

**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)

Born 27 December 1882, youngest son of 4th Earl of Carnarvon. Educated Eton College; Balliol College, Oxford. Attaché in HM Diplomatic Service, 1907; served in Rome, Lisbon, Madrid, Cairo and Madrid as First Secretary until March 1922; Foreign Office 1924-1926. Married Mary Elizabeth Willard: 1 son, 1 daughter. Died 26 May 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

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 21 Jan 1999 and revised by Debbie Usher 18 Nov 2003 and 2 Mar 2022. Series and item level description created by Debbie Usher 30 Jan 2023.

**SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE MERVYN HERBERT  
COLLECTION**

<u>1</u>	<u>Diaries</u>	<u>1912-1923</u>	<u>2 volumes</u>
	Diaries covering service in Madrid and Cairo.		
1/1	<u>Diary Volume 1</u>	21 Oct 1912 –	1 volume
		24 Jun 1917	(398 pages)
1/2	<u>Diary Volume 2</u>	Jul 1917 –	1 volume
		5 May 1923	(378 pages)
<u>2</u>	<u>Correspondence</u>	<u>1925,</u>	<u>1 file</u>
	Letters written from the Residency in Cairo from Lord Lloyd and Robin Furness.		
		<u>not dated</u>	
2/1	<u>Lord Lloyd Letter</u>	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	<u>Robin Furness Letter</u>	1 Nov	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.		