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Inventory of the Archives of the Lombard Bank, 1793 - 1843

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Title:
Archives of the Lombard Bank

Period:
1793 - 1843

Fonds Code:
1/9

Extent:
6.50 lin m

Repository:
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Record Creator (origination):
Lombard Bank
Discount Bank
Savings Bank

Abstract:
Minutes, decisions and instructions, papers received and dispatched, and financial papers of the Lombard Bank, established in 1793. The administration of the bank was managed by three commissioners, a cashier and a bookkeeper. The commissioners were in charge of the general management of the bank, which included superintending loans, mortgages and depositing money. The bookkeeper was responsible for the safety of valuables, which were deposited as security for loans, while the cashier was in charge of petty cash.
BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

Economic conditions at the Cape led to the establishment of a Loan Bank on 15 March 1793, on the recommendation of Commissioners - General Nederburgh and Frijsenius.

The administration of the bank was managed by three commissioners, a cashier and a bookkeeper.

The duties of the commissioners, of whom one was to be the president and a member of the Council of Policy, the second a burgher and the third an official, were to take charge of the general management of the bank, which included superintending loans, mortgages depositing of money, etc.

The bookkeeper, who was required to live in the bank, was responsible for the safety of valuables, which were deposited as security for loans. He also acted as recorder at meetings and assisted by the cashier, who was in charge of the petty cash, he valued perishable goods deposited as security and recorded daily the particulars of discharges and new loans.

The bank also employed a messenger, an auctioneer and an estimator of security for loans. [1]

It is evident from the cash book that the bank commenced business on 23 April 1793.

During the fifty years that the bank existed it underwent frequent changes as far its organisation, administration and policy were concerned. As from June 1808 the bank was under the direction of a president and three members, assisted by a bookkeeper, cashier and messenger. [2] The Discount Bank, established on 12 August 1808 as a branch of the Lombard Bank or Loan Bank, fell under the same direction. Only a bookkeeper, cashier and two clerks were augmented to the staff. [3] In 1822 the savings department was established as a division of the Discount Bank, being under the management of the president and the directors. They were assisted by the chief justice, colonial and military chaplains and the commandant of the garrison. [4]

Since 1825, when sterling was imported into the Cape and the economic situation changed, the bank's operations gradually declined. The need which the bank had fulfilled no longer existed, making it a redundant institution whose activities were limited to the recovery of overdue money. The general need for the establishment of private banks and the formation of the Cape of Good Hope Bank in 1836 [5] led to the decision by the authorities to close the Lombard Bank. According to an official notice issued, the bank was to be abolished as from 31 January, 1843. [6]

Hiatus exists within the archives, for example, the financial registers of the Discound and the saving banks as well as that of the Lombard Bank after 1827.
DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBORDINATE COMPONENTS
A. LOMBARD BANK

1 - 8  Minutes of the Governing Body
       Records after 1806 are not listed.
       1  1793 - 1794
       2  1795 - 1799
       3  1800 - 1805
       4  1806 - 1808

9 - 23 Papers Received
       Records after 1806 are not listed.
       9  Extract Resolutions of the Council of Policy.
           1793 - 1795

24 - 28 Papers Despatched
       Records after 1806 are not listed.
       25 Letters Despatched: Sundry
           1806 - 1826

29 - 82 Cash Books
       1793 - 1827
       Records after 1806 are not listed.
       29  1793 April - Aug.
       30  1793 Sept. - 1794 Aug.
       31  1794 Sept - 1795 Aug.
       32  1795 Sept - 1796 Aug.
       33  1796 Sept - 1797 Aug.
       34  1797 Sept - 1798 Aug.
       35  1798 Sept - 1799 Aug.
       36  1799 Sept - 1800 Aug.
       38  1801 Sept - 1802 Aug.
       39  1802 Sept - 1803 Dec.
       40 New Loans
           1802 - 1803
       41 Existing Loans
           1804
       42 New Loans
           1804
       43 Existing Loans
           1805
       44 New Loans
           1805
       45 Existing Loan
           1806
       46 New Loans
           1806
       79 Expenditure Cash Book
           1793 - 1794
       80 Expenditure Cash Book
           1794 - 1796
       81 Expenditure Cash Book
1796 - 1798

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     1805  
160  Existing Loans  
     1806  
161  New Loans  
     1806  

212 - 219  Registers  
     1809 - 1842  
All records after 1806.  

220 - 247  Statements of Monies Indebted  
Records after 1806 are not listed.  
244  General Notebook of loans completed  
     1793 - 1810  

248 - 249  Loan Contracts, Bail Bonds and Mortgage Bonds  
Records after 1806 are not listed.  
248  1794 - 1812  

250 - 256  Bank Books  
Records after 1806 are not listed.  
253  Quarterly account book  
     1806 - 1821  

B. DISCOUNT BANK

257 - 259  Papers Received  
           1825 - 1843  
           All records after 1806.

260 - 261  Papers Despatched  
           1808 - 1842  
           All records after 1806.

262 - 269  Financial Registers, Statements, etc.  
           1809 - 1841  
           All records after 1806.
C. SAVINGS BANK

270 - 272  Savings Bank
1825 - 1833

All records after 1806.