

ICS 86

Ferguson Papers

SUMMARY GUIDE

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Biographical history

John Ferguson was born in Tain, Easter Ross in 1842. He was educated at Tain Royal Academy, then trained as a journalist at Inverness and London before going to Ceylon in 1861 to take up a position as Assistant Editor of Colombo Observer, under his uncle, the proprietor and editor, Alastair Mackenzie (AM) Ferguson. He was to remain with the paper (renamed the Ceylon Observer in 1867) for nearly 50 years, initially assisting his uncle but gradually taking a more senior role, and becoming the proprietor and editor on his uncle's death in 1892.

Ferguson developed an active role in the political, commercial and cultural affairs of Ceylon. He took a particular interest in the development and expansion of the railway system, and became closely involved in the tea, coffee, coconut, rubber and other planting trades for which he compiled and published statistics in his annually issued 'Handbook and Directory of Ceylon'. His interest in these trades also led to his founding and publishing the 'Tropical Agriculturalist', a journal covering planting in all tropical regions, which began in 1881 and continued under his control until 1904, when responsibility for it was assumed by the Agricultural Society. Ferguson was very active in the Cinnamon Gardens Baptist Church (as was his uncle), and lectured on many of his interests. He travelled overseas from Ceylon on several occasions, and was often invited to speak on Ceylon on his travels, which took him to Australia and New Zealand; Japan, China and North America; and back to Britain.

In 1903 Ferguson was awarded the CMG, and in the same year was appointed as a member of the Legislative Council of Ceylon. In this role he continued to support his interests, such as extension of the railway system and supporting trade. He resigned in 1908, and in 1912 returned to Britain for the last time, and he died there in 1913. He was married twice: firstly in 1871 to Charlotte Haddon (died 1903), by whom he had two sons and two daughters; secondly in 1905 to Ella Smith, who survived him.

Alastair Mackenzie (AM) Ferguson, the uncle of John, was born in Wester Ross in 1816. He came to Ceylon in 1837 as one of the staff of JA Stewart Mackenzie, the newly appointed Governor. After holding various posts, he became assistant editor on the 'Ceylon Observer' in 1846, under the then owner, Dr Elliott. In 1859 Dr Elliott sold the newspaper to Ferguson, who was himself joined by his nephew as assistant editor in 1861. From 1879 he took a lesser role in the production of the 'Observer', but continued to contribute material, while in 1880-1 he was the Ceylon Commissioner to the Melbourne Exhibition. He was awarded the CMG shortly after this event. He made return visits to Britain in the 1860s and 1870s but not thereafter for health reasons; however he continued to make visits abroad to India and Australia. He became a highly respected figure in Ceylon, and like his nephew was very supportive of the planting trades and railway development. He died in 1892.

Archival history

Donated to ICS by Professor Sir Cyril Henry Philips, formerly Professor of Oriental History at SOAS, in 1990

Scope and content

Papers of John Ferguson CMG, Assistant Editor, later Proprietor and Editor of the Ceylon Observer 1861-1913, and member of the Legislative Council for Ceylon 1903-1908; also some of his uncle Alastair Mackenzie Ferguson CMG, Assistant Editor, later Proprietor and Editor of the Ceylon Observer 1846-1893

System of arrangement

The papers are arranged in series containing files on particular topics relating to John Ferguson's work and interests. The files, with some exceptions (such as series of printed works which were loose among the papers) are those in which the documents were found to be arranged on receipt at ICS. It is not known when this arrangement was created. The material is somewhat fragmentary, being only a small part of what must have been a much larger body of correspondence and papers, and this is borne out by lists of Ferguson's papers in some of the files, which include many items not to be found among the present papers. These lists were possibly compiled shortly after Ferguson's death when a memoir appears to have been considered. There are several files which contain material on a range of topics and which have been described as general correspondence and papers; and in turn the documents contained in files on specified topics do not always relate exclusively to that subject.

No attempt has been made to separate material relating to AM Ferguson: firstly because of the relatively small quantity of this material, and secondly because of the difficulty in positively identifying some papers as those of one of the two men, their work and interests being so similar. However, there is one original file of papers relating to AM Ferguson.

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| Copyright/copying conditions | Usual conditions apply |
| Language | English; individual documents in [?Tamil] and French |
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Note: References to 'Ferguson' in the handlist may be taken to mean John Ferguson, although in some cases it is uncertain whether a document relates to John or AM Ferguson

| <u>ICS 86/1</u> | <u>Correspondence and papers relating to the 'Ceylon Observer' and related publications</u> | |
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| ICS 86/1/1 | Correspondence of Ferguson, as editor of the 'Ceylon Observer'; regarding the 'Handbook and Directory of Ceylon' published regularly by the paper; on the 'Tropical Agriculturalist', a journal published by Ferguson; and some personal correspondence | 1874-1911 |
| | 44 items | |
| ICS 86/1/1/1 | Draft letter from John Ferguson to 'The Times', referring to a recent article on the loss of the mail steamer 'Rangoon' and offering to contribute further items on Ceylon for publication | c.1871 |
| ICS 86/1/1/2 | Letter from AN Birch, Kandy, thanking Ferguson for a copy of the Ceylon Directory | 1874 |
| ICS 86/1/1/3 | Letter from William Robinson, Colonial Office, thanking Ferguson for a copy of the Directory and for his newspaper critique upon Robinson's Vienna report | 1874 |
| ICS 86/1/1/4 | Letter from J Whittall, Statistical Society, London, thanking Ferguson for the Directory, and regarding Ferguson's membership of the Society | 1874 |
| ICS 86/1/1/5 | Typescript extract of letter from Sir H Bartle Frere to AM Ferguson, conveying the Prince of Wales' acknowledgement of a copy of the Directory | 1875 |
| ICS 86/1/1/6 | Letter from D Morris, Botanical Department, Gordon Town, Jamaica: he expresses thanks for a consignment of Cinchona seed; comments on the quality of this and other consignments; he is to give a paper before the Royal Colonial Institute in London on West Indian industries; he may pay an official visit to St Helena to report on its capabilities; he comments on the importance of the 'Tropical Agriculturalist'; and refers to his work on leaf disease [?of coffee] in Ceylon | 1883 |
| ICS 86/1/1/7 | Copies of letters from Ferguson to H Cotton and Mr Morris, regarding the sale of the 'Tropical Agriculturalist' | 1884 |
| ICS 86/1/1/8-10 | Correspondence from Tillotson and Son, proprietors of the 'Bolton Evening News', regarding supply of works of serial fiction for the 'Ceylon Observer' | 1881-1884 |

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| ICS 86/1/1/11-15 | Correspondence between CW Horsfall, Colombo, and Ferguson, regarding Horsfall advertising his business in the 'Ceylon Observer' and other written contributions to the paper | 1884-1885 |
| ICS 86/1/1/16-17 | Copies of letters from Keppel Jones to J Haddon and Co, General Commission Merchants, London, regarding the preparation of regular commercial reviews of Ceylon produce and undertakings, for the 'Ceylon Observer' | 1885 |
| ICS 86/1/1/18 | Letter from William Martin Leake, London, regarding monthly contributions [?to the 'Tropical Agriculturalist'] | 1885 |
| ICS 86/1/1/19 | Letter from Charles S Hadden, Sunningdale, Berks, offering Ferguson a loan of £100 in view of the stoppage of the N O Bank | 1892 |
| ICS 86/1/1/20 | Letter from C Moberly Bell of 'The Times', London, to James Hadden, Hertford, regretting that they could not use Ferguson's letter | 1893 |
| ICS 86/1/1/21 | Letter from the Bishop of Colombo seeking to amend a reference to supposed threats of excommunication by him at Badulla, in the 'Ceylon Directory' | 1895 |
| ICS 86/1/1/22 | Letter from WA Sabonadiere, Jamaica, advising that he will be leaving Jamaica for good so that alternative arrangements will have to be made for subscriptions to the 'Tropical Agriculturalist', and giving news of a successful coffee crop on the Blue Mountain estates | 1896 |
| ICS 86/1/1/23 | Letter from [?F] Saunders, Colombo, requesting recent copies of the Ceylon Hansard to complete his set up to the record of his retirement from the Council | 1899 |
| ICS 86/1/1/24 | Letter from W Davidson regarding his work on the 'Ceylon Handbook' | 1899 |
| ICS 86/1/1/25 | Letter from [?F] Saunders, Hove, thanking Ferguson for a copy of the 'Ceylon Handbook and Directory' for 1901 | 1901 |
| ICS 86/1/1/26 | Letter from WA Herdman, Liverpool, expressing thanks for a copy of the 'Ceylon Handbook and Directory' for 1901 | 1901 |
| ICS 86/1/1/27 | Letter from Everard im Thurn, Colonial Office, expressing thanks for a copy of the 'Ceylon Handbook and Directory' for 1901 | 1901 |
| ICS 86/1/1/28 | Letter from JH Sproule, Kandy, giving details of the Sproule and Spicer families relevant to a recent wedding, and congratulating Ferguson on entering his 42nd year as editor of the 'Ceylon Observer' | 1902 |
| ICS 86/1/1/29-30 | Notes regarding payments to Ferguson for contributions published in 'The Times' | 1907-1909 |

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| ICS 86/1/1/31-33 | Letters from S Digby, London, to John Ferguson and his wife, commenting on the possible exclusion of Ceylon editors from an invitation [?to the Empire Press Conference]; and on John Ferguson's accident | 1909 |
| ICS 86/1/1/34 | Letter from Arnold White, Farnham Common, assuring Ferguson that he has been greatly missed at the Press Conference | 1909 |
| ICS 86/1/1/35-36 | Letter from GCM Birdwood, West Ealing, regarding arrangements for a luncheon for members of the Indian press | 1909 |
| ICS 86/1/1/37-40 | Correspondence between Ferguson and EWM Grigg, both in London, regarding lunch invitations and an article written by Ferguson for a paper | 1910 |
| ICS 86/1/1/41 | Letter from Francis Beven, Veyangoda, giving family news and commenting on proposals for Legislative [Council] reform | 1910 |
| ICS 86/1/1/42 | Letter from WT Taylor, Malay States Development Agency, London, regarding the loan of some lantern slides for a lecture | 1910 |
| ICS 86/1/1/43 | Letter from John Grinlinton, Middle Wallop, noting that he has been receiving the 'Ceylon Observer' for about 54 years without break, and enquiring about busts of Lord Stanmore, Sir Arthur Havelock and others in the Council Chamber | 1911 |
| ICS 86/1/1/44 | Typescript list of publications of AM and J Ferguson, for use in an advertisement | n.d. [c.1910] |
| ICS 86/1/2 | Correspondence of John Ferguson, mainly in his editorial capacity, and news cuttings regarding the 'Ceylon Observer' or its editors | 1874-1910 |
| | 40 items | |
| ICS 86/1/2/1 | Cutting of article on a court hearing against AM and J Ferguson who were to attend the District Court to show cause why they should not be committed for contempt of Court for publishing a letter reflecting upon the doings of the Court | 1874 |
| ICS 86/1/2/2-22 | Correspondence between Ferguson and various potential contributors of articles to the 'Ceylon Observer' and 'Tropical Agriculturalist', seeking or sending regular articles and letters on planting topics. Many refer to the recent crash of the Oriental Bank which has left the Fergusons in financial difficulties | 1883-1886 |

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| ICS 86/1/2/23 | Letter from Colonial Secretary's Office advising that only assistant colonial secretaries, and not clerks, should be a means of communication of official information to the newspapers; and that the Government will be happy to assist in the provision of old papers for articles on the early history of the Colony | 1886 |
| ICS 86/1/2/24 | Offprint of article complimenting the 'Ceylon Handbook and Directory for 1885-86' | 1886 |
| ICS 86/1/2/25-26 | Offprints of article from the 'Ceylon Observer' by John Ferguson, referring to his becoming the senior editor [on the death of AM Ferguson] and commenting on his experience and that of his colleagues, including DW Ferguson (journalist), James McIntosh (chief reporter and sub-editor), and William Mackenzie (manager and assistant) | 1892 |
| ICS 86/1/2/27 | Letter from W Murray, Dolosbage, referring to John Ferguson's leaving Ceylon for a change, and expressing concern about the ability of D Ferguson to act as editor in his absence | 1895 |
| ICS 86/1/2/28 | Letter from Valentine Chirol of the 'Times', London, thanking Ferguson for cuttings about an incident involving the King of Siam and Buddhist priests, which were used in the paper; and requesting a telegram about the celebrations in Ceylon on Jubilee Day | 1897 |
| ICS 86/1/2/29 | Letter from Andrew H Green, New York, expressing thanks for some volumes sent by Ferguson, and giving general news | 1898 |
| ICS 86/1/2/30 | Letter from RW [?Jevers] to John Ferguson, commenting on the misrepresentation in the '[Ceylon] Times' of his and Sir Edward Walker's views on the possible Mohammedan marriage of Le Mesurier. Jevers and Sir Edward were reported as recommending adultery in preference to a Mohammedan marriage, whereas they had actually stated that the latter was a hypocritical pretence and therefore worse than open adultery | 1899 |
| ICS 86/1/2/31 | Draft note from Ferguson to the 'Times' to accompany his planting report | 1903 |
| ICS 86/1/2/32 | Cutting from the 'Ceylon Observer (weekly edition) of an article on a visit to the Malay States | 1903 |
| ICS 86/1/2/33 | Letter from Walter Williams, secretary of the World's Press Parliament, St Louis, asking Ferguson to address the Parliament | 1904 |
| ICS 86/1/2/34 | Cutting of a paragraph on the Ceylon Press, complimenting the 'Observer' | [1907] |

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| ICS 86/1/2/35 | Copy of letter and statement from HK Rutherford, London, testifying to the value of the 'Tropical Agriculturalist' | 1908 |
| ICS 86/1/2/36-37 | Letters from EWM Grigg of the 'Times' [one incomplete], asking Ferguson to cut down an article on the Ceylon Legislative Council, which they cannot fit in at its present length owing to the crisis in Portugal and strike in France; and declining to include an article altogether | 1910 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/1/2/38 | Cutting of paragraph complimenting the 'Ceylon Observer' | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |
| ICS 86/1/2/39 | Cutting of notice of the death of Angus Alastair Ferguson at Bhadrachalam, India, son of AM Ferguson | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |
| ICS 86/1/2/40 | Invitation to John Ferguson to dinner with Sir Donald Mackenzie Wallace in London, to meet the editors of and contributors to the 'Encyclopaedia Britannica' | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |
| ICS 86/1/3 | Publications of AM and J Ferguson Ltd 3 items | 1854-1890 |
| ICS 86/1/3/1 | Complete copy of the 'Ceylon Observer' | 18 May 1854 |
| ICS 86/1/3/2 | 'Summary of information regarding Ceylon ... in 1887, the Queen's "Jubilee Year" compiled by AM and J Ferguson' | 1887 |
| ICS86/1/3/3 | Black and white photograph of the exterior of Ceylon Observer office, Colombo. Unknown photographer but possibly taken on behalf of the owners, A. M. & J. Ferguson. Photograph of a bridge over a river on the reverse. | c1872-1890 |

| <u>ICS 86/2</u> | <u>Papers relating to railways in Ceylon</u> | |
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| ICS 86/2/1 | News cuttings, mainly from the 'Ceylon Observer', relating to the development of the railway system in Ceylon, and correspondence with Ferguson mainly on the same topic | 1867-1913 |
| | 56 items | |
| ICS 86/2/1/1 | Cutting from the 'Ceylon Times' of an account of a trip on the part-completed Colombo to Kandy railway | 1867 |
| ICS 86/2/1/2 | News cutting from the 'Overland Ceylon Observer' containing editorial on Sir William Gregory, ex-chairman of the Planters' Association, and railway extension | 1878 |
| ICS 86/2/1/3 | Printed copy of reply from the Governor, proposed by the editor of the 'Ceylon Observer', to a dispatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies on railway extension to Uva | 1881 |
| ICS 86/2/1/4 | Cutting from the 'Ceylon Observer' of an article on the opening of the line to the Haputale Pass | 1893 |
| ICS 86/2/1/5 | Supplement to the 'Ceylon Observer' on the Ceylon railway system | 1893 |
| ICS 86/2/1/6-7 | Cuttings of editorials from the 'Ceylon Observer' on the Ceylon railways: present and prospective | 1896 |
| ICS 86/2/1/8 | Cutting from 'The Times' of an article on the planting industry of India and Ceylon | 1898 |
| ICS 86/2/1/9 | News cutting of correspondence on the Kaduganawa Incline | 1903 |
| ICS 86/2/1/10 | Cutting of editorial from the 'Ceylon Observer' on the future of railways in Ceylon | 1906 |
| ICS 86/2/1/11 | Cutting of editorial from [the 'Ceylon Observer'] on railway extensions | 1907 |
| ICS 86/2/1/12 | Cutting from 'The Times' noting the tour of the southern half of Ceylon by the acting Governor, Hugh Clifford, and referring to the increase in estimated profits of the Ratnapura Railway | 1907 |
| ICS 86/2/1/13 | Cutting from 'The Times' regarding the tendency to send officials from other colonies to fill high posts in Ceylon | 1907 |

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| ICS 86/2/1/14 | Cutting from the 'Ceylon Observer' of a report by the Consulting Engineers on the sanctioned railway extensions, and commenting on the need for further lines | 1908 |
| ICS 86/2/1/15 | Cutting from [the 'Ceylon Observer'] regarding railway extensions and the records of various governors in securing sanction for new lines | 1908 |
| ICS 86/2/1/16 | Cutting of editorial from the 'Ceylon Observer' regarding railway extension | 1908 |
| ICS 86/2/1/17-18 | Cuttings of articles from the 'Ceylon Observer' regarding railway progress in the Malay States contrasted with Ceylon | 1908 |
| ICS 86/2/1/19 | Cutting of article on railway extension beyond Bandarawella | 1908 |
| ICS 86/2/1/20 | Cutting of editorial from the 'Ceylon Observer' regarding the possible increase in revenue, and reduction in taxation, by the sanctioning of paying railway extensions | 1910 |
| ICS 86/2/1/21 | Cutting from the 'Times' on proceedings in the Commons, including a report on progress with railways in various parts of the Empire | 1910 |
| ICS 86/2/1/22 | Cutting of editorial from the 'Ceylon Observer' on the need for railway extensions | 1911 |
| ICS 86/2/1/23 | Cutting of editorial from the 'Times of Ceylon' on the setting up of defence systems for India and Ceylon | 1911 |
| ICS 86/2/1/24 | Cutting from the 'Ceylon Observer' of an article on the opening of the Colombo-Kandy railway in 1867 | 1911 |
| ICS 86/2/1/25-28 | Cuttings and proof copy of an editorial from the 'Ceylon Observer' on recent and future progress for railways in Ceylon | 1911 |
| ICS 86/2/1/29 | Page from supplement to the 'Ceylon Observer' including article on congestion on the railway | 1912 |
| ICS 86/2/1/30 | Proof copy of report of Ferguson's speech in the Legislative Council on the Ceylon Government's policy on the railway system | [1907] |
| ICS 86/2/1/31-32 | Proof copies of article on railway extension in India and Ceylon | n.d.[c.1907] |
| ICS 86/2/1/33 | Cutting from the 'Ceylon Observer' (weekly edition) including an obituary of William Cantrell, who worked on the Ceylon railways from 1867 to 1902 | c.1905 |
| ICS 86/2/1/34 | Cutting of article from the ['Ceylon Observer'] regarding reporting on railway matters | n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |

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| ICS 86/2/1/35 | Cutting of article on tramways in Colombo and Jamaica | n.d. [early 20 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/2/1/36 | Cutting of article on railway development in the Malay States | n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/2/1/37 | Letter from RB T[ytler] to 'Arthur' on railway extensions, including a commendation of the Fergusons' fight for them | 1879 |
| ICS 86/2/1/38 | Letter from A T Rettio, Badulla, conveying the thanks of the Badulla Planters' Association for the Observer editors' exertions in seeking the extension of the railway to Uva | 1886 |
| ICS 86/2/1/39 | Letter from Graeme Elphinstone, Chelford, Cheshire in response to the information that he has been elected delegate to America | 1894 |
| ICS 86/2/1/40 | Letter from HF Macmillan, Peradeniya, regarding a memorial to Dr Thwaites | 1898 |
| ICS 86/2/1/41 | Letter from RW [?Jevers], Pallai, on practical planting matters | 1900 |
| ICS 86/2/1/42-44 | Letters from Francis Beven, Franklands, V'goda, regarding attacks on Ferguson by William Mckenzie [?the editor of the 'Ceylon Times'] | 1901 |
| ICS 86/2/1/45 | Letter from WN Mitchell, Colombo, regarding the northern districts railway, referring to Ferguson's first day in Council | 1903 |
| ICS 86/2/1/46-48 | Letters from JS Patterson, Newara Eliya, offering congratulations on Ferguson's [second] marriage, and referring to railway matters, particularly a mono-rail scheme at Nellunkellia, Palgarwewa and Toynbae; with letter from Gerald Nicholas, Katumayaka, on the same railway scheme | 1905 |
| ICS 86/2/1/49-51 | Correspondence from Henry Kimber, Putney, regarding a meeting with Ferguson and referring to railway matters | 1906 |
| ICS 86/2/1/52 | Letter from C Edwin Spooner of the Federated Malay States Railways, Kuala Lumpur, on railway matters | 1908 |
| ICS 86/2/1/53 | Letter from CP Lucas at the Colonial Office, referring to the proposed Indo-Ceylon Railway | 1911 |
| ICS 86/2/1/54 | Draft letter from planters and residents of the districts of Happortella, Saffragam and Badulla, recording their gratitude to the Chief Commissioner of roads for the completion of the Happortella [?Haputale] Road and Pass | c.1865 |
| ICS 86/2/1/55 | Part of letter from [?JT Wylie], on railway matters | n.d. [early 20 th cent.] |

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| ICS 86/2/1/56 | Part of letter from WD Gibson, on railway and other matters | n.d. [c.1910] |
| ICS 86/2/2 | Correspondence, papers and news cuttings relating to railways in Ceylon 62 items | 1867-1912 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/2/2/1 | Minutes of a committee meeting to decide on the form of a testimonial to Mr C Faviell in appreciation of the completion of his contract to construct the Colombo-Kandy Railway | 1867 |
| ICS 86/2/2/2 | Letter from EH [?Mauchell], Shanklin, Isle of Wight, requesting a list of names of people to approach regarding an unspecified testimonial | 1879 |
| ICS 86/2/2/3 | Page from the 'Overland Ceylon Observer' containing articles on railway extensions to Uva and Jaffna | 1887 |
| ICS 86/2/2/4 | Letter from W Shelford, Westminster, enclosing a scheme and map for a system of narrow gauge railways to serve the Western, Southern and Uva provinces | 1887 |
| ICS 86/2/2/5 | Pages from the 'Overland Ceylon Observer' containing a report on a meeting at the Town Hall, held to protest against the extension of the railway from Nanuoya to Haputale | 1888 |
| ICS 86/2/2/6 | Letter from H Stewart Taylor, Secretary, Passara Planters' Association, conveying the Association's thanks for Ferguson's support over the Passara to Naminacooly road, which had resulted in the granting of a survey for the road | 1894 |
| ICS 86/2/2/7 | Letter from WS Caine, House of Commons, commenting favourably on the scheme to connect Ceylon with Southern India by rail; and offering (for a remuneration) to write a weekly letter for the Observer upon British opinion of Indian matters, and any Cingalese subjects that may crop up | 1894 |
| ICS 86/2/2/8 | Letter from E J Shadbolt, Coonvor, commenting on his own report on the proposal for a railway linking India and Ceylon, which had been referred to in an article in the 'Ceylon Observer' | 1895 |
| ICS 86/2/2/9 | Letter from H Montague Philby, secretary of the Passara Planters' Association, conveying the Association's thanks for Ferguson's support for the extension of the road from Naminacooly to Passara | 1895 |

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| ICS 86/2/2/10 | Draft letter from Ferguson to Mr Caine, thanking him for consenting to put a question [in the House] about the official railway policy in Ceylon, and giving information about the current state of affairs | 1895 |
| ICS 86/2/2/11-13 | Letters from J Saunders at the Treasury, Colombo, commenting on various railway matters | 1897 |
| ICS 86/2/2/14 | Letter from EJ Shadbolt, Hyderabad, discussing the question of the need for and location of a break of gauge on the proposed Indo-Ceylon railway | 1897 |
| ICS 86/2/2/15 | Letter from MF Ommanney, Crown Agent for the Colonies, London, discussing the proposed Puttalam line | 1897 |
| ICS 86/2/2/16-18 | Letters from Thomas North Christie, Ulapane, Masheluja and Colombo, mainly on proposed railways in the north of the island | 1898 |
| ICS 86/2/2/19 | Offprint of article from the 'Ceylon Observer' on the various railway proposals, particularly the gauges to be used | 1899 |
| ICS 86/2/2/20 | Letter from David [?Price] comparing the alternatives of rail and steamer travel between Colombo and Jaffna, and between other places in Ceylon, for goods and passengers | 1899 |
| ICS 86/2/2/21 | Letter from Edward Rosling, Nanu Oya, regarding railway rates | 1900 |
| ICS 86/2/2/22 | Letter from JO Shoobridge, District Superintendent, South Indian Railway, Tanjore, requesting further details of steamer trade between Ceylon and India, and other Eastern ports | 1902 |
| ICS 86/2/2/23 | Letter giving notice of a meeting of the Chilaw and Puttalam Railway Commission | 1903 |
| ICS 86/2/2/24-27 | Letters from JS Patterson, Newera Eliya, on monorail systems and other railway matters | 1905 |
| ICS 86/2/2/28 | Letter from Alex Fairlie of Finlay, Muir & Co, Colombo, on Patterson's proposals for monorail and estimated costs, with enclosed extracts from other correspondence | 1905 |
| ICS 86/2/2/29 | Further letter from Patterson, Ingiriya, on raising capital for a line and referring to a monorail plant at Chilaw | 1905 |
| ICS 86/2/2/30 | Draft memorial to the Secretary of State petitioning for a mono railway to Chilaw and Puttalam | c.1905 |
| ICS 86/2/2/31 | Letter from James Duncan, Badulla, regarding the Passara railway extension | 1905 |

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| ICS 86/2/2/32 | Letter from John J Robinson, Passara, regarding the Passara railway extension | 1905 |
| ICS 86/2/2/33 | Letter from H Stewart Taylor, Passara, regarding the Passara railway extension | 1905 |
| ICS 86/2/2/34 | Letter from [?] Price, Colombo, thanking Ferguson for supporting the Railway Department in Council | 1905 |
| ICS 86/2/2/35-36 | Letters from James Duncan, Badulla, regarding the Passara railway extension | |
| ICS 86/2/2/37 | Part of letter complimenting Ferguson on the strong speech he made in Council regarding the Ceylon Government's policy on the railway system | 1907 |
| ICS 86/2/2/38-39 | News cutting from Sabaragamuwa Planters Association and letter from Kelani Valley Planters Association recording their support for Ferguson's Legislative Council speech | 1907 |
| ICS 86/2/2/40-41 | Copy of letter from Kelani Valley Planters Association recording their support for Ferguson's Legislative Council speech on the railways, with copy of resolution and printed copy of Ferguson's speech | 1907 |
| ICS 86/2/2/42 | Letter from FJ Waring, Consulting Engineer, Westminster, commenting on Ferguson's suggestion that he draws up a programme of systematic railway construction in Ceylon, which he feels would be beyond his firm's province as consulting engineers | 1907 |
| ICS 86/2/2/43-46 | Correspondence between H Marcus Fernando, Colombo, and Ferguson regarding Chilaw-Puttalam Railway extension accounts | 1908 |
| ICS 86/2/2/47 | News cutting from the 'Observer' on the rejection by the Colonial Government of the motion in the Legislative Council for the proposed Chilaw-Puttalam railway extension | 1908 |
| ICS 86/2/2/48 | Letter from FJ Waring, Westminster, commenting on an article contrasting railways in the Malay States and Ceylon, and the origin of the adoption of the metre gauge in the Malay States | 1908 |
| ICS 86/2/2/49 | Letter from WS Goonewardene, secretary of the Marawila Coconut Planters' Association, enclosing motion of thanks to Ferguson for supporting the Chilaw-Puttalam railway extension | 1908 |
| ICS 86/2/2/50 | Drafts of report by Ferguson on why the Negombo-Puttalam and Bandarawella-Passara railway extensions should go ahead | 1909 |
| ICS 86/2/2/51 | Proofs of summary article on the need for a railway linking Southern India and Ceylon | 1911 |

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| ICS 86/2/2/52 | Letter from JD Rees, Harrow on the Hill, of the Southern Indian Railway, in support of the proposed Indo-Ceylon railway | 1911 |
| ICS 86/2/2/53 | Offprint of article summarizing existing, approved and proposed railways in Ceylon | 1911 |
| ICS 86/2/2/54 | Typescript article on the impending completion of railways to the closest points between India and Ceylon, and the start of a steamer service between the two termini, and on the need for a bridge between the two | c.1912 |
| ICS 86/2/2/55 | Letter from Ernest Shadbolt, former engineer for the South Indian Railway, commenting on the Indo-Ceylon bridging scheme | 1912 |
| ICS 86/2/2/56-57 | Letter from G Savage commenting unfavourably on the Indo-Ceylon railway bridging scheme | n.d.[?1912] |
| ICS 86/2/2/58 | Key plan of the country between Kurunegala and Jaffna showing proposed route of railway | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |
| ICS 86/2/2/59 | Letter from Lord Stanmore, Ascot, Berks, commenting on the relative merits of making a railway between Kurunegala and Anuradhapura, and one to Negombo and Chilaw: he thinks the former a blunder, and not making the latter a greater one | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |
| ICS 86/2/2/60 | Draft report [by Ferguson] regarding the railway extension to Badulla | n.d. [c.1900] |
| ICS 86/2/2/61 | Table of levels of the Ceylon Government Railway from Colombo to Kandy | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |
| ICS 86/2/2/62 | List of documents regarding Ceylon railways, including some of those in the present series | n.d. [post 1913] |
| ICS 86/2/3 | Printed reports on railways 4 items | 1857-1907 |
| ICS 86/2/3/1 | Report on the Ceylon Government Railway Survey, by Capt. WS Moorsom, Chief Engineer | 1857 |
| ICS 86/2/3/2 | Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of Ceylon, on the railway question [the continuance of a contract to build the railway from Colombo to Kandy] | c.1859 |
| ICS 86/2/3/3 | Rough proof of abstract of paper on the projected Indo-Ceylon Railway, by John Ferguson and J Davis-Allen | 1898 |

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| ICS 86/2/3/4 | 'Railways in Ceylon: authentic information shewing the urgent need for about 132 miles of railway extension - by means of lines to Ratnapura, Mannar and Badulla-Passara ...' booklet published by AM & J Ferguson, with map 2 booklets | 1907 |
| ICS 86/2/4 | Maps 3 items | 1893-1905 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/2/4/1 | Map of proposed railway to Negombo, from Ragama or Gongitota | 1905 |
| ICS 86/2/4/2 | Railway Map of Ceylon | n.d. [early 20 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/2/4/3 | Proof copy of map of the Ceylon railway system, printed as a supplement to the 'Ceylon Observer' | [1893] |

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| <u>ICS 86/3</u> | <u>Papers regarding coffee, tea, coconut and other planting trades in Ceylon</u> | |
| ICS 86/3/1 | Correspondence with planters regarding the compilation of reports and statistics for the 'Planting Gazetteer' produced by Ferguson, including the original returns of statistics from the planting districts in 1869 | c.1858-1895 |
| | 26 items | |
| ICS 86/3/2 | Correspondence and papers regarding the planting industry | c.1874-1909 and n.d. |
| | 42 items | |
| ICS 86/3/2/1 | Description of the Wallaha and Sutton [coffee] estates in Dimboola, giving acreages in full beaning, first blossom and total planting, and estimated values | c.1874 |
| ICS 86/3/2/2-3 | Share certificates for the Dimboola Coffee Company Ltd | 1876 and c.1880 |
| ICS 86/3/2/4 | Letter reporting on the possibility of using refined cocnut oil in place of lard. The writer considers the smell to be a significant detriment | 1877 |
| ICS 86/3/2/5 | Letter from [?] regarding sickness among Tamil immigrants and the question of whether they had been turned off estates by palnters or by Xanganies: written in response to an article in the 'Ceylon Observer' on Cooly Immigration | 1878 |
| | Typescript transcript attached | |
| ICS 86/3/2/6 | Letter from RB Tytler regarding coffee planting | 1881 |
| ICS 86/3/2/7-10 | Letter from James Bisset of Haputale Planter's Association conveying the Association's thanks for supporting the Ceylon planting industry, with draft reply by Ferguson, and typescript copies of both letters | 1884 |
| ICS 86/3/2/11 | Letter from John Hughes, Agricultural Analyst, London, promising to contribute articles [for the 'Tropical Agriculaturalist'] | 1884 |
| ICS 86/3/2/12 | Part of letter from John Hughes, Agricultural Analyst, London, regarding his not receiving copies of the 'Tropical Agriculturalist' in which papers by him were to appear | 1885 |

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| ICS 86/3/2/13-15 | Correspondence from the Planters' Association of Ceylon, Kandy, recording its thanks to Ferguson for his help and suggestions for the improvement of Ceylon tea sales, with draft reply from Ferguson | 1891-1892 |
| ICS 86/3/2/16 | Letter from Charles S Hadden, Kensington, recounting his experience of the coffee and tea planting industry in Ceylon | 1892 |
| ICS 86/3/2/17-19 | Draft letter from Ferguson in Port Said to Lord Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the abolition of the Paddy Tax and calling for a Royal Commission into the system of taxation and revenue in Ceylon; with reply from the Colonial Secretary's Office, Colombo, and letter from Edgar Turner, Hewaheta, commenting on Ferguson's memorial | 1892 |
| ICS 86/3/2/20-21 | Letters from the Planters' Association of Ceylon, inviting Ferguson to ceremonies for laying the foundation stone, and opening of the Victoria Commemoration Buildings at Kandy | 1897, 1900 |
| ICS 86/3/2/22 | Letter from the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce thanking Ferguson for his assistance in correcting a Government pamphlet giving Ceylon Tea statistics | 1897 |
| ICS 86/3/2/23-26 | Letters from J Westland, Gammaduwa, to Ferguson and Rosling, regarding the prisoners of war [from the South African War] expected on the island; and the possibility of Ferguson undertaking a lecture tour of America on behalf of the Planters' Association, to promote the tea industry; and further letter from unidentified correspondent [signature missing] opposing the idea of a lecture tour | 1900 |
| ICS 86/3/2/27-28 | Correspondence from HW Cave, Nuwara Eliya and Colombo, regarding a book, 'Golden Tips', which Cave thinks will do a great deal for the tea industry if well supported | 1900-1901 |
| ICS 86/3/2/29 | Letter from JS Jarvis of the Badulla Planters' Association, requesting the inclusion of a report of a meeting of the Association for publication, and referring to Ferguson's possible departure | 1901 |
| ICS 86/3/2/30 | Letter from JRW Pigott, Reading, thanking Ferguson for an article on the coconut, and discussing coconut and other planting enterprises | 1906 |
| ICS 86/3/2/31 | Letter from [?], Bridge of Allan, thanking Ferguson for copies of the 'Tropical Agriculturalist' | 1906 |

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| ICS 86/3/2/32 | Circular letter from Thomas North Christie, Lhanbryde, Morayshire, concerning the enlargement of a Benevolent Fund to aid those in want in the planting community | 1909 |
| ICS 86/3/2/33 | Letter from James Westland, Gammaduwa, regarding the possibility of his taking on a widow's son to train in the planting trade, and giving other news of his estate at Gammaduwa | 1910 |
| ICS 86/3/2/34 | Letter from William [?Selden], Northwood, Middlesex, about the development of synthetic rubber, when it is likely to reach the market, and whether it will be a successful competitor with natural rubber | 1912 |
| ICS 86/3/2/35 | Note from 'DSF' asking JF [Ferguson] if he can meet [the Governor] | n.d. [c.1900] |
| ICS 86/3/2/36 | Testimonial signed by several parties, to the value of the 'Tropical Agriculturalist' to the Colony and planting industry | n.d. [early 20th cent.] |
| ICS 86/3/2/37 | Statement on the rise and progress of rubber planting in Ceylon | n.d.[early 20th cent.] |
| ICS 86/3/2/38 | Share certificate for the Ceylon Tobacco Co. Ltd. | 1889 |
| ICS 86/3/2/39 | Pages from the 'Ceylon Observer' containing part of an account of the St Andrew's Dinner | 1902 |
| ICS 86/3/2/40 | Cutting from the 'Times of India' containing an interview with Ferguson | 1909 |
| ICS 86/3/2/41 | Double map of Ceylon, one showing forest areas, the other provinces | n.d. [early 20th cent.] |
| ICS 86/3/2/42 | List of documents concerning agriculture in Ceylon, including some of the items in this section | n.d. [post 1913] |
| ICS 86/3/3 | News cuttings and other papers regarding the planting industry 46 items | 1870-1913 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/3/3/1-13 | News cuttings mainly from the 'Times', of articles on the tea, coffee, rubber and other planting trades in Ceylon [many contributed by Ferguson] | 1896-1911 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/3/3/14-23 | Cuttings, mainly from Ceylon newspapers, of articles on the tea, coffee, rubber and other planting trades | 1870-1906 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/3/3/24-26 | Cuttings of articles on trees and gardens in Ceylon | 1908 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/3/3/27-42 | General correspondence on planting matters | 1881-1910 and n.d. |

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| ICS 86/3/3/43-44 | Letter from John Turner, Alva, Scotland, regarding a proposed College of Tropical Agriculture in Ceylon, with draft scheme for the College | 1913 |
| ICS 86/3/3/45 | Obituary of John Ferguson from the 'Times' | 1913 |
| ICS 86/3/3/46 | News cutting of passage from 'The Recollection' by Shelley, with additional ms verse attached | n.d. [c.1900] |
| ICS 86/3/4 | Lectures and papers given by Ferguson on the planting industry; and other articles and reports relating to the trade in Ceylon | 1898-1912 and n.d. |
| | 14 items | |
| ICS 86/3/4/1 | Draft of lecture on Ceylon industries | n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/3/4/2 | Draft of lecture on Ceylon industries | n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/3/4/3 | Draft of paper on taxation in Ceylon | c.1908 |
| ICS 86/3/4/4-7 | Offprints from the 'Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society', of a presidential address and lecture on 'The Coconut Palm in Ceylon: Beginning, rise and progress of its cultivation' given by John Ferguson | 1906 |
| ICS 86/3/4/8 | Copy of the 'Journal of the Royal Society of Arts', containing an article by John Ferguson on 'Ceylon: its industries and material progress' | 1909 |
| ICS 86/3/4/9 | Proof copy of paper to be read by John Ferguson before a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, on 'Ceylon, the Malay States and Java compared as plantation and residential colonies' | 1909 |
| ICS 86/3/4/10 | Circular of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Ceylon on 'Rubber cultivation in Ceylon' | 1898 |
| ICS 86/3/4/11 | Paper from the 'Circulars and Agricultural Journal of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Ceylon', on 'A stem disease of the Coconut Palm' by T Petch | 1907 |
| ICS 86/3/4/12 | Paper from the 'Circulars and Agricultural Journal of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Ceylon', on 'Cacao cultivation in Ceylon' by RH Lock | 1912 |
| ICS 86/3/4/13 | Offprint from 'The Imperial and Asiatic Quarterly Review' on 'Forced labour and "thumb-marks" in Ceylon' by Edward W Perera | 1908 |

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| ICS 86/3/4/14 | Extracts from the Ceylon Silver Currency Commission Report, 1894; and articles on estate production and on Ceylon companies and the local share market, from 'The Times of Ceylon', 1898; being appendices to an unidentified planters' memorial | c.1898 |
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| <u>ICS 86/4</u> | <u>Correspondence and papers relating to the governors and governance of Ceylon</u> | |
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| ICS 86/4/1 | Correspondence between Ferguson and Sir (Joseph) West Ridgeway, [Governor of Ceylon 1896-1903] 11 items | 1898-1913 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/4/2 | Correspondence between Ferguson and Sir Henry Mccallum [Governor of Ceylon 1907-1913], on a proposed Agricultural Society and on social matters; and news cuttings of articles on Mccallum 8 items | 1908-1913 |
| ICS 86/4/3 | Correspondence between WH Gregory [Governor of Ceylon 18], and [AM] Ferguson, including comments about the new Governor, Sir A Gordon; the provision of lunatic asylums; reform of the Legislative Council; and other political topics 6 items | 1883-1891 |
| ICS 86/4/4 | Correspondence, news cuttings and papers relating to the Ceylon Legislative Council and to other matters concerning the government of Ceylon 81 items | 1895-1912 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/4/4/1-3 | Correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and an Association of members of the General European Community, regarding resolutions passed at a meeting of the Association and its status with relation to the General European member of the Legislative Council | 1895 |
| ICS 86/4/4/4 | Draft of part of a letter from Ferguson to the 'Times' regarding revenue and taxation in Ceylon | 1898 |
| ICS 86/4/4/5-6 | Correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and Ferguson regarding Ferguson's appointment to a Commission to investigate the incidence of taxation in Ceylon | 1901 |
| ICS 86/4/4/7-9 | Correspondence between Stanley Bois and Ferguson regarding the possibility of Ferguson standing for election to the Municipal Council [of Colombo], which Ferguson turned down, and Ferguson's subsequent support for Bois' candidature | 1901-1902 |

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| ICS 86/4/4/10-11 | Correspondence between Richard Ponsonby, the Governor's private secretary, and Ferguson, advising that Ferguson has been recommended for appointment to represent the European Community on the Legislative Council | 1902 |
| ICS 86/4/4/12 | Letter from Sir West Ridgeway, Governor of Ceylon, notifying Ferguson of his impending appointment as General European Member on the Legislative Council | 1902 |
| ICS 86/4/4/13-43 | Letters of congratulation to Ferguson on his appointment to the Legislative Council | 1902-1903 |
| ICS 86/4/4/44 | Letter from the Colonial Secretary regarding business for a Legislative Council meeting at Kandy | 1903 |
| ICS 86/4/4/45-58 | General correspondence, mainly concerning the Legislative Council and other political matters | 1906-1908 |
| ICS 86/4/4/59-60 | Draft letter by Ferguson giving notice of his resignation from the Legislative Council, and reply from the Colonial Secretary | 1908 |
| ICS 86/4/4/61 | Memorandum from the Colonial Secretary on behalf of the Governor, to members of the Finance Committee, recommending the appointment of an expert from the Indian Irrigation Department to advise on the state of the Irrigation Department in Ceylon | 1908 |
| ICS 86/4/4/62-63 | Letters from Henry Gullett, Wahroonga, thanking Ferguson for the reception given to his daughter, and referring to Ferguson's resignation from the Legislative Council and to his work for the reform of the opium and liquor trades | 1908 |
| ICS 86/4/4/64-65 | Letters from Harry Storey, Matale, thanking Ferguson for his support of the Ceylon Game Protection Society and gun control | 1909 |
| ICS 86/4/4/66 | Copy letter from Ferguson to Godfrey Baring, regarding an interview with Colonel Seely and referring to opium in Ceylon, railway extension, reform of the Legislative Council, and regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquors | 1909 |
| ICS 86/4/4/67-68 | Papers by John Ferguson on 'Opium in Ceylon', one for the 'National Review' and the other read before the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade | 1908-1909 |
| ICS 86/4/4/69 | Letter from Henry Blake, London, regarding reform of the Legislative Council in Ceylon, and giving information about the structure of the Government in Jamaica | 1909 |
| ICS 86/4/4/70 | Draft memorandum by Ferguson on the reform of the Ceylon Legislative Council | n.d. [c.1910] |

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| ICS 86/4/4/71 | Letter from Edward WM Grigg, Foreign Department, The Times, requesting an article on the enlargement of the Legislative Council in Ceylon | 1910 |
| ICS 86/4/4/72 | Typescript extract from the proceedings of the Legislative Council, regarding the gift of busts of Sir West Ridgeway and Sir Henry Blake, to be placed in the Council Chamber | 1910 |
| ICS 86/4/4/73 | Letter from Arthur Hedgland, Queen's Cottage, Nuwara Eliya, requesting a copy of Lord Stanmore's letter and Ferguson's paper about the Paddy Tax; and congratulating Ferguson on his improved health | 1911 |
| ICS 86/4/4/74 | Part of letter from unidentified correspondent, London, regretting that he did not meet Ferguson in Colombo, and referring to the opium question | 1911 |
| ICS 86/4/4/75 | Letter from TBL [?Moonemalle], Kurunegala, regarding closure of the account for busts for the Legislative Council | 1911 |
| ICS 86/4/4/76 | Copy correspondence of John Gibson, Federated Malay States, regarding the sale of intoxicating liquor, particularly the sale of European spirits to Tamil coolies | 1912 |
| ICS 86/4/4/77 | Letter from ND Wright, commenting about Sir William Gregory's opinion on the need for 'service' men in the Executive, and on reform of the Legislative Council | n.d. [c.1910] |
| ICS 86/4/4/78 | Letter from [?], Kingsbridge, Devon, concerning the Paddy tax, which the writer regards as useful in keeping in touch with natives throughout the provinces | n.d. [early 20 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/4/4/79 | Part of letter from P Ainnachala, regarding reform of the Legislative Council | n.d. [early 20 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/4/4/80 | Typescript draft of paragraph for the 'Observer' commenting on a letter for Legislative Council business and reform, including the pearl oyster fisheries | n.d. [early 20 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/4/4/81 | Page from report of the Opium Committee, listing recommendations for the closure of opium shops | n.d. [early 20 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/4/5 | News cuttings, mainly relating to the Legislative Council and other political matters, including the Opium trade, and Ferguson's resignation from the Council in 1908 | 1893-1910 and n.d. |

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| ICS 86/4/6 | Legislative Council proceedings 3 items | 1906-1907 |
| ICS 86/4/6/1 | Proceedings of the Ceylon Legislative Council during the 1906-1907 Session 1 volume | 1906-1907 |
| ICS 86/4/6/2 | Agenda for a meeting of the Legislative Council, Ceylon | 1 May 1907 |
| ICS 86/4/6/3 | Minutes of a meeting of the Legislative Council, Ceylon | 30 Oct 1907 |
| ICS 86/4/7 | Copies of petitions sent to the Governor of Ceylon or to the British Government 9 items | 1869-1908 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/4/7/1 | Anonymous petition to the Governor protesting at the conduct of Lionel Frederick Lee, a district judge | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |
| ICS 86/4/7/2 | Petition by members of the Civil Service of Ceylon to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, objecting to the appointments of gentlemen from outside the Ceylon Civil Service, to the posts of Colonial Secretary and Auditor General, with reply attached | 1869 |
| ICS 86/4/7/3 | Correspondence between the Directors of the Jaffna and Batticaloa Commercial and Agricultural Co Ltd, and the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, regarding the latter's attitude to the possibility of the Company purchasing an area of land under the Kanthalai Tank, for cultivation as a native concern | 1877 |
| ICS 86/4/7/4 | Petitions, statements and correspondence protesting the innocence of Savool Hamidu, a tea trader of Nawalapitiya, who has been convicted of committing an affray | 1903 |
| ICS 86/4/7/5 | Petition by AJ Stephens, Chairman of the Dolosbage and Yaclessa Planters' Association, to the Colonial Secretary, for the creation of a cart road between the Central and Sabaragamna Provinces through Dolosbage | 1906 |
| ICS 86/4/7/6 | Memorial to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by Gopalasami Naidu Rangasami Naidu, claiming a pension for three lives which had been granted to the memorialist's great-grandfather, with related correspondence with the Colonial Secretary | 1896-1908 |

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| ICS 86/4/7/7 | Copy letter to the Colonial Secretary regarding an application to the Government of India to lend an irrigation expert to report on the Ceylon Irrigation Department | 1908 |
| ICS 86/4/7/8 | Correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and Walker, Sons and Co Ltd regarding dock workshops for the Company | 1908 |
| ICS 86/4/7/9 | Petition to the British Government by inhabitants of Ceylon of the Salagama, Karawa and Durawa Castes, protesting at the apparent re-introduction of the Caste system in the appointments to the Maha-Mudalyar, by Sir Arthur Gordon, the Governor | [1887] |
| ICS 86/4/8 | News cuttings on the history and current affairs of Ceylon 26 items | 1877-1912 |
| ICS 86/4/9 | Publications and reports relating to the governance of Ceylon 10 items | 1853-1908 |
| ICS 86/4/9/1 | 'Instructions from the Governor-General and Council of India to the Governor of Ceylon, 1656-1665 ... ' translated from the Dutch by Sophia Peters | 1908 |
| ICS 86/4/9/2 | 'A brief sketch of the administration of Ceylon under British rule from 1796-1878; with incidental notices of the Dutch and Portuguese rule ... ' including accounts of the British Governors of Ceylon; republished from the 'Ceylon Observer' and 'Ceylon Directory' | 1878 |
| ICS 86/4/9/3 | Copy of article entitled 'An appeal to the people of Ceylon', on the reasons in favour of increased self-government of Ceylon [possibly by AM Ferguson] | 1876 |
| ICS 86/4/9/4 | Offprint from the 'Ceylon Observer' of an article on the arrival of Sir Henry Mccallum as the new Governor of Ceylon | 1907 |
| ICS 86/4/9/5 | 'Ceylon and its wants; or an enquiry into its present form of administration, and suggestions for an improved system' by Henry J Staples | 1853 |
| ICS 86/4/9/6 | 'The Christmas Debates of the Island of Ceylon': fictitious proceedings of the Legislative Council 1860-1865, in humorous form, published by John Maitland and Co., Colombo | 1866 |

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| ICS 86/4/9/7 | 'Report on military points connected with Ceylon, and on certain recommendations of the Commission on Military Expenditure', by Major-General Studholme Hodgson, Commander of the Forces in Ceylon | 1865 |
| ICS 86/4/9/8 | Ceylon Administration Reports for 1907: Report of the Principal Mineral Surveyor | 1907 |
| ICS 86/4/9/9 | Report of the Commission appointed ... to inquire into and report upon certain questions connected with labour in the Island of Ceylon | 1908 |
| ICS 86/4/10 | Supplement to the 'Ceylon Observer' detailing reforms to the Legislative Council of Ceylon 1 item | 1929 |

ICS 86/5

**Papers relating to John Ferguson's official honours
and appointments**

ICS 86/5/1

**Correspondence between Ferguson and others
regarding his seeking the award of the title of
Companion of the Order of St Michael and St
George (CMG), with letters of congratulation and
news cuttings on his being awarded the honour**

1899-1910

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| <u>ICS 86/6</u> | <u>Papers relating to religious matters in Ceylon</u> | |
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| ICS 86/6/1 | Correspondence, mainly on religious matters relating to Ceylon, including letters on missionary work, regarding the Salvation Army, from the YMCA Colombo, on the Student Volunteer Movement, and on Buddhist temporalities 32 items | 1883-1913 |
| ICS 86/6/2 | Papers relating to religious matters in Ceylon 15 items | 1883-c.1910 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/6/2/1-5 | Leaflets relating to the Cinnamon Gardens Baptist Church, Colombo, including lecture course advertisements; copy of the 'Quarterly Messenger' containing an account of Ferguson's visit to India, with related letter; notice of services to mark the 25 th anniversary of the opening of the new church | 1897-1902 |
| ICS 86/6/2/6-10 | News cuttings, mainly on religious matters | 1883-1906 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/6/2/11 | Memorandum by Ferguson of sources for church and missionary history in Ceylon | n.d. [c.1900] |
| ICS 86/6/2/12 | Account, in verse, of a visit by Mr Robinson to the Isle of Ely | n.d. [early 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/6/2/13 | Handbill advertising the annual meeting of the Church Missionary Society, Blackheath Hill, at which Ferguson was to speak | 1904 |
| ICS 86/6/2/14 | Proof copy of article on the question of Buddhist temporalities | c.1910 |
| ICS 86/6/2/15 | Manuscript extract from a report of the Attorney General on the Bill relating to Buddhist temporalities | n.d. [c.1910] |
| ICS 86/6/3 | Lectures by Ferguson and other published papers on aspects of Christian and other religions in Ceylon 6 items | 1891-1907 |
| ICS 86/6/3/1 | Copy of the Colombo YMCA Union Magazine, containing an article by John Ferguson entitled 'Duty versus Interest' | 1891 |

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| ICS 86/6/3/2 | Offprint from the CMS Gleaner of a paper read by John Ferguson at a meeting of the Colombo Gleaners' Union, on 'Mohammedism in Ceylon' | 1897 |
| ICS 86/6/3/3 | Offprint from the Ceylon Observer of a paper read by John Ferguson at the Colombo Missionary Conference, on 'The Early Protestant Missionaries in Ceylon' | 1898 |
| ICS 86/6/3/4 | Offprint of paper read by John Ferguson at the Colombo Missionary Conference, on 'The First Half-Century of Protestant Missions in South Ceylon' | 1907 |
| ICS 86/6/3/5 | Copy of article by John Ferguson published by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, on 'Female Education in Asia' | 1907 |
| ICS 86/6/3/6 | Published booklet containing copies of proceedings of the Legislative Council, memorials and news articles on the Bill relating to Buddhist Temporalities in Ceylon, which proposed their administration by the Ceylon Government | 1905 |

| <u>ICS 86/7</u> | <u>Papers relating to visits and lecture tours undertaken by John Ferguson overseas from Ceylon</u> | |
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| ICS 86/7/1 | Correspondence and news cuttings relating to lectures given and exhibitions attended overseas by Ferguson 53 items | 1878-1910 |
| ICS 86/7/2 | News cuttings relating to overseas tours by Ferguson to China, Japan, North America and Britain 23 items | 1902-1904 |
| ICS 86/7/3 | Draft of lecture by Ferguson entitled 'Leaves from a holiday notebook', being an account of several individuals encountered during a visit to Britain 1 item | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |

| <u>ICS 86/8</u> | <u>Papers relating to Ferguson's personal, family and social affairs</u> | |
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| ICS 86/8/1 | Menu and news cuttings regarding St Andrew's Dinners held in Ceylon, including one at which Ferguson presided 3 items | 1895, 1900 |
| ICS 86/8/2 | Correspondence, list of guests, programmes, news cuttings and articles regarding the Annual Dinner of the Glasgow Ross and Cromarty Benevolent Association, at which Ferguson presided 17 items | 1904 |
| ICS 86/8/3 | Illuminated letter of thanks to Ferguson for visiting the village of Keravalapitiya Hendala, in connection with meeting of the Baptist Union, and asking for his support in their need for a good road to the village 1 item | 1905 |
| ICS 86/8/4 | Letters from Ferguson to his mother [?-in-law], dating from the time of his second marriage to Ella Smith, and covering family, personal and social news, particularly regarding Ella. Includes many references to the gardens at Ferguson's house, Naseby Lodge at Newera ELLIYA; to missionary and church matters, and some to the opium trade 35 items | 1905-1909 |
| ICS 86/8/5 | Cuttings of articles personally relating to John Ferguson 11 items | 1900-1910 |
| ICS 86/8/6 | Biographical notes on the life of John Ferguson, together with news cuttings and papers personally relating to him 36 items | 1899-1913 |
| ICS 86/8/7 | Obituary notices and letters of condolence on the death of Ferguson 18 items | 1913 |

ICS 86/9

General correspondence and papers

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| ICS 86/9/1 | Correspondence and other papers of or relating to AM Ferguson | 1850-1893 |
| | 10 items | |
| ICS 86/9/1/1 | Letter from WS Inglis, Batticaloa to AM Ferguson, regarding the writing of articles on coconut planting and a general planting report, as well as contributing material on Batticaloa to the new edition of Ferguson's Gazetteer | 1850 |
| ICS 86/9/1/2-3 | Letter from the Colonial Secretary's Office, enclosing a request from the Government Emigration Board for information for persons desirous of undertaking coffee planting in Ceylon, with draft of reply by AM Ferguson | 1872 |
| ICS 86/9/1/4 | Letter from Dr Boyd Moss objecting to a letter published in the 'Observer' in reply to some lines he wrote on railways; with draft reply from AM Ferguson on back, declining to attach any importance to the criticisms because of what Ferguson sees as previous attacks by Boyd Moss on his nephew [John Ferguson] | 1873 |
| ICS 86/9/1/5 | Letter from James Irvine, Liverpool, thanking AM Ferguson for a book on the culture of Liberian coffee | 1878 |
| ICS 86/9/1/6 | Letter from JR Drop, Jaffna, requesting information from AM Ferguson as to the probable cost of a railway to Jaffna | 1885 |
| ICS 86/9/1/7 | Obituary of AM Ferguson, written by John Ferguson | 1892 |
| ICS 86/9/1/8 | Cutting of obituary and other notices in memory of AM Ferguson | 1893 |
| ICS 86/9/1/9-10 | 'Ceylon in 1837-46' and 'Ceylon in 1847-1860': published copies of lectures given by AM Ferguson at Cinnamon Gardens Baptist Church | 1886-1887 |
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| ICS 86/9/2 | Correspondence and papers regarding the Royal Asiatic Society, and general correspondence mainly on publications | 1859-1912 |
| | 22 items | |
| ICS 86/9/2/1-2 | Circular letter concerning the setting up of a museum and library by the Asiatic Society of Ceylon, requesting papers and objects, with a list of suitable subjects | 1859 |
| ICS 86/9/2/3 | Supplement to the 'Ceylon Observer' covering the 50th anniversary celebration of the Ceylon branch of the Royal Asiatic Society | 1895 |
| ICS 86/9/2/4 | Page from the 'Ceylon Observer' Weekly Edition reporting on the AGM of the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society | 1906 |
| ICS 86/9/2/5 | Letter notifying Ferguson of his re-election as president of the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society | 1907 |
| ICS 86/9/2/6 | Letter from the secretary of the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, informing Ferguson [then in London] of a resolution that he was nominated as a delegate of the Society to the International Congress of Historical Studies in London | 1912 |
| ICS 86/9/2/7 | Letter from [?], The Residency, Penang, regarding a book and an article sent by Ferguson; and giving news of a station being set up by the Dutch near Deli, Sumatra, and an agricultural and industrial exhibition held there | n.d. [c.1900] |
| ICS 86/9/2/8-9 | Correspondence from P Milne, Edinburgh, regarding a book [?on Ceylon] he is trying to have published | 1878 |
| ICS 86/9/2/10 | Note from Sir Henry Ponsonby, Windsor Castle, conveying the thanks of the Queen to Messrs Haddon and Company for a copy of 'Ceylon in the Jubilee Year' by Ferguson | 1888 |
| ICS 86/9/2/11-13 | Letter, with related news cuttings, from Alexander Robertson in Italy, in response to an enquiry from Ferguson about a map of Ceylon thought to be in the Doge's Palace in Venice. Robertson is prepared to arrange for the map to be copied if it exists | 1892 |
| ICS 86/9/2/14 | Letter from Longmans Green and Co., [publishers], to Mrs Cavendish Butler, in response to an enquiry about the publication of a new edition of Sir Emerson Tennant's work on Ceylon | 1894 |

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| ICS 86/9/2/15 | Letter from [?ME] Grant Duff, about arrangements for Ferguson to be able to attend meetings of the Royal Institution and the Royal Geographic, Royal Historical and Royal Societies while in London | 1896 |
| ICS 86/9/2/16 | Letter from Standidge and Co Ltd, regarding the finding and printing of a map of Ceylon | 1899 |
| ICS 86/9/2/17 | Letter from Hugh Chisholm, editor of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, regarding contributions by Ferguson about Ceylon | 1901 |
| ICS 86/9/2/18 | Letter from W Bonaparte Wyse regarding letters sent by Ferguson to him and to the Chairman of the Congress of Orientalists of Hanoi, which will not be published | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/2/19 | Letter from Hardinge Hay Cameron, returning a copy of 'Century' with thanks | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/2/20-21 | Correspondence from RA Stead, Ootacamund, India, requesting information on Ceylon for an article he is writing on [missionary] work in Ceylon and the need for more workers | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/2/22 | Letter from WS Christoffelsz, Colonial Secretary, concerning the possibility of publicising Ceylon as a winter or convalescent destination | 1908 |
| ICS 86/9/3 | General correspondence, mainly personal and social, and news cuttings relating directly to Ferguson 56 items | 1883-1913 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/9/3/1 | Letter from J Mackenzie, MD offering condolences to Ferguson on the death of a son, and seeking advice regarding the sale of an estate at Batticaloa | 1869 |
| ICS 86/9/3/2 | Letter from RB Tytler, Aberdeen, announcing his impending departure for Ceylon | 1876 |
| ICS 86/9/3/3 | Letter from PW Milne, Edinburgh, regarding the publication of Milne's '30 years ago' | 1878 |
| ICS 86/9/3/4 | Letter from [?], Aden, requesting further copies of an article, and thanking Ferguson for his hospitality in Colombo | 1883 |
| ICS 86/9/3/5 | Letter from Graeme Elphinstone, Straits of Malacca, asking the Fergusons to visit a friend, Bernard Wilton, who is in Colombo Hospital having fractured a thigh; and introducing a fellow traveller by the name of Lewis | 1895 |

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| ICS 86/9/3/6 | Letter from T Skinner, London, regretting that he did not meet Ferguson again before the latter's departure for Ceylon | 1896 |
| ICS 86/9/3/7 | Letter from Edward Beven, Kandy, thanking Ferguson for his support in a court case [which he appears to have lost] | 1897 |
| ICS 86/9/3/8 | Letter from Eleanor [daughter of John Ferguson], Inverness, giving personal domestic news, and referring to the Fergusons' house and gardens at Naseby, Nuwara Eliya | 1898 |
| ICS 86/9/3/9 | Letter from [?] inviting Ferguson to serve on the George Wall Memorial Fountain committee | 1898 |
| ICS 86/9/3/10 | Letter from G von Rautenfeld, Inspectorate General of Customs, Peking, arranging a subscription to the weekly 'Ceylon Observer' and briefly describing a trip to Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebrations when he was in charge of the Korean Embassy to the Court of St James | 1899 |
| ICS 86/9/3/11 | Letter from [?], Kandy Planters' Association, thanking Ferguson for a journal for the George Wall Library | 1900 |
| ICS 86/9/3/12 | Letter from William H Solomon, Matale, thanking Ferguson for a letter to which he will reply in full in a day or two | 1900 |
| ICS 86/9/3/13-15 | Letters from HH Phelp, St Edward's School, Newera Eliya, and part of draft note by Ferguson, regarding the donation of a cup to the school by Ferguson, for cricket | 1900 |
| ICS 86/9/3/16 | Letter from Frederick Young, Royal Colonial Institute, London, thanking Ferguson for a copy of an article on Young's brother-in-law, Thomas Drane | 1900 |
| ICS 86/9/3/17 | Letter from Frederick [?Dunhurst] asking Ferguson for any hints that might add to the enjoyment of a forthcoming trip to Europe via Japan and America | [?1901] |
| ICS 86/9/3/18 | Part of letter from DO McIlroy, Colombo, stating his opinion that Ferguson is the most worthy of the British residents of Ceylon to receive an honour | 1901 |
| ICS 86/9/3/19 | Letter from Andrew H Green, Green Hill, [USA], thanking Ferguson for receipt of some papers, and referring to a possible lecture tour of the States by Ferguson | 1901 |
| ICS 86/9/3/20 | Letter from WR Kynsey, London, introducing Sir Francis Lovell who intends visiting Ceylon as a representative of the Seamen's Hospital and the London School of Tropical Medicine | 1901 |

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| ICS 86/9/3/21 | Letter from G Hamilton [?Traill], Victoria, Australia, introducing Edward de Verdun, Commissioner of Titles | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/3/22 | Letter from WS van Dort, Colombo, advising Ferguson on a question about the possible marriage of a woman with a history of mental illness, and the wisdom of revealing the situation to her intended husband | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/3/23 | Letter from [?], Nanuoya, thanking Ferguson for countersigning an application to the Royal Humane [Society], and referring to Ferguson's paying off his partner | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/3/24 | Letter from Nins [daughter of John Ferguson] to her father, sending birthday wishes and referring to her forthcoming marriage | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/3/25 | Letter from [?Alex] Grace, London, recalling a period when he was a member of the Ceylon Bar and requesting a copy of the 'Ceylon Almanack' including the names of himself and his colleagues | 1905 |
| ICS 86/9/3/26 | Letter from TJ McClintock Bunbury, Colombo, acknowledging thanks on behalf of Colonel Davidson for a parcel of books | 1906 |
| ICS 86/9/3/27 | Letter from G Todd, Scotch Education Department, London, thanking Ferguson for copies of a paper, and a report on elementary education in Ceylon; and giving some personal reminiscences of Ceylon | 1906 |
| ICS 86/9/3/28 | Letter from John Mackenzie, Town Clerk of Tain, to WJ Macdonald, accountant, Tain, regretting that he missed Ferguson on his recent visit and asking for an address so that he can contact Ferguson regarding a proposed banquet in his honour | 1906 |
| ICS 86/9/3/29 | Letter from M Edmund, Leamington Spa, offering Ferguson membership of the Sea to Sea Club | 1907 |
| ICS 86/9/3/30 | Letter from Everard im Thurn, Suva, Fiji, introducing James Bourn, brother of the man in whose memory the hall at Matala was erected and ex-member of the Legislative Council of Fiji | 1908 |
| ICS 86/9/3/31 | Letter from WJ Taylor, Selangor, Malay Peninsula, thanking Ferguson for a reference to him in the 'Observer' | 1908 |
| ICS 86/9/3/32 | Letter from Lord Stanmore, Ascot, in response to a request from Ferguson for tickets to the Royal Institution, and listing Governors who had previously served on Stanmore's staff | 1909 |

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| ICS 86/9/3/33 | Letter from [?Godfrey] Baring, thanking Ferguson for a letter and enclosure which he will lay before Colonel Seely | 1909 |
| ICS 86/9/3/34 | Letter from W Macgregor, RMS Orsova, thanking Ferguson [junior] for sending a volume and papers on Ceylon, and welcoming him, as his father's son, to Government House, Brisbane, should he ever visit Australia | 1909 |
| ICS 86/9/3/35 | Letter from [?Hugh Clifford], Llandogo, Chepstow, referring to his pleasure in accepting the invitation of the Council to preside on an unspecified occasion | 1910 |
| ICS 86/9/3/36 | Letter from LD Henry, London, writing on behalf of his son who is unable to meet Ferguson on account of illness, and referring to his son's work [?as a reporter at Westminster]: he broke down after writing an article on Lloyd George's speech at the Paragon | 1910 |
| ICS 86/9/3/37 | Letter from Frank Beemer, Colombo, thanking Ferguson for an invitation to call | 1911 |
| ICS 86/9/3/38 | Letter from Alex Wardrop of the Kandy Planters' Association, offering condolences on the death of Ferguson's nephew | 1911 |
| ICS 86/9/3/39 | Letter from Clarence Bicknell, Tenda, [?Switzerland], declining an invitation to Ceylon and giving personal news | 1911 |
| ICS 86/9/3/40 | Letter from William Macgregor, Government House, Brisbane, asking Ferguson to meet his wife, daughter and grand-daughter when they make a stop at Colombo | 1912 |
| ICS 86/9/3/41 | Letter from William M Leake, London, regarding dinner tickets and referring to the Botanic Gardens at Peradeniya, Ceylon, which may be absorbed by the Agricultural Department | 1913 |
| ICS 86/9/3/42 | Letter from FG Theobald, Nuwara Eliya, thanking Ferguson for some books | n.d. [early 20th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/3/43 | Letter from Robert S Fraser, Glencairn, to Ferguson's son, returning compliments and offering condolences on a bereavement | n.d. [early 20th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/3/44 | Invitation by Mr Alderman McArthur, London, to Ferguson to a dinner to meet Sir AH Gordon, Governor of Fiji | n.d. [early 20th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/3/45 | Page from 'The Christian' magazine, containing an article on Ceylon | 1899 |

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| ICS 86/9/3/46-55 | New cuttings relating directly to John Ferguson, including commemoration of 40 years' service in Ceylon, the award of his CMG, and his retirement from the Legislative Council | 1900-1912 |
| ICS 86/9/3/56 | Offprint of news article on a meeting at the Council Chamber at which Ferguson contrasted the governorships of Sir WH Gregory and Sir Arthur Gordon, particularly regarding the union of all classes and races | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/4 | General correspondence 6 items | 1874-1899 |
| ICS 86/9/4/1 | Letter from J W Cuttall, secretary of the Statistical Society, notifying Ferguson of his election as a Fellow of the Society | 1874 |
| ICS 86/9/4/2 | Letter from William Newton, War Office, to Mrs Hinton, offering to introduce Ferguson to Mrs Barnes, who would be glad to arrange for him to meet some literary people | 1879 |
| ICS 86/9/4/3-6 | Correspondence from WE Davidson, regarding the geology and mineralogy of Ceylon, and the preparation of a handbook on Ceylon for the Paris Exhibition, 1900 | 1899 |
| ICS 86/9/5 | General correspondence and news cuttings 60 items | 1878-1912 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/9/5/1-5 | Copy of a letter from the Governor, offering to confer the title of Honorary Maha Mudaliyar on Louis De Zoysa Wijayasckara Jayatitaka, with a copy of the award; and later correspondence between Louis de Zoysa and Ferguson regarding the title | 1879-1882 |
| ICS 86/9/5/6 | Letter from D Morris, Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya, regarding an article on leaf disease [?of coffee] | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/5/7 | Letter from [?] advising that the Governor is to confer a JP-ship on the writer | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/5/8-9 | Letters from RB Tytler, on social matters and the question of the new Governor for Ceylon | 1878-1881 |

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| ICS 86/9/5/10-11 | Letters from SH Duncan, Aberdeenshire, regarding articles for the 'Tropical Agriculturalist' | 1883-1885 |
| ICS 86/9/5/12 | Copy of the 'Morning Star', a newspaper mostly in [?Tamil], including an article in English about a brochure on representative government in Ceylon Fragile: torn | 1877 |
| ICS 86/9/5/13 | Letter from George Rudd describing the encroachment of the sea between Bambulipittir and Wellawathe | 1878 |
| ICS 86/9/5/14 | Letter from William [?Rowell] regarding the encroachment of the sea at [?Mutval], which he considers is due to a breakwater | 1878 |
| ICS 86/9/5/15 | Circular leaflet regarding a proposed political club for women in London | 1878 |
| ICS 86/9/5/16 | Letter from WSW Vaux, secretary of the Royal Society of Literature and the Royal Asiatic Society in London, welcoming Ferguson to attend meetings of both | 1879 |
| ICS 86/9/5/17 | Letter from GE [?Sinewal] thanking Ferguson for his support of Zoysa for the Mudlayarship | 1879 |
| ICS 86/9/5/18 | Letter from William Stace criticising the directors of the Jaffna and Batticaloa Company for failing to plant up an area of land having cleared it of timber and jungle | 1879 |
| ICS 86/9/5/19 | Letter from the Colonial Secretary's Office, Singapore, regarding a report on the capabilities of the state of Perak | 1880 |
| ICS 86/9/5/20 | Letter from [?J] King, Superintendent of the Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta, acknowledging receipt of a list of maps and books sent by Ferguson to the Calcutta Exhibition, which are to be sent on to King after the exhibition | 1883 |
| ICS 86/9/5/21 | Notice regarding the proposed erection of a summer house in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya, in memory of the late Dr Thwaites, one of the directors | 1884 |
| ICS 86/9/5/22 | Letter from Andrew H Green, Worcester, Massachusetts, inviting Ferguson to visit, and requesting stereoscopic views of Ceylon if Ferguson knows of any | 1898 |
| ICS 86/9/5/23 | letter from the secretary of the Western Australian International Mining and Industrial Exhibition Association, inviting Ferguson to act as the agent and Commissioner for Ceylon at the exhibition in Coolgardie | 1898 |
| ICS 86/9/5/24 | Letter form HT Wood, secretary of the Society of Arts, London, sending a silver medal awarded to Ferguson for a paper read before the Society | 1900 |

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| ICS 86/9/5/25 | Letter from Andrew H Green regarding a possible visit to America by Ferguson | 1901 |
| ICS 86/9/5/26 | Letter from WS Davidson, discussing cattle market schemes | 1901 |
| ICS 86/9/5/27 | Letter from A Penny, sending thanks to Mrs Ferguson for a donation towards the Eye Memorial Fund | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/5/28 | Report of the sub-committee on the proposed Educational and Medical Cess [which included Ferguson], advocating that Municipalities and Local Boards be made to contribute a portion of the cost of primary education, and that the scheme on an educational and medical cess be given a trial in a limited area | 1903 |
| ICS 86/9/5/29 | Letter from John Cotton asking for Ferguson's help in trying to obtain a room at the hospital for cases of typhoid fever | 1905 |
| ICS 86/9/5/30 | Letter from T Nishikawa, Zoological Institute, Tokyo University, regarding pearl fisheries | 1906 |
| ICS 86/9/5/31 | Incomplete letter from the Colonial Secretary's office, discussing Taugue Salgado and other place names of Portuguese and Dutch origin in northern Colombo | 1906 |
| ICS 86/9/5/32 | Letter from AV Barnard commenting on a report on flooding on the river Loire in France, and its applications to potential flooding in the Kelani valley, Ceylon | 1906 |
| ICS 86/9/5/33 | Letter from W Allardyce, Government House, Falkland Islands, regarding Ferguson's resignation from the Legislative Council of Ceylon | 1909 |
| ICS 86/9/5/34 | Letter from L Davidson, Cullen, Banffshire, regarding fundraising for an unspecified benevolent scheme | 1909 |
| ICS 86/9/5/35 | Draft letter from Ferguson to Mr Grigg, requesting the return of some Legislative Council correspondence loaned to him, and commenting on the publication of the 'Ceylon Handbook' for 1910-11 | 1910 |
| ICS 86/9/5/36 | Draft letter from Ferguson to Sir Hugh, thanking him for agreeing to take the chair at Ferguson's forthcoming lecture to the Royal Colonial Institute, and apologising for having the temerity to deal with the Malay States and Java as well as Ceylon | 1910 |
| ICS 86/9/5/37-44 | Correspondence and papers relating to the possible supply of electricity to Ferguson's house at Newara Eliya | 1912 |
| ICS 86/9/5/45 | Editorial from the 'Ceylon Observer' regarding Ceylon civilians and their claim to extra-insular appointments | 1887 |

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| ICS 86/9/5/46 | Article from the 'Times' on Ceylon under British rule | 1888 |
| ICS 86/9/5/47 | Article from the 'Ceylon Observer' regarding Colombo sanitation | 1899 |
| ICS 86/9/5/48 | Editorial from the 'Ceylon Observer' regarding the future of Colombo Harbour and Port | 1901 |
| ICS 86/9/5/49 | Offprint from the 'Ceylon Observer' of an article listing some local legislative and administrative wants | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/5/50 | Cutting from the 'Times' of an article on a tour of investigation into leprosy in India, undertaken by Jonathan Hutchinson FRS | 1903 |
| ICS 86/9/5/51 | Editorial from the 'Ceylon Observer' regarding the sanitation of Colombo | 1907 |
| ICS 86/9/5/52 | Article from the 'Times' on a visit by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to Ceylon | 1907 |
| ICS 86/9/5/53 | Editorial from the 'Ceylon Observer' on land settlement in Ceylon | 1908 |
| ICS 86/9/5/54 | Cutting of article on exports from Ceylon | c.1908 |
| ICS 86/9/5/55 | Editorial from the 'Ceylon Observer' on the defence of Indian waters and Ceylon's concern in it | 1911 |
| ICS 86/9/5/56 | Cutting of article on the Governor's irrigation policy | n.d. [early 20th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/5/57 | Cutting of article on the judicial branch of the Civil Service in Ceylon | n.d. [early 20th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/5/58 | Cutting of article on the comparative salaries of Governors in British colonies | n.d. [early 20th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/5/59 | Cutting of article on the new Firearms Ordinance in Ceylon | n.d. [early 20th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/5/60 | Cutting of photograph of a survey party in the Kolonna Korle | n.d. [early 20th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/6 | General correspondence | 1879-1912 and n.d. |
| | 51 items | |
| ICS 86/9/6/1 | Letter from BL Burnside, London, thanking the Fergusons for some pamphlets | 1879 |
| ICS 86/9/6/2 | Letter from [?Wm] D Smith, Colombo, thanking Ferguson for some publications for the Oriental Museum in Vienna | 1880 |

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| ICS 86/9/6/3 | Letter from John Macgregor, Hong Kong, thanking Ferguson for a copy of an obituary of Macgregor's brother, resident in Ceylon | 1882 |
| ICS 86/9/6/4-5 | Letters from SM Burrows, Anuradhapura and Eppawela, regarding a manuscript of a guide by Burrows | 1884 |
| ICS 86/9/6/6 | Letter from Maitland and Co Ltd, Colombo, regarding Ferguson's life assurance policy | 1885 |
| ICS 86/9/6/7 | Note from George Muller, Galle Face Hotel, thanking Ferguson for a payment | 1888 |
| ICS 86/9/6/8 | Letter from RSM Fletcher, Kent Town, S Australia, thanking Ferguson for a box of statuettes | 1891 |
| ICS 86/9/6/9 | Letter from WA [?Lythe], Pusselawa, making suggestions for illustrating the 'Observer' | 1893 |
| ICS 86/9/6/10 | Note from John Stephens, Gampola, thanking Ferguson for a mention of him in the 'Observer' | 1899 |
| ICS 86/9/6/11-12 | Letters from Dr JS Keltie, editor of the 'Encyclopaedia Britannica', London, asking Ferguson to write the article on Ceylon for the supplement | 1899 |
| ICS 86/9/6/13 | Letter from AH Duncan, Longside, Aberdeenshire, commenting on the recent visit to Ceylon of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, and reminiscing about the visit of the King [then the Prince of Wales] 26 years before | 1901 |
| ICS 86/9/6/14 | Letter from Richard [?], Peradeniya, notifying Ferguson that he has accepted a post managing the Lynsted estate on behalf of Finlay Muir and Co, and thanking Ferguson for his help in seeking a post | 1901 |
| ICS 86/9/6/15 | Letter from M Martin Leake, Dartford, Kent, thanking Ferguson for some papers, but regretting that his firm advertises only to the medical and pharmaceutical profession, in trade papers | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/6/16 | Letter from A Taylor Innes, Edinburgh, to A Bayne, noting the death of Professor Davidson of Edinburgh and asking if Bayne has any letters of Davidson's in his possession | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/6/17 | Letter from A Taylor Innes, Edinburgh, to Rev A Bayne, asking if he has any letters relating to Professor AB Davidson, a friend of Bayne's father and whose life Innes is writing | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/6/18 | Letter from HD Macdonald, Bragbrooke Hall, thanking Ferguson for a book | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/6/19 | Card from JJ Bain giving notice of his departure from Colombo | 1902 |

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| ICS 86/9/6/20 | Letter from WL Allardyce, Leamington, commenting favourably on a paper by Ferguson | 1904 |
| ICS 86/9/6/21-22 | Letter from Sir Roper Lethbridge, London, with related news cutting, requesting assistance in the compilation of a new edition of his 'Golden Book of India and Ceylon', being produced to coincide with a visit by the Prince and Princess of Wales | 1905 |
| ICS 86/9/6/23 | Letter from CS Goldman, London, requesting a contribution on Ceylon by Ferguson, to a book in preparation to be called 'The Empire and the Century 1805-1905', giving an outline of the book | 1905 |
| ICS 86/9/6/24 | Letter from W Stewart Taylor, Passara, touching on the problems [of planters] in Uva province | 1905 |
| ICS 86/9/6/25 | Letter from James Ferguson, on the Stema Tender 'Pharos', giving news of his work as a lighthouse inspector in Scotland, and inviting Ferguson to visit him near Aberdeen | 1906 |
| ICS 86/9/6/26 | Letter from Isaac [?Taungat], Jaffna, regarding manuscripts of books by him | 1907 |
| ICS 86/9/6/27 | Cutting from 'Nature' announcing a grant to Colombo Museum for the employment of an anthropologist, Dr CG Seligmann, to study the Veddahs | 1907 |
| ICS 86/9/6/28-29 | Letters from AM Walker enquiring about a book on twin brothers who became generals in India and Ceylon, and from W Charles Whicham on the same | 1907 |
| ICS 86/9/6/30 | Letter from J Campbell, Tiverton, Devon, giving news of a tour of Scotland following his marriage, and of his planned return to Ceylon. He would be interested in taking up [Legislative] Council work should Ferguson holds to his plan of retiring | 1908 |
| ICS 86/9/6/31-32 | Correspondence between Ferguson and A F Churchill regarding the letting of Calton Lodge, Ferguson's home in Colombo, including signed terms for letting | 1908 |
| ICS 86/9/6/33 | Letter from Richard A Bosanquet, Windsor, requesting advice regarding a lecture he is to give on Ceylon, particularly where to get some more modern lantern slides | 1909 |
| ICS 86/9/6/34-35 | Letters from Janns R Bousse, secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute, London, regarding a change in Ferguson's membership if he is to become resident on a permanent basis in London | 1909 |

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| ICS 86/9/6/36 | Copy of a letter from Alan Grt. Wright Ferguson, Rozelle, son of John Ferguson, to HF Strickland, enquiring about the status of an agreement entered into between John Ferguson and Strickland, for the transfer of title of lands in Shimogo district, Mysore belonging to Mrs Annie Peirson, to Strickland; AGW Ferguson to receive a portion of the profits of any mining activity thereon | 1910 |
| ICS 86/9/6/37 | Letter from Francis Beven, Veyangodathanking Ferguson for a refund of rent, and giving news of his daughter's health | 1910 |
| ICS 86/9/6/38 | Letter from Sara P Claydon, Chiswick, thanking Ferguson for the 'privilege of perusal' | 1910 |
| ICS 86/9/6/39 | Letter from Janns R Bousse, secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute, London, regarding the revision of a paper by Ferguson | 1910 |
| ICS 86/9/6/40-41 | Letters from Clarence Bicknell, the first from Bordigheca, asking if Mrs Ferguson could find a moonstone necklace to replace one that had been stolen, and reminiscing about Ceylon; the second from England notifying Ferguson of the receipt of the necklace | 1911 |
| ICS 86/9/6/42 | Letter from Sir WH White, London, thanking Ferguson for a mention in the 'Ceylon Observer' of an article by him, and remembering their time together in Canada | 1911 |
| ICS 86/9/6/43-48 | Letter from John [?Pole], Maskeliya, regarding the publication of papers by him on quartz and chert | 1911 |
| ICS 86/9/6/49 | Letter from Frederick Young, Cobham, Surrey, thanking Ferguson for his congratulations on his 95 th birthday | 1912 |
| ICS 86/9/6/50 | Letter from Minnie Willis, Hakegala, regretting her indignation with Professor Dunstan and the Governor the previous day | n.d. [early 20 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/6/51 | Letter from Frederick [?Dun.], Colombo, thanking Ferguson for some books, and referring to a forthcoming visit to India | n.d. [early 20 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/7 | General correspondence and cuttings 53 items | 1877-1912 |
| ICS 86/9/7/1-2 | Letters from Arthur Sinclair, in Scotland, discussing personal matters and the Ceylon planting industry | 1877, 1879 |

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| ICS 86/9/7/3-4 | Correspondence between J Haddon and Co., Commission Merchants, and Ferguson, regarding the production and sale of publications | 1884 |
| ICS 86/9/7/5 | Letter from [?] regarding the Ceylon tea trade and other matters Fragile: tracing paper [torn] | 1884 |
| ICS 86/9/7/6 | Letter from AM Ferguson to John Ferguson, expressing relief that Van Cuylenburg 'remains staunch', and refers to a letter sent by Colonel Clark regarding a report that is not yet public | 1888 |
| ICS 86/9/7/7 | Incomplete letter [first sheet only] thanking Ferguson for his congratulations and gift on the writer's marriage | [188.?) |
| ICS 86/9/7/8-9 | Letters from Henry Gullett in New South Wales, advising of the death of his wife, discussing the possibility of Ferguson's early retirement, and responding to a request for an article on Lord Leamington [?Governor of ?] | 1901 |
| ICS 86/9/7/10 | Letter from G Smith, regarding the possibility of an honorary degree from Edinburgh University, which he will investigate at Ferguson's request, and mentioning the present Principal, Sir William Muir, and the question of his successor | 1902 |
| ICS 86/9/7/11 | Letter from [?A Tipple] offering condolences on the death of Ferguson's wife, and giving personal news | 1904 |
| ICS 86/9/7/12 | Letter from HCR Bell regarding the selection of lantern slides of Anuradhapura and Polonnarawa to illustrate a lecture | 1908 |
| ICS 86/9/7/13 | Letter from J Macdonald, Edinburgh, giving personal news and news of friends and acquaintances in Scotland | 1910 |
| ICS 86/9/7/14-15 | Correspondence between Ferguson and the Assistant Government Agent, Puttalam, regarding a lease of a reservation of Crown land at Rajakadulwa | 1912 |
| ICS 86/9/7/16 | Photograph [?of John Ferguson] in envelope Note on envelope: 'Small photo belonging to Mrs Hill. Date Unknown' | n.d. [late 19th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/7/17-53 | Miscellaneous news cuttings, letters, notes and other items | 1885-c.1908 |

| ICS 86/9/8 | General correspondence and papers | 1859-1930 |
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| | 40 items | |
| ICS 86/9/8/1-5 | Correspondence from George Wall, Colombo [to Ferguson], mainly regarding aspects of taxation in Ceylon, on contributing articles to the 'Observer', and about the formation of an unspecified association | 1865-1888 |
| ICS 86/9/8/6 | Notes on sights worth seeing in and around Badulla [possibly by George Wall] | n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/8/7 | Copy of letter from [Ferguson] to WG Gladstone MP, expressing concern about the payment of 'Ecclesiastical Establishments' out of the general revenue of dependencies such as India and Ceylon, to support the Church of England, while there is no support for Protestant and other denominations Fragile: bottom portion torn | 1879 |
| ICS 86/9/8/8 | Letter from D Mackay, Colombo, about raising money for [?a planters' ward at the hospital] | 1883 |
| ICS 86/9/8/9-11 | Correspondence between AM and John Ferguson, regarding 'Digby's case', about which the Fergusons have a difference of opinion | 1888 |
| ICS 86/9/8/12 | Part of letter noting the debt owed [to Ferguson] for advocating the tea interests of Ceylon in the London papers | n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/8/13 | Part of letter, marked 'Private to JF', including a note that John Ferguson should get back to his work in Colombo: if the 'old man is left much longer at the helm of affairs he will not have a subscriber left in Haputale' bar the addressee | n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/8/14 | Letter from Edward [P?], Nanu Oya, asking Ferguson to leave a scheme in abeyance for a year or so, owing to limited funds | 1900 |
| ICS 86/9/8/15-20 | Correspondence from Arnold White, Farnham Common, Bucks to Ferguson, regarding lectures by both and other social events in London; with news cuttings relating to a mention of Ferguson in 'Black and White' and to a review of a publication by Ferguson | 1909 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/9/8/21 | Receipt from the Free Public Library of the City of Worcester, for a book on Protestant Missions in Ceylon, donated by John Ferguson | 1909 |
| ICS 86/9/8/22 | Letter from E Bugnion, Geneva, to Ferguson, commenting on his visit to Ceylon and voyage back to France, and thanking the Fergusons for their hospitality | n.d. [early 20 th cent.] |

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| ICS 86/9/8/23 | Small notebook containing notes on proceedings in Parliament, and other miscellaneous memoranda | 1861 |
| ICS 86/9/8/24-25 | Cuttings of articles on the choice of professions for sons of colonial settlers | 1879, 1886 |
| ICS 86/9/8/26 | New Year Supplement to the 'Ceylon Observer' comprising a paper by John Ferguson on 'Old and New Colombo', read before the Society of Arts in London in 1899 | 1900 |
| ICS 86/9/8/27 | Offprint from the 'Ceylon Observer' of an article considering matters of current concern in Ceylon | 1904 |
| ICS 86/9/8/28 | Typescript draft of an article on the impending visit of the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany, to Ceylon, and other news relating to the island | 1910 |
| ICS 86/9/8/29 | News cutting, with typescript copies, of a short article on John Ferguson's return to England via Egypt | 1912 |
| ICS 86/9/8/30-33 | Miscellaneous news cuttings on advertising | 1859 and n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/8/34 | Advertisement sheet for a newspaper column for ladies, by 'Penelope', by Tillotson and Son | n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/8/35 | News cutting of article on 'The Mystery of Pain', a book by James Hinton | n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/8/36-37 | Annual Report on the Dover Orphan Home for Girls, subscribed to by Mrs Ferguson, and information leaflet on the Priory School, Dover | 1882 and n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/8/38-39 | Newspaper obituary and memorial card for C Leslie Ferguson (1895-1930), | 1930 |
| ICS 86/9/8/40 | Guide and catalogue by JHO Paulusz to the Ferguson section of MR DR Wijewardene's Library, [?Colombo], which was built up by Donald W Ferguson (1853-1910) | 1948 |
| ICS 86/9/9 | Maps 4 items | 1901 and n.d. |
| ICS 86/9/9/1 | Plan of the Suez Ship Canal by Captain Chapman for Messrs Mosses and Mitchell, agents for the Suez Canal Company, London; published by George Berridge & Co, Eastcheap In two parts. Very fragile: torn | n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |
| ICS 86/9/9/2 | Map of the town of Nuwara Eliya and suburbs | n.d. [late 19 th cent.] |

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| ICS 86/9/9/3-4 | Maps of Colombo, in the 18th century from a facsimile drawing from the Hague, and of the same portion in 1901 | 1901 |
| ICS 86/9/10 | Miscellaneous items, apparently having no direct connection with the Fergusons 2 items | 1787-1837 |
| ICS 86/9/10/1 | Admission of Sir John MacPherson, late Governor General of Bengal as a burges of the City of Edinburgh Document in tin box with coat of arms of the City of Edinburgh on face. Separate tin box for seal enclosed; not opened | 1787 |
| ICS 86/9/10/2 | Proof copy of introduction to 'England under Seven Administrations' by A Fonblanque [published 1837] | c.1837 |