

THE MACKINNON PAPERS

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The Mackinnon Papers

The personal and business papers of Sir William Mackinnon (1823–1893) were deposited in a series of tin trunks at the School of Oriental and African Studies in 1952. Various attempts at listings of these papers have been made, starting in the early 1950s, and at last there is now a reasonably adequate calendar to their contents. Because the sorting process had not previously been completed there has until now only been limited access to these papers and their full wealth has not yet been revealed. It was therefore thought appropriate to produce a microfilm edition of the Mackinnon Papers at this time.

The papers reflect Mackinnon's wide commercial interests and his close connection with nineteenth century British political circles. They will be of interest to historians working on the growth of the British Empire and the correlation of that growth with commercial and shipping developments. The collection includes the papers of the Imperial British East Africa Company, the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition Committee, the British India Steam Navigation Company and those relating to the City of Glasgow Bank.

The archive is divided into the following parts:

I. The Private Correspondence 268 files

This includes the letters of many political and commercial notables such as Sir Charles B Evan-Smith, Sir Arnold Burrowes Kemball, Sir John William Kaye, Collis P Huntington, Sir John Kirk, Count De Lalaing, Henry Austin Lee, Sir T V Lister, John Macdonald, Sir Lewis Pelly, Lord Sandhurst, Henry S Sanford, H M Stanley, Colonel Strauch, etc.

IIA. The Imperial British East Africa Company 69 files

These papers cover the period 1887 to 1892, with extensive business correspondence, letters to and from the Foreign Office, lists of shareholders, accounts, company minutes, letter books, etc.

IIB. The Emin Pasha Relief Fund Committee 55 files

Chronologically this covers the period from the time when Mackinnon was selecting the leader of the expedition and raising the necessary funds to the 'rescue' of Emin Pasha and the subsequent disbanding of the expedition. There are many letters from Stanley, W Bonny, E M Bartellot, J Rose Troup, Herbert Ward and A M Jephson. It contains the initial orders for equipment, the letter books, the Committee minute books, various accounts, correspondence with the Foreign Office, the Admiralty, many newspaper cuttings, etc.

III. Papers relating to the British India Steam Navigation Co. 26 files

Some of the India correspondence is contained in Part 1 of the archive. This section contains many letters from business associates such as J M Hall and P Hall, miscellaneous company reports, the balance sheets of Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co, letter books of the British Imperial Steam Navigation Co, correspondence with the Foreign Office, etc.

IVA. Papers relating to the City of Glasgow Bank 54 files

This is the major source of material about the City of Glasgow Bank bankruptcy case, including extensive legal correspondence and documents, the printed papers for the case, and other papers giving much information on Mackinnon's finances and details of his commercial operations and holdings.

IVB. Miscellaneous Commercial Papers 64 files

Papers dealing with other commercial affairs.

IVC. Balinakill Estate Papers 13 files

This section includes extensive correspondence about Mackinnon's Scottish estates, with many letters to tenants, bailiffs, various legal disputes and documents and many of the estate ledgers.

V. Miscellaneous Papers — Personal, Philanthropic, Free Church etc. 38 files

Revealing for the extent of Mackinnon's philanthropy. Much of it was directed at Free Church causes and incumbents, but he appears to have been very susceptible to appeals for help from many people — dependents, relatives, poor clergymen and former business friends and their widows.

A detailed calendar is available.

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The collection of Sir William Mackinnon's papers is separated into five categories:

- I. Private correspondence
- II. Africa papers
 - A. Miscellaneous
 - B. The Imperial British East Africa Company
 - C. The Emin Pasha Relief Expedition
- III. Papers relating to the British India Steam Navigation Company
- IV. Papers relating to the City of Glasgow Bank
- V. Miscellaneous private correspondence.

This list only refers to section I, the private correspondence. It is hoped to prepare more detailed lists of the other four sections in the future. In the meantime sections II, III, IV and V can only be consulted by prior arrangement with the Librarian.

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- 1-7 DEVAUX, Jules-Jean-Paul, Envoyé extraordinaire et ministre plenipotentiaire, Chef du Cabinet du Roi des Belges (Leopold II).
Letters to Mackinnon:
1. 1876-1883: 46 folios 5. 1884: 5 folios
2. 1883: 55 folios 6. 1884-1885: 51 folios
3. 1883-1884: 48 folios 7. 1885-1886: 48 folios
4. 1884: 55 folios
- 8-9 DUFF, Dr Alexander,
Letters to Mackinnon:
8. 1864-1867: 64 folios 9. 1867-1878: 78 folios
- 10-17 EUAN-SMITH, Colonel Sir Charles B., Member of Frere Mission, 1872-1873; Political Agent and Consul-General at Zanzibar, 1887-1890; Consul-General in Morocco, 1891-1893.
Letters to Mackinnon:
10. 1872-1873: 52 folios 14. 1890: 58 folios
11. 1874-1876: 63 folios 15. 1890: 48 folios
12. 1877-1888: 63 folios 16. 1891: 81 folios
13. 1888-1889: 66 folios 17. 1892-1893: 18 folios
- 18-23 EVANS, R.H., Secretary of the Netherlands India Steam Navigation Company
Letters to Mackinnon:
18. 1865-1873: 54 folios 21. 1883-1885: 40 folios
19. 1874-1880: 38 folios 22. 1886-1888: 61 folios
20. 1881-1882: 47 folios 23. 1890-1893: 51 folios
- 24-48 HALL, James Macalister, Partner of William Mackinnon & Co., 1849-1869; Director of British India Steam Navigation Co.; Director of Imperial British East Africa Co.
Letters to Mackinnon:
24. 1856: 83 folios 37. 1870: 44 folios
25. 1858-1860: 67 folios 38. 1871-1876: 50 folios
26. 1861-1862: 60 folios 39. 1878-1879: 32 folios
27. 1863: 45 folios 40. 1880-1882: 41 folios
28. 1863: 40 folios 41. 1883-1885: 49 folios
29. 1863: 47 folios 42. 1886-1887: 32 folios
30. 1863-1864: 53 folios 43. 1887-1889: 30 folios
31. 1864: 67 folios 44. 1890: 37 folios
32. 1864: 51 folios 45. 1891: 47 folios
33. 1864: 43 folios 46. 1892: 38 folios
34. 1865: 96 folios 47. 1892: 37 folios
35. 1866-1868: 57 folios 48. 1893: 44 folios
36. 1869: 48 folios
- 49-56 HALL, P. Agent of Mackinnon, MacKenzie & Co. in Calcutta.
Letters to Mackinnon:
49. 1863-1864: 39 folios 53. 1868, 1870: 41 folios
50. 1864-1865: 44 folios 54. 1870: 37 folios
51. 1866-1868: 38 folios 55. 1870-1875: 40 folios
52. 1868: 38 folios 56. 1878-1882: 32 folios

- 57-63 HAWORTH, William,
Letters to Mackinnon:
57. 1862-1863: 26 folios 61. 1869-1870: 55 folios
58 58. 1864-1867: 35 folios 62. 1871: 38 folios
59. 1868-1869: 33 folios 63. 1872-1882: 31 folios
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- 64 HUNTINGTON, Collis P., American railway magnate
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64. 1887-1891: 69 folios
- 65 HUTCHINSON, General, George, Lay Secretary, Church
Missionary Society, 1881-1889
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65. 1889-1892: 22 folios
- 66-68 HUTTON, James E. Manchester cotton merchant, firm of
James Hutton & Co., President of the Manchester
Chamber of Commerce.
Letters to Mackinnon:
66. 1883-1885: 31 folios 68. 1886-1889: folios
67. 1885+ 33 folios
- 69-74 INGLIS, John, of the firm of A. & J. Inglis,
Engineers and Shipbuilders, Glasgow.
Letters to Mackinnon:
69. 1870-1881: 23 folios 72. 1888: 33 folios
70. 1882-1884: 37 folios 73. 1889-1891: 46 folios
71. 1885-1887: 46 folios 74. 1892-1893: 34 folios
- 75-76 JEPHSON, A. J.; Mounteney, Member of the Emin Pasha Relief
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75. 1890-1892: 52 folios 76. 1892: 70 folios
- 77 JOHNSON, Sir Harry Hamilton, Acting Consul at Old Calabar,
1887-1888; Consul at Mozambique, 1889; Commissioner
and Consul-General for the Territories under British
Influence to the North of the Zambezi, 1891; etc.
Letters to Mackinnon:
77. 1888-1891: 12 folios
- 78-79 KAYE, Sir John William, Secretary of India Office,
Political and Secret Department.
Letters to Mackinnon:
78. 1870-1871: 24 folios 79. 1872-1876: 38 folios
- 80-85 KEMBALL, Sir Arnold Burrowes, Political Agent and
Consul General at Baghdad, 1859-1868; Director of the
Imperial British East Africa Company; etc.
Letters to Mackinnon:
80. 1881-1884: 31 folios 83. 1891: 41 folios
81. 1885-1889: 28 folios 84. 1891-1892: 32 folios
82. 1890: 29 folios 85. 1892: 43 folios

- 86-103 KIRK, Sir John, Political Agent and Consul-General at Zanzibar, 1873-1887; British Plenipotentiary to the Brussels Slave Trade Conference of 1889-1890; Director of the Imperial British East Africa Company.
Letters to Mackinnon:
86. 1873-1876: 53 folios 95. 1887: 48 folios
87. 1877: 67 folios 96. 1887-1888: 45 folios
88. 1878-1879: 50 folios 97. 1888: 53 folios
89. 1879: 43 folios 98. 1888-1889: 53 folios
90. 1880-1881: 44 folios 99. 1889-1890: 45 folios
91. 1882: 47 folios 100. 1890-1891: 48 folios
92. 1883-1884: 68 folios 101. 1891-1892: 46 folios
93. 1885-1886: 52 folios 102. 1892: 48 folios
94. 1886-1887: 50 folios 103. 1892-1893: 27 folios
104. LACHLAN, Captain J.M., General Manager, U.S. & Brazil Mail Steamship Co.
Letters to Mackinnon:
104. 1888-1891: 46 folios
- 105 DE LALAING, Count, Attaché au Cabinet du Roi des Belges (Leopold II).
Letters to Mackinnon:
105. 1885-1892: folios
- 106 LAMBERT, Leon, Banker of Leopold II, King of the Belgians.
Letters to Mackinnon:
106. 1879-1892: 34 folios
- 107-111 LEE, Henry Austin, Private Secretary to Sir Charles Dilke, 1880-1882; Private Secretary to Lord E. Fitzmaurice, 1883-1885; Private Secretary to Sir J. Fergusson, 1886; Private Secretary to the Earl of Lytton, 1887-1891.
Letters to Mackinnon:
107. 1878-1884: 51 folios 110. 1887-1890: 58 folios
108. 1884-1885: 50 folios 111. 1890-1892: 69 folios
109. 1885-1887: 45 folios
- 112 LES MESURIER, Henry P., (?) Administration des Chemins de Fer, des Telegraphes et du Port d'Alexandrie.
Letters to Mackinnon:
112. 1879, 1883: 17 folios
- 113-116 LIEBERT, Alfred,
Letters to Mackinnon:
113. 1867, 1878-1890: 30 folios
114. 1881-1885: 38 folios
115. 1886-1888: 41 folios
116. 1890-1891: 20 folios
- 117-121 LIEBERT, L.A.
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117. 1856-1859: 26 folios 120. 1864-1865: 36 folios
118. 1860-1861: 41 folios 121. 1866-1869: 32 folios
119. 1862-1863: 34 folios

- 122 LISTER, Sir T. Villiers, Assistant Undersecretary of
State for Foreign Affairs.
Letters to Mackinnon:
122. 1883-1888: 8 folios
- 123 LICHFIELD, Earl of,
Letters to Mackinnon:
123. 1886: 8 folios
- 124-125 LONG, James,
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124. 1873-1884: 44 folios
125. 1884-1892: 22 folios
- 126 LORNE, Marquis of, Governor-General of Canada, 1878-1883;
became 9th Duke of Argyll..
126. 1884-1893: 41 folios
- 127-133 MACDONALD, James, General Manager, The General Credit
& Finance Co.Ltd.
Letters to Mackinnon:
127. 1855-1863: 50 folios 131. 1871: 38 folios
128. 1864-1869: 34 folios 132. 1872-1874: 39 folios
129. 1870: 22 folios 133. 1876-1881: 55 folios
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135. 1868: 45 folios 143. 1875: 88 folios
136. 1869: 44 folios 144. 1876: 72 folios
137. 1870: 63 folios 145. 1877: 46 folios
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140. 1872-1873: 69 folios 148. 1878-1880: 38 folios
141. 1874: 50 folios
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149. 1888-1889: 6 folios
- 150-154 MACKENZIE, Reverend Murdo,
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151. 1885: 34 folios 154. 1891-1892: 45 folios
152. 1886, 1888: 41 folios
- 155-164 MACMICHAEL, N., British India Steam Navigation Company
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155. 1856-1860: 55 folios 160. 1873-1875: 46 folios
156. 1861-1865: 49 folios 161. 1876-1880: 35 folios
157. 1869-1871: 44 folios 162. 1882-1884: 31 folios
158. 1872-1873: 58 folios 163. 1885-1890: 29 folios
164. 1892: 35 folios

- 165 MAITLAND, W.I., of the India Office.
Letters to Mackinnon:
165. 1887, 1890: 19 folios
- 166-170 MONTEATH, A.M.,
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166. 1870-1874: 34 folios 169. 1885-1886: 48 folios
167. 1875-1881: 57 folios 170. 1887-1890, 1893:
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- 171-174 MORIER, Sir Robert, Minister at Lisbon, 1876-1881;
Minister at Madrid, 1881-1884; Ambassador at St.
Petersburg, 1884-1893
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171. 1879: 28 folios 173. 1888-1889: 26 folios
172. 1879: 16 folios 174. 1889-1890: 28 folios
- 175-181 PELL, Sir Lewis, Political Agent and Consul at Zanzibar,
1861:; Member of Frere Mission, 1872-1873;
Conservative Member of Parliament; Director of the
Imperial British East Africa Company; etc.
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187. 1874: 10 folios
- 188-216 SANFORD, Henry S., U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, U.S.
delegate to Berlin Conference of 1885 and
Brussels Slave Trade Conference of 1889-1890.
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188. 1879: 28 folios 203. 1884: 36 folios
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201. 1884: 34 folios 216. 1892-1893: 74 folios
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219. 1890-1891: 68 folios
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223. 1879: 45 folios 231. 1883: 39 folios
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227. 1881-1882: 38 folios 235. 1885: 35 folios
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238. 1881-1882: 55 folios 241. 1887-1890: 29 folios
239. 1882-1883: 45 folios 242. 1890-1893: 39 folios
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Florida Land & Colonization Co.Ltd.
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263. 1872-1874: 55 folios

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