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Guide to the

**Compagnie des Indes orientales records**

1700-1710

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## Summary

**Creator:** Nouvelle Compagnie des Indes

**Title:** Compagnie des Indes orientales records

**Date:** 1700-1710

**Size:** .2 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift, Draper, Anna P, 1908

**Abstract:** Collection consists of seven volumes relating to the administration of Sieur Jean Baptiste de Villers, governor of the French East India Company, 1701-1709, at the Ile de Bourbon (now Réunion), an island of the Mascarene Group in the Indian Ocean. Volumes include accounts of administrative matters, legal records, personal diary of de Villers, company ordinances and documents, census of island inhabitants, and description of island.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Alternative Form Available:** Entire collection available on microfilm; New York Public Library

**Preferred citation:** Compagnie des Indes orientales records, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

**Language of the Material:** Collection is in French

## Creator History

The Compagnie des Indes Orientales, or the French East India Company, was a member of the consolidated European trade corporation known as the East India Company. The Compagnie des Indes Orientales was organized in 1664 by Jean Baptiste Colbert, the chief advisor to King Louis XIV of France, and was dissolved in 1769 when its possessions were officially annexed to the French crown.

## Scope and Content Note

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Colonial companies -- France  
Slaves -- Indian Ocean Region

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Diaries

### **Geographic Names**

France -- Colonies -- Administration  
France -- Colonies -- Africa  
Indian Ocean Region -- Civilization -- French influences  
Réunion -- Description and travel  
Réunion -- History -- To 1764

### **Names**

Nouvelle Compagnie des Indes  
Villers, Jean Baptiste de, b. 1671