

HERBERT ARTHUR RICHARDS CBE (1877-83)

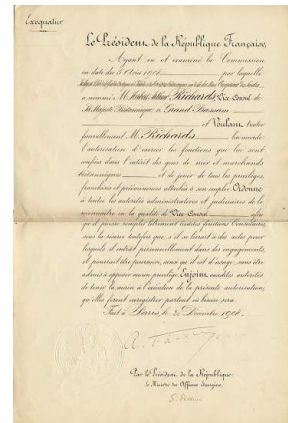
He was born on 30 January 1866 in Southsea and had a long and distinguished career in the Foreign Office.

His appointments include the following :-

- Assistant in the British Central Africa Protectorate 1900-01
- Oriental Secretary to the Legation at Tehran
- HM Vice-Consul at Tehran 1903, Bushire 1904, Zanzibar 1906, Abidjean, West Africa 1907
- Acting consul at Loanda 1908
- Acting consul general at Dakar 1908-10
- Acting consul at Lorenzo Marques 1910
- Vice Consul at Beira 1910
- Consul for the Society Islands and a deputy commissioner for the Western Pacific 1912
- Acting consul at Calais 1916-1919
- Consul at Callao 1919
- In charge of the Legation at Lima 1922
- Consul general in Chicago 1923

He retired in 1928 and was appointed a CBE in 1929. He died at Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex on 6 March 1956 at the age of 90.

On the internet I have found the following document signed by Clément Armand Fallières (8th President of France) on 20 December 1908. The document is apparently authorising by "Herbert Arthur Richards to exercise the duties of British vice-consul at Grand Bassam."



I have also found the following recorded in the Middle East Centre Archive at St Antony's College, Oxford :-

"RICHARDS, Herbert Arthur. (1866-1957). GB165-0241

Notebooks and accounts of H.A. Richards's life in Mesopotamia and Persia, 1896-1909, including a journey from Ahwaz to Isfahan, and sighting of oil deposits in Shuster; article from a Persian newspaper on the death of Nasr ed-Din Shah; valedictory letter from Richards' Persian staff in Tehran, 1904; letter of thanks from the Office of Works to Richards for his report on the Associated Khanats in connection with the water supply to the Legation in Tehran, 1904. 1 box. Photographic collection."