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Mavrogordato**

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## Preface

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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Mavrogordato, Jack George

*Reference code:* GB-0033-SAD

*Dates of creation:* [c. 1900]-1980

*Extent:* 3.5 boxes

*Repository:* Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections

*Creator:* Mavrogordato, Jack George

*Language of material:* English

### John (Jack) George Mavrogordato

(1905 - 1987)

1944-1946	Deputy Assistant Legal Secretary and lecturer in civil law at Gordon Memorial College
1947-1950	Deputy Legal Secretary and Advocate General
1951-1955	Legal Counsel / Adviser
1958-1961	Senior Legal Counsel (English Draughtsman)

### Accession details

Presented by Mavrogordato, 1982 and by Dr E. Williams, 1989, 1996, 2012 and 2017

### Arrangement

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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

SAD.736/3/1-50 1967 Apr  
Report by S.R. Simpson on a visit to the Sudan to examine the entire field of land law and the structure of land administration and procedure in the Sudan, with contributions by D.T. Lloyd, formerly Director of Lands and Surveys in Fiji and Dr D.R. Denman, Head of the Department of Land Economy at Cambridge University. Dr Simpson was formerly Registrar-General and Commissioner of Lands in the Sudan, retiring in 1953. Also included are letters from S.R. Simpson to J.G. Mavrogordato re his offer to draft new legislation for land law in the Sudan (SAD.736/3/37-50)

## 2. Personal Papers

SAD.736/3/51

1952 Jun 5

Grant of the dignity of a Companion of the Order of Saint Michael and St George to Mavrogordato

### 3. Photographic Material

#### (a) Photographs

- SAD.724/4/1,3-4 [c. 1944-1961]  
Large mounted photographs of Legal Department / Ministry of Justice staff:
- SAD.724/4/3 [c. 1944-1946]  
Legal Department staff. Front row, from left: Mavrogordato (5th); T.P. Creed (9th), Legal Secretary; C.C.G. Cumings (11th); T.A. Maclagan (13th). Photo by A. Kazandjian of Khartoum.
- SAD.724/4/4 [c. 1944-1947]  
Legal Department staff. Seated left to right: Yunis Nigm, T.A. Maclagan, C.C.G. Cumings, E.P. Platt, Mavrogordato, Claxton, Sorial (?). Standing left to right: Dardiri, Malik, Muhammad Ahmad Mahjub, Zarruq, Greenwood, Kronfli, R. Boutros.
- SAD.724/4/1 1961  
Ministry of Justice staff, Khartoum. Standing left to right: Sa'id `Abdallah Muhammad (Legal Counsel), Muhammad al-Hassan Gabralla (Head Staff Clerk), A. al-Zain, Ahmad Muhammad al-Sanusi (Staff Clerk), Ahmad Bushara, Muhammad Ahmad al-Tigani (Office Manager). Front row, left to right: Muhammad Ibrahim Khalil (Senior Legal Counsel), `Uthman al-Tayyib (Attorney-General), Mavrogordato, Habashy Simry (Senior Legal Counsel), `Umar abu Bakr (Senior Legal Counsel)
- SAD.773/7/1-18; SAD.724/4/2,5; Portrait photographs. For negatives of some of these photographs, see sections (c) and (d) below:
- SAD.1103/5/1 `Abd al-Hafiz, Khartoum Police
- SAD.773/7/6-8; 1956
- SAD.724/4/5 Shibli al-Shaykh, Khartoum
- SAD.773/7/9 J.G. Mavrogordato
- SAD.773/7/10-18 Unidentified Northern Sudanese men
- SAD.724/4/2 Young Nuer man, Malakal
- SAD.1103/5/1 Unidentified young Sudanese boy wearing a turban and with facial scarification, captioned by Mavrogordato on reverse in pencil, "I think this turban rather suits me, don't you?"  
For duplicate glass negative, see SAD.776/1/37
- SAD.773/8/1-29; [c. 1950s]
- SAD.775/1/1-32; Photographs taken by Mavrogordato, mainly in Kordofan. Glass negatives exist for many of these photographs. See section (c) below:
- SAD.773/8/1-5 Vultures, in flight and at rest
- SAD.773/8/6-7 Unidentified birds, possibly kestrels
- SAD.773/8/9-16 Nuba gathering
- SAD.773/8/9 Two Nuba men, one holding rifle, the other a shield and spears
- SAD.773/8/10 Nuba horsemen in chain-mail, both carrying rifles
- SAD.773/8/11-12 Spear throwers
- SAD.773/8/13 Herd of camels
- SAD.773/8/14 Tebeldi tree
- SAD.773/8/15 Nuba stick fighter
- SAD.773/8/16 General view of gathering

- SAD.773/8/17 Baqqarah travelling by oxen  
 SAD.773/8/18 Nuba man holding donkey  
 SAD.773/8/19-20 Young Nuba men  
 SAD.773/8/21 Nuba group carrying possessions on their heads  
 SAD.773/8/22 Group of men under tree at Talodi hospital  
 SAD.773/8/23 Horseman with cattle at foot of *jabal*, Talodi District  
 SAD.773/8/24-25 Baqqarah travelling by oxen  
 SAD.773/8/26-29 El Obeid *suq*  
 SAD.775/1/1 Unidentified youth  
 SAD.775/1/2 Donkey laden with hay, El Obeid  
 SAD.775/1/3 Camels at rest, El Obeid  
 SAD.775/1/4 El Obeid fort  
 SAD.775/1/5 `Abd Allahi, El Obeid  
 SAD.775/1/6 Two men in garden, El Obeid; `Abd Allahi on the right  
 SAD.775/1/7-8 Mabruk, El Obeid  
 SAD.775/1/9-10 Two men at El Obeid, one identified as Musa  
 SAD.775/1/11 Two men on camels, Dueim  
 SAD.775/1/12 Camel with handler at Dueim  
 SAD.775/1/13-14 Camels at Um Ruwaba and En Nahud  
 SAD.775/1/15-18 Laden camels  
 SAD.775/1/19-20 Watering animals at Nahud wells  
 SAD.775/1/21 Nuba men on trek  
 SAD.775/1/22 Man with rifle and ammunition belt  
 SAD.775/1/23-25 Unidentified men  
 SAD.775/1/26 Two women carrying baskets on their heads  
 SAD.775/1/27 Donkey laden with firewood  
 SAD.775/1/28-29 Cheetah cub  
 SAD.775/1/30-32 Unidentified  
 SAD.1103/5/2 Group of Sudanese men, two *syces* with two horses, and two Europeans standing outside a house verandah in a residential district

## (b) Glass slides

SAD.775/2/1-2 Shibli al-Shaykh, Khartoum. Identical to SAD.773/7/6 in section (a) above

Size: 64 x 89 mm

SAD.775/2/3 Two Camel Corps soldiers (?)

Size: 64 x 89 mm

## (c) Glass negatives

SAD.775/3/1-11 Shibli al-Shaykh, some taken in England. One is the negative of SAD.773/7/6 in section (a) above

Size: 64 x 89 mm

SAD.775/3/12-14 Shibli al-Shaykh standing on top of armoured tank, presumably in England

Size: 64 x 89 mm

SAD.775/3/15 Mavrogordato in old age, with falcon

Size: 64 x 89 mm

SAD.775/3/16 Negative of SAD.775/2/3 above

Size: 64 x 89 mm

SAD.775/4/1-13 Glass negatives of photographs taken at Naqishot [Nagichot], Equatoria, chiefly showing villagers and village scenes [Many of poor quality, 1 cracked]

Size: 64 x 89 mm

SAD.776/1/1-43 [c.1950's]

Wooden box containing large glass negatives (9 x 12 cms). Prints for many of these can be found at SAD.773/8/1-29 and SAD.775/1/1-32 in section (a) above. Most appear to have been taken in Kordofan

SAD.776/1/1 Negative of SAD.773/8/1

SAD.776/1/2-3 Falcons

SAD.776/1/4 Negative of SAD.773/8/6

SAD.776/1/5 Negative of SAD.773/8/7

SAD.776/1/6 Negative of SAD.773/8/8

SAD.776/1/7 Cheetah cub at Um Ruwaba

SAD.776/1/8 Bird of prey

SAD.776/1/9 Bush

SAD.776/1/10 Negative of SAD.773/8/9

SAD.776/1/11 Negative of SAD.773/8/10

SAD.776/1/12 Negative of SAD.773/8/11

SAD.776/1/13 Negative of SAD.773/8/12

SAD.776/1/14 Nuba man

SAD.776/1/15 Negative of SAD.773/8/13

SAD.776/1/16 Negative of 773/8/14

SAD.776/1/17 Negative of SAD.773/8/15

SAD.776/1/18 Negative of SAD.773/8/16

SAD.776/1/19 Negative of SAD.773/8/17

SAD.776/1/20 Negative of SAD.773/8/18

SAD.776/1/21 Negative of SAD.773/8/21

SAD.776/1/22 Negative of SAD.773/8/22

SAD.776/1/23	Negative of SAD.773/8/23
SAD.776/1/24	Negative of SAD.773/8/24
SAD.776/1/25	Negative of SAD.773/8/26
SAD.776/1/26	Negative of SAD.773/8/27
SAD.776/1/27	Negative of SAD.773/8/28
SAD.776/1/28	Negative of SAD.773/8/29
SAD.776/1/29	Negative of SAD.775/1/1
SAD.776/1/30	Negative of SAD.775/1/2
SAD.776/1/31	Negative of SAD.775/1/3
SAD.776/1/32	Negative of SAD.775/1/4
SAD.776/1/33	Negative of SAD.775/1/5
SAD.776/1/34	Negative of SAD.775/1/7
SAD.776/1/35	Negative of SAD.775/1/9
SAD.776/1/36	Negative of 775/1/11
SAD.776/1/37	Unidentified young Sudanese boy wearing a turban and with facial scarification For duplicate captioned print, see SAD.1103/5/1
SAD.776/1/38	Negative of SAD.775/1/12
SAD.776/1/39	Negative of SAD.775/1/13
SAD.776/1/40	Negative of SAD.775/1/14
SAD.776/1/41	Negative of 775/1/19
SAD.776/1/42	Negative of SAD.775/1/20
SAD.776/1/43	Negative of SAD.775/1/21
SAD.775/5/1-4	J.G. Mavrogordato with unidentified Sudanese man
SAD.775/5/5	Negative of SAD.773/7/1-2
SAD.775/5/6	Negative of SAD.773/7/3-5
SAD.775/5/7	Negative of SAD.773/7/4
SAD.775/5/8	Negative of SAD.773/7/14
SAD.775/5/9	Similar to SAD.773/7/14-15
SAD.775/5/10	Negative of SAD.773/7/15
SAD.775/5/11	Negative of SAD.773/7/16
SAD.775/5/12	Negative of SAD.773/7/17
SAD.775/5/13	Negative of SAD.773/7/18

## (e) Cinefilms

SAD.770/6

1935

Port Sudan harbour - tugs, ships, *feluccas*; ships entering harbour; unloading cargo; Khartoum; boats on Nile; woman washing clothes by edge of river; watering animals; *saqiyah* by edge of river, drawn by oxen; wood station; travelling by donkey; goats; birds; street in native quarters, Omdurman; camel laden with firewood; animals grazing; drawing water from well; watering animals; meeting under tree, Kordofan; villages in Nuba Mountains; British couple meeting local people; stacking cotton; herd of camels at rest; drawing water for animals from well; hobbled camel; goats and donkeys; tribal gathering; women carrying water on their heads; *fulah*; loading lorry

16mm safety film, black and white; 9 minutes

SAD.770/7

1935

Nuba gathering Talodi; rural scenes; British officials climbing hill; Nuba spear fighters; horsemen, some wearing chain-mail; British officials; awarding robes of honour to *shaykhs*; march-past of soldiers, horsemen and tribesmen with weapons; men dancing; horse race; British officials; donkey race; children's race; bracelet fighting; stick fighting; mock fighting with spears and shields; sword fighting, men in tribal costumes; wrestling; men dancing

16mm safety film, colour and black and white; 10 minutes

SAD.770/8

1935 - 1936

N. Sudan; camels crossing desert; Nile scenes; *feluccas*; ferry; steamer; birds; cheetah cubs; British men and women on camels and horses; railway station; birds at river's edge or *fulah*, including vultures, egrets and falcons; British people with falcons; donkey laden with straw or hay; stork; *felucca* on river; tribal gathering; Egypt-sphinx; man catching cobra; birds including vultures

16mm safety film, black and white; 10 minutes

SAD.770/9

[c. 1944-1955]

Malakal, Naqishot: fruit trees; river scenes; men in canoe; carrying supplies from riverside; raft; Nile perch; vegetation, village *tukls*; children playing with hoop and spears; women carrying water

16mm safety film, colour and black and white; 5 minutes 30 seconds

SAD.775/6

1953

Nile views; cataracts; *saqiyah*; making tea on trek; camp; goats; Camel Corps at Gordon's tree; soldier winding material around head to form turban; march-past including military band; soldiers practising drill; soldiers on trek; *saqiyah*; *shaduf*, fisherman casting net; displaying catch; sawing planks at boat-yard; *felucca* on river; fishing with net on the Dinder river; Nile perch caught; crocodile catching; cutting meat and displaying crocodile skin

16mm safety film, colour and black and white; 10 minutes

SAD.775/7

[c. 1944-1955]

White Nile area, Wad Ramli; halt for meal on trek; cotton; banana trees; *saqiyah*; climbing rocks; fruit trees; *feluccas*; falcon on perch

- SAD.775/8 16mm safety film, black and white; 2 minutes 30 seconds  
[c. 1944-1955]  
Repairing lorry in bush; steamer; watering donkey; Mavrogordato with falcon; river scenes
- SAD.775/9 16mm safety film, black and white; 1 minute  
[c. 1944-1955]  
Birds taking off from river; monkey; Shibli al-Shaykh; house and garden, possibly Mavrogordato's
- SAD.775/10 16mm safety film, colour; 1 minute 30 seconds  
1955  
Boat on Nile; train; Governor-General's trip to Sabaloka; on board the steamer *Katherine*; cataracts; Palace and staff including Mavrogordato
- SAD.Video 3 16mm safety film, black and white; 2 minutes 30 seconds  
Time-coded VHS video copy of all the cinefilms listed above in black and white, whether black and white or colour in the originals
- SAD.Video 3 Black and white  
Time-coded VHS video copy of all the colour sections in the cinefilms listed above  
Colour

#### 4. Audio Material

- SAD.388/10 [c. 1944-1961]  
Side 1: Sudanese love songs  
Side 2: Mavrogordato speaking
- SAD.388/11 [c. 1944-1961]  
Sudanese songs, sung by Shibli al-Shaykh
- SAD.388/12 [c. 1944-1961]  
Sudanese songs

## 5. Museum Objects

- SAD.736/5/1      1935  
Nuba brass bracelet used in bracelet fighting, acquired in 1935 at a Nuba gathering by G. Bell (?)
- SAD.736/5/2      [c. 1900-1916]  
Leather satchel bought in 1945 at a sale of Douglas Newbold's effects. Originally from Darfur. Reported to have belonged to Sultan `Ali Dinar

## 6. Newspaper Cuttings

- SAD.736/3/51 1952 Nov 19  
Newspaper photograph of J.W. Robertson greeting General Neguib.  
Mavrogordato in the background.
- SAD.736/3/52-55 1977  
Obituaries for Sir William Luce, from *The Times*
- SAD.736/3/56-58 1980  
Obituaries for Colonel Sir Hugh Boustead

## 7. Miscellanea

SAD.736/3/59-60 1961 Mar 23

List of guests who attended Mavrogordato's farewell party

## 8. Printed Material

(a) In Archive  
SAD.736/4

1953

Copies of *The self government statute and agreement between the Egyptian Government and the Government of the United Kingdom... concerning self-government and self-determination for the Sudan*, annotated by the Legal Adviser

(b) Separated printed material now in Durham University Library

Printed material deposited with collection; now integrated into the library's printed collections and catalogued on the Open Public Access Catalogue