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Comments on the Regulations, particularly with regard to the liability of transfer and abolition of private practice.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

HEAD OFFICE,

NAIROBI, 2nd October, 1925.

Dear Bostonley,

Many thanks for your letter of June 23rd.

I had not meant to worry you with any more letters, because I know I couldn't have kept off service topics and my chief subject is vacancies and the East African Medical Service.

Since writing to you and sending the correspondence about Anwyll Davies, incidentally I think I said I did not know him personally. I have had letters from home indicating that he is probably not so desirable as his brother made out; many thanks for not appointing him.

The thing that has made me write to you is the new regulations. Please do not think that anything I say is written in a spirit of disloyalty, it is nothing of the kind. My job here is to run the medical service to the best of my ability and to try and obtain the best return to the country for the money the service costs; it is therefore my duty to say when things are bad and to do my utmost to get them altered. The one good thing I can say about the new regulations is that the proposed division between the sanitation and other sections has not been put into force. For the rest, it seems that what was a contented and happy service is going to be turned into a collection of disgruntled malcontents. This is not being written in a panic. I really believe things are serious and so does everyone else out here. The two chief points in the regulations on which people here really are up in arms are firstly that officers already in the service are liable to transfer to any part of the East African Dependencies and secondly the abolition of railway stoppage or the privilege of private possession.

The first is regarded with more hostility than the second. It is the East African Medical Service again as opposed to a local service. There is no one keener than I am on a real combined service, but such a thing cannot be made by bunching a group of services together and telling them they are one. What you have at present is a headless corpse without the faintest spark of life. I have just managed to snatch three days of ganda and have talked to people there. I've been too stupid enough to get ganda. I mean to combine together or with anyone else when there is a lead on the east. It is impossible to do it without a head. If, as the Commission says, it is impossible to appoint a common head and here I venture to disagree, the genda and ganda get office and quite smoothly when the services should remain separate. I am the feeling of genda. I now know what it is to be a genda. A genda is a man who has no idea of a government in general and has the faintest idea of a organized service. He has no idea of a service and is to a degree about being able to be administered without emotion. They say that they were very well treated in their countries that they refused to go. They were finally recruited in genda. They have no idea of the responsibilities of a genda. They have no idea of the duties of a genda. Whether they are a genda or not.

The question of the organization of private practice has been discussed recently and the Commission has decided. The Commission is not at all satisfied with the present conditions in regard to private practice and it would be summarily abolished when any other conditions can be found in the same way. Private practice is a failure. The only place where there are any private practitioners is in Malindi. It is rapidly going out. It was not necessary to try and have the end of it. The being cause all the dissatisfaction has been removed.

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 to Major Crosby-Core to try and intercept him. I hope
 you won't think I am trying to go over your head. I am
 only exploring every avenue of help I can think of.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. The conference which should have been fixed in
 1922 or 1923 broke down after attempts had been made
 to hold it in three different places, Dar-es-Salaam,
 Entebbe and finally here. No one could get away.