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Preface

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Introduction

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John Donald Hamill Stewart

(1845-1884)

	Educated at Cheltenham and Sandhurst
1865	Joined 11th Hussars in India
1878-1879	Journey through eastern Asia Minor
1879-1883	Military Vice-Consul at Konia, Anatolia
1881	C.M.G. for work in Anatolia
1882	Transferred to Egypt under Sir Charles Wilson
1882	Sent to the Sudan to report on the desert route from Suakin to Berber, the disposition of Egyptian troops, the slave trade, the situation on the Abyssinian border and the origins and prospects of the revolt of Muhammad Ahmad al-Mahdi. He was also charged with making a large scale map of Khartoum and drawing up a scheme of defence for Khartoum and for Egypt. He was accompanied on the trip by G.B. Messadaglia
1883	Report on the Sudan presented to Parliament
1883	Rejoined 11th Hussars in Ireland
1884	Accompanied General Gordon to Egypt, arriving in February
1884 Sep 10	Stewart set off from Khartoum, bound for Cairo
1884 Sep 18	Stewart killed in ambush north of Berber

Accession details

Deposited by Lt Col C. E. Hamill-Stewart, 1966 and Rev Simon Hamill-Stewart, 2009

Arrangement

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For a copy portrait photograph of Col. Stewart from the National Portrait Gallery, see SAD 643/15/1 in Miscellaneous Small Donations.

1. Journey home from India, 1874

SAD.105/86/1-68 1874 Mar 16-Jul 22

Diary of a journey by Stewart from India to England via Burma, Malaya, Java, and Japan. The journal title suggests that Stewart also visited China and Siberia, but the entries stop just before he leaves Japan for Shanghai. The daily entries describe the weather, people encountered, travel by train, boat and on foot, the terrain through which he travelled, architecture, history and local people, specifically the Burmese people (SAD 105/86/10-11); the Malayan people (SAD 105/86/18-19) and the Japanese (SAD 105/86/50). There are fairly detailed accounts of visits to Calcutta (SAD 105/86/4); Rangoon, including the pagoda (SAD 105/86/5-9); Moulmein (SAD 105/86/12-16); Penang (SAD 105/86/17); Malacca (SAD 105/86/18-19); Singapore (SAD 105/86/20-21); Batavia (Djakarta), with overland trips through Java to, among other places, Bandung, Djokja (Jogjakarta), Madura, Surabaya and Pasuruan (SAD 105/86/22-39); Hong Kong, visiting also Canton and Macau (SAD 105/86/40-46); Japan, including visits to Yokohama, Tokyo, Odawara and Mount Fuji (SAD 105/86/46-50).

2. Asia Minor

- SAD.896/1/1 1878 Feb 11
Letter from Stewart at "Aleppo or Haleb" to "Hans" giving a brief account of his journey through Asia Minor
- SAD.896/1/2-3 1879 Apr 4
Letter from Maj Gen A. Alison, Deputy Quarter Master General, conveying to Stewart the thanks of HRH the Field Marshall Commanding in Chief for the reports of his journeys in Asia Minor
- SAD.896/1/4-5 1879 Apr 23
Letter to Stewart from Lord Salisbury informing him of his appointment to the post of Vice-Consul in Anatolia under Maj Wilson, the Consul-General
- SAD.896/1/6-19 1879 Oct
Report by Stewart on the Vilayet of Konia in Anatolia, covering employment (in agriculture, manufacturing, mining, quarrying and the salt industry), manners and customs, feelings and wishes of the people, character of food and clothing, trade and commerce, agriculture, public works, land tenure, taxation, law and order, administration of finance, government officials, education, health, refugees and trade routes
- SAD.896/1/20 1879
Note of rates charged on articles sold in the Konia bazaar
- SAD.896/1/21 [n.d. c. 1879]
Pages 7 and 8 only of a report by Stewart on agriculture in Mersayid and proposed reforms for Asia Minor
- SAD.896/1/22 1880 Jan
Copy despatch from Lord Salisbury to Col Wilson, noting with satisfaction certain actions taken by Capt Stewart as described by him in his despatch of 15 Oct 1879
- SAD.896/1/23-28 1880 Feb 9 - Jun 5
Letter from Col Wilson to Stewart expressing approval of his action in refusing to receive a visit from Jemal Bey, with copy letter of 22 Apr from the Foreign Office on the same subject
- SAD.896/1/29-57 1880 Feb 25 - Jul 11
Typescript copy of Stewart's journal of his travels in Anatolia, with the original manuscript for the section from 29 Mar to 15 May. The typescript copy is an abridged version of the original and is not always accurately transcribed. The journal gives an account of Stewart's travels from Adalia to Sivas where he stayed from 29 Mar to 21 May, thence to Amasia, Karahisar, Yenifi and Goren, before being ordered to Konia on 9 Jun. He describes the terrain, the state of the roads, the weather and the condition of the population. At Sivas he reports on local officials, particularly complaints against Bahri Bey, on

problems caused by emigrants and on prospects for the election of Mahomet `Ali. He meets and holds discussions with fellow British officials, including Baker Pasha and Cherm-side, receives petitions from the local population and goes on a hunting expedition with Baker.

- SAD.897/1/1-3 [n.d. c. 1880]
Note by Stewart on proposed reforms in Asia Minor and how these would be viewed by the different sections of the population
- SAD.897/1/4-5 1880 Mar 6
Letter from Lord Salisbury, S/S for Foreign Affairs, to Col Wilson conveying thanks to Stewart for his report on the Vilayet of Konia in Anatolia and the memorandum on reforms
- SAD.897/1/6-7 1880 Jul 24
Letter to Stewart from George J. Goschen on behalf of Lord Granville, S/S for Foreign Affairs, requesting his views on the Turkish Government's proposed reforms for the northern districts of Asia Minor
- SAD.897/1/8-9 1880 Aug 16
Letter to Stewart from George J. Goschen on behalf of Lord Granville, requesting a report on the administration of justice in the civil, criminal and commercial courts in his consular district
- SAD.897/1/10-13 [n.d. c. 1880]
Notes by Stewart on the Kurds and other tribes of the Haimam District of Anatolia
- SAD.896/2/1-146 1880
Further correspondence respecting the condition of the populations in Asia Minor and Syria (in continuation of "Turkey No 4", 1880). Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty. Turkey No 23 (1880)
- SAD.897/1/14 1881 Mar 10
Draft despatch from Stewart at Adalia reporting on the impoverished state of the Muslim population and urging the despatch of some men of war to the coastline in the event of war in order to ensure the safety of the Christian population
- SAD.897/1/14v 1881 Mar 13-14
Copy telegram to G. Goschen at Constantinople and draft letter from Stewart concerning his instructions to leave at once for Aleppo
- SAD.897/1/15-18 1881 May 26
Letters to Stewart from Lord Granville and the Chancery of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, informing him of his appointment as C.M.G. in recognition of his services in Anatolia
- SAD.897/1/19-20 1881 Jun 13
Letter to Stewart expressing the Ambassador's approval of his proposed actions with regard to `Ali Pasha, the present Mutessarif of Deyr

- SAD.897/1/21-23 1881 Jun 15 - Jul 6
Letter to Stewart from Lord Dufferin, the Ambassador, enclosing a notice in French from the Sublime Porte requesting that the Ambassador instruct Stewart to give up his travels among the nomadic tribes of Hama
- SAD.897/1/24-27 1881 Jul 28 - Sep 7
Circular letter from Lord Dufferin requesting information on methods used in the destruction of locusts, with draft reply from Stewart
- SAD.897/1/28-29 1881 Jul 29
Letter to Stewart from Lord Dufferin thanking him for his report on a recent visit to the nomadic tribes of Deyr Sandjak and list of tribes in the Vilayet of Aleppo
- SAD.897/1/30-31 [n.d. c. 1881 - 1882]
Note of route traversed by Stewart in his recent travels
- SAD.897/1/32-35 [n.d. c. 1881 - 1882]
Report by [Stewart] on the chief questions agitating the populations in a journey from Samsoun through Amasia, Tokat and Sivas to Diari-Bekir. Mss original with ts copy (lacking last paragraph)
- SAD.896/2/147-163 1881
Further correspondence respecting affairs in Central Asia, presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty. Central Asia No 4 (1881) [c. 3032]
- SAD.897/1/36-37 1882 May 24
Memorandum for Stewart from Col Wilson instructing him to visit the Dersim Vilayet and to report on the topographical features and inhabitants of the country and on the general condition of government there
- SAD.897/1/38 1882 May 25
Letter to Stewart from the War Office asking if he would be interested in the post of Military Attaché at Constantinople
- SAD.897/1/39 1882 Aug 28
Letter to Stewart from Lord Dufferin expressing appreciation for his work in Anatolia
- SAD.897/2/1 [c. 1880 - 1882]
Hand-drawn sketch map of an area of Anatolia

3. First Mission to the Sudan, 1882-1883

- SAD.896/3/1-12 1882 Nov 10 - 1883 May 19
 Official correspondence relating to Stewart's mission to the Sudan:
- SAD.896/3/1-2 Memorandum from Stewart in Cairo to Sir E. Malet (British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt) requesting that G. Messedaglia, former governor of Darfur, be permitted to accompany him on the mission in place of two military personnel, 10 Nov 1882
- SAD.896/3/3-8 Letters from Malet to Stewart containing instructions on points to be covered in his report on the Sudan and emphasising that under no circumstances should he undertake any responsibility with regard to military operations there, 21 Nov 1882
- SAD.896/3/9-12 Letters from Lord Dufferin (H.M. Commissioner in Egypt), Lord Granville (Minister for Foreign Affairs), and Malet, thanking Stewart for his valuable report, 23 Apr - 19 May 1883
- SAD.897/3/1-20 1882 - 1883
 Draft despatches and telegrams relating to Stewart's mission to the Sudan:
- SAD.897/3/1 Part copy of despatch No 2 concerning the difficulties facing the Egyptian garrisons, particularly in Bara
- SAD.897/3/2 Note by Stewart on the present rebellion in the Sudan and of matters to be covered by his report
- SAD.897/3/3 Note by Stewart on the disposition of Egyptian troops, with part draft despatch on the movement of `Abd al-Qadir Pasha's troops
- SAD.897/3/4-6 Part draft despatch, intended to correct and amplify statements made in despatch No 2 and covering the surrender of troops at Sennar to the rebels and the spread of the rebellion to the east of the Blue Nile; the threat to El Obeid; note on the loyalties of the inhabitants of Khartoum with list of villages and tribes in the Gezira loyal to the Mahdi; account of the rebellion in the Gezira district; and description of the garrison at `Ibud which had been attacked unsuccessfully on 29 Dec
- SAD.897/3/7-8 Part draft despatch, numbered "3", describing military actions 1882-1883, including at Sennar on 24 May and in the White Nile and Blue Nile areas, actions involving the Gheddur Field Force in the western theatre and various skirmishes in June in Kordofan and Darfur
- SAD.897/3/9-10 1883 Jan 12
 Copy despatch No 3 concerning `Abd al-Qadir Pasha's progress towards Sennar, prospects for a rise in the price of *dhurah* in Blue Nile area, and reports on the religious element of the rebellion
- SAD.897/3/11-12 [1883] Jan 15
 Draft despatch No 4 concerning the attempted relief of Sennar under `Abd al-Qadir Pasha and military encounters at Kawa and Dueim, with a synopsis of Messedaglia's report on `Abd al-Qadir's movements in early Jan 1883

- SAD.897/3/13-15 [1883 Feb]
Draft despatch concerning `Abd al-Qadir's movements during Jan and Feb 1883, including a successful encounter against the rebels at Ma`tuq on 27 Jan, his return to Khartoum on 5 Feb and joining up with the troops at Wad Medani preparatory to the march on Sennar
- SAD.897/3/16 1883 Jan 30
Letter to Stewart from Giegler concerning the success at Mat`uq on 27 Jan
- SAD.897/3/17-18 1883 Jan 30
Copy despatch from Stewart to Sir Edward Malet reporting on the situation at Fashoda, Kawa, Khartoum and El Obeid, on `Abd al-Qadir's success at Ma`tuq, and the necessity to strengthen Dongola
- SAD.897/3/19-20 Biographical note on the Mahdi
- SAD.896/4/1-14 1882 Dec 16 - 1883 Jan 25
Stewart's journal covering his first mission to the Sudan, written at Khartoum and containing details of daily activities, notes on tribes and progress of his report and map drawing. More specifically references are made to the following:
- SAD.896/4/1 Discussions with `Abd al-Qadir on the general situation; comments on the efficiency of `Abd al-Qadir and Giegler Pasha, 17 Dec
- SAD.896/4/1 News from Bara and El Obeid; visit to various consuls; news of Giegler's movements; assessment of the strength of the dervishes and cause of the rebellion, 19 Dec
- SAD.896/4/2 Causes of the rebellion; troops practising night firing; difficulties collecting taxes in Kordofan, 20 Dec
- SAD.896/4/3 Inspection of defences, 21 Dec
- SAD.896/4/3 Interview with many notables and *shaykhs* of Khartoum and with Geigler; news from Kordofan, 22 Dec
- SAD.896/4/3v Further interview with Giegler who apologised for earlier disagreement; Mahdi's treatment of prisoners; reports of Giegler's personal finances, 23 Dec
- SAD.896/4/4 Future of garrison at Shawal, 24 Dec
- SAD.896/4/4 Christmas celebrations, 25 Dec
- SAD.896/4/4v Belief that Giegler had made his money illegally and through the sale of slaves, 26 Dec
- SAD.896/4/4v State of troops in Khartoum and Shawal, 28 Dec
- SAD.896/4/4v-5 Reports from Kordofan; movement of troops, 29 Dec
- SAD.896/4/5 News from Kordofan; state of garrison at Khartoum; attended a *zikr* at Omdurman to celebrate the birth of `Abd al-Qadir Pasha's son; `Abd al-Qadir's plans to give up Darfur due to cost, 30 Dec
- SAD.896/4/5v-7 Visit to Coptic church; news from Kordofan; account of trade; visit to Zaptia prison and prison in barracks, 31 Dec
- SAD.896/4/7 `Abd al-Qadir's request for extra troops for Khartoum after his departure for El Obeid, 1 Jan
- SAD.896/4/7v Wrote despatch No 1, 4 Jan
- SAD.896/4/7v Details of troops arrived to date, 5 Jan

- SAD.896/4/7v-8v Report of `Abd al-Qadir's arrival at Messelemyia; account of female circumcision and some marriage customs, 7 Jan
- SAD.896/4/8v News of defeat of troops near Sennar and prospect of fall of Bara, 8 Jan
- SAD.896/4/8v-9 News of the Mahdi; account of Arab ownership of slaves and life of Baqqarah. Sent despatch No 2, 9 Jan
- SAD.896/4/9v State of troops at Omdurman, 11 Jan
- SAD.896/4/9v-10v Sent despatch No 3. System of tribal government and education and legal systems in Khartoum; defeat of troops from Kawa garrison attempting to repair telegraph line, 12 Jan
- SAD.896/4/10v-11 Rebel activity nearing Khartoum; inspection of troops at Omdurman; news of `Abd al-Qadir's movements, 13 Jan
- SAD.896/4/11v News from Kordofan and from Sennar, 15 Jan
- SAD.896/4/11v-12 Sent despatch No 4; news from Sennar; reports of Sir Samuel Baker's income, 16 Jan
- SAD.896/4/12 Information re Dongolawis, Nubas and Baqqarah; reasons for Gessi's catastrophe in the Bahr al-Ghazal, 17 Jan
- SAD.896/4/12v-13 Sent despatch No 5. Telegram from `Abd al-Qadir ordering recall of battalion sent up the White Nile; visited celebrations in principal square, calling on tent of Muhammad `Uthman, son of the late Shaykh Hasan Sharif of Kassala and a member of the Mirghani family; description of dancing and prayer chanting, 19 Jan
- SAD.896/4/13-13v With Giegler to the right bank of the Blue Nile to inspect camels; discussions with Giegler on slavery, 21 Jan
- SAD.896/4/13v-14 News of `Abd al-Qadir's progress towards Kawa and of skirmishes involving the battalion on the White Nile; note on female Galla slaves, 22 Jan
- SAD.896/4/14 Despatch No 6 sent, 23 Jan
- SAD.896/4/14v Arrival of wounded soldiers from the White Nile with reports of recent fighting there; meeting of Khartoum merchants; treatment for dysentery, 24 Jan
- SAD.896/4/14v Telegram from Viceroy congratulating Egyptian troops on the White Nile; Stewart's opinion that officers should have been shot, 25 Jan
- SAD.897/4/1-29 1882 - 1883
Rough notes by Stewart used in compiling his report on the Sudan, on such subjects as produce, taxes, local government, tribes, administration of justice, roads, trade, climate and terrain
- SAD.896/5/1-57 [1883]
Anonymous report in French on the financial situation in the Sudan (lacking page 1), with some manuscript annotations in Stewart's hand. The report, which is divided into the following sections, was probably used by Stewart in compiling his report below:
- SAD.896/5/1-4 General introduction
- SAD.896/5/5 Summary of the budget of the government of the Sudan for 1881
- SAD.896/5/6-16 Summary of observations by the Mudir of Dongola to the Governor of the Sudan on the establishment of taxes in the province

- SAD.896/5/17 Conclusions
- SAD.896/5/18-23 Minutes of a meeting of 28 Rabi'-awel 1298 [1881] of a council of notables of Dongola province to discuss a report on the state of the inhabitants of the province and the productivity of the land
- SAD.896/5/24-29 Remarks and suggestions of the Governor-General of the Sudan
- SAD.896/5/30-31 Table indicating the different taxes levied in the province of Berber
- SAD.896/5/32-35 Tables of taxes on property, date-palms and Beduin tribute
- SAD.896/5/35-37 Conclusions of the Governor-General on the taxes on the *mudiriyah* of Berber
- SAD.896/5/38-57 Conclusions on the budget and the reports of council transmitted to the Minister of Finance by the government of the Sudan
- SAD.896/6/1-19 1883
Report on the Soudan by Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart presented to both Houses of Parliament by command of Her Majesty 1883. Egypt No 11 (1883) Cd 3670
- SAD.896/6/20 1883 Jul 18
Cutting from *The Globe* on the publication of Stewart's report above

4. Second Mission to the Sudan, 1884

- SAD.896/7/1-12 1884 Jan 18 - Feb 1
Stewart's journal covering the first three months of his second mission to the Sudan with General Gordon. Written by Stewart in the third person, the diary was sent in sections to Sir Evelyn Baring, with supporting correspondence, and is described here in those sections. Content of section one, despatched 11 Feb 1884, is as follows:
- SAD.896/7/1 Journey from London to Port Said; 18-20 Jan
- SAD.896/7/1 Discussions at Ismailia with Sir Evelyn Wood and `Ali Bey Tuhain; 24 Jan
- SAD.896/7/1-2 With Gordon to visit the Khedive. Discussion between Sir Evelyn Baring, Sir Evelyn Wood, Gordon, Nubar Pasha and Stewart on what should be done with the Sudan, with list of decisions taken. Appointment of Sultan of Darfur by the Khedive; 25 Jan
- SAD.896/7/2-3 Letter of instructions to Gordon agreed upon; discussion between Gordon and Zubayr and subsequent decision by council members not to send Zubayr to the Sudan; by train to Siout?, accompanied by the Sultan of Darfur and his retinue; 26 Jan
- SAD.896/7/3-4 Arrival at Siout? and embarkation on steamer; interview between Gordon and the Sultan of Darfur; 27 Jan
- SAD.896/7/4-5 Importance of overland route from Keneh to Kosseir on the Red Sea coast (for sketch map see opposite page); arrival at Keneh; 28 Jan
- SAD.896/7/5-7 Receipt of telegram from the Khedive at Luxor concerning an agreement with the Bisharin to secure the roads within their district. Gordon's decision to offer £10,000 to the Mahdi for the safe transit of the Darfur garrison. Information from Marquet, a French merchant on developments in the Sudan, including the annihilation of the Hicks' expedition. Cause of the Hadanduwah rebellion. Appointment of certain Sudanese tribal leaders and of Stewart as Pashas; 29 Jan
- SAD.896/7/8 At Aswan. Departure of the Sultan of Darfur. Hamza Bey recalled to Cairo; 30 Jan
- SAD.896/7/8-9 By train to Philae. Meeting with Catholic priests and missionaries from Khartoum. Information from Shaykh Ahmad, son of Husayn Pasha Khalifah, the new *mudir* of Berber on the rebellion at Suakin; 31 Jan
- SAD.896/7/9-12 Despatch sent by Gordon assessing the danger to Khartoum and listing the reasons for his statement, with comments by Stewart on Gordon's views. Arrival at Korosko; 1 Feb
- SAD.896/7/13-19 1883 Dec 17 - 1884 Jan 24
Telegrams and letters interfiled with section one of Stewart's journal:
- SAD.896/7/13-15 Copy telegrams sent from Khartoum 17-20 Dec 1883 with news of the situation in Khartoum, Bara and El Obeid
- SAD.896/7/16-18 1884 Jan 19 - 24
Letters from Stewart to his sister Haddie, written en route to Egypt and at Port Said, requesting the despatch of personal equipment left behind in the rush to be off and re his confidence

- in General Gordon's ability to resolve the situation in the Sudan satisfactorily
- SAD.896/7/19 1884 Jan 25
Extract from Stewart's last letter to E. Hudson, written on the eve of his departure for the Sudan and assessing the danger of their mission
- SAD.896/7/20-34 1884 Feb 1 - 13
Section two of Stewart's journal. The final page, with the date of despatch is missing. Content is as follows:
- SAD.896/7/20 At Korosko re conversation with Mr Baird, engineer of the Wadi Halfa railway who had not been paid for 2 months, concerning the navigability of the Nile south of Wadi Halfa and support in Korosko for the Mahdi. Receipt of telegram from Khartoum re the advance of a force of 8000 men; 1 Feb
- SAD.896/7/20-25 Journey across the desert from Korosko to Abu Hamed in the company of Shaykh Husayn Pasha Khalifah; account of defeat of Hicks Pasha from camel driver; encounters with Hamza Bey of Darfur and Firhad Bey, former *mudir* of Berber, both recalled to Cairo by the Khedive; 2-7 Feb
- SAD.896/7/25 Gordon's reception at Abu Hamed; 7 Feb
- SAD.896/7/25-32 Journey from Abu Hamed to Berber, stopping in villages en route and meeting tribal leaders; letter sent to the Mahdi appointing him Sultan of Kordofan; 8-11 Feb
- SAD.896/7/31-32 Reception at Berber; news of Baker's defeat; 11 Feb
- SAD.896/7/32-34 Gordon's decision to issue a proclamation separating the Sudan from Egypt and appointing a provisional government of influential notables under Gordon as Governor-General; presentation of petitions to Gordon; issue of a proclamation reversing a clause in Gordon's treaty of 1877 which had promised freedom for all slaves from 1889; news of the fall of Sinkat; 12 Feb
- SAD.896/7/34 Issue of further proclamation on local government and the reduction of revenue; conclave of notables shown secret firman by Gordon; 13 Feb
- SAD.896/7/35-39 1884 Feb 13 - 22
Letters interfiled with section two of Stewart's journal:
- SAD.896/7/35-36 1884 Feb 13
Letter from Stewart to Baring concerning their reception in the Sudan, his support for the evacuation policy, the recommendation that all Sudan officials in Cairo, including Giegler, should be dismissed and Gordon's decision to reveal the secret firman
- SAD.896/7/37-39 1884 Feb 15 - 22
Letter from Stewart to his mother re the journey to Berber and the volume of work awaiting them there, their arrival in Khartoum and the task ahead
- SAD.896/7/40-49 1884 Feb 14 - 18
Section three of Stewart's journal, despatched to Baring 11 Mar 1884. Content as follows:

- SAD.896/7/40-42 Arrival at Ed Damer; settlement of dispute over who should be *shaykh* of the district; local population anxious to see Gordon's proclamations; news of the rebellion on the Blue Nile; Stewart's assessment of the root causes of the rebellion in the Sudan; difficulties caused by their lack of Arabic; 14 Feb
- SAD.896/7/43-46 Justification for the decision to rescind Gordon's anti-slavery proclamation and the popularity of this step in the country; discussion with Sulayman Agha Walid Muhammad `Ali Nimr Hakim, district officer from Shendi, concerning the origins of his family; arrival at Shendi; discrepancies in local intelligence; 15 Feb
- SAD.896/7/46-47 Meeting with Said Pasha Hasan and discussions on situation in Khartoum and the reasons for the failure of the Hicks' expedition; meeting with Husayn Pasha Sirry, former Governor-General, on the *Ismalieh* steamer; 17 Feb
- SAD.896/7/47-49 Short stop at Omdurman to inspect Bashi Bazooks; arrival and reception at Khartoum including the public reading of the firman appointing Gordon Pasha; old records burned in the square; pardoning of prisoners; appointment of council of 12 notables; 18 Feb
- SAD.896/7/50-53 1884 Feb 17 and n.d.
Papers interfiled with section three of Stewart's journal:
- SAD.896/7/50-51 1884 Feb 17
Letter from Stewart at Omdurman to Baring re the suitability of Zubayr Pasha as possible future leader of the Sudan government; news of General Graham's departure for Suakin; Gordon's plans for appointments for Stewart and Chermshire; reasons for Hicks' failure
- SAD.896/7/52 List in Arabic of the names of Ansar, supporters of the Mahdi
- SAD.896/7/53 Note of news from Bara and El Obeid
- SAD.896/7/54-58 1884 Feb 19 - 22
Section four of Stewart's journal, despatched to Baring 17 Mar 1884.
Content as follows:
- SAD.896/7/54 Further work releasing prisoners; inspection of the fortifications and reorganisation of the troops; 19 Feb
- SAD.896/7/55 Further reorganisation of the troops and arrangements for dealing with the sick; decision to send Husayn Pasha Hyder [later referred to as Ibrahim Pasha Hyder] to Cairo, followed shortly after by the Egyptian troops; 20 Feb
- SAD.896/7/55-57 Letter sent from Gordon to the leader of the rebellion on the Blue Nile inviting him to come to Khartoum for talks; local opposition to the despatch of the Egyptian troops; 21 Feb
- SAD.896/7/57-58 Arrangements for further evacuations from Khartoum; news of the Mahdist force at El Obeid and of conditions in Darfur; 22 Feb
- SAD.896/7/59-70 1884 Feb 22; 1926 Feb
Papers interfiled with section four of Stewart's journal:

- SAD.896/7/59-60 1884 Feb 22
Letter from Stewart at Khartoum to Baring re the reported fall of Tokar, criticism of Husayn Pasha Sirry and Giegler
- SAD.896/7/61-69 1884 Feb 22
Letter from Stewart to Maj Gen Annesley [Arthur Lyttelton-Annesley] in India summarising to date the progress of the mission to the Sudan, explaining Gordon's decision to repeal the anti-slavery proclamation and re the corruption of the former administration in Khartoum, progress with the evacuation, the causes of the failure of the Hicks expedition and the reluctance of English soldiers to "rough it" [Original and incomplete copy]
- SAD.896/7/70 1926 Feb 19
Obituary from *The Times* for Sir Arthur Lyttelton-Annesley (added to the files after Stewart's death)
- SAD.896/7/71-81 1884 Feb 23 - Mar 1
Section five of Stewart's journal, despatched to Baring 22 Mar 1884. Content as follows:
- SAD.896/7/71-72 Departure of Ibrahim Pasha Hyder for Cairo; intelligence report by Hasan Walid Fahil on Kordofan and Darfur; 23 Feb
- SAD.896/7/72-74 Further gathering of intelligence; 24-25 Feb
- SAD.896/7/73 Visit to the Egyptian troops at Omdurman; 25 Feb
- SAD.896/7/74-75 Despatch of sick Egyptian soldiers for Cairo; decision to send an armed steamer up the White Nile on a peaceful mission; 26 Feb
- SAD.896/7/75-76 Refusal of council of notables to allow their slaves to be armed; transfer of soldiers from Omdurman to Khartoum; Stewart sent on reconnaissance trip by steamer up the White Nile; 27 Feb
- SAD.896/7/76-81 Continuation of steamer trip, stopping to meet local *shaykhs* and read them Gordon's proclamation; 28 Feb-1 Mar
- SAD.896/7/82-90 1884 Mar 1 - 8
Letters interfiled with section five of Stewart's journal:
- SAD.896/7/82-83 1884 Mar 1
Stewart to his sister Haddie concerning his reconnaissance trip up the White Nile and his indifference to future events in the Sudan after the end of their mission
- SAD.896/7/84-86 1884 Mar 4
Stewart to Sir Evelyn Baring concerning the need to send Zubayr Pasha to Khartoum, problems caused by the many contradictory telegrams sent by Gordon, recent reports from El Obeid that the Mahdi is to send peace emissaries and his belief that Gordon will not leave Khartoum until he has established a stable government
- SAD.896/7/87-88 1884 Mar 6
Stewart to his mother re personal and family matters

- SAD.896/8/89-90 1884 Mar 8
Stewart to Sir Evelyn Baring re Gordon's annoyance at the absence of his name in the Suakin proclamations and his threat to resign if his request for Zubayr Pasha to be sent to Khartoum was not met
- SAD.896/7/91-101 1884 Mar 1 - 11
Section six of Stewart's journal, despatched to Baring 29 Mar (up to 7 Mar) and 1 Apr 1884. Content as follows:
- SAD.896/7/91-92 Reconnaissance trip by steamer up the White Nile, meeting local *shaykhs* and reading Gordon's proclamation; news from Kordofan; 1-2 Mar
- SAD.896/7/92-93 Threats by the Shaiqiyah irregulars to desert; departure of Coptic population from Khartoum; 3 Mar
- SAD.896/7/93-94 Further reports on the causes of the failure of the Hicks' expedition; 4 Mar
- SAD.896/7/94-95 Report of the defeat by the Kabbabish of a Mahdist force marching from El Obeid to the Blue Nile; 5 Mar
- SAD.896/7/95 Receipt of a telegram from Shendi warning of attempts to incite the local population; arrival of the French Consul at Khartoum; 6 Mar
- SAD.896/7/95-97 Reports from spies on the White Nile; discussion with Gordon on whether an officer in the employment of the government was justified in writing to the newspapers; despatch of telegram by Gordon, threatening resignation if his wishes were not met; 7 Mar
- SAD.896/7/98-99 Discussion with Shaykh Mughdi who called for the arming of all Europeans in Khartoum; reports from Kordofan; movements of the rebels towards Khartoum and Shendi and Gordon's decision to send the Bashi Bazooks to protect the Khartoum-Berber road; 8 Mar
- SAD.896/7/99-100 Meeting with the Consuls where it was decided that they should prepare their subjects for departure in two days; 9 Mar
- SAD.896/7/100-101 Capture of the village of Shaykh al-Ubaid by the rebels; despatch of a force to guard the Sabaloka gorge; 10 Mar
- SAD.896/7/101 Further news of impending attacks; 11 Mar
- SAD.896/7/102 1884 Apr 14
Photographic print of a fragment of Stewart's diary concerning the manufacture of earth mines, with sketches of same
- SAD.896/7/103-104 1884 Apr 27 - May 1; Jul 2 - 7
Two sheets from Stewart's journal for Apr to Jul, the only surviving sheets from this period. Content as follows:
- SAD.896/7/103 Reports of the seizure of the mails from Berber; news of the surrender of Salih Pasha with 1500 troops; 27 Apr
- SAD.896/7/103 Chain placed across river; 29 Apr
- SAD.896/7/103 Defection of part of the Shukriyah tribe; issue by Gordon of £22,500 of paper money; 30 Apr
- SAD.896/7/103 Withdrawal of outpost at Burri; 1 May
- SAD.896/7/104 Contradictory intelligence from spies; 2 Jul

- SAD.896/7/104 Despatch of steamers up the Blue and White Niles to shell Arab forts; 5-7 Jul
- SAD.896/15 2010
Copy of appendix 1 from Fergus Nicoll's PhD thesis, "Gladstone, Gordon and Sudan 1883-5", comprising the edited text of Colonel Hamill Stewart's diary of his second mission to the Sudan, see above SAD 896/7/1-104
- SAD.896/8/1-2 1884 Dec 13
"Addendum to the papers relating to the fate of Colonel Stewart, Mr. Power, Mr. Herbin, and others who were aboard the steamer wrecked above Merawi" : letter from Lieut Col L.V. Swaine for Lord Wolseley to Sir Evelyn Baring, enclosing a sketch map by Maj H.H. Kitchener of the cataracts and Monassir country showing the site of Stewart's murder. Intelligence Branch, War Office, Dec 1884
- SAD.896/8/3 1885 Jan 6
"Addendum to the papers relating to the fate of Colonel Stewart, Mr. Power, Mr. Herbin, and others who were aboard the steamer wrecked above Merawi" : report by Maj H.H. Kitchener on the murder of Stewart and his party on the steamer *Abbas* at the Monassir cataracts, with covering letter from Sir Evelyn Baring to Earl Granville
- SAD.896/8/4-5 1885
Pencil sketches by Maj. F. Slade R.A., D.A.A.G. of the steamer *Abbas* as seen on the 20 Feb 1884 and of Etman Fakri's house where Stewart and his party were murdered
- SAD.896/8/6-7 [1885] Mar 12 [incorrectly dated 1884]
Memorandum relating to Stewart's diary, author unknown but written on War Office paper. The memorandum explains the fate of the diary which was lost at the time of his murder
- SAD.896/8/8 [n.d. post 1885]
Black and white photograph of the monumental brass erected in memory of Stewart in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin by the officers of Prince Albert's Own Hussars
- SAD.896/8/9-13 [n.d.]
Three black and white photographs of the wrecked steamer *Abbas* in which Stewart was sent to run the blockade of Khartoum (2) and of the Nile where the steamer was wrecked. In envelope dated 1953
- SAD.896/8/14 [n.d. c. 1904]
Black and white photograph of the south facade of the Governor-General's palace at Khartoum which replaced the earlier palace of General Gordon. An Egyptian flag is flying from one of the windows.

5. Articles about Stewart

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Judith Prendergast, "Death on the Nile", from *History Today*, 1984
C. Chenevix Trench, "Gordon's staff officer", from *History Today*, Mar
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