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Preface

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Introduction

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John Wallace Cummins

(1896-1969)

1914-1919	War service
1919-1947	Sudan Finance Department
1919-1927	Personal Secretary to the Financial Secretary, Khartoum
1928-1929	Audit Inspector, Khartoum
1930-1938	Inspector, Khartoum
1938-1944	Assistant Financial Secretary (Financial Branch), Khartoum
1944-1947	Deputy Financial Secretary, Khartoum
1947	Retired from Sudan service

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Arrangement

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Form of citation

Material in the Sudan Archive is given a reference number, which is unique across the collections of papers. Usually it is not necessary to give the name of the person or organisation within which collection the item is found, although it may be convenient to do so.

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Most printed references take the form: SAD.*reference number* .

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

1. Official Papers

(a) General Finance

- SAD.635/10/1-13 1927 Sep 21
Memorandum for the Financial Secretary on the reorganisation of the Sudan Finance Department (ts)
- SAD.635/10/14-30 1927
Note on financial control in the Sudan by F.P. Robinson, seconded to the Sudan by H.M. Treasury and later Financial Secretary to the King (ts), with copy of Finance circular published in the *Sudan Gazette* no.10 on 1 April 1900. Governor-General's Order No.1
- SAD.635/11/1-4 1928 May 26
Extract from the minutes of the 288th meeting of the Governor-General's Council on resolutions concerning the extent of control exercised by the Council and the investment and disbursement of public monies in the Sudan (ts)
- SAD.635/11/5-9 1939 Feb 20
Note of policy with regard to the purchase of stores, past and future, with note on value-cost contracts as used by the London County Council (ts)
- SAD.635/11/10-17 [1939-1945]
Government publicity handouts for the war savings campaign in the Sudan
- SAD.635/11/18-30 1941 Jul 24
Finance Department note on "The Sudan Government's financial contribution to the prosecution of the war" (ts)
- SAD.635/11/31-34 [1941-1942]
Note on "Sudan finances in wartime and the Sudan's financial war effort"
- SAD.635/12/1-2 [1941-1942]
Information leaflet by Cummins on "Sudan cotton in wartime"
- SAD.635/12/3-25 1943 Mar 8
Note by Cummins, Financial Secretary, on the "Organisation of the Finance Department", with attached notes by F.P. Robinson, seconded from the British Treasury, on "Office organisation", 21 September 1922 and "Reserve Fund procedure and records", July 1927
- SAD.635/12/26-28 1943 Jun 20
Memorandum by Cummins on "War inflation"
- SAD.635/13/1-45 1944 Apr
Papers from the Middle East Financial Conference, held at the American University, Cairo:
- SAD.635/13/1-5 1944 Apr
"General economic position Sudan" (Paper A10)
- SAD.635/13/6-8 1944 Apr
"Taxation in the Sudan" (Paper B10), compiled and submitted to the conference by Cummins, then Assistant Financial Secretary

- SAD.635/13/9-15 1944 Apr
"Control of prices, distribution, imports and exports Sudan" (Paper
D10)
- SAD.635/13/16-40 1944 Apr 24-29
Proceedings of the conference
- SAD.635/13/41-45 1944 May 2
Report by Cummins on the conference, written on his return to
Khartoum

- SAD.635/13/46-52 1944
Note by Cummins on taxation in the Sudan (headed Appendix 2)
- SAD.635/14/1-7 1945
Statement by the Financial Secretary on post-war development, drafted by Cummins as a memorandum for the Governor-General's Council
- SAD.635/14/8-18 [1945-1946]
Memorandum on H.B.M.G.'s grant-in-aid of £2m, with explanatory notes
- SAD.635/14/19 1946 Mar 14
Note by G.H. Barter on the establishment strength for the Civil Service
- SAD.635/14/20-21 1946 Apr
Circular containing special information for applicants for the posts of Inspectors, Financial Secretary's General List
- SAD.635/14/22-33 1946 Apr 7
Letter from J.W.E. Miller, Financial Secretary, to the Governor-General's Council on changes in the organisation of the White Nile Alternative Livelihood Board, with proposed charter and financial conditions of the White Nile Schemes Board
- SAD.635/14/34-39 1946 Apr 9
Letter from J.W.E. Miller on the formation of the Equatoria Projects Board, with proposed charter and financial conditions of the Board
- SAD.636/1/1-15 1946 May 3
Note by J.W.E. Miller, Financial Secretary, on the 1945/46 development budget, drafted by Cummins
- SAD.636/1/16-20 1946 Jul 12
Note by J.W.E. Miller, Financial Secretary, on the general development account
- SAD.636/2/1-40 1946 Dec 11
Memorandum by J.W.E. Miller, Financial Secretary, for the Governor-General's Council on "The Five year plan for post war development"
- SAD.636/3/1-3 1946
Note entitled "The finance of education. Supplementary notes", by Cummins
- SAD.636/3/4-17 1955 Jun 13
Instructions from the Sudan London Office on the payment of stores' invoices, with copies of blank invoice forms
- SAD.636/3/18-50 [ca. 1940s-1950s]
Samples of blank financial forms: payment sheet, receipts, collectors' accounts, adjustment sheets, request for payment etc.

(b) Local Government

- SAD.636/4/1-5 1942
El Obeid Town Council standing orders nos 2 and 3: Accounting and Banking
- SAD.636/4/6-9 1944 Sep 3-1945 Aug 31

Finance Department circular letters concerning preparation of the local government budget estimates

- SAD.636/4/10-26 1945
Rural District Council model instructions. Standing orders nos 1,2,2a,3 and 4: Finance; Accounting General; Accounting, Rating; Treasury; and Acquisition and Control of Stores and Materials
- SAD.636/5/1-14 1946 Sep 11
Local Government finance report made to the Sudan Administration Conference by the Assistant Civil Secretary for Local Government, with appendix by C.B. T[racey]
- SAD.636/1/21-42 1946 Dec 5
Sudan Administration Conference 1946, *(i) Report to the Conference by Sub-Committee A, concerning the closer association of the Sudanese with the central government. (ii) Report to the conference by Sub-Committee B concerning local government*, with note by Cummins on the report of Sub-committee A
- SAD.636/5/15-23 1947 Feb 10
Memorandum by C.A.G. Wallis, Civil Secretary's Office, on the development of local government, with attached schedules
- SAD.636/5/24-31 1947 Feb 24
Letter and memorandum with questions on local government policy, structure, finance, controls and inauguration of the new council

(c) Government of Bahrain

- SAD.636/10/1 1957 Jun 10
Covering letter from Cummins to Shaykh Sulman ibn Hamad al-Khalifah, sent with *Report on the working of the system of government* (now held in library), covering the present structure of the Bahrain Civil Service and the terms and conditions of service of government officials
- SAD.636/10/2-23 [ca. 1957]
Diagrams of administrative hierarchies, Bahrain: Customs Department, Medical Services, Education Department, State Police and State Engineers' Department, with time scales for various divisions

2. Personal Papers

- SAD.636/6/1 1941 Jun 8
Letter from Sir William Platt (victor of Keren) to Cummins, then Assistant Financial Secretary, accepting congratulations
- SAD.636/5/32-35 1947
Outline of Cummins' career with tributes paid to him at his retirement party at the Grand Hotel, arranged by Sudanese staff of the Finance Department
- SAD.636/5/37-38 1951
Outline of Cummins' career

3. Speeches, Articles (Unpublished)

- SAD.636/7/1-22 1929 May 11
Notes on Erkowit (hill station, Red Sea Province) by D. Newbold,
Sinkat
- SAD.636/8/1-3 1942 Feb 13
Talk on finance by Cummins to Khartoum Rotary Club
- SAD.636/8/4-9 [ca. 1944-1945]
Paper by [W.N. Allan, Director of Irrigation] on Nile Waters

4. Newspaper Cuttings

- SAD.636/8/15-18 1941 Apr 4
"Death of Sir F. Rugman, former Financial Secretary. 24 years in Sudan", from the *Sudan Star*, with typescript obituary for Rugman by Cummins
- SAD.636/5/36 1947 May 17
Article from the *Sudan Star* outlining Cummins' career in the Sudan
- SAD.636/8/19 1958 Sep 23
"Disputed waters of the Nile", from *The Times*

5. Miscellanea

SAD.636/6/8-13 1945 Apr 13
Order of service for the memorial service for Sir Douglas Newbold at
St Martin-in-the-Fields

6. Printed material

(a) In Archive

SAD.636/6/2-7 1926

Prayers of consecration by the Rt Rev Bishop Gwynne and the Mufti of the Sudan (English and Arabic) on the occasion of the opening of the Sennar Dam

SAD.636/8/10-14 1927 Dec 24

The Sudan Herald, Year XVI, No 848, including "Sudan bids farewell to Sir G. Schuster" (Financial Secretary 1922-1927)

(b) In Library