

TAA i.2.1.077

Diary Season 1923 - 1924.

Oct. 3.

Left London for Trieste, per Simplon Express, 11 am.

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Arrived Trieste 11.30 pm - went on board S.S. 'Helouan'.

8.

Arrived Alexandria 4 pm. Cairo 10.30 pm.

11.

Saw Quibell at the Cairo Museum with whom I made plans for the coming season's Campaign on the tomb of Tut.ankh.Amen.

We discussed what measures should be taken to avoid newspaper disputes and difficulties with regard to visitors, which rendered the Tut.ankh.Amen work so difficult last year.

12.

Went to Alexandria to see the Minister of P.W.D., Abd El Hamid Pasha Suleman and placed before the programme discussed by Quibell and myself.

The proposals: (1) the Press. Now that I had taken Merton on my staff I proposed to ~~given~~^[?]/~~ve~~> through him the same daily report to the Times and to the Egyptian press. The Times news would be cabled out in the evening to be printed in the next day's paper. The same news would be given to the Egyptian press early in the morning, in ample time to be printed in the papers of the day. Thus news would reach the public in London and in Cairo practically at the same time. I also pointed out that in this manner the Cairo newspapers will get for nothing what all European and American papers will have to pay for. (2) Visitors - I pointed out that to admit visitors one day each week ~~involve~~ would involve a very serious loss of time. The day before visitors are received, all delicate objects must be removed or especially protected; tools put away, electric wiring altered, and a clear path made. All this involves hours of work the day before and hours of work the day after, and thus each week one whole day and parts of two other days would be sacrificed. I therefore proposed that no visitors should enter until after a definite part of the work of this season is done, and that after an official inspection or opening, our scientific records taken, visitors should be allowed to enter by tickets obtained through the Public Works Ministry, for a time, a week or more, if ~~n~~ this considered necessary. That this would probably only be possible ~~when open~~ after the opening of the Sarcophagus as there would be little or no room to permit passage of visitors before then - the shrines taken^{sic} {taking} up the whole of the area of the Sepulchral Chamber. The other chambers, namely the Annexe and Store chamber being ~~permanently~~/~~temporarily~~> closed until the moment for dealing with them came.

Abd El Hamid Pasha Suleman was agreeable to this plan and asked me to place it before Furness at the Residency - this I did before lunch and Furness ~~who~~ was also agreeable. Furness after returned my note with his letter dated Oct 17th wherein he remarks that he shewed it to Scott who remarked that he feared the proposal about visitors would cause disappointed^{sic} {disappointment} to many tourists.

As I do not work for Tourists nor am I a Tourist Agent I have taken no notice of this futile remark.

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Oct. 16.

Left Cairo for Luxor 8 pm with Callender and Burton.

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Arrived Luxor 9.15 am. Where our native staff met us & reported all well.

Remained in Luxor until the following day

18.

Crossed over to Goorna - arriving at my house 11 am.

Inspected the Valley - Tut.ankh.Amen Tomb, laboratory, and Magazine - finding everything and men in good order.

20.

Parker - Times correspondent - arrived Luxor.

Motor car brought over to Goorna.

Made arrangements for operations to commence on exterior work in the Valley on the following Monday - Oct 22nd.

22.

Commenced operations in the Valley: with 25 men and 50 boys began clearing and levelling the area before the entrance of the laboratory (tomb Seti II). so as to have plenty of room for photographing, restoring^{sic} {restoration}, packing, and for the carpenters.

Parker and his wife visited the works during the morning.

24.

The levelling before laboratory completed as well as path leading up to same. ~~Started~~ Started filling up holes En Route from Tut.ankh.Amen Tomb to Lab.

25.

Commenced upon removing the debris placed last season over the tomb of Tut.ankh.Amen .. The work in charge of Reis Ahmed with ten men and Reis Hussein abu Owad with twenty boys - the debris being used to fill up the S. end of the trench exposing huts on the S. end of the foot-hill.

Reises Hussein and Gad continued with the rest of the men to make good the various holes along the path in the vicinity of the Akh.en.aten vault.

Burton commenced on the 22nd to make a series of photos of the Valley - beginning at the Mouth continuing towards the Royal Tombs.

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TutankhAmen cleared to top of staircase. Mason commenced upon repairing the retaining walls. The tidying of the rest of the Valley also completed.

29.

Opened laboratory (Seti II tomb N^o 15) and commenced sorting materials therein. Men paid for week ending Today - Reises received their wages, for summer duty, to Oct. 31st 1923.

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Completed preparations in Laboratory and also Magazine.

31.

Put down matting in first bay of Laboratory.

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Nov. 1st

Callender commenced laying the electric wires to TutankhAmen Tomb and Akhenaten vault (Dark-Room).

Bradstreet appeared in the Valley. Refused to converse with him owing to his disgraceful behaviour and action of last season.

2nd

I must leave for Cairo - 6 pm train - to confer with Tottenham (Under Sec. P.W.D.), Quibell, and the Min. P.W.D. on question of policy with regard to press and visitors for this Season : Having just heard by letter from Quibell that Valentine Williams (Reuters) and Bradstreet (Morning Post and Hearst press) had lodged a protest at the Ministry against the Times Agreement and proposed policy for this Season.

With regard to the Ministry, as afore said, I had already placed before them in Cairo and Alex. a perfectly fair programme to which they then did not seem to raise any objection, pointing out at the same time there would be attacks by the opposition, but that by taking a firm attitude such opposition could be frustrated: the Eg. Gov. had obviously waived.

I trust when the whole matter is again explained to them we shall come to an agreeable and final settlement.

The suggestions made in the memo of Today's letter (by Tottenham and Quibell) would be working for the interests of the opposition and against the interests of the Gov. as well as ourselves.

3rd

Arrived Cairo. Saw Merton. Inscribed name visitors book Abdine Palace.

Callender transported materials & timber from Rail Station to Valley.

4th

Went to Ministry (P.W.D.) 10.30 am. I found the Eg. Gov. had fully armed itself with legal advice and that it persisted in maintaining its alleged right to issue a daily bulletin at 8 pm. However, after a long discussion with Tottenham, Lacau and Quibell, we came to a decision to which Abd El Hamid Pasha Suleman assented - In brief this decision was: the Eg. Gov. should waive its rights to issue summary bulletins, and should confide all the duties of publication to the digger. ~~to gather other minor details~~ There were included other details regarding visitors surveillance to which we had no difference in opinion.

5th

At the Ministry I found that the Eg. Gov. had completely gone back on the previous day's decision. As a result the whole discussion had to be reopened and continued in a vicious circle until I found myself obliged to present what

might be called an ultimatum.

To this ultimatum I received (Nov. 8th) a phone message that the Gov. had decided to accede to my wishes, i.e., invest me with its alleged rights of publicity, in other words, I should be the sole source of information as laid down in the original proposal.

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Nov. 8th

I called on the H.C. Lord Allenby and explained to him the whole situation. He gave me every reason to believe that he was in perfect sympathy with my case.

<~~Sunday~~ <Monday>>

12.

A document covering the Eg. Gov. decision was promised me on Saturday (Nov. 10) for signature, as I had received nothing on Sunday (Nov 11) I returned to Luxor, after having sent Merton to inquire at the Ministry. He found the Gov. to be again shilly-shallying with only a vague promise of some definite settlement on the following Tuesday (Nov. 13). / So to force matters I was prepared to recover the tomb and stop work altogether. Left Merton in charge in Cairo.

<Monday/<Tues>>

13.

Received message from Burton 5 pm informing me that

Mace (who arrived on Nov 12) and Bethell (who had arrived in Cairo on Nov. 7.) were coming at once to Luxor to consult me.

14.

Mace & Bethell brought me the Gov. final decision, with general advice for me to accept. In its main points it was satisfactory but the reservations so weakened it that I thought it prudent to return to Cairo and see Lord Allenby, ask his advice, before sending an agreement to the proposals.

15.

Returned to Cairo with Mace.

16/<5>.

Saw Lord Allenby 11.30 pm.^{sic} {am}. Saw Tottenham 4.30 pm., when I gave him my agreement to the Eg. Gov. proposals in lawyer's form of letter covering myself and rights. Tottenham led me to understand it would be accepted.

For details of the whole negotiations from beginning to the end see file "Press Controversy and Eg. Gov." N^o 8.

17.

Returned Luxor with Merton and Mace = Crossed over to Gurna. First copies of the Tut.Ankh.Amen book arrived.

18.

Made preparations to recommence work and open tomb on the morrow (Nov. 19.). 5 men & 15 boys actually began and completed the removal of the rubbish in the Staircase Entrance. Mace & self experimented on our new contrivances for paraffin wax for preservation of the objects.

19th

Removed timber blocking from outer doorway of Tomb.

Fixed new wooden door on same.

Examined interior found everything in order.

Mace commenced preservation of Couch N^o 35 - Lion headed^{sic} {headed}.

Lunched in Magazine for first time this Season, with Bethell, Merton, Mace, Burton and Callender.

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Nov. 19th/<20>****

Connected up the electricity in both Antechamber and Sepulchral-hall.

21st

Burton made photographic records of the interior of the Store Chamber.

22.

Commenced draughting the plan of the Sepulchral-hall and Shrine. Burton finish[ed] his records of Store Chamber and objects between N. side of shrine and wall.

Made plan of objects removed last season from front of Shrine.

Sir Lee and Lady Stack and party together with the Mudir of Kena, the Marmour, and Hakimdar, visited the tomb 3 pm.

23.

Made records of contents between 1st and 2nd shrine - within - the - Sepulchre. Burton taking his photos.

24.

Continued records of forepart of 4th interior of 1st Shrine

as well as a record of the corded and sealed staples of the
2nd Shrine. Closed Store chamber.

Mace having completed the lion-headed Couch began upon
one of the Chariot bodies.

25.

Records of objects between outer Shrine and walls of the
Sepulchral Chamber continued - discovered that the
four holes, plastered up and coloured over, for the magical
figures in the walls of the Sepulchral Chamber are intact.

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Among other things completed planning objects
between Shrine and wall of the Sepulchral Chamber
& removed them to the Antechamber. Scott arrived Cairo.

27.

No work.

28.

Packed objects for removal to Laboratory

29.

Objects removed to Laboratory early in the morning
before visitors arrived in the Valley. Afterwards
packed and removed statue on East side of doorway

to Sepulchral Chamber.

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Packed and removed to Laboratory the second Statue
on West side of doorway leading to Sepulchral Chamber.

Tested the partition wall between Antechamber and
Sepulchral Chamber & found it to be only built of
dry stone-work of irregular splinters of limestone
plastered on its faces.

D^r Axel Munthe visited the tomb in the morning also
the Laboratory.

Burton made some trials with the kinema camera.

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1st of Dec.

Fixed wooden screen ~~in front of~~/**<between>** opening to Sepulchral Chamber and Antechamber to protect Shrine while demolishing the partition wall.

Commenced pulling down partition wall. The top part to level of wooden lintel found to be hollow, and comprised dry stone-work of splinters of limestone and flint boulders plastered only on the outer faces of the wall.

Prepared tray of bran to receive the painted portion of the partition wall on inner side.

Lucas arrived by morning train from Cairo, but did not ~~come up~~ go up the Valley.

At Laboratory Mace and Bethell having cleaned the body of the Second golden chariot were working upon fragments of harness Etc belonging to do .and others.

Scott who should have arrived at Luxor today deferred his departure from Cairo until tomorrow Sunday evening - he should arrive Monday 3rd.

We now have three Native Inspectors, ~~be~~/**<n>**amely Shaban Eff, Ibreheem Eff and Abbadir Eff, besides the Chief Inspector Englebach^{sic} {Engelbach}, watching us, on behalf of the Eg. Gov. I imagine to see if we do not take anything - this is amusing especially in the

case of Abbadir Eff. whose ~~at~~ antecedents are certainly not of the best!

2.

Demolished the greater part of the partition wall at end of Antechamber; leaving only the lower part of the two door jambs to be completed on Wednesday. The structure comprising dry stone work filled in with rubble & dust was of astonishing bad workmanship. In each of the jambs were wooden boards on both inner and outer faces. They do not seem to have been necessary and were probably the cause of certain shrinkage visible at the top of the wall. On the west side, in the rock wall of the Antechamber where it ~~ends~~ terminates, the commencement of a cutting was revealed, while taking away the partition wall, which appears to have been made to enable ingress of the long cornice pieces of the Outer Shrine. This would suggest that the parts of that shrine were taken in before the construction of the partition wall. ~~and~~ ~~that~~ .

The decorated portion of plaster on the inside face of the West door-jamb was removed with fair success; sufficiently good to reconstruct the scene (there on) for eventual record.

Sir John Marshall Dir. of . Antiquities, India, called and visited both the Tomb and the Laboratory. He appears to be an interesting man. Have asked him to Lunch Wednesday

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{Drawing of shrine; page between entries for 2 and 3 December 1923}

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Curved roof or Top

	}	} cornice
← cavetto	}	}
	}	} Entablature
← Torus mouldings	}	}
← frieze	}	}
		}
		}

Panel. x Corner pieces bearing vertical torus moulding
on corners.

over Columns Architrave or chief beam

over doorway lintel (or chief beam)

Panel.

~~date~~

dado.

(or in the case of a pedestal the part between the base and the Cornice)

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Dec. 3.

Today being for press view, no work was done in the Tomb. Only four persons visited the Tomb though the fact that it would be opened to the press had been published by the Gov. nearly a fortnight ago. These person[s] were: Miss Johnson (no paper nominated), H. A. Bradstreet of the Morning Post, Valentine Williams special correspondent for Reuter, and a certain E. S. Aldrich (very doubtful) correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune.

At the Laboratory work on the Chariots was continued, while Burton made experiments which were unsuccessful on Autochromes.

Dec. 4.

Weekly holiday

Dec. 5.

The demolishing of the partition wall (between Ante-Chamber & Sepulchral Chamber) completed and part of the wooden screen, placed there for protecting the Shrine, was removed. The lower part of this wall was of the roughest construction, and one wonders how it remain[ed] in such good condition during all the years it stood without showing any signs of falling away from the rock walls . & ceiling.

The piece cut out of the western most corner of the end of the Antechamber wall seems certainly to have been to allow of easy ingress of the larger portions of the Shrine.

Sir Johan[?] {John} Marshall of the India Gov. for Archaeology lunched with us - and we had a long discussion regarding Antiquities laws and division of proceeds, Etc.

Now that the partition wall is removed ~~a magnificent view of the~~ <the> Shrine-within-the-Sepulchre ~~is now~~ can be seen for the first time properly and the view is magnificent.

Dec. 6.

Removed wooden protective screen covering exposed portion of the S. E. corner of shrine - placed there while pulling down the partition wall.

Photographic records taken by Burton of the Shrine as it stands untouched in the Sepulchral Chamber.

Commenced upon unhooking the folding doors, by raising the wooden sections of frieze <which acts on this (the E. end) end as the lintel> and cornice, thus freeing the door pivots from their sockets.

D^r Alexander Scott came & visited both tomb and laboratory.

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{on page between entries for 6 and 7 December 1923}

I cannot help but remark that the more one contemplates upon the scene on the walls of the Sepulchral Chamber, where King Ai is represented before the Osiride King TutankhAmen, the more one is inclined to think that ~~the~~ its true interpretation is that Ai was Co-Regent with TutankhAmen. And that the problem with regard to this ~~part of the~~ XVIIIth Dyn. branch of the Amenhetep and El Amarna families we are dealing with a series of Co-Regencies & not separate reigns.

The tomb of Amenhetep III in Wadyein, which immediately precedes this period, is a full developed orthodox New Empire Royal tomb and its dimensions are in keeping with the preceding Royal Tombs. The tomb of Horemheb immediately succeeding Ai is also in exact keeping in its sequence of Royal Tomb. Now the tombs of Akhenaten, Tutankhamen and Ai are only of semi-Royal Type, and they are of meagre dimension. In fact in plan & size what might be termed D/Semi-Royal.

In the tomb of TutankhAmen among the objects which refer~~en~~ to SmenKaRa we find his name and titles linked with those of Akhenaten. In the Sepulchral Chamber Ai is represented as a King, having kingly titles, and stands before the Osiride form of TutankhAmen, which ~~links him with~~ seems to link him with the deceased Monarch.

Such facts would seem to tend towards co-regencies rather than separate reigns.

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Dec. 7.

Removed the two folding doors from the Outer Shrine. It took the morning - 8.45 to 12.45 - to carry out this task. They proved to be of great weight, but were it not that the gesso & gold was in such a precarious state owing to shrinkage of the wood it would have been a comparatively simple undertaking. It was the handling without unnecessary damage to the overlays surfaces which gave most of the trouble.

Experiments were made with 'duoprene' (a chlorinated rubber compound dissolved in an organic solvent such as zylene^{sic} {xylene}) upon samples of the ~~fa~~ pall fabric which seems to prove most satisfactory in strengthening it for handling, ~~and dealing with~~ as well as preservation.

Newberry & his wife arrived Luxor.

Dec. 8.

Planned & removed objects from the S. E. corner of ~~the~~ the Shrine which comprised sticks and staves and a mace. Among them were two sticks; viz the Gold and Silver stick of the King, which bear on the top a Silver and gold statuette respectively of solid metal and of very fine workmanship - these later pieces give a good reason to believe that there must be valuable material before us in the inner shrines or Sarcophagus.

D^E Scott's results in the Examination of the brown marks upon the walls of the tomb are interesting - his Examination

proves them to be of the nature of mould from infection of some kind.

P. E. Newberry came this morning and visited both the Tomb and the Laboratory.

In the course of this morning's work I also removed the portions of the Pall that had fallen & covered objects within the East end of the Shrine.

The evidence up to date would lead one to believe that there are only 4 shrines within one another instead of five <as in tomb plan of Rameses IV>

Dec. 9.

Planned and removed the remaining objects in the forepart of the outer shrine, namely those in the centre and in the N. E. Corner comprising mostly sticks, two vases and a Mace.

Removed cord and seal from the staples of the Second Shrine, drew the bolts and opened the right hand folding door a little, i.e., as far as the pall support would allow. Through the small aperture between the two doors a Third shrine was visible corded, bolted and sealed as the ~~the~~ Second one, and of similar type and decoration - overlaid with gold and bearing incised decoration.

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Dec. 10.

Completed planning the shrines as far as it is possible at the present stage of the work. This with regard to commencing upon the dismantling of the outer shrine on Wednesday

Dec. 12.

'Man proposes & god disposes' - was seedy and had to remain in the house. Mace continued ~~in the Lab.~~ on the chariot material in the Lab.

Lythgoe, Harkness, and Gardiner arrived.

Lacau called, He went to the Valley & inspected Lab.

Dec. 13.

Lacau, at 9 am, made me an official visit in reference to his two letters (received on 12th). One of these letters demanded a full list of my staff, and the other introduced new rules as to visits & visitors to the tomb.

In the case of the staff the Eg. Gov. claimed the right of approving or refusing any ~~st/~~<m>ember they thought fit.

In the case of visits and visitors, whether friends or otherwise, the absolute ~~control~~ control was to be placed in charge

of the Chief Inspector, Engelbach, to whom I was to consult on every occasion.

In other words I had to get the Govs. sanction before employing anyone on the staff, and could ask no one into the tomb without Engelbach's permission.

My answer to ~~him~~/~~La~~>cau was as follows:

I have had a policy dictated which has been making my work increasingly impossible. Additional communications which I received from you yesterday have brought the matter to an absolute impass^{sic} {impasse}. I decline absolutely to follow the instructions I have now received from you and I now propose to conduct the work in the tomb under the legal rights with which I am empowered under the Terms of my original concession.

To this Lacau, I think somewhat taken aback, began his usual fountain of words, a great deal of which referred to my actions and ~~the~~ "l'avenir".

I refused further discussion, Etc, & we eventually went to the Valley & inspected the recent discoveries ~~in our work at~~ made during these last few days in the tomb.

Lythgoe, Harkness, & Mace were present at this interview with Lacau, Callender acted as interpreter.

Though grave as the whole matter was the whole incident was not without ~~it's amusement~~ amusing aspects.

Harkness and Lythgoe saw Tomb & Lab.

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Dec. 14.

Placed door of outer shrine in its case. Examined roof sections of Shrine.

M^{RS} Harkness, M^{rs} Lythgoe, and Miss Stillman visited the Tomb and Lab.

15.

Removed objects and folding doors ~~from~~ of outer shrine to Lab. Received pm. wire from Tottenham asking me to go to Cairo and meet him ~~with~~ <and> Minister (P. W. D.) regarding matter of Eg. Gov's. proposals discussed with Lacau to which I had already given my refusal to accept.

16.

Arranged to go to Cairo Monday 17th.

Gardiner came & copied hieratic and other inscriptions.

Lifted one section of the roof of the outer shrine preparatory to its removal. Discovered that the shrine is held together with large bronze or copper dowels at the four corners of the cornice besides having interlocking and tongued sections.

Prepared chamber for press visits on the morrow.

Mace left p.m. for Cairo to meet his wife & child arriving

Monday at Alex.

17.

Eight press visits, only one of which was from the Eg. papers, and he not a boni fide^{sic} {bona fide} representative.

Left for Cairo with Merton & Mert[?]

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18.

Saw Tottenham at his house (a.m.) who explained to me the Eg. Govs'. attitude in the matter of visitors to tomb and our staff - incorporated in the two letters received a few days back. Saw Abd El Hamid Pasha Suleman (Min. P. W. D.) 4 pm and had two hours conversation with him. It became evident that the whole question of staff and visitors raised by the Gov. was the direct result of local press criticism of the Gov's and the P. W. D. Mins actions since[?]. In fact the Min. admitted it to be so and to save his face asked me not to allow Merton to enter the Tomb except on press view days. His alter intention was upon receiving a list of my staff from me to strike off Merton whom he said he could not disassociate with the Times. I explained my position in the matter, that Merton was a member of my staff, & not secun/<o>nded {seconded} by the Times, and that the whole of the press issue news was through me - he Merton not being allowed to send any Telegram other than signed by me, and that I should create a wrong precedent if I accepted such a proposition as allowing the Gov. to accept or refuse entry of any one of my staff. I said that I feared I could not take such a step or allow of any such alleged Rights of the Eg. Gov. which was a direct

attempt on the part of the Eg. Gov. to interfere in purely private matter[s] outside the terms of the Concession and that I felt obliged to continue my work under the Terms invested me by the original Concession. But, before giving an absolute final answer I should like time to consider & confer with my collaborators. We agreed to 11.30 am the following day for that decision.

Mace had returned [to] Cairo from Alex. with his family - saw him early in the morning.

Dined with Tottenham.

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Dec. 19.

Confered^{sic} {Conferred} with Mace & Merton in the morning.

Saw the H. C. Lord Allenby and explained to him the situation & informed him that I intended to adhere to my decision given verbally to Lacau on the 13th. He was in sympathy with my action. I afterwards (11.30 am) saw the Min. P. W. D. where I informed him that after very careful consideration of the matter and Govs' proposals with my collaborators I was obliged to adhere to my original decision & to refuse the terms dictated by the Gov. incorporated in the two letters received last week and that I also felt obliged to continue the work in the Tomb in accordance with the powers invested by the original Concession. I offered to put in writing this refusal in such a manner that it could be published broadcast and ~~exh~~ exonerate him in the eyes of the press. The Min. was not agreeable to this, so I told him that I would send my answer by letter ~~in~~ normal manner.

Lunched with Lord Allenby who in conversation told me that though he was unable to take any action in this matter he was absolutely in sympathy with my decision. (I think rather pleased to see the ~~Gov.~~ Eg. Gov. get into trouble).

20.

Wired Times explaining situation and asking for their full cooperation in the case of any drastic action on the part of the Eg. Gov. Mailed correspondence to date upon matter to

Times.

Wrote letter to Eg. Gov. incorporating my refusal.

Received phone message from Tottenham asking me to withdraw my letter & if not sent not to send it. Reminding me of consequences Etc. Refused.

Left Cairo for Luxor.

21.

Arrived Luxor - Gurna - Recommenced work. Mace having already started in Lab.

22.

Continued removing first section of roof of shrine.

23.

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[Continued removing first section of roof of shrine.]

24.

A number of visitors came to Tomb, among them Gen Haking, Lloyd <Ex.> Gov. of Bombay, and Madame Sorel and party.

Lowered section of roof of shrine ready for placing in case on Wednesday.

Shew Harkness Store Chamber.

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{page between entries for 24 and 26 December 1923}

207.	Shrine	Roof	3 sections
		Cornice and frieze	4 pieces
		Corner pieces (uprights)	4 "
		Panels. (3 broad 3 narrow)	6 "
	✓[?]	Base / Sill > (frame work)	4/<1> "
		Door (folding)	<u>2</u> leaves.
			<u>23/<0></u> pieces in all.

The <four> Cornice & frieze (in one piece) sections are held in place by mens^{sic} {means}
of four copper dowels. [𐎧]

The section of the roof . and panels tongued. to Cornices, friezes, uprights
and base framework.

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Dec. 26.

Lowered first E. front Section of roof of outer shrine to ground and rested it against wall of Antechamber.

Its dimensions are too large for egress of passage and Staircase. It will have to remain in the Antechamber until the lower reconstructed steps and portion of lintel of doorway, cut away originally to allow of its ingress, have been removed.

Commenced in the afternoon upon removing the ~~section~~ central section which will have to remain in the Antichamber^{sic} {Antechamber} for the same reason.

Mace completed the preparation of the parts of the <two> Chariots - and began packing do.

Dec. 27.

Lowered IInd central section of roof of outer shrine and stacked it with the first section in the Antechamber. It is of interest to note that this section was ~~pl~~ fixed on the wrong way - i.e., the vultures on the underneath surface were in the reverse direction ~~th~~ those on the first section & thus the tails were [where] the heads should be.

Sir Herbert Samuel & party visited the tomb and Lab. this morning.

Mace ~~cont~~ continued packing the Chariots 120 & 122.

Dec. 28.

Lowered IIIrd section of roof of outer shrine. This took the whole morning - 8·45 to 1·15 - with the aid of Callender, Burton, & four men.

Dec. 29.

Protected the four corner uprights and the four cornice pieces of the Shrine (207), preparatory to removing the pall (209) and pall supports (208).

Dec. 30.

Removed the pall, by rolling it off onto a pole - first removing the numerous metal rosettes which decorated it. These latter were sewn on and in some cases most difficult to detach without tearing the fabric.

Dec. 31.

Press day. 4 visits all European, and one visitor.

Gen. Man. of G. W. Railway and party visited the Tomb. (Pole).

Wrapped the crossbars and stanchions of the pall structure ready for removal.

Stopped work in afternoon 3 pm.

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~~Dec.~~

Jan 2nd

Removed the cross bars and fore part of the pall structure from the interior of the great outer shrine, making it now possible to open the doors of the inner shrines. The doors of these inner shrines I propose to open tomorrow as preliminary investigations for the last procedure of work in dismantling them for the Examinations of the sarcophagus & the opening thereof.

Mace seedy. Newberry examined & described the botanical specimens discovered this season in the Sepulchral Chamber.

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~~Dec.~~/~~Jan.~~> 3rd.

Made preparations in the morning for opening the nest of shrines. Burton made photographic records Etc.

At 3 pm in the afternoon, in the presence of Harkness, Lythgoe, Engelbach, Newberry, Mace, Callender,, Winlock, ~~and~~ Burton, and Lucas, cut the cords of the seal of the 3rd shrine, ~~of~~/~~op~~>ened the folding doors, laying bare the doors of a fourth Shrine.

The doors of this fourth Shrine were bolted but ~~on~~[?]/<n>ot sealed. After a little difficulty owing to the sizes and levels of the shrines ~~was~~ <we were> able to open the doors of the innermost (fourth) Shrine which exposed the end of a magnificent crystalline sandstone Sarcophagus intact - for true description of the whole proceedings see Mace's diary.

Engelbach, who I had asked over for this special experiment, seemed to be much upset & behaved in an extraordinary manner.

Newberry continued his Examination of the botanical specimens discovered in the Sepulchral Chamber.

~~Dec.~~ 4th

Photographic records made by Burton of the doors & sarcophagus as far as the cramped spaced allowed.

Harkness & Lythgoe to dine.

Dec. 5th

Tottenham visited the tomb and saw the Sarcophagus. He also informed me of the contemptible proposed action on the part of the Eg. Gov. ~~regarding~~ founded upon a lying telegram sent by Bradstreet.

Dec. 6th

Kept to house feeling off colour.

Mace & the rest continued to work in the tomb.

Dec. 7.

Closed the doors of the various shrines, preparatory to dismantling } .
them. Commenced removing the first E. section of roof }
of the IInd shrine (237). Found that many of the Tongues fixing
it to the sides were of solid bronze and inscribed with the kings
cartouche. Decided to raise these sections, as well as of the
inner shrines, by means of wooden hinges to be constructed
at the carpenter's shop.

Jan - 8 - 14.

This week has been occupied in dismantling ~~the~~/of the outer Shrine (207). Which has proved a very slow and difficult
task.

Major Astor and party visited the tomb on the 11th Jan.

Today was given up to press visits which I fear owing to the

slow progress of the work enabled them to see but little.

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1924

Jan. 15 - 20.

This week has been occupied in dealing with the two inner shrines - i.e., the second & third N^{os} 237 and 238. With which many working difficulties have cropped up owing to their construction.

Also . the work has been much delayed by renewed Gov. ~~troubles brought~~ disputes brought to bear on the work.

In removing the roof sections of the second shrine (237) want of space and <the> great weight added enormously to the problem.

With the roof sections of the Third shrine (238), invisible copper tongues hidden between the central point, which again was rebated, made operations without causing damage to the gesso & gold work very difficult.

Finally when succeeding in extracting these sections the roof of the fourth and last shrine (239) proved (when exposed) not to be in two sections as the others but in one piece including its entablature. Hence, now, to over come this new difficulty we must return to the first shrine (207) remove all possible sections, the second (237) and third (238) until sufficient space is obtained to deal with the roof of the fourth (239).

It has been found that the best system of removing the roof section in the confined space up to the present moment has been by means of (1) improvised double hoisting rollers on the principal of a winch, (2) supporting & sliding along the hoisted sections on cross ropes fixed accross^{sic} {across} the scaffold beams. By this means the parts are gradually slid to their ~~pri~~ temporary destination. Many of the sections are so large &/<a>s to prevent any possible egress from the tomb until the outer doorway & staircase has been enlarged.

For practically each new undertaking incurs a new kind of tackle & scaffold all of which adds to the laborious side of this operation.

(15th.)

Maxwell came to give a/<l>egal advice upon Gov. action in regard to our work.

(16th.)

Gardiner & Breasted came to Luxor

(19th)

~~Saw Gardiner~~ Breasted came to the Valley in the afternoon. Had a long conversation with him. Professes to be ready to back me in Gov. disputes.

(20th.)

Prince Arthur of Connaught visited the Tomb and Lab. this afternoon

Had a long conference with Maxwell Harkness & Lythgoe
as to action in regard to the Eg. Gov. last letter.

TAA i.2.1.104

Improvised hoisting machine made of 8" X 3" timber
for lifting the roof sections of the shrines

[𐀓]

Long beams along
whole length of Chamber

Made of 2" 1/8 wood, covered with gesso and overlaid with thin gold foil.

Roof section. Weighing several hwt {hundredweight, same as *cwt*}

[𐀓]

wood and copper tongues (the copper tongues inscribed with the king's name)

[𐀓] [𐀓] in black ink.

- tongues on ends of side panels
showing that the shrines have been
wrongly placed in the Sepulchral Chamber.

(As far as it is now able to tell the King
and sarcophagus have been orientated correctly).

S. E. Corner

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Jan. 23.

The dismantling of the great outer Shrine (207) completed today.

We are now prepared to begin upon the second shrine (237).

Mace, Lucas & Bethell commenced preservation of the second statue (29), the first having been completed and packed.

24.

Front portion of the second shrine including its two doors removed in presence of the Davies' & Gardiners'. In the afternoon discussed with Harkness & Lythgoe policy as to action on part of Eg. Gov.

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25.

Breasted came to the Valley with his son. Discussed with him and Gardiner in regard to protest of Eg. Gov. action with reference to our work on the tomb Etc.

Received draft of letter from Maxwell for consideration for sending to the Eg. Gov.

Callender sent in his resignation - blaming my action towards him.

26.

Mace conferred with Harkness & Lythgoe on letter.

Callender, Burton . and Lucas continued work on tomb and Lab.

The Ministry having fallen this week it is doubtful whether any news of a new one will be known before Tomorrow Sunday. They (the old Ministers) Lunch with King Fuad today and it is said the question of a new Ministry will be settled during the afternoon ???

Die/<s>cussed reply to Eg. Gov.'s last letter with Harkness, Lythgoe, and Mace - they kindly undertaking to make an amended draft of Maxwell's letter.

27.

Dismantled two sections of the second shrine (237) and prepared the sepulchre for the press view Tomorrow.

Noticed that on the end tongues of the side panels the proper orientation had been marked in black ink - i.e., on the S.W. corners of both first and second shrine panels are the signs [ॐ], viz:- 'front west'.

28.

Pasted paper over the bad parts of the panels preparatory to removal on Wednesday.

Press day about 25 visits. Mostly visitors coming out of curiosity.

30.

M^{rs} Newberry commenced upon the restoration as far as it is possible of the remnants of the pall (209). So ~~many~~ much of the fabric which before it was touched appeared though much darkened (a rich chocolate brown) to be in fair preservation, but in the attempt to remove it from its support it fell into a brown sooty powder.

Removed the fourth (N. section) section of the cornice of the IInd shrine (237).

~~Uncovered~~ Unwrapped a number of sticks, found within the S. E. corner of the outer shrine, before the archaeologists and wives then at Thebes.

TAA i.2.1.107

~~Feb. 1.~~

Jan. 31

Completed the dismantling of the IInd shrine - (237).

Exposed between the walls of this shrine and those of the IIIrd shrine (238) objects on the North, South, & West sides - these comprise two fans finely worked and bows and arrows. See photos for exact positions.

The fans - gold handles finely worked and inlaid - are I think unique as far as former discovery goes.

Their ostrich feathers are unfortunately much decayed (?) from early insects.

On <one of> the tongues (present position N. W end) of the N. panel is the note [𑀓] "back East" which corroborates the contention that these shrines have been wrongly placed in the Sepulchral Chamber.

Feb. 1st

Completely dismantled N^o III shrine (238) today - leaving now only the IVth to be taken to pieces. Both the IIIrd and fourth shrines shew signs of having been very carelessly put together, many of the joints <were> not even ~~been~~ properly closed. Also numbers of hammer marks where they endeavoured to ~~hammer~~ <force the sections> together.

Removed the fans and bows, Etc., lying between IInd (237) and IIIrd (238) shrines.

Feb. 2nd

Had conference with Maxwell (who came today especially),
Harkness & Lythgoe upon letter to be sent to the Dir. Gen. S. des. A.

In the afternoon lifted the lid of the fourth shrine (239).
Exposing the lid of the sarcophagus. Lythgoe & Harkness
were present.

Feb. 3rd

With the good aid of Winlock, Lythgoe and Harkness dismantled
the fourth shrine (239) exposing the whole of the Sarcophagus <(240)>.
This ~~which~~ proved to be of magnificent type and workmanship
though the actual lid of poorer work, was of granite, cracked
in two, and appears to be of a makeshift.

The sarcophagus is of yellow crystalline sandstone, slightly tinted,
having the four goddesses <Isis, Nepthythes, Neith, and Selkit> carved in high relief at the
four corners
with their winged arms outstretched
protecting the sides and ends of the casket. The upper part has
the same entablature as the three outer shrines - namely: cornice,
of cavetto moulding, torus moulding, and frieze, the latter
bearing a legend. At the base is a dado of [].
in relief, and on the four sides of the casket bands of text.
On the south side of the Sarcophagus, placed nearly central,
was a large wooden painted emblem of [].

The lid, ~~cracked~~ of of granite, cracked in halves, takes the
form of the roof of a naos, thus: [] and is

slightly let in the top of the cornice.

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x	Isis	250.7	Cracked here	x	122.7	x
	22.3			9.5		
x	274.2			147.5		
Frieze of inscription						
- Nepthyths				- goddess		
				Neith		
147.8				- Selkit		

dado of [] and [] s

x	black band	132.7
	255.7	- slabs of alabaster.

Yellow crystalline sandstone sarcophagus with rose granite lid

height to top of cornice (M. MS) 147.8 to top of lid Max. 170.1 Min. 157.3

Cornice 274.2 x 147.5

Base 255.7 x 132.7

Lid 250.7 x 122.7 Max height 22.3 Min height 9.5.

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Feb. 4.

Removed the four parts of the IVth Shrine (239)

Shew, Bethell, Breasted (who came in the afternoon) and Newberry the Sarcophagus.

" 6

Took dimensions of the sarcophagus for necessary glass & tackle to remove the lid. Many visitors came which gave one little time.

Left for Cairo in the Evening with view of seeing the Min. of P. W. D (Morkhas Bey Hanna).

" 7.

As arranged with Tottenham the press were allowed to visit the tomb during the morning.

Arrived Cairo. Saw Gardiner in the morning with whom I had a long conversation ~~in~~ with regard to attitude with this new Ministry. He assuring me that their attitude was to be friendly, and to be willing to let by gones be by gones. He (Gardiner) seemed to have medled^{sic} {meddled} with the affair rather much, but with obviously good intention.

As arranged saw Min. P. W. D. at 5 pm at the

P. W. D. On arrival I was told that the Min. was late and that I should have to wait some twenty minutes. While so doing I was called to go and see Tottenham at his office, when Tottenham advised me to only ~~ne raised~~/e> the question of the opening of the Sarcophagus with the Minister - in fact he said it would be better if all former negotiations &/<c>ould be forgotten & papers destroyed. Tottenham, ~~then ha~~ having thus somewhat disarmed me, suddenly thrust upon me a document which his ministry considered threw light upon the question of division of the discovery. This document was ~~no less than~~ a permit given to Lord C. to make an investigation in the Great Northern Valley (8. Dec. 1918) where I thought I had made a possible discovery. At first I did not recognise it, but when Tottenham pointed out that it was signed by me & I began to read it carefully the whole subject came clear to my memory & I at once explained to him that it had nothing to do with the Valley of the Kings Contract. We then proceeded to the office of the Min. P. W. D.

There, with Tottenham, I met the new Minister, ~~Mer~~/a>khas {Makhas} Bey Hanna, who appeared to be most gracious, and who almost immediately complained that I had sent Gardiner to him with complaint <against the S. des A.>. This I explained was a mistake and that I believed Gardiner ~~!?~~ gone to him ~~on a matter~~/as representative> of his colleagues with regard to their feelings in the question of action on part of the S. des A., and that it was nothing to do with me. The Min. then ask[ed] me if I was 'in accord' with the Service of Antiquities and I told him that I was not 'in accord' with their methods of administration but that personally <other than that> my feelings were quite different. He said or rather asked me that I had any grievances would I write him on the matter. I answered in the affirmative. The Min. said that <I> thought possibly I <had thought> might be legally within my Rights.

TAA i.2.1.111

{7 February 1924, continued}

I had made a great mistake in forming a contract with the Times as it had certainly caused a nasty odour with the local press.

I agreed, but reminded ~~him~~ the Min. that it was not altogether my doing and that ~~I was left with the legacy of the Times Contract~~ was left me as a legacy which I had to protect, but I assured the Min. that after April (1924), that contract would be at end & I undertook it would not occur again. He then said that I was wrong in going America so early this year - that I was in taking up this scientific work a public servant. I pointed out to him that we were not in a ~~a~~/sub previous negotiations had been of an <X> acrimonious nature and that they better be left alone - the Min. said let us not bring up the past. / At this moment of the conversation the Min. said to me that Mons. Lacau was waiting & could he bring him in? I acquiesced / , where upon Lacau came in with a dossier in his hand - Tottenham having already brought a dossier with him. / Lacau immediately referred to past event<s> and said that I was guilty of taking into the tomb a great number of visitors - I answered 'let us stick to facts' ~~and Tottenham~~ I haven't taken in one twentieth of the ~~what~~ number the government had invited, to which ~~Tottenham~~ remark Tottenham agreed. / The Min. referred to the question of publicity to which Lacau laughed, but at this point I ~~re~~verted the ~~qu~~ conversation to the question of opening the Sarcophagus and said to the Min. I hoped H. E. would be present at the ceremony. / The Min. asked me whether they would see the "Corps"? I replied that as far as we were able to judge from previous evidence of the customs of the Royal burials, No, but

probably only the outer coffin ~~containing~~ of a series of coffins containing the Royal mummy. The Min. was disappointed at this & said he did not think it worth while coming. / I then proposed that he should send a delegate and that in the presence of Mons. Lacau, and other Representatives of the Service, I would, with my collaborators, open the Sarcophagus, and that if we were satisfied that the results were sufficiently interesting we would advise H. E. to come and view it. / To this the Min. was in agreement. / I also requested that the press should not be allowed to see the tomb again on Monday 11th / , as they would see nothing more than on the past press view (Thursday 7th) / but that I proposed opening the tomb to them on Wednesday 13th to see results of our opening the Sarcophagus on Tuesday 12th. / , I also asked for three or four days from the 14th for taking records, when no visitors would [be] allowed to enter the Tomb and that then after the Ministers, if they so wished, had view[ed] the Tomb, we should opening^{sic} it for a period of say about ten days to the public - or rather authorised visitors holding permits from the Ministry. The Minister was in agreement to this and asked Lacau, Tottenham and myself to take over the arrangements, sign them, & present them to him. / To this we ~~agr~~ (Lacau Tottenham & self) agreed to do at Lacau['s] house the following morning (8th) at 11 am. This ended the interview. (I should remark here that though the whole negotiations^{sic} {negotiations} appeared to [be] quite amicable I felt inwardly that there was an atmosphere of hostility;) there was certainly an element of dictation in the interview.)

When leaving the Ministers office, just outside the door, Lacau attacked me ~~in~~ with regard to Gardiner's conversation with him - ~~A~~ answered that I knew nothing about it & ~~refused~~ / <appealed> to Tottenham against any attacks of this kind.

TAA i.2.1.113

Feb. 8.th

At eleven am I met Tottenham . and Lacau and^{sic} {at} Lacau's house. There we drafted our mutual agreement as procedure (1) the opening of the sarcophagus, (2) admittance of press (3) time reserved for taking records, and (4) authorized visitors to the Tomb - the <exact> date of the latter question was mutually agreed to be left open until we knew whether the Minister & his colleagues would visit the tomb or not. A (5th) clause was entered stating that with the exception of the 13th most (press view) all visits will be suspended from now until the tomb is opened to authorized visitors.

Tottenham mentioned the fact that some permits ~~due for~~ during had been issued for the period in question and asked what was to be done about it. I replied to that point that we would do our best to overcome the difficulty.

~~We signed~~ We (Lacau, Tottenham and self.), signed the draft agreement, and Tottenham was requested to present the document to the Min. P. W. D. This ended our negotiations^{sic} {negotiations}.

I returned to Luxor that evening - having purchased tackle ~~any~~ and glass for the coming preparations.

Lacau suggested to me that necessary scaffolding & preparations would have to be installed in the Tomb against damage of the objects ~~du~~ during the visits.

We also agreed that the permits issued by the Ministry should not exceed 750 as the time allotted^{sic} {allotted} to these ~~pr~~ visits would not permit of more people - than 75 a day, this in ~~ind~~ the interests of the public and in the upkeep of the Monument - Lacau suggested 200 a day - ie. 10 am to 1 pm & I represented to him that only a certain number of 'peas could be passed through a tube in a given time'.

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9.th

Arrived Luxor - Gurna. Conferred with Mace who lunched with me. I represented to Mace that though I had gained the points we wanted for our scientific side of the investigation and also those regarding press and public visits, I, personally, was not impressed with the general attitude of this new Gov., and stated that 'oil and water would not mix'.

~~As~~ previous to my departure to Cairo, Engelbach ~~having~~<d> written to me a letter suggesting a ~~new~~ quite new rule with regard to our light supply in the tomb. It was to the extent ~~if~~ that if I require light in the afternoon I must give him at least 2 hours notice before hand - this so as to enable him to check his engineers accounts and only for that reason. I annotated his letter asking to waive the point as I could <not> always let him know beforehand whether I might want the light in the afternoon or not, and if it was a question of accounts I would check them for him - therefore would he please let

the matter rest at that.

TAA i.2.1.115

I also reiterated this request to Engelbach in the tomb on the same morning I wrote the note in reply to his.