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Macmillan P.

1920

16 June

Last previous Paper.

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Hospital for E. & W. African Officers  
on leave.

States views of Committee and will be pleased  
to go further into the matter if desired

In Itself

Op. permit for consm

Ap. con. then vac. to

W.A. Nigeria G.A. & S.T.

Dept. in consm before  
Mr Macmillan comes -

o Mr. William should  
also consider

Mr Hood

F.C. Dept. in consm

Niger Dept.

S.A. Dept.

T.T. Dept.

Add

18.6.20

Mr consm

Subsequent Paper.

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and at all clear what is proposed

on what the upshot will be for us and so on

I suppose there would have been time  
at the end of the short holiday & the London  
vacation time would have always been occupied.  
How much doubt it is not whether there is allowed  
to be time in an ordinary patient game along.  
and the non-host patient is cleared out & make  
room for others?

However, if long vacation are made, the  
non-host patient may be cleared out & make  
room for others. (which was not much demanded)

The Big Station Review Committee included the following in  
their report. "It is considered that a Tropical Diseases Hospital  
is justified in London, & it is suggested that arrangements  
be made to enable officers from the country to be treated free,  
and, if Medical Officers think it advisable, to be admitted to the  
Hospital at a moderate charge. We do not know whether the  
privilege, formerly enjoyed by officers of the Colonial Civil Service,  
of residing during convalescence after illness, at Osborne still  
exists. We think that if the arrangements at Osborne have  
been changed, the privilege of making use of convalescent  
quarters at a reduced charge would be appreciated by officers of the  
service whose health necessitates a period of rest and  
recuperation."

The Gov. concurred, so there will be no  
difficulty about Nigeria coming in to any scheme.  
But I hope that the best plan would be to maintain  
patients rather than a ward or a definite number of beds,  
but by arrangement with the those hospital mentioned by Mr.  
Hood that they will always make every effort to  
take in a colonial official when desired by us; in  
return for such an undertaking we might agree

thus charging a little in excess of the nominal rate  
of the Colonial Govt. to which the particular office  
belonged would pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the total charge.  
Such an arrangement would be more satisfactory  
& economical than any system of lump sum annual  
payment.

1st  
23/1/00

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W. Britain

Thank you very well - & have an  
opportunity of expressing views.

Mr. Calder

Acct  
27/1/00

I confess that I am still very doubtful of  
this scheme. I expressed doubts on 19/1/9 and the action  
taken on that letter seemed to point to a limitation of  
Sir R. Goryndon's proposal for cases of tropical diseases  
under treatment and a good many of a non-tropical  
character, which had at least the same claims to be  
dealt with favourably as tropical, and they have so much  
less chance of this favourable treatment, inasmuch as a  
Medical Adviser will usually try and get his men - for  
instance Dr. Daniels used to - into a Tropical Diseases  
Hospital to be treated under his immediate eye. If the  
proposal to associate Colonel Prout with the London  
School goes through, that is what will happen. At  
present, all that is that, if the man wants to be  
put into a private ward, he has to pay something (really  
not much more than a nominal fee) for the privilege.  
Is it proposed that the Colonial Government should, in  
future, pay part of the charge in such cases?

I agree with Mr. Calder in being altogether  
opposed to any idea of a lump sum annual payment. On  
the other hand, how can we resist a demand from, say, a

Colonial official of limited means who is being treated in the London Hospital, where they are now making, I believe, a charge for all in-patient treatment? We could not fairly do so. It would (in the absence of any arrangement) be impossible to argue that, because we have not entered into a definite arrangement with the London Hospital, we cannot recognise the man's being there. Another point is, under what circumstances should we want to put a man into the Albert Dock Hospital? I cannot imagine that any but a very very small proportion of Colonial officials arrive now-a-days by sea in or near the Albert Dock, and to send a man <sup>down</sup> to the Albert Dock is like sending him to Portobello Bay. The Seamen's Hospital at Greenwich is, of course, far more comfortable, & has often been extremely useful.

I do not believe that the privilege of residing during convalescence after illness at Osborne was ever taken advantage of by any officer of the Colonial Civil Service; I have forgotten, indeed, if we ever finally secured this privilege for the Colonial Service. But it is one thing to be treated in a Hospital and another thing to go to a convalescent home.

At 1/1/20

W.M.C. meeting  
for A.W.M.C.

There are clearly difficulties -  
I suggest that the best plan would be for Dr. H. to have an informal meeting to discuss all this with Mr. Fiddiman & myself & W.A. M.C., C.A., & T.T. on 1st Feb. At 1/2/20

Mr. H. G. F.

? discuss as proposed. Personally I think that, so long as an principle is that officials are not entitled to free medical treatment at cost <sup>to</sup> ~~cost~~ which is the county, the difficulty of paying for care is greater than the difficulty of buying an annual contribution per head. Under the latter plan we might not always get ~~get~~ full value for our money, but the liability is always so certain, & I hope that I am not uneasy on that score. We might not need full value, & in that case the number of beds supported would be reduced in the light of experience.

G.A.S. 2.7.20.

Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 3.30 we sat down for a discussion.

At 2/1/20

then my

stones

& J.R.

2/2/20

M.C.

W. Black  
W. Calder  
W. Duddon?  
J. H. Head

Discussed today -  
J. H. Head is asking Mr. Mackellar  
to call him - Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> July  
at 3.30 p.m.

On account

General feeling of the informal  
meetings (preceding discussion  
with Mr. Mackellar) was -

If we can assure that for general  
use S.T.M. will make  
provision as hitherto, then it is well  
to arrange with the organizers  
proportionate numbers of  
malaria wards, &  
in any event not  
more than in T.A. cases

But it is useful if we could  
get T.A. Gates areas that when  
men are invalidated for some  
tropical disease or require  
special treatment or operation  
in this country, S.T.M. would  
generally arrange to take  
them in at a small fee - fees  
to be arranged with Mr. Mackellar  
who is calling.

3. Present practice as to  
other special cases to be  
observed - i.e. men sent  
home specially for any operation  
which could not be performed in <sup>152</sup>  
T.A. may - if S.T.M.  
recommends - have fees &  
the fees refunded by Govt

4. In view of contributions being paid  
to S.T.M. (London), no further  
contribution for beds and be  
necessary - moreover,  
S.T.M. gets £2000 from  
T.D.R.F. wh. comes indirectly  
from the Govt.

S.A. contrib? £500 per. -

Uganda - Nyanaland do  
not contribute - fact that  
a few contribution to Osborne  
still appears in Uganda list  
I understand Ad. Duddon is  
looking into the Osborne

Concile? : would be glad if  
it could be arranged to be done  
in due course.

Ad. 3/1/16

have ask'd letter of safety  
saying that he is not to  
come up specially; as  
water is not right & that  
he had all express  
date in August.

W. Head

W. Colba

W. Diddie (written)

would Tues 10 August  
3.30 pm. do for you?

A.C.D.

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*Dr. Parkinson*

W. Head

of this day will suit you  
I will write to Mr. Mather  
for it.

you will suit me

137. 20  
207. 20

*Dr. Parkinson*

you will suit me

137. 20  
207. 20

W. Head

W. Colba

W. Diddie

R. Att.

This dinner

is part

until 11

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& tea

his after

dinner at

10.30 p.m.

11.30

12.30



SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL  
GREENWICH,  
S.E.1

16th June 1920.

Dear Sir Herbert Read,

Your letter of the 6th May in regard to providing  
Hospital accommodation for Officers in the East and West African  
Service, home on leave, has now been considered. The point  
you raise has no direct reference to the London School of  
Tropical Medicine. It is really a matter for the Board of  
Management of the Seamen's Hospital Society.

I am directed to inform you that the Board favourably  
view the suggestion made in your letter. They are glad to  
hear that the Governments of East and West Africa would be  
willing to contribute a sufficient sum to maintain a certain  
number of beds and it might be possible that these beds should  
be provided in the various Hospitals of this Society. The  
Hospital for Tropical Diseases, to which the London School of  
Tropical Medicine is attached, is reserved solely for persons  
suffering from Tropical Disease, but it is considered your  
communication refers to other cases which might be better  
treated in a Hospital such as this at Greenwich, or at the  
Albert Dock.

In these circumstances it may be worth your while to consider whether it would not be preferable to arrange for the accommodation of a certain number of patients rather than the maintenance of a definite ward.

The cost of maintaining a patient in a General Hospital at the present time averages over £3. per bed per week, or between £150 and £160 per annum. Unfortunately with the higher prices this cost per bed is increasing.

It will afford me pleasure to go further into this matter - it is the desire of the Board to meet your wishes in this respect in every way in their power.

Yours v. truly,



Secretary.

Sir Herbert Read, K.C.M.G., C.B.,  
Colonial Office, S.W.

I am going away for a short time but I might settle the details of this matter with you, or the Governor of Uganda, or anyone you may appoint, on my return.

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DRAFT.

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Events for his & her's  
signature

P. Nickelli by cons

21 June '20

MINUTE.

Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.

Sir G. Lambert.

Sir H. Read.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Col. Amery.

Lord Milner.

in course

etc.

Dear Nickelli -

many thanks  
for your letter of the  
16<sup>th</sup> about ~~the~~  
accommodation  
for species of the  
Tropical African  
Leaves, who  
arrive hospital  
and

conveniences home  
facilities will in  
years in England.

Very  
I am glad that the  
Board of Management of  
the Traveller's Hospital  
Society is willing to assist  
us in this matter.

I think perhaps the  
best plan w<sup>ld</sup> be for  
you to come advise us  
details with me, when  
you get back, & on  
your return could then  
be sent to the Society  
yours sincerely

DRAFT.

P. Mitchell by C.P.S.

9 July 1910

MINUTE.

Accp 7/7/10

Mr.  
Fiddian 8

Mr.  
H. Read.

Mr.  
G. Fiddian

Mr.  
Avery.

Lord Milner

Mr.  
Ingram

Dear Mitchell -

I wrote to you on  
the 21<sup>st</sup> June  
suggesting that  
we should have a  
talk about  
the proposal  
in connection with  
accommodation  
for the men after

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Prof. appear serious  
who require hospital  
or convalescent-home  
facilities while on leave  
in England.

The matter does not  
nearly press; but I do  
like to discuss it with  
you soon - if wed.

21<sup>st</sup> July at 3.30 pm.  
will suit you, that will be  
a convenient time  
for me.

Yours sincerely

(Signed) H. J. +

12<sup>th</sup> July 1920

Dear

Yours etcs of the 9<sup>th</sup> has been sent off  
me - I am still here trying to get the  
acc into shape and shall not return  
Greenwich until next month - If however  
I think the Master charitable enough -  
I will go up to Town to see you -

Report you are going on leave or  
something & that sort - in which case  
leave doop me alone

Any of your fellows attacked - A  
bullet in any form could be fatal

Sincerely yours

A. Mitchell

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DRAFT.

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Emboss for  
my signature

P. Mitchell, Esq., comr -

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July 1920

MINUTE

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Mr. Butler  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr. Grenville  
Mr. Lambert  
Mr. Read  
Mr. Fiddes  
Mr. Amery  
Mr. Milner

In accordance  
asks me to suggest  
that you should call  
on him, if con-  
venient to you, about  
hospital accommoda-  
tion for officers in  
the Provincial African  
Services, on Tuesday

August at 3:30 p.m.

would you kindly let me

know if this will suit you?

Yours sincerely

Acl

~~attach~~ send  
up to - Mrs. G. sent over  
KING GEORGE'S SANATORIUM FOR SAILORS.

Mr. Parkinson  
W. A. S. T.

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station: K. L. & S. W. R.Y.  
phone: 2000 - 88.

22<sup>nd</sup> July 1920

BRAMSHOTT PLACE,

LIPHOOK,

HANTS.

and  
23<sup>(7)</sup> 1920

Dear Mr. Parkinson

Your letter of yesterday has reached me. I am detained here longer than I had expected & shall not be back to my office before the latter end of August - but if Dr Herbert Read & everyone of Town or if he wishes to come before my return have to go up to Town on the 20th - Please let me know his wishes in the matter.

Yours sincerely

P. Mitchell

Mr. H. Read

Is and at all for him  
to come up to town  
will still remain to write  
outright his own  
opinion when he gets  
back? And

W. Parkinson  
Sir, Please  
P. S. R.  
23<sup>(7)</sup> 1920