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Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies

The **Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies** was a junior Ministerial post in the United Kingdom government, subordinate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and, from 1948, also to a Minister of State.

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Under-Secretaries of State for the Colonies, 1768–1782

Name	Entered office	Left office
Richard Phelps	1768	1768
John Pownall	1768	1770
John Pownall and William Knox	1770	1776
William Knox and Christopher D'Oyly	1776	1778
William Knox and Thomas De Grey	1778	1780
William Knox and Benjamin Thompson	1780	1781
William Knox and John Fisher	1781	1782

In 1782, following the loss of the American colonies, the office was abolished, and its duties given to the Home Secretary. From there it passed to the War Office, which was later renamed the War and Colonial Office. In 1854 this office was split, and the Colonial Office reestablished.^[1]

Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State for the Colonies, 1854–1966

For earlier office-holders see Under-Secretary of State for War and the Colonies.

Name	Entered office	Left office
<u>Frederick Peel</u>	1854	1855
<u>John Ball</u>	1855	1857
<u>Chichester Fortescue</u>	1857	1858
<u>The Earl of Carnarvon</u>	1858	1859
<u>Chichester Fortescue</u>	1859	1865
<u>William Edward Forster</u>	1865	1866
<u>Charles Adderley</u>	1866	1868
<u>William Monsell</u>	1868	1871
<u>Edward Knatchbull-Hugessen</u>	1871	1874
<u>James Lowther</u>	1874	1878
<u>The Earl Cadogan</u>	1878	1880
<u>M. E. Grant Duff</u>	1880	1881
<u>Leonard Courtney</u>	1881	1882
<u>Hon. Evelyn Ashley</u>	1882	1885
<u>The Earl of Dunraven and Mount-Earl</u>	1885	1886
<u>George Osborne Morgan</u>	1886	1886
<u>The Earl of Dunraven and Mount-Earl</u>	1886	1887
<u>The Earl of Onslow</u>	1887	1888
<u>Baron Henry de Worms</u>	1888	1892
<u>Sydney Buxton</u>	1892	1895
<u>The Earl of Selborne</u>	1895	1900
<u>The Earl of Onslow</u>	1900	1903
<u>The Duke of Marlborough</u>	1903	1905
<u>Winston Churchill</u>	1905	1908
<u>J. E. B. Seely</u>	1908	1911
<u>The Lord Lucas of Crudwell</u>	1911	1911
<u>The Lord Emmott</u>	1911	1914
<u>The Lord Islington</u>	1914	1915
<u>Arthur Steel-Maitland</u>	1915	1917
<u>William Hewins</u>	1917	1919
<u>Leo Amery</u>	1919	1921
<u>Hon. E. F. L. Wood</u>	1921	1922
<u>Hon. William Ormsby-Gore</u>	1922	1924
<u>The Lord Arnold</u>	1924	1924
<u>Hon. William Ormsby-Gore</u>	1924	1929
<u>William Lunn</u>	1929	1929
<u>Drummond Shiels</u>	1929	1931
<u>Robert William Hamilton</u>	1931	1932
<u>The Earl of Plymouth</u>	1932	1936
<u>The Earl De La Warr</u>	1936	1937
<u>The Marquess of Dufferin and Ava</u>	1937	1940
<u>George Hall</u>	1940	1942
<u>Harold Macmillan</u>	1942	1943
<u>The Duke of Devonshire</u>	1943	1945
<u>Arthur Creech Jones</u>	1945	1946
<u>Ivor Thomas</u>	1946	1947
<u>David Rees-Williams</u>	1947	1950
<u>Thomas Fotheringham-Cook</u>	1950	1951
<u>The Earl of Munster</u>	1951	1951
<u>The Lord Lloyd</u>	1951	1957
<u>John Profumo</u>	1957	1958
<u>Julian Amery</u>	1958	1960
<u>Hon. Hugh Fraser</u>	1960	1962
<u>Nigel Fisher</u>	16 July 1962	24 October 1963
<u>Nigel Fisher and Richard Hornby</u>	24 October 1963	16 October 1964

<u>Eirene White and The Lord Taylor</u>	20 October 1964	11 October 1965
<u>The Lord Taylor and The Lord Beswick</u>	11 October 1965	11 April 1966
<u>The Lord Beswick</u>	11 April 1966	1 August 1966

Abolished 1966. Thereafter, see Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs.

Minister of State for the Colonies (1948–1964)

Name	Entered office	Left office
<u>The Earl of Listowel</u>	1948	1950
<u>John Dugdale</u>	1950	1951
<u>Alan Lennox-Boyd</u>	1951	1952
<u>Henry Hopkinson</u>	1952	1955
<u>Hon. John Hare</u>	1955	1956
<u>Hon. John Maclay</u>	1956	1957
<u>The Earl of Perth</u>	1957	1962
<u>The Marquess of Lansdowne</u>	1962	1964

Abolished 1964. Thereafter, see Minister of State for Commonwealth Affairs.

Permanent Under-Secretaries of State for the Colonies, 1825 and 1854–1966

Name	Entered office	Left office
<u>Sir Robert Hay</u>	1825	1836
<u>Sir James Stephen</u>	1836	1847
<u>Herman Merivale</u>	1848	1859
<u>Sir Frederic Rogers</u>	1859	1871
<u>Sir Robert Wyndham Herbert</u>	1871	1892
<u>Sir Robert Henry Meade</u>	1892	1897
<u>Edward Wingfield</u>	1897	1900
<u>Montagu Ommanney</u>	1900	1907
<u>Sir Francis Hopwood</u>	1907	1911
<u>Sir John Anderson</u>	1911	1916
<u>Sir George Fiddes</u>	1916	1921
<u>Sir James Masterton-Smith</u>	1921	1925
<u>Sir Samuel Wilson</u>	1925	1933
<u>Sir John Maffey</u>	1933	1937
<u>Sir Cosmo Parkinson</u>	1937	1940
<u>Sir George Gater</u>	1940	1940
<u>Sir Cosmo Parkinson</u>	1940	1942
<u>Sir George Gater</u>	1942	1947
<u>Sir Thomas Lloyd</u>	1947	1956
<u>Sir John Macpherson</u>	1956	1959
<u>Sir Hilton Poynton</u>	1959	1966

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