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Preface

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Introduction

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Francis Cecil Campbell Balfour

(1884 - 1965)

1906-1912	Public Works Department, Port Sudan
1912	Appointed to Sudan Political Service
1912-1914	2nd Inspector, Berber Province
1914	Acting Governor, Ed-Damer, Berber Province
1916	2nd Inspector, Talodi, Nuba Mountains
1916-1917	2nd Inspector, Gedaref, Kassala Province
1917-1920	Seconded for service in Iraq
1919-1920	Military Governor of Baghdad
1921-1922	Assistant Director of Intelligence (Sudan)
1923-1924	Deputy Governor, Kassala
1924-1925	Seconded as Military Secretary to the Governor of Madras
1926-1927	Deputy Governor, Port Sudan, Red Sea Province
1927	Governor, Red Sea Province
1929-1931	Governor, Mongalla
1931	Retired from the Sudan Political Service
1931-1936	Representative, Peruvian Corporation in Peru and Bolivia
1937-1938	Chairman, International Sugar Council
1936-1940	Chairman, Sugar Commission
1939-1951	Ministry of Food
1944-1945	U.N.N.R.A. in Greece and Egypt Director of Frederick Braby and Co., Ltd. Chairman and Managing Director, Airports Ltd.

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Arrangement

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1. Official Papers

(a) Berber Province

SAD.303/7/1-6 1915 May 5

Route report by Balfour on the Atbai patrol from Abu Hamed to Halaib

(b) Nuba Mountains

SAD.303/8/6-9 1915 Oct 28

Private note by M.J. Wheatley on government policy towards Faqi `Ali, with explanatory letter to Balfour

SAD.303/8/15-19 1915 Dec 20-1916 Jan 5

Letters of congratulations from Wingate, Governor-General, to Balfour on his role in the surrender of Faqi `Ali and his subsequent "Nile" decoration and re prospects for military action against the Sultan of Darfur

(For further references to Faqi `Ali, see under 2. Personal Papers and 3. Articles, Speeches)

SAD.303/8/21-22 1916 Mar 3

Letter from R.S. Wilson, Governor Nuba Mountains Province, to Balfour re the latter's transfer to Gedaref in Kassala Province and re pressure of work in Nuba Mountains Province

(c) Iraq, including papers concerning Gertrude Bell

SAD.303/1/1-4 1914 May 20

Report by Louis Mallet to Sir E. Grey on Gertrude Bell's travels in the Syrian Desert and Arabia and her assessment of the tribes with which she came in contact and of the prospects and influence of Ibn Rashid and Ibn Sa`ud

SAD.303/1/5-7 1914 Sep 5

Extract from a letter from Gertrude Bell on the political situation in Arabia and Syria

SAD.303/1/8-12 1916 Dec 3

Paper by Gertrude Bell on Abd al-Aziz ibn Sa`ud, with covering letter from P.Z. Cox, Chief Political Officer Basra to the India Office

SAD.303/2/1-141 1918 Mar 19-Jun 2

Papers concerning the Najaf uprising consisting mainly of copy telegrams between Balfour, (Political Officer Najaf), A.T. Wilson (Political Baghdad), Gen. G.A. Sanders at Kufa, Leachman (Political Kufa) and Prothero (Political Abu Sakhir) re the course of the uprising; terms offered to the insurgents; decision to blockade the town; appeal from the `ulamas to lift the blockade; shortage of food and water; Balfour re the political advantages to be gained from the release of leading `ulamas and their households (SAD.303/2/33-34); P.O. Shamiyah re the possibility of the revolt spreading in support of Najaf (SAD.303/2/51-52); appeals for clemency from the `ulamas to the G.O.C. in Mesopotamia (SAD.303/2/42-43), from the merchants (SAD.303/2/44) and from students, merchants and all Persian residents of the town (SAD.303/2/45-46); G.O.C. re the decision to bombard the town (SAD.303/2/64); Sanders re plans for the occupation of Najaf

and re the military situation around the town (SAD.303/2/117-118); gradual arrests of insurgents; G.O.C.'s refusal to allow the import of bread (SAD.303/2/106); preparations for the trial and discussion of punishments to be handed out (SAD.303/2/17-148); raising the blockade (SAD.303/2/122). Sanders re the decision to leave the town walls standing and the future garrison for Najaf (SAD.303/2/123-126); arrangements for the military court (SAD.303/2/129-133) and sentences imposed (SAD.303/2/140). Also includes:

- SAD.303/2/3-6 Report by Gen. Sanders on the course of the uprising, the murder of Capt. Marshall and terms to be offered to the insurgents
- SAD.303/2/7-8 Statements from local people
- SAD.303/2/12-13 Lists of persons involved in the murder of Capt. Marshall, those to be offered unconditional surrenders and *`ulamas* and *shaikhs* to be invited to a meeting to discuss the rising
- SAD.303/2/26 List of signatures on an appeal to the C. in C. to lift the blockade
- SAD.303/2/32 List of prices of food in Najaf
(See also under 2. Personal Papers)

- SAD.303/2/144 1918 Jun 4
Extract from telegram from Political Baghdad concerning the presentation of a sword of honour to Balfour by the *`ulama* and notables of Najaf in recognition of the policy pursued in regard to Najaf
- SAD.303/1/60-66 1919 Feb 22
Memorandum no. S.24 from A.T. Wilson, Civil Commissioner Baghdad on "Self-determination in Mesopotamia", possibly by G.L. Bell
- SAD.303/1/67-76 1919 Nov 15
Despatch no. P8253/19 from A.T. Wilson, Acting Civil Commissioner in Mesopotamia, incorporating a note by G.L. Bell on "Syria in 1919"
- SAD.303/1/17-25 1920 May 22
Report by G.L. Bell on a journey from Aleppo to Baghdad undertaken by a number of citizens of Baghdad
- SAD.303/1/13-16 1920 Jun 13-14
Note by G.L. Bell on a conversation with Sulaiman Faidhi on a British Mandate for Iraq, with covering letter from the Acting Civil Commissioner in Mesopotamia
- SAD.303/1/43-52 1920 Oct 1
Office of the Civil Commissioner, Baghdad, confidential document no. 10/223 consisting of copies of correspondence, telegrams, reports and newspaper articles on the future of Mesopotamia
- SAD.303/1/53-59 1920 Nov 12
Report by E.B. Howell, Political Secretary to the High Commissioner for Mesopotamia on disturbances in Mesopotamia, 1 Sep-18 Oct 1920
- SAD.303/1/77-82 1920-1921
Memorandum by Balfour on a meeting with Haddad Pasha to discuss Faisal's ambitions in Iraq, with draft letter from Balfour to Haddad re his inability to take up any future post in Iraq
- SAD.303/1/26-31 1922 Oct 26
Intelligence Section note on "A Mandates. Palestine, Syria and the Lebanon. What they are"
- SAD.303/1/32-35 1922 Nov 23
Intelligence section note on "The British Mandate for Mesopotamia and the present position with regard to it"
- SAD.303/1/112-120 1931
Extracts from memorandum on Anglo-Iraq relations, issued by the Information Department, Royal Institute of International Affairs (ts.)
- SAD.303/1/121-136 1932
Extracts from memorandum on the termination of the mandatory regime in Iraq, issued by the Information Department, Royal Institute of International Affairs
(For further material on Iraq, see sections 2(a), 2(b), 3 and 5)
- (d) Mongalla
SAD.303/9/1-7 1930 Apr 3/4
Letter from Balfour to Sir John Maffey, Governor-General, describing

in detail the visit of H.R.H. Prince of Wales to Mongalla Province, 30
Mar-4 Apr 1930
(See also under 2. Personal Papers)

2. Personal Papers

(a) Papers of Balfour

SAD.303/6/1-81 1906 Nov 15-1908 Jan 21

Personal letters from Balfour to his mother Lady Frances Balfour covering his journey to the Sudan and early service at Port Sudan. Most are typed in diary form and cover the following topics: first meeting with M.R. Kennedy in Cairo (SAD.303/6/1-2); lunch with Cromer (SAD.303/6/4); arrival in Port Sudan (SAD.303/6/6); first Protestant service in Port Sudan (SAD.303/6/7); description of Port Sudan (SAD.303/6/8-9); supervising erection of five electric cranes (SAD.303/6/10,33); arrival of Australian miners to mine gold n.w. of Port Sudan (SAD.303/6/11); preparations for the Christmas Day regatta (SAD.303/6/12-14); description of Hadendowa (SAD.303/6/15); lack of work for the harbour at Port Sudan (SAD.303/6/17-18); appointment of Balfour as Inspecting Engineer for a new bridge to be built across the harbour by the Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Co. (SAD.303/6/18); Christmas celebrations (SAD.303/6/20-21); installation of an automatic filter for the water supply (SAD.303/6/34); description of mess food (SAD.303/6/35); visit to Khartoum, including a meeting with Slatin, Inspector-General (SAD.303/6/42-44); new living quarters in school house in Port Sudan (SAD.303/6/44); assessment of Erkowit as a summer camp (SAD.303/6/47); complaints about Italian water soon to be replaced by water produced by Sudan Mercantile Co. condensers (SAD.303/6/54); resignation of Lord Cromer (SAD.303/6/54); gymkhana (SAD.303/6/55); *Maulid al-Nabi* celebrations (SAD.303/6/56); *zar* ceremony (SAD.303/6/57); visit of Wingate, the Governor-General, with Slatin and Bernard to the site of the new bridge (SAD.303/6/60-61); attempts to learn Arabic (SAD.303/6/66); trek along Khor Arbaat (SAD.303/6/67-68); water supply for Port Sudan from the Red Sea Hills (SAD.303/6/69-70); managing the budget and paying workers (SAD.303/6/70-71); visit from Rev. Gwynne (SAD.303/6/72-73); construction problems on the bridge (SAD.303/6/73); arrival of the floods (SAD.303/6/74); shortage of money for public works in the Sudan and the dismissal of P.W.D. Staff (SAD.303/6/76); journey by train from Salome Junction to Erba, train crash at Erba station, shooting expedition up Jabal Erba (SAD.303/6/77-78); attendance at Hadendowa races - description of camel races and dances involving both men and women (SAD.303/4/79)

SAD.303/5/1-25 1907 Oct 11-23

Ts. copies of letters from Balfour to his mother, Lady Frances Balfour, describing a visit from Port Sudan to Eritrea travelling by boat from Port Sudan to Suakin and detailing his first impressions of Suakin (SAD.303/5/1); boat trip from Suakin to Massawa in the company of Hewins (Economic Board) and Hewison (Agriculture and Lands) (SAD.303/5/1-2); description of Massawa (SAD.303/5/2-3); rail journey from Massawa to Ghindi and by wagon from Ghindi to Asmara (SAD.303/5/3-4); meeting with Acting Governor General at Asmara (SAD.303/5/5); social activities (SAD.303/5/6-10); inspection of gold

- mines (SAD.303/5/11); description of agricultural land with assessment of potential for cattle rearing, forestry and cotton growing (SAD.303/5/14-15); return journey to Ghindi by wagon (SAD.303/5/21-23)
- SAD.303/6/82-85 1914 Nov 11
Letter from Balfour at Um Bahrein, Berber Province to his sister Mrs. Dugdale, sailing up the River Nile from Abu Hamed to Damer. Describes a meeting of the *shaikhs*, *umdahs* and holy men of Berber District at Damer where they were addressed by the Governor on the implications of the war against Turkey
- SAD.303/8/1-5; 1915 May 15-Dec 12
SAD.303/8/10-14 Personal letters from Balfour to his sister and mother concerning Faqi `Ali's insurrection against government troops at Kadugli, his subsequent escape from the XI Sudanese escort, the resulting search in the Nuba Mountains and his eventual surrender
- SAD.303/8/19-20 1916 Jan 8
Personal letter from Sir Reginald Wingate to Lady Frances Balfour on Balfour's role in the recapture of Faqi `Ali and his subsequent "Nile" decoration
- SAD.303/2/142-143 1918 Jan 28, May 3
Letters from Balfour at Kufa and Najaf to his mother re his resignation over the problem of exacting punishment on Najaf without using force on a holy city and re the successful conclusion of the blockade of Najaf
(See also under 1. Official Papers)
- SAD.303/1/95-111 1921 Jan 20-1922 Jul 27
Personal letters from A.T. Wilson, Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, to Balfour criticising the work of P.Z. Cox in Iraq (SAD.303/1/95); re his attendance at the Middle East Conference in London, assessing Winston Churchill's handling of Iraqi affairs and his plans for a Cairo-Baghdad air service and railway (SAD.303/1/96-98); re negotiations at Shiraz and Kuwait and affairs in Iraq with attached copy letter from an officer in Basrah on the unpopularity of the current regime (SAD.303/1/99-103); re his forthcoming marriage, Faisal's dismissal of his cabinet and his general unpopularity (SAD.303/1/107-111)
- SAD.303/9/8-17 1930 Mar 30-Apr 6
Letter from Balfour on board the *S.G.S. Tamai* at Juba to his wife concerning the visit of the Prince of Wales to Mongalla Province and the missionary conference at Yei
(see also under 1. Official Papers)
- SAD.303/8/23-24 1946 Oct 7
Letter from Balfour to H.C. Jackson re the Faqi `Ali rising in 1915

(b) Papers of Gertrude Bell

SAD.303/4/1-87; 1892-1923

SAD.303/4/88-188; Ts. copies of personal letters from Gertrude Lothian Bell to Sir

SAD.303/4/189-265 Valentine Chirol [Domnul],

- SAD.303/4/2-4 1892
En route from Teheran to London re her engagement to Henry Cadogan
- SAD.303/4/5-10 1899
From La Grave re her successful climb of the Meije
- SAD.303/4/11-17 1900
From Jerusalem re the Boer war and re her stay with Dr. Fritz Rosen, German Consul at Jerusalem, and his wife
- SAD.303/4/18-21 1900
From Jerusalem re her journey to Petra
- SAD.303/4/22-23 1900
From Switzerland re a climbing holiday
- SAD.303/4/24-26 1900
From London re her recent travels in Italy
- SAD.303/4/27-30 1900
From Redcar re Christmas celebrations and her recent stay in London
- SAD.303/4/31-33 1901
From London where she was nursing her father
- SAD.303/4/34-36 1901
From London re Queen Victoria's funeral
- SAD.303/4/37-39 1901
From Redcar re Chirol's travels in Japan and her Arabic studies
- SAD.303/4/40-43 1901
From London re discussions with Louis Mallet on Japan and China; family news
- SAD.303/4/44-47 1902
From Taormina re a stay in Sicily with her father and brother Hugo
- SAD.303/4/48-54 1903
From Peking re her visit to Singapore and China as part of a world tour with Hugo
- SAD.303/4/55-56 1905
From Aleppo re her impressions of Syrian politics
- SAD.303/4/57-58 1905
From Northallerton re prospects for a general election
- SAD.303/4/59-61 1905
En route to Gibraltar re the new British cabinet
- SAD.303/4/62-64 1906
On board the *SS Ophir*, returning from a stay with the Rosens at Tangiers, re affairs in Morocco
- SAD.303/4/65-70 1906
From London re the new Liberal government; family news
- SAD.303/4/71-80 1907
From Aidin and Konia re her travels and collaboration with Sir William Ramsay on churches in Asia Minor and re Lord Cromer's resignation
- SAD.303/4/81-87 1907
From Maden Sheher and Dailé, continuation of work in Asia Minor

- SAD.303/4/88-91 1908
From Northallerton re the threatened takeover of *The Times* by Pearson
- SAD.303/4/92-93 1908
From Northallerton re progress on her book with Ramsay and relations between the Young Turks and Bulgaria
- SAD.303/4/94-96 1910
From London re her recent stay in Italy and political developments in Britain
- SAD.303/4/97-98 From Northallerton; family news
- SAD.303/4/99-107 1911
From Damascus re recent elections in Syria and the unpopularity of the British ambassador to Turkey
- SAD.303/4/108-113 1911
From Baghdad re her travels in the Syrian Desert; meetings with Sir William Willcocks
- SAD.303/4/114-118 1911
From Jezira ibn Omar and Diarbekr; continuation of travels in the Syrian Desert and into Persia
- SAD.303/4/119-123 1911
From Northallerton re affairs in Persia, the appointment of Kitchener as High Commissioner for Egypt, the coronation of George V, political affairs in Britain
- SAD.303/4/124-127 1912
From Thirsk re her work with the Anti-Suffragist movement, affairs in European Turkey
- SAD.303/4/128-134 1912-13
From Northallerton re Christmas celebrations, family news, events in Turkey
- SAD.303/4/135-147 1913
From London re events in Turkey, the suffrage debate, family news, preparations for her forthcoming trip to Syria
- SAD.303/4/148-157 1913
From Damascus re the unpopularity of the French in the Lebanon, prospects for elections in Damascus, the movement towards Arab unity among the Arabs of the desert
- SAD.303/4/158-167 1914
From Qasr al-Azraq, Amman and Baghdad re her travels in the Syrian Desert
- SAD.303/4/168-186 1914-15
From Boulogne re affairs in Mesopotamia, her work tracing missing and wounded soldiers, the progress of the war in Europe
- SAD.303/4/187-188 1915
From London, continuation of her work in France
- SAD.303/4/189-193 1916
From Qurnah re an intelligence gathering trip to Nasiriyah
- SAD.303/4/194 1916
From Basra re the departure of G.F. Goringe and the incompetence of Sir Percy Lake

- SAD.303/4/195-223 1917-18
 From Baghdad re her work in the Political Office, agricultural progress in Mesopotamia, the Najaf rising, Sir Percy Cox's transfer to Teheran, hardships in Persia, the end of the war
- SAD.303/4/224-231 1919-20
 From Baghdad re the political climate there after the war, her growing contact with Muslim women, chaos in Syria and the problems of providing civil government in Mesopotamia
- SAD.303/4/232-248 1920
 From Baghdad re the emergence of nationalism in Syria and the Iraqi provinces, difficulties in establishing Arab government in Baghdad
- SAD.303/4/249-253 1921
 From Baghdad re the unpopularity of the provisional government in Iraq and the need for a peace treaty with Turkey
- SAD.303/4/254-261 1921
 From Baghdad re the choice of Faisal as King of Iraq, the failure of British Arab policy, the insecurity of Iraq's borders
- SAD.303/4/262-265 1923
 From Baghdad re increased prosperity and progress in Iraq and criticisms of the actions of King Hussein
- SAD.303/1/36-42 1920 May 8- 1921 Jul 17
 Personal letters from Gertrude Bell in Baghdad to Lady Frances Balfour re Balfour's engagement and re the success of his work in Baghdad (SAD.303/1/36-37); and to Balfour re the setting up of Arab ministries in Baghdad, prospects for elections to the National Assembly, hostility to Sayyid Talib (SAD.303/1/38); in praise of Sir Percy Cox, re Balfour's transfer to Basrah, prospects for the appointment of Faisal as *amir* or king and the failure of British policy towards Turkey (SAD.303/1/39-40); negotiations for the form of government for the new Iraq (SAD.303/1/41); the resignation of Philby over the deportation of Sayyid Talib and local attitudes to Faisal (SAD.303/1/42)

3. Articles, Speeches

- SAD.303/8/26-39 1951
Article by Balfour on 'Faqi `Ali' (unpublished)
- SAD.303/10/1-21 1952
Article by Balfour entitled "The Anglo-Egyptian Sudan" with related correspondence from Sir Harold MacMichael, Charles Owen and Lord Rugby
- SAD.303/10/22-29 1953
Review by Balfour of K.D.D. Henderson's *The making of the modern Sudan*, for *The Quarterly Review*, with related correspondence
- SAD.303/3/1-20 1958 Jan
Article by Balfour entitled "Mesopotamia 1917-1918" concerning his transfer to Mesopotamia from the Sudan and his experiences during the rising in Najaf
- SAD.303/1/91-94 1921 Jan 14
Draft speech by A.T. Wilson on the failure of British policy in Mesopotamia

4. Newspaper cuttings

SAD.303/7/7-12 1958 Feb 28-Mar 6
Cuttings from *The Times* on a dispute between Egypt and the Sudan over the frontier at Halaib on the Red Sea coast, with related correspondence from N.R. Udal

5. Printed Material

SAD.303/1/83-90 1921 Apr 15

Lecture by Lieut.Col. Sir Arnold Wilson entitled "Mesopotamia"
(Private publication)