

**Reference code:** GB165-0051

**Title:** Sir John Robert Chancellor Collection

**Name of creator:** Chancellor, Sir John Robert (1870-1952) Knight Colonial Administrator

**Dates of creation of material:** 1 Sept 1929 - 27 May 1930

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 2 folders (20 sheets in total)

**Biographical history:** CHANCELLOR, Sir John Robert (1870-1952) Knight Colonial Administrator.

Born 20 October 1870 in Edinburgh. Died 31 July 1952. Joined Royal Engineers 1890 and served in Dongola Expedition 1896 with Indian contingent; Tirah Expedition 1897-1898; in charge of Sirmur Imperial Service Sappers; passed Staff College in 1902; Staff Captain Intelligence Department War Office in 1903; Assistant Secretary (Military) to Committee of Imperial Defence in 1904; Secretary to the Colonial Deference Committee in 1906; Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Mauritius 1911-1916; Trinidad and Tobago 1916-1924; Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Southern Rhodesia 1923-1928; High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief Palestine 1928-1931.

**Scope and content:** File 1 consists of a proclamation of 1 September 1929 re. the Wailing Wall riots. Copies in English, Arabic and Hebrew. File 2 consists of a letter from J.R. Chancellor to Lord Stamfordham (27 May 1930) intended as a private letter to King George V. The letter expresses Chancellor's views concerning restriction of Jewish immigration, sales of Arab land, the attitude of both Jews and Arabs toward the mandate in Palestine and his recommendation as to policy and course of action Britain should take in the light of his assessment of the situation in Palestine.

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English, Arabic, Hebrew

**Physical Condition:** File 2 is a photocopy, some parts slightly faded.

**Conditions governing reproduction:** No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** File 1 was received as a gift from D.C. Breech, Archivist, RAF Museum, Hendon in March 1972. File 2 was received as a gift from Philip Clayton in September 2002.

**Related Units of Description:** The majority of the papers of Sir John Robert Chancellor are housed at Oxford University: Bodleian Library of Commonwealth and African Studies at Rhodes House. Reference MSS Brit Emp s 284.

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Finding aid created by C. Brown, June 1998 and revised by D. Usher, April 2003. Biographical History based on *Who's Who, 1930, Who Was Who* (A & C Black, Publishers Ltd, 1988).