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HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR E. AND W. AFRICAN  
CIVIL SERVANTS

Trans schedule showing the number of men who have been treated since 1st Jan, last and states that it now remains for a reasonable scale of charges to be fixed

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Mr. Fiddian

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Mr. Fiddian (wishes to be able to function in family matters)

Mr. Bottomley 3/12 514 Rged

Mr. Bottomley

At your request I have taken this over, as Mr. Fiddian has explained that in present circumstances he has no time to minute on the question in the first instance. I have had a long interview with Mr. Michelli and I send on with this a draft scheme as the upshot of our discussion. There are one or two points with regard to the scheme which require, perhaps, some further explanation:-

As to the proposed charge of two guineas a week for members of the subordinate staff, Mr. Michelli said that the Society were treating members of our subordinate staff free, but he represented that there was really no reason, specially in present financial circumstances, for them, or any other voluntary

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voluntary hospital to do so, and we must be assured that  
it does not have to be paid for. He said that if the  
scheme now proposed came into force, under which practically

all members of our subordinate staff would be treated at  
the Society's hospitals, he felt sure that it would be  
practically abandoned by his Committee if we offered to make a

small payment for all such cases. <sup>if he put out hands</sup>  
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there was no doubt that they would be able to arrange  
fees mutually satisfactory to the Government officer and

to the operating surgeon. In any case, where we indicated  
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To put the scheme to his Committee 533

The scheme has the drawback that

that officials, feeling ill at ease

in London will not be able to benefit by

it & will claim assistance, but this is

no reason for not doing what we can

was 3/2/20

salary

whenever limit is fixed, to

officers on that salary ought to

be put definitely into one category

or other. Mr. Battersby's memo

omits to allocate the officers

drawing £400, though the words

on the ~~at~~ top of the second

page imply that he means the

higher category to be "officers

£400 per annum & over

As the only European officers

employed by the W.A.F. Gov<sup>ts</sup>

with salaries under £400  
a year are nurses & NCO's,  
we are not much concerned.  
But I am strongly opposed  
to Col Gov<sup>ts</sup> paying hospital

charges in this country for  
Col officers [for officers] under  
£400 a year. A Col Govt  
officer is as capable as  
a Home Govt officer of paying  
a fair sum for hospital  
treatment, and, if the Seamen's  
hospitals regard £2.2.0 a  
week as a fair sum for  
them to be paid for officers  
under £400, I see no reason  
why the officers shouldn't  
pay it. He couldn't get  
board & lodging at a boarding  
house now-a-days for  
£2.2.0 a week.

If however it is  
decided that Col officers  
with small salaries must  
be pauperized by Col Govt,  
I would reduce the funding  
here from £400 to £300.

An officer on £300 - £400  
can certainly afford to  
pay something for hospital  
treatment

Jenkins  
but

A Col Officer  
pauperized by  
Govt for  
attendance at  
Post Office

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not only of public  
cases of interest  
must

or an even better arrangement  
would be :-

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Officers on £400 + over pay  
£4.4.0 a week

Officers on £300 & less than  
£400 pay £3.3.0 a week

Officers below £300 pay  
£2.2.0 a week.

I am disgusted to see  
that the Hospital charged  
nothing to Mr G. B. Hedden  
Assist Engineer in Chief  
Posts & Tels Dept Nigeria  
with a salary of £960 a year

On 21/10/20  
It seems to me that only  
helped discuss it. I tried to  
this hospital, and that accordingly  
only such officers as go to them  
have suffering from mit discuss  
governmental of a trip in by  
one medical business. They do  
then pay the fee suggested by  
Mr Harding (of course they need  
not go unless they wish)  
Any relief from the fee

in case of need, but be a matter  
for the officer to raise with C.O. not  
with the hospital.

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I agree with Mr. Ellis

8/12/20

I agree with Mr. Harding & Mr.  
Ellis - except that I do  
not limit the cases to those  
of tropical disease, as proposed  
by Mr. Ellis.

at once  
H. J. R.  
9/21/20

Mr. Fildes to see

Learn when the matter has been finally  
disposed of, I should like to see the  
report again. AT 10/1/20

Before finally settling the question who should pay whether the Government or the man himself in the case of the fee of two guineas a week to be charged for subordinates drawing less than £300 per annum, Sir H. Read thought it desirable to call a meeting of the heads of the Tropical African Departments - which met this afternoon. After discussion it was finally decided to call upon the man himself to pay half, viz 1 guinea a week on the understanding that the Society were at liberty to

make

make representations with a view to the Government  
paying the whole in any case where they were satisfied  
that the man really was not able to pay owing to  
having a family to support. I have accordingly  
written to Mr. Michelli as in the copy herewith.

SUGGESTED SCHEME OF HOSPITAL TREATMENT  
FOR EAST AND WEST AFRICAN CIVIL SERVANTS.

- Medical Cases -

Would be received at the various hospitals under the Seaman's Hospital Society to an inclusive charge of four guineas a week (to cover board, nursing, medical charges and drugs), out of which the Society would pay 25%, viz. one guinea a week, to the visiting Medical Staff, as is done now under the Ministry of Pensions scheme. Tropical disease cases would be sent to Endsleigh Gardens, other cases would be sent to Greenwich, or the Albert Dock, as regards the necessities of the case. Tubercular cases would be sent to the new sanatorium at Framletti, when it is opened next spring. The proposed charge of four guineas a week would be the same <sup>at</sup> whatever hospital the patient was sent. It should be noted that the Society cannot deal at any of their hospitals with a person mentally defective, and other provision must be made in such cases.

In the case of senior officers drawing substantial salaries, especially when war carried, it is hoped that they would make a voluntary donation in addition to the four guineas a week, with a view to some additional payment to the visiting medical staff. On the other hand, allowances would always be paid for hard cases, and the Society would gladly make some reduction in their fees where this was shown to be desirable on account of the officer's circumstances (say in the

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Telephone:  
Greenwich 270.



SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL,  
GREENWICH,  
S.E.W.

19th Novbr: 1920.

Dear Fiddian,

Now that our royal function is over I am in a position to again take up with you the question of payment for Hospital treatment and maintenance of East and West African Civil servants.

The position seems to be this - that Sir R. Conyngham suggested raising a fund to maintain eight beds in a Hospital where East and West African Civil servants would receive treatment from competent medical men experienced in tropical diseases. (See letter from Colonial Office, dated 6th May, 1920.)

The Board of Management of the Seamen's Hospital Society favourably considered this project and suggested that in lieu of the maintenance of beds in the Hospital for Tropical Diseases only, Hospital accommodation should be made available in the various establishments of this Society to suit the particular ailment from which the patient is suffering. It is suggested that a sliding scale of payment on the lines of that sent you on the 23rd September last, should be adopted.

In order to shew you what is now being done for Colonial officials I send you the enclosed statement of cases treated at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases alone since it opened on 1st January last.

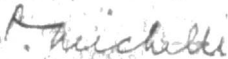
Since the enclosed statement was compiled we have arranged to admit to the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens, a District Commissioner, J.G. Rubie, who is suffering from trypanosomiasis. (See letter from Colonial Office, dated 5th November, 1920.) This week I have arranged for the admission of Mr. D.P. Cooke, Assistant Political Officer in the Tanganyika Territory, to the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, to undergo an operation for appendicitis. (See letter from Colonial Office dated 9th November, 1920.)

It does not seem fair that men who are in receipt of pay exceeding £400 a year should be maintained free of charge, or that members of the medical profession should be asked to treat them for nothing. The Colonial Office has done much for the Tropical School and may look for consideration for their men but the generous assistance that has been given is for medical education and no part of it is available for the maintenance of beds.



The question merely seems to resolve itself into this - whether arrangements can be made to carry out the objects that the Governor of Uganda had in view by taking such action as will provide inexpensive Hospital facilities for East and West African civil servants here on leave.

Yours sincerely,



Secretary.

A. Fiddian Esq.,  
Colonial Office.,  
S.W.1.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Rating &amp; Colony.</u>	<u>Admitted.</u>	<u>Discharged.</u>	<u>No. of days.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Millard A.S.,	Med. Officer, F.M.S.,	29.3.20.	31.3.20.	2	No charge to Med. men
Cumbrill E.E.W.K.	Foreman of Works P.W.D. Nigeria.	4.5.20.	9.5.20.	5	No charge Subordinate position.
Hughes T.P.,	Magistrate's Clerk Sierra Leone.	29.6.20.	10.7.20.	11	ditto.
Hobden G.B.	Entered in register as "Colonial Civil Servant".	19.4.20.	2.5.20.	13	not charged
Slaby J.H.	Mechanic P.W.D. Nigeria.	28.6.20.	7.7.20.	9	No charge Subordinate position.
Webster M.G.H.,	Entered as Asst. Garage Supt., C.O.,	8.7.20.	11.7.20.	3	ditto.
Dibley H.	Loco Driver, Nigeria Rly.	17.9.20.	24.9.20.	7	ditto.
Graham J.	Foreman Platelayer Ceylon Govt. Rly.	14.10.20.	Still in Hospital.		
Brenchley A.	Loco Driver, Sierra Leone Rly.	20.10.20.	24.10.20.	4	ditto.
Smith E.T.	Loco Driver Nigeria Rly.	27.10.20.	Still in Hospital.		
Treatway H.	Wagon Erector Nigeria Rly.	3.11.20.	" " "	"	"
Blanford W.	Lift Attendant C.O.,	3.11.20.	" " "	"	"
Rubie T.J.	District Comm: for Uganda.	Now to be admittd.			

COLONIAL SERVICE PATIENTS TREATED IN THE HOSPITAL FOR TROPICAL DISEASES WHO PAID FEES, OR GAVE DONATIONS.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>RATING &amp; COLONY.</u>	<u>ADMITTED.</u>	<u>DISCHG.</u>	<u>NO. OF DAYS.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
Cutfield A. J.	?	15.3.20.	29.3.20.	14 days.	Patient paid £4.4.0.
Gardner J. H.	?	16.3.20.	4.4.20.	19 days.	Patient paid £8.11.0 plus donation of £1.19.0.
Carrol V. Vereker.	Capt. E. A. Polton Force.	9.8.20.	2.9.20.	24 days.	patient paid £10.10.0
Taylor R. S.	Med. Officer	24.7.20.	27.7.20.	3 days.	Patient paid 1s/- at own request.
McHutchinson G. B.	Med. Officer F. M. S.,	26.4.20.	6.5.20.	8 days	Patient paid £9.12.0. at own request.
Foy H. A.	Med. Officer W. A. M. S.,	26.6.20.	12.7.20.	14 days.	Patient paid £6.6.0. at own request.

DOWNING STREET,

17 December, 1920

*ansd  
16/12/20*

We have been considering here the scheme with regard to hospital treatment provisionally agreed upon between you and Batterbee the other day and we cordially welcome the proposals made subject to the two following modifications, to which I trust that you will see no objection.

1. In stead of the two classes of officers (a) above and (b) below £400 per annum contemplated at your interview with Batterbee, we think that it would be preferable to divide our officers into three classes.

(a) Officers on £400 per annum and over who will pay £4. 4. 0 per week

(b) Officers on £300 per annum and less than £400 per annum who will pay £3. 3. 0 per week.

(c) Officers below £300 per annum for whom a payment of £2. 2. 0 a week will be made

2. As regards the last class of Officer, there seems no reason why the officer should pay nothing at all, and we think that a preferable arrangement would

MICHELLI, ESQ., C.M.G.

That in normal cases the officer should pay £1. 0. a week while the Government will pay half, on the understanding that the Society will be ready to make representations to the Colonial Office in a view to the whole of the fees being paid by the Government in cases where the Society are unable to pay the officer on account of family circumstances.

I enclose a revised draft of the scheme including the modifications above mentioned and if you agree I shall be glad if you will be good enough to bring this to the attention of our Committee at the first convenient

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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with a view to some additional payment to the visiting Medical staff. On the other hand, some reduction in fees will be made in hard cases where this is shown to be desirable on account of the Officer's financial circumstances.

Will be accommodated just as above but at an inclusive charge of three guineas a week subject to some reduction in cases of financial hardship.

Will be accommodated at an inclusive charge of two guineas a week which in normal circumstances will be paid half by the Officer himself and half by the Colonial or Protectorate Government, on the understanding that the Society will be at liberty to make representations to the Colonial Office with a view to the whole of the fees being paid by the Government in cases where the Society are satisfied that the Officer on account of family circumstances is unable to pay himself.

Special arrangements for a reduced charge will be made in each case by the Society with the operating surgeon. The charge will vary with the patient's circumstances, but in any case will be considerably less than that normally charged. In the case of junior officers in necessitous circumstances, only a nominal fee will be charged.

Officers drawing £300 per annum and less than £400 per annum

Government Officers drawing less than £300 per annum

SPECIAL CASES.  
Cases a and b.



charged, or no fee at all.

No fee will be charged in normal  
circumstances.

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Class C.