Papers

of

Abbas Hilmi II

(1874 - 1944)

on deposit with

the University of Durham
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Introduction

These are the personal papers of Abbas Hilmi II, which were in the possession of his family until 1980 when they were deposited on loan to the University of Durham by the Mohamed Ali Foundation. Abbas Hilmi II, the great-great-grandson of Mohamed Ali, was born on 14th July 1875 and succeeded his father, Muhammad Taufiq Pasha, as Khedive in 1892. The papers cover the period of Abbas Hilmi II's Khedivate 1892-1914 and extend after his deposition in December 1914 until his death on 21st December 1914 at Geneva.

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The papers, written in French, Arabic, German, English and Ottoman Turkish, comprise some 326 files, mainly correspondence written to Abbas Hilmi II, and about 140 pamphlets which are listed separately. The language of a file is indicated in brackets after each file entry. The files are arranged chronologically (as far as possible) within each section. Within each file, pages are numbered consecutively, each written page being numbered. Thus, for example, file 1/1-56 means that file 1 has 56 sides with writing on.

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