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FAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 669

BOVERNMENT HORED WAINOBY, REACT APPLIA

/3 July, 1919.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to forward for Your Lordship's consideration copy of a Memorandum sent to me by members of the Veterinary Department of this Protectorate.

Petition

- 2. I am entirely in sympathy with the requests

  Statement made. I do not consider that the recommendations

  made by the civil Service Commission provide for

  sufficient employments for these Veterinary Officers.
  - 3. As in other Departments, the inadequacy of actual salaries and the absence of any provision for widows and orphans, cause underpaid officers to complain about such small matters as horse and travelling allowances which they would not do if paid a proper wage.
  - 4. These are members of a highly specialised and scientific profession, whose services in this country, where diseases are rampant among the thousands of cattle owned by the European settlers, and natives, are invaluable.

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THE RIGHT MONOURABLE

VISCOURT MILER, P.C., C.C.B., G.C.M.O., &c. &c., SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

5. I submit that fair and proper salaries for these gentlemen would be as follows:-

Chief Veterinary Officer £1.000 per annum Veterinary Pathologist 900 Deputy Chief Veterinary 800 Deputy Veterinary Pathologist 700 Senior Veterinary Officers 600-700 per ammum Senior Research Officers Junior Veterinary Officers after 3 years service 500-600 Junior Research Officers ) after 3 years service Veterinary Officers 400-500 on probation

- 6. There is no doubt in my opinion that a reasonable scale of emoluments and improved conditions of service will result in an adequate supply of well qualified candidates for our Veterinary Department. This has not always been the case in the past, as the present salaries do not tempt the best men.
- Veterinary Officer showing the financial effect of the proposals. The suggested provision from savings to meet the additional amount required for the current year does not however commend itself to the Treasurer, who considers that any economies which may be effected on personal emoluments will be counterbalanced by shrinkage of revenue and unforeseen expenditure on bonuses and other services Though, therefore, I should like to introduce the new scale at once, it would perhaps be safer to postpone it till the financial year 1920-21. In any case I wish it to be considered as an amendment

to that proposed by the Civil Service Commission.

8. I trust that Your Lordship, taking into consideration the present status of the Veterinary Profession, and its great importance in this Protectorate, will favourably consider these recommendations.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's
humble, obedient servant,

Edward Nathey

GOVERNOR.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER.

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His Excellency The Governor,
East Africa Protectorate,
Nairebi,

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Your Excellency,

We, the undersigned, Members of your Veterinary Department, do humbly submit the following facts for your consideration.

patriotic motives, endeavoured (to our utmost) to ceps with the numerous duties connected with the Military operations and civil Administration, and have refrained from previously voicing any grievance or taking any action in an endeavour to better our position as it was patent that by doing so, at a time when Veterinary Officers were unobtainable to fill our positions, would be unfair to the Department and the Country in general.

we think now that no injustice can be done to anyone by laying these, our grievances, before you.

To begin with, our service has been and still is deplorably understaffed and this, in connection with the ever increasing number of stock in the Country and widespread incidence of all contagious diseases, has imposed an excessive amount of work on each Veterinary Officer.

According to the conditions of service as prevailing at the present time, a Veterinary Officer comes out to this country on a salary of 2400 per annum and at the end of eight years service reaches

without any hope of further advancement the munificient salary of £500 per annum.

Out of this he buye and maintains two horses to enable him to do his covernment work at an initial outlay of about 260 and a recurrent cost to himself of at least 27 - 28 per month and this apart altegether from the risk he runs of losing one or both from one of the prevalent horse diseases.

The Government, in return for this expense, allows the Veterinary Officer £3 per month.

Then again when travelling on the Railway, which by reason of the present shortage of staff, is of frequent occurence, the Officer is again much out of pocket, as his necessary expenses far exceed the allowance of Rs.4/- per day.

At the years' end the Officer finds he has saved nothing and naturally considers that to look for a more lucrative appointment is the wisest course, and that is the position we, your humble servants, find ourselves in.

A recently qualified unmarried Veterinary Officer contemplating taking an appointment in the Colonial Service probably thinks £400 adequate but when he realises the condition of the service and that £500 per year is all the salary he may reasonably expect, no matter how long he remains it is obvious that he becomes dissatisfied or indifferent and leaves the service when a suitable opportunity occurs.

In the sister profession in contradistinction to our own a Medical Officer is allowed private practice, a restriction on our service by which in certain districts the Veterinary Officer loses something like/

£500 per annum.

As a general rule, the longer an officer remains in the service the more useful he becomes to the Department and the Country, by reason of the knowledge acquired of the peculiar diseases encountered in this country. It is obvious, therefore, that should such experienced Officers leave the service, a very serious breach in the efficiency of the Department would result.

Some of us have received offers of more lucrative appointments in this country outside the covernment service, as well as with other Governments, and as conditions are at present we cannot, in fairness to curselves and dependents, remain on in the service.

Even in England, apart altegether from the increasing number of Public appointments, a Veterinary Officer in private practice can guarantee himself with a fair degree of justification, more than £500 a year at the end of eight years work.

Taking everything into consideration, therefore, we consider that a Veterinary Officer in this Protectorate after his protectionary period of three years, should be in receipt of 2600 per amount rising by 225 annual increments to 2700.

If these conditions were granted, men would be induced to remain on in the service and be more satisfied and in consequence do better work.

We beg Your Excellency, in the face of these facts, to give the matter your consideration and we/

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trust you will see your way clear to improve the conditions and to enable us to continue on in the Department.

We beg to remain,

Your Excellency's Most obedient Servants,

NAME.	DEGREES.	LENGTH of SERV
W. W. Henderson.	M.R.C.V.S. D.V.S.M.	6 years.
W. Kearney	M.R.C.V.S.	6 years.
R. C. Wheeler	M.R.C.V.S.	6 years.
A. W. Carter	M.R.C.V.S.	5 years.
J.T.C. Bradshaw	M.R.C.V.S.	4 years.

My Dear Henderson,

Many thanks for letting me see the letter to His Excellency setting forth the departmental grievances.

My seniority and the experience of twelve years service is my excuse for setting forth a few of the most salient features of a Veterinary Officer's prospects in Government service in East Africa.

As you know I am still seconded for service with the War Office.

PAY.

For the first few pears service most of which I have spent on Safari which entitled me to draw the extra allowance of Rs.5/- (now Rs.4/-) a day almost continually I found that I could live comfortably and save enough money during a tour of service to see me through the expenses one usually incurs on leave without any financial assistance from my people.

Later when married and living in settled areas
I found that it was practically impossible to
carry on on a Veterinary Officer's pay for the
following reasons:-

1. The expenses of entertaining, not previously felt, became very evident.

In the course of a Veterinary Officer's daily life he is constantly visiting every homestead in this district where he is invariably treated with the greatest kindness.

The cost of returning this hospitalty is not great at any particular time but means a useful increase to the household expenses at the end of the year.

2.1f one is married (and as you know wheeler and Carter are engaged) there is a considerable cum required to pay for passages, etc. travelling home and back again on leave. This of course is an expenditure easily foreseen. Other big expenses however not so easy to appreciate beforehand can very quickly and unavoidably be incurred by the married officer in this country. The cost of children has to be experienced to be appreciated and in ordinary circumstances a baby costs a month's pay at least by the time it is a month old.

If unfortunate complications arise this amount does not by any means represent the expenses entailed and in my own experience a cheque for £100 did not quite foot the bill on one occasion.

Another very serious consideration for the married officer is the fact that, unless he has private means, he may die and leave his wife and family in East Africa to be sent home as a "Distressed British Subject" at the expense of the state or Public subscription as there is no Widow's Pension found in the E.A.P. service, as in the Indian and West African Service.

I have known this to happen in one or two cases and the thought that it may happen at any time to his own family is not conducive to the peace of mind of a married officer.

I am making these remarks which have been omitted from the letter to His Excellency as it is usually the man without private means who joins the Colonial Service.

### TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE.

When stationed at Nakuru before the War I found I was continually travelling on the Railway as my district atrached from Mole to Kijabe. The travelling allowance did not cover the cost of

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of meals by hs.1/25 a day; at present Railway tariffs I think it falls short by Rs.2/25 a day.

#### HORSE ALLOWANCE.

Two horses have always been necessary for a district Veterinary Officer but Horse allowance for one is all that is allowed.

My horse account for the two years before the war worked out roughly as follows:-

#### HORSE ACCOUNT .

2 horses

₹60

Horse allowance for 2 years.

£72

Food, Syces wages &c for 2 years.

2172 Gross cost.

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2100 gross cost over and above horse allowance.
230 less one horse still on hand.
2 70 nett loss over two years.

There is another point which does not come under an ordinary heading but which nevertheless has an important bearing on the financial outlook of the officer namely the system of promotion in vogue in the Veterinary Department.

Under the present system an officer is allowed to serve on in the Department and given responsible work to do, which he performs to the apparent satisfaction of every one concerned until a chance of promotion arises when he finds himself superseded by a very Junior officer.

I would not mention this point but for the fact that it is intimately concerned with the financial prospects of the officers of the Department. I think an officer is entitled to be informed if he is not suitable so that he may be placed in a position to avoid weating valuable years of his life which he could employ to greater advantage in some other sphere.

#### PRIVATE PRACTICE.

My experience under this heading can be divided into (1) the work one does for one's friends such as treating dogs and horses and (2) the purely commercial work which is done for the racing stables trading firms and total strangers.

The energy expended under the first category is negligible and one would probably not charge for even if a fee was permitted.

The amount of work however entailed under the second category does I think entitle the Veterinary Surgeon to a fee as one pecuniary gain by the advice in purchasing animals and the curing of sick ones is often very great to the owner.

personally I have always felt that it is iniquitous not paing allowed to charge a fee for examining horses for soundness to benefit strangers who do not hesitate to express their opinions on the examiner if his decision does not happen to suit the buyer or saller.

The difference in value between a horse with a Veterinary certificate and one without is easy to appreciate.

Private practice in settled areas would materially increase a Veterinary Officer's income but this does not apply to Veterinary Officers in charge of native reserves.

I wish the Officers of the Department success
in their endeavours to improve the present situation.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. A.G. Doherty.

VETERINAR PATRILOGICAL LABORATORY.
P.O. BOX 100 525.
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his Excellency The Governor, uset Africa Protectorate, Hairobi.

Your Excellency.

My main remoons for my signature to the attached petition are as follows:-

dissemination of some of the more important factor in the dissemination of some of the more important stock diseases in the mast ifrice protectorate and under the existing conditions, there is little possibility of the latter being stamped out, consequently a veterinary service must be maintained to check their spread.

In dealing with outbreaks of contagious or infectious diseases in stock a correct and decisive diseases and control of movements are of the utmost importance. Ance the diseases and conditions here are in many cases dissimilar to those set with in Great british and surope, a veterinary officer must have a special vaining in tropical veterinary diseases and this a only acquired by practice. There are at present many stock diseases problems awaiting investigation or the clucidistion of shigh the observations of experienced veterinary officers are of considerable assistance. It is for these reasons i capassise the importance of offering better enclusions than those at areant existing to officers, who have sacquired experience in dealing with various diseases. What they will not leave the service. Their Colonies have already recognised the financial loss incurred any already recognised the financial loss incurred any already recognised the financial loss incurred any only the colonies are already recognised the financial loss incurred any already recognised we financial loss incurred any only the colonies are already recognised as a serious attention to this.

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(signed) NALLEN.

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## VETERINARY DIVISION.

# PROPOSED NEW SCALE OF SALARIES.

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Appointment terminates at expiration of leave.
6 months @ 2400 p.a.

£ 200

B.J.McCall.

Seconded and salary paid by Administration at Dar-es-Salaam.
12 months @ £500 p.a.

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S.G. Hassan: Vety. Assistant.

Savings on salary while on leave. o months @ Rs.100/- p.m.

£ 500

2 Posts of Veterinary Officers vacant 12 months @ £400 each p.a. £ 800

1 Veterinary Assistant say 6 months @ £104 p.a.

£ 52

Less 5 Veterinary Officers already asked for 6400 p.a. for say 9 months.

£1500 £ 850

Probable net savings on Veterinary personal Empluments.

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PROPOSED NEW SCALE OF SALAR IES.	D
Veterinary Pathologist	£ 900
Deputy Veterinary Pathologist	£ 700
Senior Research Officer 2600 by & to 2700	£ 600
Junior • # 2500 - * 2 * 2600	€ 500
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