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Last previous Paper.

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HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR E. AND W. AFRICAN
CIVIL SERVANTS

Trans schedule shewing 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

Mr Fiddian

Oct. 22 11 20

Mr. Fiddian (written to him then by instruction to formally settle)

Mr. Bostwick 3/12 S.H. Ryed

Mr. Bostwick

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

in case of need. but he is unable
for the office to raise with E. not
with the hospital.

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I agree with Mr. Ellis. C.S.

P.R. 20

I agree with Mr. Handing & Mr.
Ellis - except that I will
not limit the case to that
of tropical disease, as proposed
by Mr. Ellis.

above.

H. J. R.

9/11/20

Mr. Fisher to be

See when the matter has been finally
disposed of. I shall like to see the U
again. AT 10/11

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 was 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 at an inclusive charge of four guineas a week (to cover board, nursing, medical charges and drugs) out of which the Society would pay 20% 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, at the Albert Dock, as to the necessities of the case. Intestinal cases would be sent to the Royal Swastika at the Mill, when it is opened next spring. The proposed charge of four guineas a week would be the same ⁶ at whatever hospital the patient was sent. It should be noted that the Society cannot deal at any of their hospitals with cases essentially defective and other provision must be made for such cases.

In the case of East African officers drawing substantial salaries, especially when married, 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 a 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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the base of a married officer on £400 a year with two or three children.

Would be accommodated just as above, but at an inclusive charge of two guineas a week, which in normal circumstances would be paid by the Colonial or Protectorate Government,

Surgical Cases -

Special arrangements for a reduced charge would be made in each case by the Society with the up rating but not. The charge would vary with the patients' circumstances, and in any case would be considerably less than would normally be charged. In the case of gazetted officers in necessitous circumstances, only a nominal fee would be charged, or no fee at all.

fee would be charged in normal circumstances.

Government Officers belonging to the subordinate staff, ~~and drawing less than £400 per annum.~~

Government Officers drawing more than £400 per annum out ~~and drawing less than £400 per annum.~~

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SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL,
GREENWICH,
S.E.1

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Nov 22 1920

19th Nov: 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. Compton 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 8th 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. L.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 home on leave.

Yours sincerely,

A. Mitchell

Secretary.

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

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Rating & Colony.</u>	<u>Admitted.</u>	<u>Discharged.</u>	<u>No. of days.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Millard A.S.,	Med. Officer. P.M.S.,	29.3.20.	31.3.20.	2	No charge to Med. men
Gambrell 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.
Rebden G.B.	Entered in register as "Colonial Civil Servant".	19.4.20.	2.5.20.	13	not charged
Elaby J.H.	Mechanic P.W.D. Nigeria.	29.6.20.	7.7.20.	9	No charge Subordinate position.
Webster M.O.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.
Grabam 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.		
Treatsway H.	Wagon Erector Nigeria Rly.	3.11.20.	" " "	"	"
Blanford W.	Lift Attendant C.O., District Comm: for Uganda.	3.11.20.	" " "	"	"
Rubie T.J.		Now to be admitted.			

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

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>RATING & COLONY.</u>	<u>ADMITTED.</u>	<u>DISCHD.</u>	<u>NO. OF DAYS.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
Outfield A. J.	?	15.3.20.	29.3.20.	14 days.	Patient paid £4.5.0.
Gardner J. H.	?	16.3.20.	4.4.20.	19 days.	Patient paid £5.11.0 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 18/- at own request
McHutchinson G. B.	Med. Officer F. M. S.,	28.4.20.	6.5.20.	8 days	Patient paid £9.12.0. at own request.
POY d. A.	Med. Officer W. A. M. S.,	26.6.20.	12.7.20.	14 days.	Patient paid £6.6.0. at own request.

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DORNING STREET.

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17 December, 1941

Answer
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We have been considering here the scheme with regard to hospital treatment provisionally agreed upon between you and ourselves 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 ourselves, 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. 2. 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 the event of a war we should pay
the Government will pay
erty of the Society will
with a view to the Columbia
workman's fund being paid
that the Government should
is usually the result of family cir-

I enclose a general sketch of the scheme including
modifications above mentioned and if you agree
regard if you will be good enough to bring
your Committee at the first convenient

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) H. J. HEAD.

Ref's

I herewith return which I have drafted for you
for your approval to (send) to the
following board. Draft of scheme as
sent at yesterday's conference

W.P.S.

impossible

14. 11. 20

I approve - if you can
(Let Mr Harding & Mr Fiddian see)

at once

A. J. R.

15/11/20

~~attached~~

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In the case of senior officers drawing substantial salaries, specially when unmarried, it is hoped that they will make a voluntary donation in addition to the four guineas a week.

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Government officers drawing
 per annum and over

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 case 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.

Class C.