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Title: Sir William Everett Collection

Name of creator: Everett, Sir William (1844-1908) Knight, Colonel, Diplomat

Dates of creation of material: 1879-1888

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 4 boxes

Biographical history: EVERETT, Sir William (1844-1908)

Born 20 April 1844, son of Revd. Thomas and Mrs. Gertrude Everett (née Walker). Educated Marlborough, (one term) 1856; Sandhurst. Entered army (26th Foot) 1864. Married Maria Georgina Calogeras, 1870 (2 daughters). Appointed Vice-Consul at Erzerum, 1878. Travelled to Rumelia with Col. Ardagh to map Russian frontier, 1879. Consul for Kurdistan, 1882-88. Reported on defences at Erzerum; British member of Turco-Russian Boundary Commission; famine relief work in Armenia, 1883. Attacked by intruder in his house at Erzerum and badly wounded, 1885. Resigned from Consular Service, 1888. Professor of Military Topography, Staff College, Camberley, 1888. KCMG, 1898. Died 9 August 1908.

Scope and content: Papers on his service as Military Consul at Erzerum 1879-85, including: diary, 1879-82; letters 1886-88 from consulates at Erzerum, Diyarbekir, etc. following his return to England; maps of the Ottoman Empire.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: Mainly English, some French, Turkish and Arabic

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Custodial history: In the possession of Sir William Everett and his family

Immediate source of acquisition: Received on loan from his granddaughter, the Hon. Mrs. Irma Bailey, 1971, later bequeathed. Mrs. Bailey died 20 April 1988.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR WILLIAM EVERETT
COLLECTION**

A Personal and career

Box 1

- File 1 (a) Letters from W. Everett to his wife written whilst on tour in 1884
the Erzerum area
- (b) Letters connected with Everett's career 1884-1888
- (c) Letters connected with C.M.G. 1886
- File 2 (a) Everett's account of a murder attempt on the groom at the Apr 1885
British Consulate Erzerum (Everett was badly injured in the
attack)
- Translation of the sentence passed by the Erzerum Court of Nov 1885
appeal on Mesrob, Everett's assailant – taken from the official
Ilam
- (b) Correspondence re: the attack at Erzerum 1887-8:
- Letter from Everett to Lord Salisbury tendering his 1887
resignation and giving details of his injuries
- Letter from St John Broderick to Under Secretary of State Jan 1888
at Foreign Office re. compensation for Everett
- Letter from Everett to Lord Salisbury re: the possibility of Mar 1888
claiming compensation
- Letter from Sir T.V. Lister of the Foreign Office enclosing Apr 1888
a memo on Foreign Office correspondence re: the attack at
Erzerum
- Letter from Everett to the Secretary of State for Foreign May 1888
Affairs discussing possible motives for the attack at
Erzerum and the subsequent Court case
- Letters from the Foreign Office to Everett turning down July 1888
his claim for compensation
- (c) Letter from Campbell – Bannerman to Isabella re: the Jan 1889
inadvisability of bringing up the Erzerum case in the Commons
- Letters from Foreign Office and treasury officials and friends re: Mar – Sept
compensation 1889

- (d) Letters from Foreign Office and treasury officials and friends re: compensation 1890-1892
- File 3 (a) Papers re: Staff College appointment and possible promotion to rank of Colonel 1887-1891
- Letter appointing Everett Professor of Topography at Staff College Dec 1887
- Correspondence between Everett and the War Office re: promotion to Lt. Colonel Jan 1888-Feb 1889
- Correspondence between Everett and the War Office re: Everett's possible promotion to the rank of Colonel 1890-1891
- (b) Committee on a Military map of the UK – Letter to Everett asking for his views on how to proceed together with Everett's reply 1892
- File 4 Maps
- 1 Sketch map to illustrate the probable concentration and lines of operation in the event of an occupation of Asia Minor by Russia. Scale 1/2,280,960. War Office – Quarter Master General's Office 1876
- 2 (a) Royal Engineers Institute, Chatham – general map of Armenia
- (b) Rushtchuk Varna area. Scale 1" = 9 miles. Printed by Edward Stanford as a supplement to *The Guardian* 30 May 1877
- 3 Map of the Eastern portion of Turkish Armenia and Trans-Caucasia. War Office Intelligence Division 1877. (cut into four, bottom 1 hand portion missing) 1877
- 4 Sketch map of the Russo-Turkish frontier in Asia showing the boundaries according to the stipulations of the preliminary treaty of San Stefano and the treaty of Berlin War Office 1878
- 5 Caucasia. Map 1 1/1,520,640 War Office Intelligence Division No. 492.1885 Revised 1891 1891
- 6 General map of the East Mediterranean Black Sea area
- 7 Map of Asia Minor by Kiepert – sheet 5 Erzerum and Van.

- Enlarged at the O.S. Office 1/500,000
- 8 Everett's routes in Armenia and Kurdistan
 - 9 Degree sheets of the Balkans
 - 10 Greek maps of Macedonia, Epirus and Thesaly
(Nos 8-10 transferred to Middle East Centre from I.O.L.R.
1977)

B Official Papers, Report, Diaries

Box 2

- File 1 (a) War Office 'Rules to be observed when projecting the Feb 1878
defence of houses, villages and positions'
War Office 'Instructions for all reconnaissance sketches
accompanied by written reports'
Table showing the composition of an army corps
William Everett's notes on military administration – rationing 1878
etc
- (b) Road reports, routes and sketch maps of the Erzerum area:
Road report Erzerum to Bitlis not dated
Sketch maps and notes
- (c) Route plans: Trebizond to Erzerum, Trebizond via Kazikly not dated
Dagh and Varzakan to Baiburt and Erzerum; Trebizond via
Kalat Dagh to Baiburt and Erzerum, Baiburt via Plur and Sadaga
to Erzerum
- (d) Trebizond via Riza and Ispir to Erzerum, Erzerum via Lake
Tortum to Batum
- (e) Erzerum to Batum via Kars. Alexandropol and Tiflis;
Erzerum to Akhaltsikh; Kars to Kaghisman; Kars to
Alexandropol; Alexandropol to Etchmiadzin and Erivan;
Michaeloro to Alexandropol
- (f) Erzerum to Tehran, Tashlichai to Iqdir; Bayazid to Tiflis,
Bayazid to Van; Erzerum to Khoi; Erzerum to Mardin
- (g) Diabekr to Erzerum: Erzerum to Diabekr

- File 2 Diaries
- (a) Diary of a journey from Trebizond to Erzerum Apr 1879-Dec 1880
- (b) Diary Nov 1879 –Apr 1880
- (c) Diary Jan 1881-Mar 1882
- File 3 (a) Political and military reports on the Erzerum area
- Printed report on ‘Erzerum’ by Mr Taylor, consul for Kurdistan, on the provinces visited by him on his late tour 1876
- William Everett’s report on Erzerum and its defences 1883
- William Everett’s report on transport in the Erzerum area not dated
- William Everett’s political report entitled ‘Erzerum to Bitlis’ not dated
- Memo on entrenching positions not dated
- Draft reports by Everett on Erzerum and the surrounding area (mostly incomplete) not dated
- (b) Letters from the War Office Constantinople etc to Everett commenting on the latter’s reports from Erzerum 1880-1886
- File 4 (a) Correspondence re: the famine relief operations in Armenia including letters to Trotter and Everett from the Foreign Office and from Plunkett in Therapia to Sir H Layard 1881
- (b) Correspondence re: the Anglo – Russian frontier commission 1879-1883
- File 5 (a) Letters to Everett from consulates at Erzerum, Diabekir etc. containing political and local news 1886-1888
- (b) Consular and private accounts including sale of Everett’s furniture at Erzerum. not dated
- (c) Copy of *Le Monde Illustré* No. 2145 May 1898
- (d) Documents and letters in Turkish and Arabic not dated