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Rupture to Restoration: Anglo-Bolivian Diplomatic Relations 1853-1910



The current British Embassy in La Paz

A talk by:

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Following the recall of its diplomatic official in 1853, Britain was without formal representation in Bolivia for half a century. This severance of diplomatic relations became infamous both in Britain and Bolivia, with myths and tales abounding.

The most often-told story recounts that following an alleged discourtesy to the Bolivian President, the British Minister in La Paz was tied face to tail on a donkey and run out of the town to the accompanying jeers of the public. On hearing about the treatment of her representative, Queen Victoria is alleged to have struck Bolivia's name from the map.

In an effort to discern if there is any truth to such anecdotes, this presentation will look at Anglo-Bolivian diplomacy from the infamy associated with the rupture, to the restoration of relations in the early 1900s, addressing the historical accounts – both authentic and apocryphal – that have shed light on events.

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