Reference code: GB165-0092

Title: Sir Ernest Dowson Collection

Name of creator: Dowson, Sir Ernest MacLeod (1876-1950) Knight

Dates of creation of material: 1908-1956

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 sheets, 1 volume

Biographical history: Dowson, Sir Ernest MacLeod (1876-1950) Knight


Scope and content: Letter from Ernest Dowson to Francis Millward Edwards, 25 Sept 1937, on land taxation in Palestine and specifically whether heavy land taxes had forced Muslim and Christian landowners to sell land to the Jews. Dowson’s answer was that land taxation had become lighter during British rule and that the selling of land had happened for personal gain by local notables who then blamed the British. Commonplace book, 1908-1956, with the opening inscription ‘13 Dec 1908 Tents Giza – Egypt’ compiled by Ernest Dowson. The Commonplace book covers a wide variety of subjects, and includes pressed plants from Cape Helles 1915, quotations and extracts from books, poetry and famous figures, as well as newspaper clippings.

Language: Mainly English but also French, Latin

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns.
Custodial history: In the possession of Francis Millward Edwards. The commonplace book was purchased by Martin Bunton on the 17 June 2006 from the Victoria Bookshop in Bere Alston, Devon, UK. The bookshop had no record of its origin.


Related Units of Description:
In MEC Archive
- GB165-0096 Francis Edwards Collection

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist’s note: Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 1 Sept 1998 and revised by Debbie Usher 13 Jan 2023.