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Preface

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Introduction

Collection title: Mahdist manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive
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Language of material: Arabic; English

Muḥammad Ahmad ibn al-Sayyid `Abd Allāh, al-Mahdī
(1848-1885)

`Abd Allahi ibn Muḥammad, al-Khalifa (or `Abd Allahi al-Taashi)
(c.1846-1899)

This collection contains manuscripts and lithographs produced or collected by the Mahdist administrations under Muḥammad Ahmad ibn al-Sayyid `Abd Allāh, al-Mahdī, and his successor or Khalifa `Abd Allahi ibn Muḥammad, and then captured by Anglo-Egyptian forces during the Nile Campaigns, following the capture of Omdurman and Khartoum in 1898 and after the final defeat of Mahdist forces at Umm Dibaykarāt in 1899. Those documents which were taken into its possession by the new administration in 1898 are today held in the Sudan National Records Office in Khartoum. Many other documents were taken into private possession by individuals directly associated with the military campaigns or obtained by individual government officials later.
Durham University Library's collection of Mahdist manuscripts and lithographs represents the largest collection of Mahdist documentary material held outside of Sudan itself. The bulk of this collection formed part of the personal papers of former Governor-General F.R. Wingate. Additional Mahdist documents included in this catalogue originated from donations of papers collected by R.C. von Slatin (1857-1932), J.B. Christopherson (1868-1955), and C.A. Willis (1881-1975). An additional item was presented by the Trustees of the British Museum, and finally one item formed part of a records exchange with the Sudan National Records Office.
In an attempt to make items' provenance explicit the collection of which it forms a part is stated in each catalogue record. All items described in this catalogue are also separately described in the catalogues of those collections of which they form a part; counterpart catalogue descriptions are identical.
The Sudan Archive also holds some microfilm copies of Mahdist manuscripts held at the Sudan National Records Office and elsewhere.
The Sudan Archive formerly published a “Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive” and which has been superseded by this current catalogue and withdrawn from publication. This Arabic manuscripts catalogue contained all the items listed in this “Catalogue of Mahdist manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive”; additionally, it included an increasingly incomplete group of other Arabic manuscripts in the Sudan Archive dating up to the 1940s. Items in the “Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive” were each assigned a number prefixed “H.” and “H. Add.” (Additional series), in addition to their “SAD.” references. These “H.” numbers are all noted in this catalogue and in all other Sudan Archive catalogues as former reference numbers. For reference purposes this superseded catalogue is made available here but is suppressed from other means of online research discovery.

Accession details

F.R. Wingate's collection of Mahdist manuscripts were sold at auction after his death. Following a public appeal Durham University purchased two groups of these papers in subsequent auctions in 1960 and 1961. Additional Mahdist documents included in this catalogue originated from donations of papers collected by R.C. von Slatin (1857-1932), J.B. Christopherson (1868-1955), and C.A. Willis (1881-1975). Additionally, in 1960 the Trustees of the British Museum presented an A.H. 1342 [1923/1924] edition of the *Ratib* (or *Book of Devotion*) of the Mahdī, and in the following year a letter book was exchanged with one held by the Sudan National Records Office. Both these two items now form part of the Miscellaneous Small Donations in the Sudan Archive collection.

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Arrangement

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5. Religious Instructions (*fatwā*)
6. Correspondence (*rasā'il*)
7. Letter Books
8. Other Publications

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.

The short form of citation should be GB-0033-SAD.*reference number*

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.

Processing

The following reviews / revisions of cataloguing language have been undertaken. Where outdated and offensive terms occur as part of the names of institutions, individuals, titles or as direct quotations these may be retained. A general warning statement by the Library about offensive material encountered in our collections is published online.

> 13 October 2025: instances of cataloguer's use of the words “slave girl” reviewed and revised to “enslaved girl” in items SAD.100/10/1, SAD.100/1/18-19.

If you wish to contact the Library about any language used in its catalogues or about any particular item in its collections please make a note of that item's reference number or shelf-mark and contact us.

1. *Qur`ān* (fragments)

SAD.100/17/10 [before 1889]
Page from the *Qur`ān* (*Sura* 57: 1-20), pointed, in Maghribi hand, found on the battlefield of Toski [Tushki]
Language: Arabic
Size: 22.2 x 15.3 cm
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 191 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

A fragment consisting mostly of passages from the *Qur`ān*, see SAD.97/5/48-51

SAD.100/1/22-27 [ca. 1890s]
Detached portion of the *Qur`ān*, including *Suras* Ibrahim, Qaf and al-Ahqaf (incomplete)
Language: Arabic
Size: 23 x 17 cm
6f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. Add. 12 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.101/7/2 [ca. 1890s]
Fragment of Arabic repetition of passage from the *Qur`ān*
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. Add. 14 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.101/7/3-7 [ca. 1890s]
Five pages torn from the *Qur`ān*
Language: Arabic
5p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. Add. 13 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

2. Proclamations and Admonitions

SAD.430/3/1 [1880 x 1885]
Proclamation of the Mahdī, addressees unknown, warning that he has come to revive Mahdism and that those who reject the call will face their fate. Informs them that he has sent a representative with whom they should cooperate. Contains references to verses from the *Qur`ān* and sayings of the Prophet Muḥammad
Language: Arabic
Size: 77.6 x 54 cm
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference numbers: SAD.438/677; H. 220 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. This item was also formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers. Part of the R.C. von Slatin collection

SAD.430/4/1-2 [1880 x 1885]
Proclamation of the Mahdī, informing the recipients that he is sending a representative whom they should follow and obey. Contains verses from the *Qur`ān* and sayings of the Prophet Muḥammad. Text undated. 2 copies
Language: Arabic
Size: 78 x 54.3 cm
Seal: Seal inscribed “Lā ilāh illā Allāh/Muḥammad rasūl Allāh/Muḥammad al-Mahdī ibn `Abd Allāh”, 1293 [1876/1877]
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference numbers: SAD.438/677; H. 221-222 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. This item was also formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers. Part of the R.C. von Slatin collection

SAD.430/5/1 [1880 x 1885]
Proclamation of Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī, urging the addressees to believe and follow him and to join in the armed struggle against the Turks. Text undated, seal dated 1293 [1876/1877]
Language: Arabic
Size: 54.7 x 39 cm
Seal: Seal inscribed “Lā ilāh illā Allāh Muḥammad rasūl Allāh/Muḥammad al-Mahdī Khalīfah rasūl Allāh” and dated 1293 [1876/1877]
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference numbers: SAD.438/677; H. 223 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. This item was formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers. Part of the R.C. von Slatin collection

SAD.100/11/1-7 [1881/1882]
Proclamation by Muḥammad Aḥmad ibn al-Sayyid `Abd Allāh, al-Mahdī to the people of Suakin, exhorting them to join with him in a *jihād*. Text undated; seal dated 1299
Language: Arabic with English translation and tracing of seal
Seal: Seal inscribed “Muḥammad Aḥmad ibn al-Sayyid `Abd Allāh” and dated 1299
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 236 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers
Related material in other DUL collections: With a translation into English (with the same call number).

SAD.430/2/8 [1880 x 1885]
`Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa. Undated proclamation to the people of Hudhayfa b. Sa`d.
With caption holograph subscription by F.R. Wingate: “Proclamation from the Khalifa to All the Faithful; captured with the Khalifa's correspondence after the Battle of Omdurman on 2nd September 1898”
Language: Arabic
Size: 54 x 38 cm
Seal: Date on the seal, which bears the Qur`ānic passage, “Hashuna Allah wa ni`am al-wakil” (Sura 3: 174) is indistinct
Pasted on card
1f.
Ownership history: Formerly framed and displayed in the Sudan Archive when located in Room 33 at [Elvet Hill House]. Former reference numbers: SAD.121/4; H. 30 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.430/1/3 Shawwāl 1303 [July 1886]
Proclamation of `Abd Allāhi ibn Muḥammad, al-Khalīfah to the Dhūwī Ḥusayn, the Arabian tribe of Sa`d d. Salim, summoning them to the *jihād* against the Turks and appointing Hudhayfah ibn Sa`d al-Aḥmadī their leader
Partial translation by Wingate filed at SAD.100/4/1, with note dated 25 October 1932, indicating his intention to present the proclamation to the Mercers' Company in London
Language: Arabic
Size: 59.7 x 43.1 cm
Seal: Seal of Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī, dated 1292 [1875/1876]
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference numbers: SAD.100/4; H. 24 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers
For an English translation see SAD.250/1/538-539
Na`um Shuqayr, *Ta`rikh*, III, 433-4.

SAD.430/1/1-2 Rabīʿ II, 1306 [December 1888/January 1889]
Proclamation by `Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa, urging the *Anṣār* to follow the path of Islam, justice, equity and brotherhood and warning them that they will be accountable for any injustice or mal-administration. Includes verses from the *qu`rān* and the sayings of the Prophet Muḥammad
Language: Arabic
Size: 54.5 x 39.5 cm.
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference numbers: SAD.438/652/2; H. 27-28 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. These items were also formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers whereas they formed part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin

SAD.430/2/1-7 23 Jumādā I 1306 [25 January 1889]
Proclamation (in 7 copies) by `Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa, warning the recipients of the consequences of failing to support the Mahdist cause. Copies addressed in manuscript to the following Arab tribes:
Language: Arabic
Size: 54 x 30.5 cm.
Seal: Seal inscribed “Ḥasbunā Allāh wa-ni`am al-wakīl”
7f.
Ownership history: Former reference numbers: SAD.438/652/2a; H. 29 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. These items were also formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers whereas they formed part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin

SAD.430/2/1 [25 January 1889]
Ḥāmidīyah tribe: Yūsuf `Abd al-Karīm and `Abd Allāh abū `Awaḍ
Language: Arabic
Size: 54 x 30.5 cm.
Seal: Seal inscribed “Ḥasbunā Allāh wa-ni`am al-wakīl”
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 29.1 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. These items were also formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers whereas they formed part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin

SAD.430/2/2 [25 January 1889]
Ḥijāzah tribe: Aḥmad Khalīl and Mūsā `Alī
Language: Arabic
Size: 54 x 30.5 cm.
Seal: Seal inscribed “Ḥasbunā Allāh wa-ni`am al-wakīl”
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 29.2 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. These items were also formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers whereas they formed part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin

SAD.430/2/3 [25 January 1889]
Qawqaṭ tribe: al-Ḥājj Muḥammad
Language: Arabic
Size: 54 x 30.5 cm.
Seal: Seal inscribed “Ḥasbunā Allāh wa-ni`am al-wakīl”
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 29.3 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. These items were also formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers whereas they formed part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin

SAD.430/2/4 [25 January 1889]
Barāhīmah tribe: Aḥmad al-`Imārī and Yūnis Aḥmad
Language: Arabic
Size: 54 x 30.5 cm.
Seal: Seal inscribed “Ḥasbunā Allāh wa-ni`am al-wakīl”
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 29.4 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. These items were also formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers whereas they formed part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin

SAD.430/2/5 [25 January 1889]
Sulaymīyah tribe: Aḥmad `Alī, Āl `Isā, Khalīl Aḥmad, Ḥusayn `Abd al-Mun`im
Language: Arabic
Size: 54 x 30.5 cm.
Seal: Seal inscribed “Ḥasbunā Allāh wa-ni`am al-wakīl”
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 29.5 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. These items were also formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers whereas they formed part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin

SAD.430/2/6 [25 January 1889]
Bayyāḍīyah tribe: `Abd al-Ẓumār, `Umrān Muḥammad
Language: Arabic
Size: 54 x 30.5 cm.
Seal: Seal inscribed “Ḥasbunā Allāh wa-ni`am al-wakīl”
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 29.6 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. These items were also formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers whereas they formed part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin

SAD.430/2/7 [25 January 1889]
Tribes of al-Dayr, Ḥalāl and Baghdādī: Maḥmūd Ṭāhā `Abd al-Jalīl, Aḥmad `Alī abū Qurūn, Maḥmūd abū Shiḥātah
Language: Arabic
Size: 54 x 30.5 cm.
Seal: Seal inscribed “Ḥasbunā Allāh wa-ni`am al-wakīl”
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 29.7 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. These items were also formerly erroneously catalogued within the Wingate Papers whereas they formed part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin

Offical collections of Proclamations (*manshurāt*) and Admonitions (*indhārāt*)

SAD.99/5 [Shaʿbān 1304 (April x May 1887)]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. “Kitab al-indharat al-sadrat min al-imam al-mahdi al-muntazar Muhammad b. `Abd Allah [etc.]” 1st ed. pp. 1-48, 57-96, [al-Khartum, undated].
Missing pp. 49-56, which contain a letter from the Mahdī to C.G. Gordon Pasha, of 7 Jumādā I, 1301 [6 March 1884], appear in vol. II of the second edition of the *Manshurat*, at pp. 109-18 [no. 265]. These pages are missing from all other known copies except one of SAD.99/4 in the Sudan Archive. This 1st edition of the *Indharat*, bound in blue-tinted paper, comprised copies of 31 letters from the Mahdī dated between 1298 [1880-81] and 1301 [1883-1884] was ready for issue in Shaʿbān 1304 [April/May 1887]. The letters were not placed in chronological or any other known order and the last proclamation is incomplete. Only two letters were dated and three were written in the margins as though inserted after the text was written. The text contains copyist's mistakes. In brief, the first was an inferior edition and it was almost certainly never issued.
Size: 23 x 16 cm
85p.
Ownership history: Received from the Sudan Government on 24 October 1961 in exchange for the Sudan Archive's duplicate copy of *Manshurat*, 2nd ed. vol. II, Omdurman, 1302 [1885]. Former reference number: H. 261 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Miscellaneous Small Donations in the Sudan Archive collection

SAD.99/3 A.H. 1304 [1886/1887]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. “al-Juzz` al-awwal min manashir [in vol. II manshurat] sayyidina al-imam al-Mahdi al-muntazar Muhammad b. `Abd Allah [etc.]” Vol. I. [al-Khartum].
The Khalifa `Abd Allahi's council in Shaʿbān 1304 [April/May 1887] discussed a project for issuing a second lithographed edition of the *Indharat* as the council probably felt that the first edition should be replaced by a more worthy successor. The second edition is written in a different hand from the first edition and the contents are arranged in time order. It early became the definitive edition and most of the later letter books of the Mahdī were copied from it. Only one imprint of vol. I was made. There is another copy (ff.152, 36.5 x 26.5 cm) in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris (MS. No. 6129). A xerographed impression, with explanatory notes by the staff of the Central Archives, Minister of the Interior, Khartoum, pp. 290 viii, pinned, paper-bound, was issued (al-Khartum 1963).
Size: 25.5 x 17.1 cm
290p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 264 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.99/4 A.H. 1302 [1884/1885]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. “al-Juzz`al thani min manshurat al-imam muntazar al-Khass wa`l-`amm Muhammad al-Mahdi b. `Abd Allah [etc.]” Vol. II, 2nd ed. (pp. 157-8 duplicated), [al-Khartum].
Vol. II constituted the second and improved edition of item SAD.99/5 (H. 261). The second edition contains matter not included in vol. I but overlaps the latter. This volume also known to contemporaries as *kitab al-indharat* was in two editions. The above copy is of the 2nd edition as also is xerographed copy, with explanatory note by the Central Archives, pp. iii + 316 +xii (table of contents) paper bound, pinned, Khartoum, 1963. There is another copy in the India Office Library.
Size: 24.1 x 17.1 cm
316p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 265 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

3. Audiences (*majālis*) of the Mahdī

As the Caliph Abu Bakr called the young Muslim community to write down the spoken words of the Prophet so the Khalifa `Abd Allahi called the Mahdist community to read the still unwritten public utterances of the Mahdī. Item SAD.97/5/46-207 (H. 266) is the earliest known example of the response. The complier was for some time *qadi* of al-Qadarif.

Sayings and proclamations of the Mahdī, see SAD.97/5/46-207

Sayings and invocations of the Mahdī, see SAD.97/5/1-6

SAD.97/3 [late 19th century]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. [“Manshurat sayyidina al-imam al-Mahdi”], a collection of letters, proclamations and sayings of the Mahdī.
This is an altogether inferior *majlis* to no. 266. It contains many mistakes of transcription especially in dates. Most of the contents were copied, if inaccurately, from the lithographed volumes of the “Manshurat” [nos. 264, 265]. Three other books of majalis are known to exist in the Sudan.
Size: 24.1 x 17.1 cm
11p+ 723p (page 1 missing)
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 268 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

4. *The Book of Devotion* (*al-Ratib*) of the Mahdī

Shaykh `Abdullahi Ahmad Abu Jalaha (*Sudan Notes and Records*, Khartoum, xxi, 1938, p. 90) recounted a saying attributed to the Mahdī that the Prophet revealed the *Ratib* to him immediately after the battle of Shaykan (3-5 November 1883). Others attribute its origin to 1881-1882. In 1302 A.H. [1884/1885] the Mahdī made, or caused to be made, and corrected, a master copy in manuscript which he deposited with his head scribe al-Muddaththir Ibrahim al-Hajjaz. There were three impressions lithographed in Khartoum and Omdurman: the first impression, transcribed by `Abd al-Karim al-Kinani and corrected in lithograph by Mahdī himself, is no. 274a. All copies of the second impression, which was done in Shawwāl 1304 H. [July 1886] are believed to have been lost. The third impression is no. 274b. Items nos. 274a and 274b are said to be the only surviving copies.
An English language translation was made in 1890 by Muhammad Mahmud al-Sawakini and Muhammad Majdhub b. al-Shaykh al-Tahir al-Majdhub, a draft and fair copy of which are filed with the Wingate Papers at SAD.247/1-2.

SAD.97/1 27 Ramaḍān 1302 [11 July 1885]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. *… Ratib sayyidina al-imam Muhammad ibn `Abd Allah al-Mahdi al-muntazar ... [etc.]*, 1st impression. al-Khartum.
A note on p. 48 states that the contents were copied and corrected from a copy in the possession of al-Mudaththir Ibrahim [al-Hajjaz] (Brockelmann, Supp. II, 896).
Language: Arabic
Size: 27.3 x 19 cm
48p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 274a in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers
See: Brockelmann, Suppl. II, 896.

SAD.97/2 8 Jumādā I 1305 [22 January 1888]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. *Ratib sayyidina al-imam Muhammad ibn `Abd Allah al-Mahdi al-muntazar ... [etc.]*, 3rd impression, in two parts: part 1, *Ratib*, pp. 152; part 2, commentary by the Mahdī on some of the terms used in the *Ratib*. al-Buqa` [i.e. Umm Durman] .
Language: Arabic
Size: 14.6 x 10 cm
152p.; 56p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 274b in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.406/4/1-54 yawm al-ahad al-muwaffiq, khalat min shahr Muharram 1314 (3 Muḥarram 1314) [14 June 1896]
Muḥammad Ahmad al-Mahdī, *Ratib sayyidina al-imam Muhammad ibn `Abd Allah al-Mahdi al-muntazar ... [etc.]*. Manuscript
Inscribed “Manuscript copy of Mahdi’s prayer book, extracted from *Qur`ān*. His followers were not allowed to read the *Qur`ān*. Given me by [R.] Türstig, Omdurman 4. 1903”
Language: Arabic
Size: 12.7 x 9.1 cm
103p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 275 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the J.B. Christopherson collection

SAD.444/3 5 Ḏū al-Ḥijja 1329 [27 November 1911]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. The *Ratib* of the Mahdī, copied by [al-Amir] Ibrahim Muḥammad `Abd Allah `Abd al-Dalil for Salatin [Slatin] Pasha. Illuminated manuscript. Dated on last folio 5 Ḏū al-Ḥijja 1329 [27 November 1911].
Language: Arabic
Size: 22.7 x 17 cm
26f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 278 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the R.C. von Slatin collection

SAD.97/4/1-143 6 Ramaḍān 1332 [29 July 1914]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. The *Ratib* of the Mahdī, another version.
Language: Arabic
Size: 10 x 7.6 cm
286p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 279 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the C.A. Willis collection

Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Passage from the *Ratib*, see SAD.97/5/137-143

SAD.406/9 A.H. 1342 [1923/1924]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. *al-Ratib al-sharif*, 2nd impression. Cairo (Sulayman Da`ud Mandil).
The *Ratib* with other Mahdist documents, was a prohibited book from 1899 to 1925, thought latterly the prohibition was not enforced and was unenforceable . The Director of Intelligence, Khartoum, wrote to the Governor, Kassala on 23 February 1925: “Secret …. In view of the innocuous, not to say improving nature of the doctrines inculcated in the *Ratib*, it does not seem reasonable or possible to prohibit its sale.” (Sudan Government Archives, Khartoum, Intelligence File, class 7/1/3). 4000 Copies of this impression were lithographed in Cairo and sold in the Sudan at 200 milliemes a copy. A second large impression followed (Muḥammad `Umar Bashir, “Abdel Rahman ibn Hussein el Jabri and his MS. Book” [etc.] *Sudan Notes and Records*, xliv, 1963, p. 137).
Language: Arabic
Size: 14 x 10 cm
2p+117p+7p.
Ownership history: Missing, 7/3/2006.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 281 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Miscellaneous Small Donations in the Sudan Archive collection: presented by the Trustees of the British Museum, 1960.

5. Religious Instructions (*fatwā*)

SAD.438/677/17-25 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. Treatise on the observance of Ramaḍān.
Size: 14.4 x 10.4 cm
16p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 229 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the R.C. von Slatin collection

SAD.438/677/26-37 [June x July 1884]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. An expanded treatise on the observance of Ramaḍān.
pp. 10-24 are identical with SAD.438/677/17-25 [H. 229]. Recorded on p.9 that pp. 1-9 were completed in Ramaḍān 1301 [June/July 1884].
Language: Arabic
Size: 14.8 x 10.2 cm
24p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 258 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the R.C. von Slatin collection

6. Correspondence

SAD.100/10/1 3 Shawwāl 1294 [11 October 1877]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Bill of sale of an enslaved girl, written, signed as a witness and sealed by Muḥammad Ahmad b. al-Sayyid `Abd Allah. This and items SAD.98/2/7 (H. 235) and SAD.100/1/20-21 (H. 247) are the only autographs of the Mahdī in this collection.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 232 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers
The cataloguing language in this record has been subject to review.

SAD.100/1/20-21 8 Shaʿbān 1299 [25 June 1883]
Letter from Muḥammad Aḥmad ibn `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī to Shaikh `Asākir walad Abī Kalām, rebuking the *shaikh* for changing his mind after embracing the cause and requesting free passage for his men to the Mahdī's camp. Includes autograph of the Mahdī
Language: Arabic with English translation
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 247 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.438/650/1-4 15 Rabīʿ II 1301 [13 February 1884]
Letter from Muhammed Fawzi Mahmud to Muḥammad [Bey] Khalid [Zuqal].
Language: Arabic, with German translation
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 285 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the R.C. von Slatin collection
Related material in other DUL collections: With a translation into German (with the same call number).

SAD.438/677/1-13 [7 Jumādā I, 1301 (6 March 1884)]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Two copies of a letter to C.G. Gordon Pasha, being pp. 49-56 from another copy SAD.99/4 [H. 265]. A further copy is filed at SAD.101/19/2 [H. 263]
Size: 22.7 x 16 cm
13f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 262 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the R.C. von Slatin collection

SAD.101/19/2 [7 Jumādā I, 1301 (6 March 1884)]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Copy of a letter to C.G. Gordon Pasha, being pp. 49-56 from another copy SAD.99/4 [H. 265]. Two further copies are filed at SAD.438/677/1-13 [H. 262].
Size: 22.7 x 16 cm
Ownership history: Missing, 7/3/2006.
Ownership history: Former reference numbers: H. 263 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive; SAD.101/19/2. Part of the Wingate Papers.

SAD.100/1/18-19 8 Rajab 1301 [4 May 1884]
Letter from al-Mudaththir Ibrāhīm, private secretary to the Khalīfah `Abd Allāhi, to `Abd Allāh al-Nūr, concerning an enslaved girl called Zamzam
Language: Arabic with English summary
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 205 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers
The cataloguing language in this record has been subject to review.

SAD.100/1/17; SAD.101/14/1 1 Muḥarram 1302 [21 October 1884]
Copy letter from Muḥammad Aḥmad ibn `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī to C.G. Gordon Pasha, informing Gordon of the capture of the steamer *Abbas*, along with its crew, passengers and contents and of the death of Stewart Pasha, his representative and the Consuls of France and England. Gordon's letters to Dongola, Egypt and England have been read and some returned in order to convince him of what has happened. The letter contains a description of the contents of the correspondence and warns Gordon of the imminent arrival of the Mahdī at Omdurman
Language: Arabic
Size: 45.7 x 34.1 cm
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 260 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.101/14/1 [1890]
Envelope formerly containing [?this] copy letter from Muḥammad Aḥmad ibn `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī to C.G. Gordon Pasha, and relating the provenance of the contents: dispatched by Gordon by messenger; messenger detained at Berber, letter hidden; early 1890 letter recovered and taken to Suakin, arriving March 1890
Ownership history: Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.100/17/6-8 20 Ramaḍān 1305 [31 May 1888]
Letter from Ismā`īl al-Faqī `Alī to `Abd al-Raḥmān al-Najūmī, *`Amil `umala` al-Mahdi*, informing al-Najūmī of his arrival in Egypt and expressing his loyalty, greetings and willingness and desire to exchange correspondence
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 177 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.438/652/13-14 9 Shawwāl 1305 [19 June 1888]
`Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa. Letter to Mumdah Abu Uthman.
Language: Arabic
2f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 25 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the R.C. von Slatin collection
Related material in other DUL collections: With a translation into German (with the same call number).

SAD.438/652/15-18 4 Muḥarram 1306 [10 September 1888]
`Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa. Letter to Henry, Adolf and family of `Abd al-Qadir Salatin [Slatin], (*précis*).
Language: Arabic
4f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 26 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the R.C. von Slatin collection
Related material in other DUL collections: With an English précis (with the same call number).

SAD.101/7/1 12 Rabīʿ II 1307 [6 December 1889]
Receipt from `Abd al-Qādir Salāṭīn (Slatin's name in captivity at Omdurman) for a spear.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 347 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.101/10/1-2 4 Rabī`II, 1309 [7 November 1891]
Letter from Muḥammad al-Mahdī ibn al-Sanūsī to Shaikh Muḥammad Makkī of Siwa, conveying greetings and blessings
Language: Arabic with seal, English translation
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 290 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers
Related material in other DUL collections: With a translation into English (with the same call number).

SAD.101/13/2-4 29 Rajab 1309 [28 February 1892]
Letter of recommendation by Isḥāq Sulṭān Muḥammad, sultan of Dar Sula, on behalf of al-Ḥājj `Isā Ḥasan, about to make the pilgrimage
Language: Arabic with English translation
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 172 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers
Related material in other DUL collections: With a translation into English (with the same call number).

SAD.100/9/1-5 11 Rabīʿ I 1311 [22 September 1893]
Letter from the Khalīfah `Abd Allāhi ibn Muḥammad to Zubayr Pasha Raḥma Manṣūr, spurning the latter's offer to mediate between the Khalīfah and the Egyptian Government
Language: Arabic with English translation
5f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 31 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers
Related material in other DUL collections: With a translation into English (with the same call number).

SAD.100/13/2 5 Rabīʿ II 1313 [25 September 1895]
Letter from the Amīr `Uthmān b. Abi Bakr Diqnah to Maḥmūd Ibrāhīm Ḥāmid, Muḥammad `Alī Adam, Ḥāmid ibn Aḥmad and Adam Aḥmad, warning them of the consequences of their apostasy from Islam and Mahdism and ordering them to cooperate with Muḥammad Mūsā Diqnah who was appointed governor of the eastern state, and to pay cattle tax
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 371 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.100/13/1,3 6 Rabīʿ II 1313 [26 September 1895]
Letters from the Amīr `Uthmān Diqnah to Shaikh Abū Fāṭimah Bātās, dated 6 Rabīʿ II 1313, urging them to return to Islam and support the Muslim cause as they did in the earliest days of Mahdism
Language: Arabic
Ownership history: Former reference numbers: H. 369-370 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.100/13/1 6 Rabīʿ II, 1313 [26 September 1895]
`Uthman b. Abi Bakr Diqna. Letter to Shaykh Abu Fatima Batas.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 369 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.100/13/3 6 Rabīʿ II 1313 [26 September 1895]
`Uthman b. Abi Bakr Diqna. Letter to `Umar `Ali Tita.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 370 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.100/12/1 5 Jumādā I, 1313 [25 October 1895]
Letter from the Khalīfah `Abd Allāhi ibn Muḥammad to Muḥammad al-Mahdī ibn al-Walī al-Sanūsī, requesting an exchange of correspondence and urging him to stand with the Islamic brotherhood in a *jihād* against the enemy
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 32 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.438/652/9-12 20 Ṣafar 1314 [13 July 1896]
`Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa. Letter to Muḥammad Bushara, with fair copy in Arabic.
Language: Arabic
4f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 34 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin
Related material in other DUL collections: With a translation into German (with the same call number).

SAD.438/652/3-6 20 Ṣafar 1314 [31 July 1896]
`Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa. Letter to `Abd al-Qadir Salatin [Slatin], with fair copy in Arabic (*précis*).
Language: Arabic
4f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 33 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin
Related material in other DUL collections: With a précis and a translation in German (with the same call number). An English typescript translation is filed at SAD.452/302/2

SAD.438/652/7-8 21 Ṣafar 1314 [1 August 1896]
`Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa. Letter to Muḥammad Bushara.
Language: Arabic
2f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 35 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin
Related material in other DUL collections: With a translation into German (with the same call number).

SAD.101/22/1-2 [c. 1896-1897]
Abstract of a despatch from Menilik II, Emperor of Ethiopia to the Khalīfah `Abd Allāhi warning him that the English and *al-Ifranj* (Belgians or French) were approaching the White Nile from east and west
With a translation into English (with the same call number).
Language: Arabic with English translation
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 204 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.101/12/6 3 Ḏū al-Qadah 1315 [26 March 1898]
`Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa. Communication to all Muslims in the world.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 36 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.430/30/1-3 13 Ḏū al-Qadah 1315 [5 April 1898]
`Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa. Letter to the *amirs* Mahmud Ahmad, `Ali al-Sanusi and his father Salah, al-Bishari (?)…(?), Muḥammad Fadl Allah, `Isa Zakariya, `Abd al-Qadir Dalil, Muḥammad Walad `Ali, al-`Ata Usul, al-Fadli Adam Fadl al-Hasani, `Abd Allah Hamid Muḥammad al-Zaki `Uthman, `Ali Farfar, al-Bakhit al-Namuri, Muḥammad Ibrahim abu Fatima, Ahmad abi Shafi`, Hammad Idris, al-Kabur (?) …(?), Amr Karaja (?), `Abd al-Samad abu Saghir, al-Nur Za`id, and Idris Harun.
Filed with manuscript German translation
Language: Arabic; German
3f.
Ownership history: Former reference numbers: SAD.410/2; H. 36 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the collection of R.C. von Slatin

SAD.101/4/1-2 [c. 1898]
Passage in prose and verse, found in a bag in the possession of Shaikh al-Mudaththir Ibrahim, secretary to the Khalifah, with translation and explanatory note in Wingate's hand
Language: Arabic, with an English translation
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 206 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers
Related material in other DUL collections: With a translation into English (with the same call number).

SAD.101/12/1-3,5,7-18 [1898-1899]
`Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa. Seventeen documents consisting of letters received from commanders and *shaykhs*, and copies of letters despatched, together with lists and returns. The dated documents were all written in 1316 and 1317 [1898 and 1899], between the Khalifa's defeat at Omdurman on 2 September 1898 and his death at Umm Dibaykarāt in 24 November 1899.
Contents:

> Khalifa to Katir Himaydan, Khayr al-Sid, `Ali Farfar, and others, 13 Rabi`I, 1317 [22 July 1899]; to al-Shami Habbani, Jumādā II, 1316 [September/October 1898]; to al-Shami Habbani, 9 Ramaḍān 1316 [21 January 1899].
> a-Shami Habani to the Sirdar [H.H. Kitchener Pasha] with a list of names, 26 Jumādā II, 1316 [11 November 1898]
> Letters from Bush Daw al-Bayt, undated; Habib Allah Muḥammad [1316/1317 = 1898/1899]; Ibrahim Mukhayyir, 10 Shawwāl 1316 [21 February 1899]; Jayli Adam al-Makk 25 Rabī` I, 1317 [3 September 1899]; Rabagh Walad Juma`, 22 Shawwāl 1316 [5 March 1899]; al-Shami Habbani, 29 Jumādā I, 1316 [15 October, 1899]; `Umar al-Nalwa [?] and Muḥammad al-Dardir Walad Ahmad [1316/1317 = 1898/1899]; Yahya Muḥammad [1316/1317 = 1898/1899]
> List of articles taken over from al-Majdhub al-Tahir; list of fighting men and families; list of weapons in the *ruba's* of Muḥammad Musa Diqna, of Majdhub al-Tahir and of Ibrahim Sa`id [1316/1317 = 1898/1899]

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Language: Arabic
16f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 39 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.101/1/1-22 variously dated in 1316 and 1317 [1898/1899]
Twenty letters from Kitchener pasha, *Sirdar* of the Egyptian Army, Maxwell Bey, John Grenfell, and H.W. Jackson, to various *shaikhs* and *maks* in Dār Nūba, inciting them to unite and kill the Khalīfah `Abd Allāhi. The letters were apparently brought by the addressees to the Khalīfah and found on his dead body on the battlefield of Umm Dibaykarāt, 24 Nov 1899
Language: Arabic
20f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 189 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.101/12/4 [1316/1317 = 1898/1899]
`Abd Allahi b. Muḥammad, al-Khalifa. Letter to Muḥammad Ajbar, Yahya Muḥammad, Ibrahim al-Nayir, and others.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 38 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.101/15/1-25 [1899]
Paper pouch covered with red cloth, containing eighteen fragments of paper on which is handwritten Arabic words and numerals, found on the body of the Khalifa `Abd Allahi on the battlefield of Umm Dibaykarāt, 24 November 1899
Language: Arabic
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Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 40 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.101/13/1 10 Shawwāl 1316 [21 February 1899]
Petition to the Khalīfah `Abd Allāhi by the Ḥāmid *qabila* of Dar Ḥāmid in Kordofan, complaining that the *anṣār* had carried out a raid against them
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 82 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

7. Letter Books

Other letter books containing copies of letters from the Mahdī and the Khalifa `Abd Allahi are:-

"Daftar `Abd al-Rahman Wad al-Nujumi", compiled by `Abd al-Hakam al-Tahir al-Faqi al-Makki. Undated, original in Sudan Government Archives, Khartoum, (microfilm: SOAS, Ac. No. 101492; Sudan Archive, SAD.14/9/4/M, another copy SAD.14/14/3/M)

"Daftar `Uthman Diqna" (i.e. `Uthman b. Abi Bakr Diqna), letters from 1 Rajab 1300 [8 May 1883] to 25 Ḏū al-Qadah 1307 [13 July 1890]. Compiled by al-Tahir al Mahjub. Original in Sudan Government Archives, Khartoum (microfilm: Sudan Archive, SAD.14/12/2/M)

"Kitab majmu` manashir sayyidina al-imam al-Mahdi", proclamations dated between 1298 [1881] and 1304 [1886-1887], ff. 376, 21.8 x 15 cm. Original in Cambridge University Library, Mss. B. 12 (9) (microfilm: Sudan Archive, SAD.14/7/M)

Letter book transcribed by Yusuf Mikha`il, letters between Ḏū al-Qadah 1297 [October/ November 1880] and 3 Ramaḍān 1302 [16 June 1885]., ff. 125, 24.1 x 31.7 cm. Original in the Khalifa `Abd Allahi's house museum, Umm Durman, (microfilm: Sudan Archive, SAD.14/9/2M)

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SAD.98/1; SAD.98/2/1-8 A.H. 1309 [1891/1892]

Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. " ... Kitab al-fuyudat al-wahbiya li sahib al-khilafat al-mustafawiya Muhammad al-Mahdi al-muntazar [etc.]" Letters and proclamations by the Mahdī, compiled by `Awad al-Karim `Ali al-Masallami.

Language: Arabic

Size: 32.9 x 24.9 cm

3 vols in one: v.i, 18+227p; v.ii. 8+224p; v.iii 8+209+2p; appendices, 1+58+23p.

Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 269 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.98/2/1 [1875 x 1885]

Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Copy of a letter to Shaykh Ahmad b. al-Faqi Muḥammad Hajj Sharif, undated but stated on the manuscript that the original dated from before the *Mahdiya*.

Language: Arabic

1f.

Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 233 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.98/2/2 1882-1885
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Copies of six letters: to Shaykh Muḥammad al-Milaykan and al-Hajj Marzug b. Muḥammad, (undated); to al-Hajj Marzuq b. Muḥammad, 14 Rajab 1302 [29 April 1885]; to Sa`id Ahmad Badr and Ahmad Musa al-Tahir [etc.] (undated); to Shaykh al-Basir (undated); to al-Hajj Marzuq, 17 Ḏū al-Ḥijja 1299 [30 October 1882] with postscript of 18 Shawwāl 1300 [22 August 1883]; to al-Hajj Marzuq b. Muḥammad, 18 Rabīʿ I, 1300 [17 January 1883].
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 243 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.98/2/3 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. Two proclamations, undated, one to the governor (*wali*) of Egypt, the other to the *`ulama`* of Egypt.
Language: Arabic
Size: 46 x 34 cm
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 230 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.98/2/4 4 Shaʿbān 1301 [30 May 1884]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Copy of letter to al-Hajj al-Shaykh Muhmud, his sons and relations.
Removed from SAD.98/1, vol. 2 pp.8/9
Language: Arabic
Size: 19.7 x 13.6 cm
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 257 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.98/2/5 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. Copy of letter to Muḥammad al-Aghbash b. Ahmad al-Basir.
Removed from SAD.98/1, vol. 2 pp.94/95.
Language: Arabic
Size: 26.3 x 9.6 cm
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 213 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.98/2/6 27 Ṣafar 1302 [16 December 1884]
Muḥammad al-Sharif b. Hamid, Khalifat al-Karrar. Copy of a letter to `Abd Allah Jubara and the Awlad Muḥammad al-Shaykh al-`Ibayd.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 299 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.98/2/7 [October 1881]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Letter to Shaykh Sulayman of al-Masallamiya, undated; written by the Mahdī during his flight from Aba to Jabal Qadir.
Removed from SAD.98/1, vol. 3 pp.72/73
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.1 x 11.3 cm
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 235 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.98/2/8 [1880 x 1885]
Muḥammad al-Aghbash najl Ahmad al-Basir. Letter to Muḥammad Ahmad b. Abd Allah al-Mahdī.
Removed from SAD.98/1, vol. 3 pp.170-171.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 211 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/1-207 various dates, [1881 x 1898]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Collection of 19 Mahdist mss. formerly in the possession of al-Nur Bey Muḥammad `Anqara, contained in a roughly-made leather-bound board jacket, each separately catalogued, consisting chiefly of the proclamations and sayings of the Mahdī (SAD.97/5/46-207) written by al-Tahir Muḥammad Tatay and completed on 4 Jumādā I, 1306 [6 January 1889].
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.7 x 17 cm
207f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 270 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/1-6 [late 19th century]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Sayings and invocations of the Mahdī.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23 x 17 cm
ff.6, with lacuna between ff.4b and 5a
Ownership history: Former reference numbers: H. 228 and H. 267 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/7-9 [1880 x 1885]
Hayatu b. Sa`id b. Muḥammad Billu b. al-Shaykh Uthman b. Fudi [i.e. Uthman dan Fodio]. Copy of a letter to Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī; see SAD.97/5/106-108 (H. 249) below.
Language: Arabic
Size: 16.5 x 23.5 cm
1f. (folded in 3)
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 120 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/10-17 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. Exhortation to *jihad*, followed by answers to six legal questions, a fragment.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 16.9 cm
8f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 214 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/18-39 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. “Kitab ahkam al-salah”, rules for prayer, a fragment.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 17.0 cm
22f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 216 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/40-43 [before 1898]
Collection of ḥadīth.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 16.5 cm
4f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 192 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/44-45 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. “Mulhaq bi-hadrat al-jarda al-atiya”, revelation concerning the coming expeditionary force.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 16.8 cm
2f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 218 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/46-207 [before 6 January 1889]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. “Majlis”, or Sayings of the Mahdī: a collection of letters, proclamations and sayings of the Mahdī. Written by al-Tahir Muḥammad Tatay and completed on 4 Jumādā I, 1306 [6 January 1889].
Size: 23.8 x 17.1 cm
62f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 266 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/46-47 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. “Bisni`llahi l-rahmani l-rahimi [etc.]” An invocation.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.6 x 16.6 cm
2f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 212 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/48-51 [before 6 January 1889]
A fragment consisting mostly of passages from the *Qur`ān*.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 16.6 cm
4f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 190a in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/52-57 [before 6 January 1889]
Collection of ḥadīth, a fragment.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23 x 16.5 cm
6f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 193 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/58-75 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. “Kitab al-manhiyyat”, concerning prohibited things.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 16.9 cm
18f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 217 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/76-83 [before 6 January 1889]
[?] al-Tahir b. `Abd Allah. “Kitab ma`arif furu` usul al-`Arab wa` l-hasab wa`l-nasab”, a genealogy (c.f. H.A. MacMichael, *A history of the Arabs in the Sudan*, II, p. 16ff.).
Language: Arabic
8f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 361 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/84-85 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. Proclamation.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 16.7 cm
2f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 219 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/86-91 [ca. 1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Collection of four documents, all undated: (1) “Hadha manshur al-hudud min sayyidina al-imam al-Mahdi”; (2) proclamation; (3) proclamation; (4) proclamation to the expedition commanded by W. Hicks Pasha, [19 Ḏū al-Ḥijja 1300 = 21 October 1883].
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 16.8 cm
6f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 252 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/92-95 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. Religious practices of the Mahdī.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 16.9 cm
4f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 227 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/96-97 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. Proclamation concerning marriage.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 224 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/97-98 15 Rabīʿ I 1301 [14 January 1884]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Letter to Shaykh Ḥasīb b. al-Ṣiddīq al-Majdhūb, urging him to join the Mahdiyya.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 256 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/98-100 24 Shaʿbān 1300 [29 June 1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Proclamation on selling and buying.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 248 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/100 2 Rabīʿ II 1301 [1 January 1884]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Proclamation of the vision.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 255 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/101-103 13 Muḥarram 1301 [14 November 1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Proclamation concerning names.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 254 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/103-106 I Shaʿbān 1298 [29 June 1881]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Letter to Shaykh Muḥammad b. al-Shaykh al-Tayyib [al-Basir] from Aba Island.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 234 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/106-108 29 Shawwāl 1300 [2 September 1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Answer of the Mahdī to Hayatu b. Sa`id; see SAD.97/5/7-9 (H. 120) above.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 249 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/108 [A.H. ?1300] [1882/1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Proclamation to those wrongfully treated by the Mahdī or his officers.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 240 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/109 [A.H. ?1300] [1882/1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Covering letter to proceeding item addressed to the Commission of the Treasury.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 241 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/110-111 15 Ḏū al-Qadah 1300 [17 October 1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Proclamation concerning oaths.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 251 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/111-113 26 Rabīʿ II 1300 [6 March 1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Proclamation suspending cases at law under the previous regime.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 244 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/113-115 13 Jumādā II 1300 [21 April 1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Proclamation to `Umar Ilyas and Muḥammadayn al-`Arif.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 245 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/115-116 22 Ḏū al-Ḥijja 1300 [24 October 1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Proclamation.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 253 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/117-122 22 Rajab 1300 [29 May 1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Answer of the Mahdī to a letter from the people of al-Manna Isma`il.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 246 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/123-124 3 Ḏū al-Qadah 1300 [5 September 1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Proclamation to the inhabitants of Bara and al-Ubayyad.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 250 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/124-129 A.H. 1300 [1882/1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Proclamation concerning the booty of al-Ubayyad.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 242 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/129 22 Muḥarram 1300 (3 December 1882]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Question from `Abd Allah b. al-Nur and the Mahdī's answer.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 237 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/130-131 A.H. 1300 [1882/1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. Proclamation concerning women.
Language: Arabic
1f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 225 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/132-136 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. “Hadha manshur al-baya min al-imam al-Mahdi [etc.]”, proclamation concerning the oath of fealty.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 17.0 cm
5f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 215 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/137-143 [before 6 January 1889]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah al-Mahdī. Passage from the *Ratib*.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 17.0 cm
7f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 280 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/144-145 [1870s or 1880s?]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allāh al-Mahdī. “Wa hadhihi da `wat iftitah al-Qu`ran al- `azim”, invocation before reading the *Qur`ān*.
Language: Arabic
Size: 23.5 x 17.0 cm
2f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 231 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.97/5/208-211 1926 x [1953]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Note by Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on the provenance of SAD.98/1 (H. 270) with 2 letters concerning the manuscript: Lt. Col. W.G. Gray to al-Liwa` E.B. Wilkinson Pasha, 31 January 1926; Wilkinson to Wingate, 30 August 1942.
1f.; 2f.; 2f.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 271 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Related to a collection of Mahdist documents formerly in the possession of the Amir al-Nūr Muḥammad `Anqara (1836-?1920) and presented by E.B. Wilkinson Pasha to Gen. Sir F.R. Wingate on 2 September 1942. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.99/1 [before 29 May 1883]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Letter book, compiled by Majdhub. b. Abi Bakr, who wrote the preface, and found at `Uthman Diqna's head-quarters at Afafit, February 1891. Copies of 75 letters from the Mahdī to persons and groups, on various administrative and social topics. Date at end 22 Rajab 1300 [29 May 1883].
In three hands: pp. 1-114 by Majdhub b. Abi Bakr from the papers of the *amir* `Uthman b. Abi Bakr Digna; pp. 115-135 by another, unknown hand; pp. 136 to end by a different, also unknown hand. `Uthman Diqna's commission from the Mahdī is at p. 91.
For an abstract of contents of this item in English, with corrections of the abstract by F.R. Wingate Bey, see SAD.99/2/1-10
Language: Arabic
Size: 22.9 x 16.8 cm
142+10p
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 272 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.100/1/1-16 [1880s]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Fragments of a letter book, together with one piece, of doubtful provenance, containing the Mahdī's proclamation to the people of Egypt, 1302 [1884/1885].
Language: Arabic
Size: 28.7 x 20.7 cm
15+1f
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 274 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

SAD.438/677/14-16 4 Shawwāl 1301 [28 July 1884]
Muḥammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah, al-Mahdī. Copy of a letter to Fakhr al-Din Hasan, being pp. 9-12 from an unidentified letter book.
Language: Arabic
Size: 27 x 19 cm
4p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 259 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the R.C. von Slatin collection

8. Other Publications

SAD.98/4 A.H. 1305 [1887/1888]
Ahmad al-`Awwam (-1884). *... al-Risalat al-musamma bi nasihat al-`Awwam li `l-khass wa`l-amm min ikhwanihi ahl al-iman wa`l-Islam fi wijub* [etc]. `Awwam's advice to all his brethren, the people of faith and Islam, concerning their duty to become united and of one mind in following our Lord, the Imam of the Time, Muḥammad the expected Mahdī, peace be upon him. [Umm Durman].
Size: 23.5 x 15.2. cm
98p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 53 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. . Part of the Wingate Papers
Related material in other DUL collections: With a translation into English (with the same call number).

SAD.98/3 5 Ḏū al-Qadah 1305 [14 July 1888]
al-Hasan b. Sa`d al-`Abbadi (1844-1907). … *Kitab al-risalat al-musamma al-anwar al-saniya al-mahiya li zulam al-munkirin `ala l-hadrat al-Mahdiya*. The brilliant light beams for the darkness of those who deny the presence of the Mahdī. al-Buq `a [i.e. Umm Durman]. A defence of the Mahdī and his teaching.
Size: 22.6 x 15.2 cm
268+5p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 116 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers
See: Brockelmann, Suppl. II, 896.

SAD.99/6/1-405 A.H. 1306 [1888/1889]
Isma`il `Abd al-Qadir (c.1820s/30s-1897). … *Kitab sa`adat al-mustahdi bi sirat al-imam al-Mahdi* [etc.]. The book of the bliss of him who seeks guidance by the life of the Imam the Mahdī. Manuscript.
A biography of the Mahdī from A.H. 1298 to 1302, mentioned by E.L. Dietrich, “Muhammad Ahmad b. `Abd Allah”, *Encyclopaedia Islam*. According to Na`um Bey Shuqayr (*Ta`rikh al-Sudan*, 3, 559) the Khalifa `Abd Allahi is said to have ordered all copies of this work to be destroyed. This copy, the only known survivor, was procured from the Sudan by Na`um Bey. For an English translation see SAD.247/4/1-357
Language: Arabic
Size: 25.1 x 16.5 cm
405p.
Ownership history: Former reference number: H. 173 in the Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs in the Sudan Archive. Part of the Wingate Papers

Abū Salīm, M.I. (ed.) (1972), *Saʿādat al-mustahdī bi-sīrat al-imām al-Mahdī, by Ismāʿīl ʿAbd al-Qādir al-Kurdufānī*, Beirut: Dār al-jīl.

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