General Sir Archibald Alison (1826-1907)

Box 1

1851	Detailed sketch map of the Residency and surroundings, Lucknow, India, from General Sir Colin Campbell, Calcutta, India, to Alison
1857 Oct 21	Memorandum from Chief of Staff [General Sir Colin Campbell?], relating to Lucknow, India
1857 Sep 24	Memorandum by Chief of Staff [General Sir Colin Campbell ?] on troop movements, India, 10-24 Sep 1857
1857 Sep- Oct	Memoranda from Chief of Staff [?] to Military Secretary [?], concerning communications and troop movements
1858	Memorandum concerning operations in Bengal and Central India during the summer of 1858
1858-1862	Records of service and correspondence relating to Alison's appointments
[1859] Feb 6	'C Canning' [Charlotte Elizabeth Canning, wife of Charles John Canning, Earl Canning, Governor General of India] to General Sir Colin Campbell, 1st Baron Clyde, expressing her relief at his safe return after the capture of Lucknow Garrison, India
1859 Jul 26	Memorandum from General Sir Colin Campbell, 1st Baron Clyde, concerning operations in India following the capture of Lucknow Garrison, India, Mar 1858
1862 Aug 7	Copy letter from General Sir Colin Campbell, 1st Baron Clyde, to Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston, Prime Minister, relating to the division of prize property captured at Kirwee, India
1862 Nov- Dec	Extract from memorandum by Sir John Lawrence [John Laird Mair Lawrence, 1st Baron Lawrence, Governor General of India ?], 27 Nov 1862, on the merits of the troops who had captured Delhi, India, with response, 5 Dec 1862, from Gen Sir Colin Campbell, 1st Baron Clyde
1863 - 1907	Various press cuttings relating to Alison and military, including obituary of Colin Campbell Baron Clyde [1863]; 'The brains of the Army', from <i>The Word</i> , 17 Nov 1880, detailing the work of the Intelligence Department under Alison.
1868-1892	Official correspondence relating to Alison's appointments, with correspondents including Sir Henry Thurston Holland, 1st Lord Knutsford, Secretary of State for the Colonies, George William Frederick Charles, 2nd Duke of Cambridge, Commander in Chief of the British Army, and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Secretary of State for War. 2 Files. [2nd file in box 2]

Box 2

1874	Map of the battle of Amoaful, Ashanti (now Ghana), 31 January 1874 (2 copies)
1880	Letter from M Gerard [tentatively identified as General Sir Montagu Gilbert Gerard, 1843-1905] with detailed account of capture of Kabul, Afghanistan [with partial transcript].
1882	Letters to Alison from Lady Alison
1882	Ordnance Survey map of Low Egypt, 1:500,000

Box 3

- 1882-[1900] Formal photographs of Alison
- 1882-1883 Official correspondence relating to the campaign in Egypt, chiefly concerning appointments, the state of the troops, organisation, and the necessity of retaining a permanent force in Egypt. Correspondents include Frederick Temple Hamilton-Temple-Blackwood, Earl of Dufferin, Special Commissioner to Egypt, 1882 including maps of areas in Egypt.
- 1883 *Further correspondence respecting the affairs of Egypt* (Harrison & Sons, London, 1883) prepared under Alison as Head of Intelligence Department, War Office
- 1883-1892 Semi-official letters to Alison from FM Garnet Joseph Wolseley, 1st Viscount Wolseley, Adjutant General to the Forces
- 1885-1886 Memoranda by Alison on subjects including: Government of India proposals for a permanent increase in British troops in India; demobilisation in Egypt; Colonel Sir Charles Wilson's failure to reach Khartoum in time to relieve General Charles Gordon; importance of mounted infantry.
- [1889] 'Rough sketch of my military life, 3 November 1845 1 Jan 1881' by Alison and other rough notes by Alison relating to his life.
- 1891 Letter from M Gerard [General Sir Montagu Gilbert Gerard] to Alison, with detailed account of the visit of the future Nicolas II of Russia to India
- To Coomassie and Back (with a map) (Simpkin, Marshall, Hamiliton & Kent, London, 1895) by Lieut. W T Dooner (8th King's Regiment by 1895 Colonel commanding 87th Regimental District)
- 1907 Correspondence, press cuttings and orders relating to the death and funeral of Alison
- 1914-1918 Correspondence between Alison's family and Blackwoods publishers, concerning a possible biography of Alison
- c1918-c1919 Typescript article, 'The European Brigade under Brigadier General Sir

Archibald Alison in the Ashanti War, 1873-1874' by Major General Sir Charles Walker Robinson, son-in-law of Alison

- nd Notes on the Hungarian War, 1848
- nd [c1900] Notes on Alison's career