**CONAN DOYLE AND CLEMENT SHORTER PAPERS IN ARCHIVES**

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<https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/arthur-conan-doyle-roger-casement>

[Got John Harris to Casement and Shorter items in Add MS 63596 including Carpenter letter of Saturday July 1916, Kipling and Yeats.]

Add MS 46912

Two letters from Sir Roger David Casement, C.M.G., to officers of the Anti-Slavery Society, viz:

(1) Henry Richard Fox Bourne, about German atrocities in the Cameroons; 7 Feb. 1894. ff. 24-29;

(2) John H. Harris, Organising Secretary, written from Brixton Prison while Casement was awaiting trial for treason; 11 June 1916. ff. 30-31.

(Some items digitised and copies made of July 1916 Conan Doyle letters to Clement Shorter – mention of diaries)

Scanned copies made:

Arthur Conan Doyle to Clement Shorter on diary and sexual offences 13 July 1916

Arthur Conan Doyle to Clement Shorter on Belfast being in diary 21 July 1916

Arthur Conan Doyle to Clement Shorter on Captain Fryatt and Germans 30 July 1916.

British Library Add MS 63596

CASEMENT PETITION PAPERS: correspondence and papers of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and **Clement K. Shorter**, editor of The Sphere, concerning their petition to the government to reprieve Roger Casement, sentenced to death for high treason, 29 June 1916; [See ‘Phases’ by Angus Mitchell] 1916. Partly printed. Purchased from David J. Holmes Autographs, Philadelphia, Cat. II, lot 62, 7 Aug. 1985. Paper; ff. 176. Individual items mounted and bound in dark green morocco with gilt tooling, including Irish emblems, by Rivière, in a cloth slipcase. 288 x 233mm. 1. ff. 2-3. One of twelve privately printed copies of A Petition to the Prime Minister on behalf of Roger Casement by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1916). 2. ff. 4-22. **Correspondence between Conan Doyle and Shorter, July 1916,** including a draft, 2 July, to Shorter from G. Gavan Duffy, Casement's solicitor; letters to Doyle and Shorter from the Home Office acknowledging receipt of the Petition; and a letter from Shorter on the same subject, 26, 27 July; 2-30 July 1916, n.d. 3. ff. 23-61. Thirty-seven printed petitions, returned to Shorter, signed by supporters, the latter include: William Archer, Arnold Bennett, G. K. Chesterton, Will Crooks, John Drinkwater, John Galsworthy, Alice Gomme, Maurice Hewlett, Jerome K. Jerome, John Masefield, H. W. Massingham, C. P. Scott, Ben Tillett, Sidney and Beatrice Webb and Israel Zangwill. 4. ff. 62-75. News cutting from the New York American; 14 March 1915. Printed. Containing Casement's allegation that Britain tried to kidnap him in Norway. 5. ff. 76-176. Eighty-six letters, eighty-four of them to Shorter and two to Conan Doyle, relating to the petition, from supporters and opposers; 1916. The writers include: Alfred Austin, John Burns, Viscount Bryce, Sidney Colvin, **Edward Carpenter**, J. L. Garvin, Viscount Haldane, **Rudyard Kipling**, Sir Arthur Pinero, Eden Phillpotts, George Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells and **W. B. Yeats**. Two replies were written copies of the standard letter sent out with the petition by Shorter on 7 July.

Angus Mitchell - ‘Basil Thomson, competent, Oxford-educated historian who found the Diaries. Thomson, who briefly served as Director of intelligence at the Home Office after the war was retired from his senior job as Assistant commissioner in Special Branch in circumstances that remain murky, and after committing an act in violation of public decency'. A letter from the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Brigadier-General Norwood to the Permanent Under-Secretary at the Home Office, John Anderson in 1925 indicated the rancour surrounding Thomson's dismissal: [He] took away copies of every important document, photographs of very important personage, and transcripts of all shorthand records of every investigation and interrogation conducted by him during his official life as head of the Criminal Investigation Department and the Special Branch, which might be likely to be of interest and productive if financial gain to him as a journalist .. Every document disappeared.’

MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS AND PAPERS, viz.:- A. Letter from the Rev. Benjamin Jowett, Regius Professor of Greek at Oxford, to - relating to the Codex Sinaiticus; 1 Aug. [watermark 1859]. ff. 1-2. Presented...

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<http://archives.nypl.org/uploads/collection/generated_finding_aids/brg19262.pdf>

NYPL Manuscript box Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. 24 ALS, 1 postcard to Shorter 1897 Jan. 17 - [1916?] Aug. 24 (25 letters in 5 folders)

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Clement Shorter collection in Leeds.

No Conan Doyle letters. Letters to Oliver Borthwick from Casement, Roger. Belfast, **Letters:** 27 December 1904 - 24 January 1905. **Location:** MS Dep 1990/1/1799, 1800. He died in 1905.

<https://explore.library.leeds.ac.uk/special-collections-explore/8773>

Added to collection, July, 2016: 7 letters with various correspondents regarding Roger Casement, 1917-1919.

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