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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference: MS788

Title: International Commission of Enquiry

to Liberia

Dates: c1930 Level: fonds Extent and Medium: 7 bundles

Name of Creator: Christy, Cuthbert (1863-1932)

explorer and zoologist

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History: Dr Cuthbert Christy was educated at the University of Edinburgh, where he graduated with a MB, CM in 1892. He served as a medical officer with the Army in Northern Nigeria from 1898 to 1900. He also served as a medical officer in India. From 1903 to 1914, Christy took part in several expeditions in India and Africa. Between 1911 and 1916 he conducted an expedition in the Congo for the Belgium government and from 1915 to 1916 he explored and mapped the Nile-Congo divide for the Sudan Government. During World War One he served in the Royal Army Medical Corp as an adviser on malaria in the East African Expeditionary Forces. He was also attached to the War Trade Intelligence (Africa) Staff at the War Office.

Christy was the representative for the League of Nations and Chairman of the International Commission of Enquiry to Liberia with reference to slavery and forced labour, which sat in 1930. He died in 1932.

CONTENT

Scope and Content: The collection contains records and minutes of the League of Nations International Commission of Enquiry to Liberia, 1930. It also contains correspondence and verbatim records of testimonies given by witnesses.

ACCESS AND USE

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MS788/1 File A: Monrovia

1930

Records and minutes from 1st sitting to the 13th, 8-17 April. With list of contents for files A and B.

167 leaves

MS788/2 File B: Monrovia

1930

Reports from 14th sitting to the 24th, 17 Apr-6 May.

169 leaves

MS788/3 File C: Monrovia

1930 March-

May

Correspondence from arrival until leaving Monrovia. List of contents.

290 leaves

MS788/4 File D: Maryland verbatim records

1930 May-

June

Testimony of chiefs, Liberians, and others. Met with Dr Christy at Cape Palmas.

119 leaves

MS788/5 File E: Maryland

1930 May-

June

Verbatim records (Mr Mathew?). Testimony of chiefs...met with by Dr. Johnson on his journey to Grand Less, Webbo and back and at Cape Palmas. List of contents

102 pages

MS788/6 File F: Maryland

c1927-1930

Correspondence. Relevant papers and exhibits. List of contents

104 pages

MS788/7 Items of evidence and correspondence

c1930

Loose items transferred to a separate file. Numbered "A", "B" etc.

75 pages