



List of governors of Bengal Presidency



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From 1690, a governor represented the British East India Company in Bengal, which had been granted the right to establish a trading post by the Nawabs of Bengal.

Robert Clive: Governor of Bengal during 1757–1760 and again during 1765–1767 and established Dual Government in Bengal from 1765 to 1772. (True founder of British Political dominion in India). Vanisttart (1760–1765): The Battle of Buxar (1764). Cartier (1769–1772): Bengal Famine (1770)

Chief agents, 1681–1684

Name	Took office	Left office
<u>William Hedges</u>	1681	1684
<u>John Beard</u>	1684	1684

Presidents, 1684–1694

Name	Took office	Left office
<u>William Gyfford</u>	1684	1685
<u>Job Charnock</u>	1685	1693
<u>Francis Ellis</u>	1693	1693
<u>Charles Eyre</u>	1693	1694

Chief Agents, 1694–1700

Name	Took office	Left office
<u>Charles Eyre</u>	1694	1698
<u>John Beard</u>	1698	1699
<u>Charles Eyre</u>	1699	1700

Presidents, 1700–1758

Name	Took office	Left office
<u>Charles Eyre</u>	1700	1701
<u>John Beard</u>	1701	1705
<u>Edward Littleton</u>	1705	1705
'Ruled by a council'	1705	1710
<u>Anthony Weltden</u>	1710	1711
<u>John Russell</u>	1711	1713
<u>Robert Hedges</u>	1713	1718
<u>Samuel Flake</u>	1718	1723
<u>John Deane</u>	1723	1726

<u>Henry Frankland</u>	1726	1728
<u>Edward Stephenson</u>	1728	1728
<u>John Deane</u>	1728	1732
<u>John Stackhouse</u>	1732	1739
<u>Thomas Broddyll</u>	1739	1746
<u>John Forster</u>	1746	1748
<u>William Barwell</u>	1748	1749
<u>Adam Dawson</u>	1749	1752
<u>William Fytche</u>	1752	1752
<u>Roger Drake</u>	1752	1756

Under the leadership of Robert Clive, British troops and their local allies defeated the nawab on 23 June 1757 at the Battle of Plassey. The nawab was assassinated in Murshidabad, and the British installed their own replacement. Clive became governor.

Governors (1758–1774), Governor General of Bengal (1773–1833), Governor General of India (1833–1858)

Name	Took office	Left office
<u>Robert Clive</u>	1758	1760
<u>Henry Vansittart</u>	1760	1765
<u>Robert Clive</u> , 1st Baron Clive	1765	1767
<u>Harry Verelst</u>	1767	1769
<u>John Cartier</u>	1769	1772
<u>Warren Hastings</u>	1773	1785
Sir <u>John Macpherson</u> , 1st Baronet	1785	1786
<u>Charles Cornwallis</u> , 2nd Earl Cornwallis	1786	1793
Sir John Shore	1793	1798
<u>Richard Wellesley</u> , 1st Marquess Wellesley	1798	1805
<u>Charles Cornwallis</u> , 1st Marquess Cornwallis	1805	1805
Sir <u>George Barlow</u> , 1st Baronet	1805	1807
<u>Gilbert Elliot-Murray-Kynynmound</u> , The Lord Minto	1807	1813
<u>Francis Rawdon-Hastings</u> , The Earl of Moira	1813	1823
<u>John Adam</u>	1823	1823
<u>William Amherst</u> , 1st Earl Amherst	1823	1828
<u>William Butterworth Bayley</u>	1828	1828
<u>William Bentinck</u>	1828	1835
Sir <u>Charles Metcalfe</u> , Bt	1835	1836
<u>George Eden</u> , 1st Earl of Auckland	1836	1842
<u>Edward Law</u> , 1st Earl of Ellenborough	1842	1844
<u>William Wilberforce Bird</u>	1842	1844
<u>Henry Hardinge</u> , 1st Viscount Hardinge	1844	1848
<u>James Broun-Ramsay</u> , 1st Marquess of Dalhousie	1848	1856

Under the *Charter Act 1853* the Governor General of India was relieved of his concurrent duties as Governor of Bengal and empowered to appoint a lieutenant-governor from 1854.

Lieutenant-Governors, 1854–1912

Name	Took office	Left office
<u>Frederick James Halliday</u>	1854	1859
<u>John Peter Grant</u>	1859	1862
<u>Cecil Beadon</u>	1862	1866
<u>William Grey</u>	1867	1870
<u>George Campbell</u>	1870	1874
<u>Richard Temple</u>	1874	1877
<u>Ashley Eden</u>	1877	1882
<u>Augustus Thompson</u>	1882	1887
<u>Steuart Colvin Bayley</u>	1887	1890
<u>Charles Alfred Elliott</u>	1890	1893
<u>Anthony MacDonnell</u>	1893	1895
<u>Alexander Mackenzie</u>	1895	1897
<u>Charles Stevens</u>	1897	1898
<u>John Woodburn</u>	1898	1902
<u>James Bourdillon</u>	1902	1903
<u>Andrews Henderson Leith Frazer</u>	1903	1906
<u>Lancelot Hare</u>	1906	1906
<u>Francis Slacke</u>	1906	1908
<u>Edward Norman Baker</u>	1908	1911
<u>William Duke</u>	1911	1912

In 1911, the British reunited east and west Bengal to form a single province under a governor.

Governors, 1912–1947

Name	Took office	Left office
Thomas Gibson-Carmichael , 1st Baron Carmichael	1912	1917
Lawrence Dundas , Earl of Ronaldshay	1917	1922
Victor Bulwer-Lytton , 2nd Earl of Lytton	1922	1927
Sir Stanley Jackson	1927	1932
Sir John Anderson	1932	1937
Michael Knatchbull , 5th Baron Brabourne	1937	1938
Sir John Arthur Herbert	1939	1943
Richard Casey	1944	1946
Sir Frederick Burrows	1946	1947

Independence, post 1947

In 1947, the British Raj came to an end, and the new countries of India and Pakistan were created. Bengal was partitioned into two in anticipation of this in 1946, and following independence West Bengal joined India, and East Bengal (renamed as East Pakistan in 1956) joined Pakistan only to secede later in 1972 as Bangladesh.

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