

**BRITISH ADMINISTRATION IN THE PEGU (BAGO)  
PROVINCE (1853-1862)**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This dissertation attempts to bring out the administration of Bago Province. The Second Anglo-Myanmar War broke out in 1852. Myanmar was defeated and the Governor-General of British Indian Government, proclaimed the annexation of the Province of Bago on 20 December 1852. A separate Commissioner was placed in charge of Bago. The administration of Bago Province was controlled by the Commissioner with its headquarters at Yangon. Later, the administration of Bago Province was passed from the British East India Company to the Crown. The basic functions of the colonial government were to preserve law and order, to administer justice, and to collect the revenue. The judicial administration of the Province of Bago (1853-62) was distinguished as the civil suit judicial administration and the criminal judicial administration. The types of cases and corresponding punishments were also classified. People of Myanmar did not understand the British judicial administration and did not accept it. When the Province of Bago was annexed in 1853, it was brought under one uniform revenue system. The chief source of revenue became the land tax, capitation tax, excise tax, fisheries tax, custom tax and other items. The Commissioner had a great control over all revenue affairs throughout the province.

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