



Passion for Fashion (123)

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Fashion, photos and ephemera relating to the Queen of Madagascar - Ranavalona III and Princess Ramasindrazana, 1895-1924,

collected by their paid companion Miss Clara Herbert, comprising: a vibrant cyclamen pink satin and dark burgundy cotton velvet court gown, 1896, worn by the Queen's aunt and political advisor Princess Ramasindrazana, the heavily-boned bodice with triple-layered puffed upper sleeves, with dark velvet insertions, matching ruched velvet chemisette, heavily adorned with pearl beads and edged in pearl fringes; the separate skirt with elaborate pearl-beaded bouquet to front hem, with pink satin side panels and trained rear hem similarly embellished, *bust approx 86cm, 34in, waist later enlarged to 76cm, 30in*; together with a photograph of Ramasindrazana wearing the gown; a pair of pale blue knitted silk stockings, adorned with Honiton bobbin lace; a red morocco needlecase, belonging to Queen Ranavalona; approximately 50 photographs of Queen Ranavalona (1895-1917) seated on her throne in advance of the abolishment of the monarchy by the French military colonial force in 1895, during her forced exile in Réunion in 1897, and during the 1900s in Algeria, on various permitted trips to France, 1900-1914; approx 40 postcards featuring Ranavalona; approx 37 further photographs of Princess Ramasindrazana, 1897-c.1920; miscellaneous photographs of the Queen's mother, Prime Minister Rainilaiarivony, household servants, palaces; ephemera including concert programmes dedicated to the Queen in Algiers, c.1900; a biscuit wrapper featuring her portrait; transportation receipts, household receipts, invitations to Queen Ranavalona's funeral and receipts for the exhumation of her elder sister in Algeria in 1907; Miss Herbert's almanacs for 1915-16 detailing her careful expenditure; and approx 70 postcards sent to Miss Herbert and Princess Ramasindrazana in French, English and Malagasy including some sent from Queen Ranavalona III to her aunt; various press clippings (*qty*)

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