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Alexander Clifford Vernon Melbourne Collection

Size	14 boxes
Contents	Articles, correspondence, manuscripts, radio scripts, note books, newspaper clippings, records of the Advisory Committee on Eastern Trade, the Workers' Educational Association and the University of Queensland Senate.
Date range	1931 to 1940
Biography	Alexander Clifford Vernon Melbourne was born in Adelaide on 10 June 1888. He was a Lecturer and later Associate Professor of History at the University of Queensland from 1913 to 1943. He was a joint member of the University Senate, secretary of the Joint Committee for Public Lectures and Tutorial Classes etc. The collection includes background research material for his work on constitutional history of Australia and notes taken from the Colonial Office records in London. In December 1931 he was sent to Japan and China by the Senate, and later in 1933, he was elected Chairman of the Federal Advisory Committee on Eastern Trade. He researched trade statistics of Japan and China, as well as their treaty obligations and tariff laws. He also contributed articles on Queensland history, etc. regularly to the Brisbane Daily Mail. His collection reflects the activities of these fields. He died on 7 June 1943.
Notes	Unrestricted access Series A. Articles. -- Series B. Biographical papers. -- Series C. Correspondence. -- Series D. Documents concerning constitutional development in Australia, South Africa and America. -- Series E. Research notes on constitutional development in Australia. -- Series F. Lecture notes. -- Series G. Manuscripts. -- Series H. Miscellaneous papers. -- Series J. Public lectures. -- Series K. Radio scripts. -- Series L. Press clippings. -- Series M. Records relating to various Advisory Committees on Eastern trade. -- Series N. Research notes mainly taken from Colonial Office records. Also report on Workers' Educational Association and Dept. of Tutorial Classes at UQ 1939. The collection was rehoused in 2014 and box numbers were reallocated. Refer to the chart at the end of this listing to convert old box numbers to new numbers.

Box 1

Series A: Articles

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| A1 | Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954
Australia and Japan; a series of three articles [1936?] |
| A2 | Australia and Japan; a series of 6 articles published in <i>The Daily Mail</i> , Brisbane, 14 Aug to 19 Aug 1933. |

- A3** Japan, China and Australia; a series of five articles published in the *Courier-Mail*, Brisbane, 9 Jul to 14 Jul 1938.
- A4** Queensland and the Commonwealth; a series of four articles published in *The Daily Mail*, Brisbane, 14 Jun to 17 Jun 1933.
- A5** Queensland history; a series of 27 articles published in *The Daily Mail*, Brisbane, 13 Mar 1926 to 9 Apr 1927. *Press clippings pasted on foolscap sheets*. Also one folder of holograph drafts, notes etc. In 6 sections: New Guinea episode (10 pts) The settlement at Somerset (6 pts); The financial crisis of 1886 (3 pts); Earliest immigration policy (4 pts); An unwanted Governor (4 pts)

Series B: Biographical papers

- B** **McIlwraith, Sir Thomas**
Details of academic career, copies of testimonials presented with applications for appointments.

Series C: Correspondence

- C** This collection was received in 1945, and some catalogue entries were made, but without any page numbering or other accession controls. It was recatalogued in 1977, by which time it was not possible to determine whether the several categories into which the correspondence was broken up, represented the original order as established by Prof. Melbourne, or that of the first cataloguer. Since several files seemed to overlap in subject content as well as chronology the present arrangement was imposed. The chronological sequence of incoming and outgoing correspondence.
- CA** **Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954**
Correspondence 7 Sep 1931 to 21 Dec 1933 relating to the appointment of Trade Commissioners to Japan and China, and other matters arising from the work of the Federal and State Advisory Committees on Eastern Trade.

Box 2

- CB** **Visit to China and Japan**
Correspondence 14 Sep 1931 to 22 May 1936 relating to his visits to Japan and China; chiefly correspondence with Chinese and Japanese Consuls-General, Commonwealth and State government departments, trading companies in Australia and the East. Includes:
- **Stephenson, A**
Correspondence, 1930 to 1931. Relates to trade with China; includes letter to J. D. Story 2 Nov 1931 and letters from Sze Hing & Co. 10 Mar 1930 Hong Kong, and A. C. V. Melbourne, 12 Nov 1931.
 - **Australia. Department of Markets**
Correspondence, Nov to Dec 1931 with A. C. V. Melbourne and E. G. Theodore. Relates to information regarding trade with the East; letter dated 15 Dec. encloses draft report of Australia's trade with the East, 1930 – 1.

- **Brisbane Chamber of Commerce**
Letter, 18 Nov 1931 to A. C. V. Melbourne. Relates to letter received by Mr McIntyre from F. R. Smith regarding the exchange position with China.
- **Moore, Arthur Edward**
Letter of introduction, 9 Dec 1931 commending Prof. Melbourne to persons in authority in China and Japan.
- **Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., Tokyo**
Letter, 15 Mar 1932 to A. C. V. Melbourne. Encloses memorandum on exports of silk to Australia and Australian tariffs.
- **Palstra, V J**
Letter, 22 Mar 1932 to A. C. V. Melbourne. Letter relates to Chang's appointment as Assistant to Dr. Koo, and to Chinese attitudes about trade with Japan.
- **Beirne, Thomas Charles**
Letter, 19 May 1932 to A. C. V. Melbourne. Relates to Japanese imports and foreign exchange matters; encloses letter from Bank of Australasia and import lists 1921 – 31 of T. C. Beirne & Co. Ltd.
- **Wills, Gilchrist and Sanderson Limited**
Letters, 23 May to 22 June 22 1932 to A. C. V. Melbourne. Relate to shipping services between Australia and the East, and to port charges.
- **Australia – Japan Society, Tokyo**
Letters, Mar and Apr 1932 to A. C. V. Melbourne. Include invitation to round table discussion and two letters of appreciation of Melbourne's visit; the Society's paper "How to develop Japan-Australian trade", 1932, is enclosed.
- **Eastern & Australian Steamship Co., Ltd.**
Letters, 10 Nov to 8 Dec 1931 to A. C. V. Melbourne. Relate to arrangement for passage to China; also recommendations to see V. J. Palstra in Shanghai.
- **Li Chor Chi**
Letter dated 25 May 1932 to A. C. V. Melbourne. Relates to Melbourne's visit to Hong Kong.
- **Reuter, Brockelmann & Co., Shanghai**
Letters, 28 Jan to 6 Feb 1932 to A. C. V. Melbourne. Relate to dealings with Australian currency; letter dated 6 Feb. encloses 2 demand drafts.

CC**Various Authors**

Correspondence, Dec 1932 to Feb 1939

CD1 – 255**Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954**

Correspondence 9 May 1933 to Dec 1937 relating to Australia's foreign and trade relations with Japan, China and other Eastern countries; includes some memoranda by Melbourne.

Box 3

CD256 – 346 Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954

Correspondence 9 May 1933 to Dec 1937 relating to Australia's foreign and trade relations with Japan, China and other Eastern countries; includes some memoranda by Melbourne.

CD347 – 499 Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954

Correspondence 9 May 1937 to 18 Aug 1939 relating to Australia's foreign and trade relations with Japan, China and other Eastern countries; includes some memoranda by Melbourne.

CD Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954

Miscellaneous press clippings, which were separated from original order of **CD** and placed in a separate folder.

CE1 – 76 Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954

Correspondence 17 May 1933 to 16 Mar 1934 relating to a projected tour of Japan by a group of businessmen and students. This tour did not eventuate.

Correspondence 6 Dec 1932 to 21 Feb 1939. Miscellaneous correspondence, some of which may be strays from other files.

Box 4

Series D: Documents concerning constitutional development

D1 Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954

Documents illustrating constitutional development in Australia.

D2 Documents illustrating constitutional development in New South Wales up to 1856.

D3 Documents illustrating constitutional development in South Africa.

D4 Documents illustrating constitutional development in the English colonies in North America.

Series E: Research notes on constitutional development in Australia

E1 Notes from Sydney papers, 1824 – 1842, chiefly *The Australian*.

E2 Early Constitutional development in Australia ... Queensland 1859 – 1922 ... St. Lucia, 1963 2nd ed. Three manuscript drafts. Undated, prepared for 1st ed.

Box 5

Series F: Lecture notes

F1 Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954

Lecture notes on British constitutional history. Marginal note: Neale, dates 7 May to 21 May. [Robert George Neale?]

F2 Lecture notes on constitutional history, delivered at the University of Queensland. Incomplete set. Dated 1926.

- F3** Queensland history: Sir Thomas McIlwraith and the Inter-colonial Conference of 1883. [Lecture notes?]
- F4** Railway construction in the eighties; the land grant system. [Lecture notes?]

Series G: Manuscripts

- G1** Foreign concessions in China. Opening up the China trade [193?] Article or public lecture.
- G2** A foreign policy for Australia [193?] Outlines a policy, and suggests a framework for a system of overseas trade commissions.
- G3** Report on Australian intercourse with Japan and China (Brisbane Govt. printer, 1932).
- G4** Secondary industries in Australia [193?]
- G5** William Charles Wentworth. Brisbane, Biggs & Co., 1934. (John Murtagh Macrossan lectures 1932). Draft version, with some research notes.

Series H: Miscellaneous papers

- H** Miscellaneous papers. Book lists, correspondence etc. relating to the disposal, by sale or otherwise, of his library after his death; mainly letters from the University Librarian to Mrs Melbourne and Professor Alcock.

Series J: Public lectures

- J1** Early Brisbane. 9 July 1925. Ms. precis notes.
- J2** Japan's objective; address delivered to the Thirty Club, Brisbane, 23 Oct. 194?
- J3** The Sino-Japanese question; report of an address to a luncheon meeting 23 May, 1938.

Series K: Radio scripts

- K1** Account of his tour of Japan and China in 1931 – 32 at the instigation of the Senate of the University of Queensland [1932].
- K2** Present-day Japan; a series of 6 broadcast talks [1934?].
- K3** The separation of Queensland; series of three talks broadcast on station 4QG [193?] Broadcasts 1 and 3 only held.

Series L: Press clippings

- L** Press clippings, mainly reviews of his: William Charles Wentworth, and: Early constitutional development in Australia.

Series M: Records relating to various Advisory Committees on Eastern Trade

- M1** **Australia. Advisory Committee on Eastern Trade**
Minutes of meetings: 19 Oct 1933 to 15/16 Apr 1935; with agenda papers and some submissions from State Advisory Committees. Also ms. notes by A. C. V. Melbourne.
- M1** **Australia. Federal Advisory Committee on Eastern Trade.**
Agenda and reports [incomplete] 19 Oct 1933 to 16 Apr 1935

Box 6

- M2** **New South Wales Advisory Committee on Eastern Trade**
Minutes of meetings: 2nd to 16th, 9 Aug 1933 to 2 Feb 1937 [incomplete]
- M3** **Queensland Advisory Committee on Eastern Trade**
Minutes of meetings: 1st to 16th, 14 Aug 1933 to 22 Jan 1937. Together with agenda papers, correspondence and documents circulated by the Secretary, to 5 Jan 1940.
- M4** **South Australian Advisory Committee on Eastern Trade**
Minutes of meetings: 1st to 12th, 5 Sep 1933 to 25 Feb 1937; 21st to 22nd, 6 Jul 1939 to 1 Apr 1940.
- M5** **Tasmanian Advisory Committee on Eastern Trade**
Minutes. 1st meeting – 20th, 15 Aug. 1933, 8 Apr. 1940. Incomplete.
- M6** **Victorian Advisory Committee on Eastern Trade**
Minutes. 2nd meeting – 16th. 27 July, 1933 – 29 Jan. 1937. (No. 11 missing)
- M7** **Western Australian Advisory Committee on Eastern Trade**
Minutes. 1st meeting, 12 Sept. 1933 – 19th, 2 Mar., 1936, 30th, 17 July 1939, 31st 17 Mar. 1940.
- MG** **Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954**
Notes on W. C. Wentworth, taken from Colonial Office and Public Office Records files.

Series N: Research notes mainly taken from Colonial Office records

- NA1 – 2** **Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954**
Notes on papers relating to Canada in the Colonial Office records; with 1 vol. of notes on books and pamphlets, and index to bills in the Colonial Office records, 1801 – 1852.

Box 7

- NA3 – 7** **Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954**
Notes on papers relating to Canada in the Colonial Office records; with 1 vol. of notes on books and pamphlets, and index to bills in the Colonial Office records, 1801 – 1852.
- NA8 – 10** Notes on papers relating to Lower Canada in the Colonial Office Records (CO42, 94 – 315)

Box 8

NA11 – 14 **Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954**

Notes on despatches to the Lieut. Governor of Canada. 1829 – 1832, in the Colonial Office records.

- NB1 – 5** Notes on papers relating to New South Wales in Colonial Office records.
To NSW 1823, Vol. 1, 2, 3 (NB1 – NB4); NSW to 1823, Vol 4, 5 (NB4, NB5)

Box 9

NB6 – 15 **Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954**

Notes on papers relating to New South Wales in Colonial Office records. NSW 1823 – 1828, Vol. 1, 2 (NB6, NB7); NSW 1828 – 1842, Vol 1 – 4 (NB8 – NB11); and 1842 – 1850, Vol 1, 2, 3, 4 (NB12 – 15) Summary of NB: To 1823: 5 vols; 1823 – 1828: 2 vols; 1828 – 1842: 4 vols; 1842 – 1850: 6 vols; 1850 – 1855: 2 vols; N.S.W. – North Australian boundaries: 1 vol; odd notes, 1 vol

Box 10

NB16 – 21 **Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954**

Notes on papers relating to New South Wales in Colonial Office records. 1842 – 60 Vol 5, 6 (NB16, NB17); N.S.W.-North Australian boundaries, 1 vol (NB18); 1850 – 1855, Vol 1, 2 (NB19, NB20); and NSW odd notes (NB21).

- NC1 – 6** Notes on papers relating to South Australia in the Colonial Office records. Vol 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 (NC1, 2, 4, 5, 6) [Vol 3 missing]

Box 11

- ND1 – 5** Notes on papers relating to Van Diemen's Land in the Colonial Office records. Vol 1 – 5 (ND1 – ND5)

ND6 – 10 **Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954**

Notes on papers relating to Van Diemen's Land in the Colonial Office records. Vol 6 – 12 (ND6 – ND10)

Box 12

ND11 – 12 **Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954**

Notes on papers relating to Van Diemen's Land in the Colonial Office records. Vol 6 – 12 (ND11 – ND12) Also: N.S.W. and V.D.L. Blue books 1 vol. (ND13)

- NE** Notes on papers relating to Victoria in the Colonial Office records, and Victorian Votes and Proceedings. Vol 1 – 3 (NE1 – NE3)

- NF1 – 4** Notes on papers relating to Western Australia in the Colonial Office records. Vol 1 – 4 (NF1 – NF4)

Box 13

NF1 – 4 Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954

Notes on papers relating to Western Australia in the Colonial Office records. Vol 5 – 6 (NF5 – NF6)

NF7 – 11 Notes on papers relating to Western Australia in the Colonial Office records. Vol 7 – 11 (NF7 – NF11)

Box 14

NG1 – 3 Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954

Notes on correspondence of W. C. Wentworth, taken from Wentworth papers in the Mitchell Library, A756.

NH Notes on Governor's despatches from New Zealand, 1838 – 1848, taken from Colonial Office records.

NI Index of abstracts from Historical Records of Australia, on various topics.

NI Method of historical research. 15 Oct [19--] These notes are contained in notebook 2/NI – Index to abstracts from Historical Records of Australia.

Commission of inquiry on the organisation, activities and otherwise of the Workers' Educational Association and the Department of Tutorial Classes of the University of Queensland, C. D. O'Brien and F. H. Flethcher, held at Brisbane 1 Apr. 1939 – 17 July 1939.

Melbourne, Alexander Clifford Vernon, 1888-1954

Papers compiled as chairman of the University of Queensland Building Committee. 1935. Relate to discussion of various suggested plans for the layout of the University at St Lucia, including those of F. W. Robinson, Mr. Leven and Dr. Bradfield. Also a letter from Prof. H. Alcock to A. C. V. Melbourne.

Box number conversion chart

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