

README FILE

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This is a short guide to the data and program files used to replicate the main results in “The Costs of Patronage: Evidence from the British Empire” by Guo Xu.

Following files are included:

1. analysis.dta

This Stata file contains the main dataset used for the empirical analysis.

2. tables.do

This is the Stata do-file that generates the output for the tables in the paper.

3. figures.do

This is the Stata do-file that generates the data-driven figures in the paper.

Before running the do-files, please ensure to set the right directory (using “cd”) for the analysis. Please also ensure that the Stata package “reghdfe” is installed (using “ssc install reghdfe”).

The description of the variables can be found in the Stata file.