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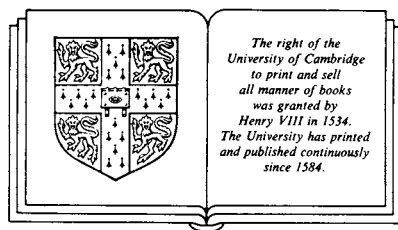
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This study completes a history of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan from the inception of the regime in 1898 until its demise on 1 January 1956. The first volume, *Empire on the Nile: the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, 1898-1934*, was published by Cambridge in 1986. The opening of Foreign Office and other archives from the early 1950s has allowed completion of research for the present volume.

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M. W. DALY

Glossary

<i>‘alim</i> (pl. <i>‘ulama’</i>)	learned one, especially of Islam
<i>Ansar</i>	followers of the Mahdi
<i>araki</i>	Sudanese distilled liquor
<i>damur</i>	coarse cotton cloth
<i>dar</i>	land, homeland
<i>daym</i>	neighbourhood; used to denote Sudanese ‘quarter’ of Khartoum
<i>dimangawi</i>	district governor in pre-colonial Darfur
<i>dura</i>	millet (<i>sorghum vulgare</i>)
<i>effendi</i>	formerly an honorific for a professional, an educated man; later, anyone educated
<i>feddan</i>	a unit of land measurement; one feddan = 1.038 acres or 0.42 hectares
<i>hajj</i>	pilgrimage to Mecca
<i>hashab</i>	a type of gum (<i>acacia senegal</i>)
<i>imam</i>	leader; title denoting the leader of prayers in a mosque
<i>jabal</i>	hill, mountain
<i>jallaba</i>	peddler
<i>jihad</i>	war; religious war
<i>kantar</i>	a unit of weight; 1 <i>kantar</i> = 100 <i>rotl</i> = 99.05 lb; but 1 <i>kantar</i> = 315 <i>rotl</i> or 312.01 lb of unginned Gezira cotton
<i>kayla</i>	16.5 litres
<i>khalifa</i>	successor; lieutenant
<i>khalwa</i>	place of seclusion; denotes both a <i>sufi</i> retreat and a Quran school
<i>kisra</i>	a piece of bread; a Sudanese dish
<i>kuttab</i>	a school
<i>ma’had</i>	institute

<i>ma'mur</i>	a district official
<i>maqdam</i>	a high office in the Fur sultanate, revived under the Condominium with different powers
<i>mek</i>	king
<i>mudir</i>	governor of a province
<i>mufattish</i>	district commissioner
<i>mufti</i>	expert in Islamic law
<i>muhajir</i>	immigrant, migrant
<i>nas</i>	people; the masses
<i>nazir</i>	leader of a tribe or section of tribe
<i>qadi</i>	a judge of a religious court
<i>qism</i>	a division; a district
<i>reth</i>	the king of the Shilluk
<i>shartai</i>	a governor in pre-colonial Darfur
<i>shaykh</i>	tribal or religious chief or high notable
<i>sudd</i>	barrier; term denoting the region of swamp between Bor and Lake No on the Upper Nile
<i>suffragi</i>	house-man; male house-servant
<i>sufi</i>	Muslim mystic
<i>tariqa</i>	a Sufi order or brotherhood
<i>'umda</i>	headman of a town or group of villages
<i>wakil</i>	agent, deputy