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

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

Born 19 November 1876, only son of Ernest Dowson, Indian Telegraphs. Educated Isle of Wight College; Central Technical College, London. Joined Egyptian Delta Light Railways as Asst. Engineer, 1898; appointed to Survey of Egypt, 1900; Director-General Survey of Egypt, 1909; Under-Secretary of State for Finance, Egypt, 1919; Financial Adviser to the Egyptian Govt., 1920-1923; advising the Governments of Palestine and Transjordan on settlement and registration of rights to land and other land questions, 1923-1928, and the Iraq, Zanzibar and Kenya Governments on the same problems 1929-1930 & 1935-1940. Married, 1910, Hilda Pascoe - 1 son. Died 26 June 1950.

Scope and content: Letter from Ernest Dowson to Francis Millward Edwards 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.

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