganized in 1978, to restore the original numerical order, and were repaired. Several items with unusual postal markings and seals were placed in the vault (leaving photocopies for reference purposes).

The trade licences presented several problems for microfilming. Ink bleed-through has been severe, affecting legibility to some extent. The necessity of laminating most pages in order that broken folds could be repaired and some strength could be given to the paper also inhibited legibility. Some inks had faded badly and would not give sufficient contrast with the paper.