Reference code: GB165-0144

Title: Mervyn Herbert Collection

Name of creator: Herbert, Mervyn Robert Howard Molyneux (1882-1929) Diplomat

Dates of creation of material: 1912-1923; 1925

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: Herbert, Hon. Mervyn Robert Howard Molyneux (1882-1929)

Scope and content: 2 vols. of diaries (1912-1917 and 1917-1923) covering service in Madrid and Cairo; letter, 20 Nov. 1925, from Lord Lloyd on early impressions as Ambassador to Cairo; undated letter from Robin Furness, also from Cairo.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

Conditions governing reproduction: Permission required from the Herbert family for copying or quotation.

Custodial history: In the possession of the Hon. Mervyn Herbert and his family.

Immediate source of acquisition: Received from Elizabeth Herbert (widow) in April 1966.

Related Units of Description:
In other Repositories
In Hull University, Bynmor Jones Library: 12 letters to Irene Forbes Adam 1913-1915.
Reference: (DDFA (3)/6 – NRA 6494 Forbes-Adam.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE MERVYN HERBERT COLLECTION

1 Diaries 1912-1923 2 volumes
Diaries covering service in Madrid and Cairo.

| 1/1 | Diary Volume 1 | 21 Oct 1912 – 24 Jun 1917 |
|     |                | 1 volume (398 pages) |
| 1/2 | Diary Volume 2 | Jul 1917 – 5 May 1923 |
|     |                | 1 volume (378 pages) |

2 Correspondence 1925, 1 file
Letters written from the Residency in Cairo from Lord Lloyd and Robin Furness.

| 2/1 | Lord Lloyd Letter | 20 Nov 1925 |
|     |                   | 3 sheets |

Letter from Lord Lloyd to Mervyn Herbert giving his early impressions as Ambassador to Cairo, including a description of the poor condition of the residency house which hindered offering hospitality, comments on staff and advisors and the deteriorating political situation with Zaghloul.

| 2/2 | Robin Furness Letter | 1 Nov ~[c1924-1928] |
|     |                    | 2 sheets |

Letter from Robin Furness to Mervyn Herbert, written from The Residency, Cairo giving general news including noting that Henderson was ‘rushing home to-day, having had news that his brother is dangerously ill’.

Admin History: Sir Nevile Meyrick Henderson was minister in Egypt 1924-1928.