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C O A October, 1918.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. (now Viscount) Harcourt's despatch No. 55 of the 22nd January 1913, I have the honour to report that Dr. W. H. Heard, who for nearly six years past has held the temporary appointment of District Surgeon at Eldoret, has relinquished this appointment and is proceeding to England in order to obtain special treatment for his wife which the state of her health renders imperative.

- 2. As Dr. Heard was locally appointed to a temporary office, he is not entitled to claim leave and a passage to England, but in view of his long and meritorious service, I have approved of the grant to him of a passage to England and of the issue of the necessary passports to his wife and child.
- I would submit, for your consideration, the question of granting leave pay to Dr. Heard in respect

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respect of his service under this Government. Had he been on the permanent staff the leave to which he would have become entitled, exclusive of return leave, would amount to nearly 6 months.

4. I may add that owing to the war the Principal Medical Officer was unable to station a Medical Officer to Eldoret as he had intended to do and that therefore early in 1915 Sir H. Belfield approved of the agreement wi Dr. Heard being suspended and of his appointment as a temporary Medical Officer with salary at the rate of 2400 per annum, this expenditure being charged to War Expenses. He was in fact amployed as a substitute for a Medical Officer who was serving with Porces and was granted in accordance with this arrangement a Commission as Captain in the Salar Africa Medical Service which he held until the 19th of June last.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.