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HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR E. AND W. AFRICAN CIVIL SERVANTS

1920

19th Nov

Last previous Paper.

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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

G.O.S. 22 Nov 20

Mr. Fiddian (wishes to know when application is finally settled)
Mr. Rottemby 3/12 5 in H.R.G.

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

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voluntary hospital to do so, and while he wishes to make it due to the Society's own fault, 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

~~greatly appreciated~~ by his Committee if we offered to make a small payment for all such cases.

~~to be put out of pocket~~
~~because in some way this Colony seems to have~~
~~had to make offer to some men a small payment when~~
~~way of helping it, and I think best to think about~~
~~any amount and let our Committee think what we should~~
~~do.~~

As to surgical cases, Mr. Michelli said that 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 reasons that the Officer's circumstances did not really permit of his paying, we would ~~try to~~ ^{try} arrange for the operation to be performed free.

The scheme now suggested seems clear cut and simple and I hope that it will meet with the approval of Tropical African Departments generally. It will mean medical and surgical treatment for our officers in this country at greatly reduced fees and will involve the government in very little expense.

We will have to go to the Board of Health to money. I suppose I am definitely in account of time, but if you desire, I am & can make the arrangements.

A.H.

£16.00

I agree. We must get the approval of the Govt (or other also the Treasury) to the proposal by the Govt of the fees for subordinate, (as I will do it in practice this will leave a bill in which we shall have to pay others) by the first step must the Govt be consulted.

Let us scheme to the Committee 531
to advise her the sum back that
truly we be soon to anyone and
that officials fairly ill or a instance
for tender and will be to benefit by
it & will claim instance, but there is
no room for it being charged.

W.C. 3/2/00

salary

whatever limit is fixed, 3

officers on that salary ought to
be put definitely into one category
or other. Mr Batterbee'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. Govt
with salaries under £400
a year are nurses & NCO's,
we are not much concerned.
But I am strongly opposed
to (all Govt paying hospital

charges in this country for Col officers [for officers] and it £400 a year. A Col Govt officer is as capable as a Home Govt officer of £400 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 pampered by Col Govt, I would reduce the turning line from £400 to £300.

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

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 £300 pay £3. 3. 0 a week
Officers below £300 pay £2. 2. 0 a week.

I am disgusted to see that the Hospital charges nothing to W.C.B. Hebben Assist Engineer in Chief Ports & Tel. Dept. Nigeria with a salary of £960 a year.

Has come to me that only 1. 47 p.c. 20 helped doctors and patients in the hospital, and that according to my own figures all go to other hospitals offering far much better accommodation for a long time to come. They are offered however. They do not pay the fees suggested by Mr. Harding, of course they need not go outside their £300, they will get free the first

in case of need, and to remember
for the offer to raise with C.O. not
with the hospital.

At 7/2

I agree with Mr. Ellis. On

8/2/20

I agree with Mr. Harding - 2.
Ellis - except that I will
not limit the case to those
of tropical disease, as proposed
by Mr. Ellis

above.

H. J. R.

9/2/20

Mr. Tidman to see

See when the month has been fixed
- despatched. To be done by the 1st of
Aug. At 10/20

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. Reed 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 willing 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 Seamer'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, or the Albert Dock, according to the necessities of the case. Tuberculosis cases would be sent to the new Sanatorium at St. Helens, when it is opened next spring. The proposed charge of four guineas a week would be the same ~~as~~ whatever hospital the patient was sent to. It should be noted that the Society cannot insist at any of their hospitals with regard to mentally defective and other provision must be made in such cases.

In the case of serving officers drawing substantial salaries, especially when unattached, 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 made for hard cases, and the Society would ~~safely~~ make some reduction in their fees where this was shown to be desirable on account of the officer's circumstances (say in the

the time 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 patient's own consent. The charge would vary with the patient's income, and in any case would be considerably less than £1.00 a day charged. If the services of naval officers in necessitous circumstances were required, fee would be charged, or no fee at all.

Fee would be charged if not in

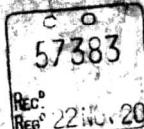
any emergency.

Government Officers belonging to the subordinate staff, ~~not~~
drawing less than £400 per annum.

Government Officers drawing more than £200 per annum but ~~not~~ including Cadets.

Government Officers belonging to the subordinate staff, ~~not~~
drawing less than £200 per annum.

Telephone:
GREENWICH 370.



SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL,
GREENWICH,
S.E.8.

19th Novr: 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. Gommion 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 9th 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 limit to the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Ensliegh 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 8th 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 belts.

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. Fidgell

Secretary

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

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Rating & Colony.</u>	<u>Ambulance.</u>	<u>Diagnose.</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 change to Med. men
Gambrell E.P.W.K.	Foreman of Works P.V.D. Nigeria.	4.6.20.	9.6.20.	5	No change Subordinate position.
Hughes T.P.,				ditto.	
Redden G.B.				not changed	
Milby J.H.	Magistrate's Clerk Sierra Leone. Entered in register as "Colonial Civil Servant".	29.6.20.	10.7.20.	11	ditto.
Webster M.G.H.,	Mechanic P.W.D. Nigeria.	29.6.20.	7.7.20.	8	No change Subordinate position.
Dibley H.	Entered as Asstt. Garage Sup't. O.O.,	8.7.20.	11.7.20.	3	ditto.
Graham J.	Loco Driver, Nigeria Rly.	17.8.20.	24.9.20.	7	ditto.
Brenshley A.	Foreman Platelayer Ceylon Govt.Rly.	14.10.20.	Still in Hospital.		
Smith E.T.	Loco Driver Niger Ia Rly.	20.10.20.	24.10.20.	4	ditto.
Treatthway H.	Wagon Erector Nigeria Rly.	27.10.20.	Still in Hospital.		
Blundstone V.	Lift Attendant District Comm:	3.11.20.	"	"	
Hubbs T.J.	for Uganda.				

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>DISCHARGED.</u>	<u>NO. OF DAYS.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
Cutfield A. J.	?	15.3.20.	28.3.20.	14 days.	Patient paid £4.0.0.
Gardner J. H.	?	16.3.20.	4.4.20.	19 days.	Patient paid £8.11.0 plus donation of £19.0.
Garroll V. Vereker.	Capt. R.A. Polioen Force.	9.8.20.	2.9.20.	26 days.	Patient paid £10.0.0.
Taylor R.S.	Med. Officer	24.7.20.	27.7.20.	3 days.	Patient paid 16/- at own request.
McHutchinson G.B.	Med. Officer P.M.S.,	28.4.20.	6.5.20.	8 days	Patient paid £8.12.0 at own request.
Poy d.A.	Med. Officer W.A.M.S.,	28.6.20.	12.7.20.	14 days.	Patient paid £8.6.0. at own request.

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DOWNING STREET.

17 December, 1900

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16 Decr*

We have been considering here the scheme with regard to payment treatment provisionally mentioned in the memorandum you sent me yesterday the other day and we would welcome the proposal 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 contaminated at your interview with Mr. Gove, 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 £400 per annum and less than £400 per annum who will pay £3. 2. 0 per week.

(c) Officers below £400 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 same should pay nothing at all, and we think that a reasonable arrangement would

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at the time when the scheme would pay.
It will be necessary for you to pay
the amount of the premium when
you receive the first payment.
The amount will be paid
in monthly instalments
that will be equivalent to the sum of money due
at the time of maturity.

I will send you a copy of the scheme including
modifications above mentioned and if you agree
I will be glad if you will be good enough to bring
your Committee at the first convenient
time.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. E. A.

to the Regt

Permit me while I have stopped you
in afternoon, to send the following
during hours time of silence etc.
and at yesterday's interview

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irpossible

14. 11. 20

before appearance
(Lt N^t Hading - W. soldier see)

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s. d. R

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seen

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~~other~~

See

15. 11. 20

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

MEDICAL CASES -

Government Officers drawing per annum and over

Will 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 25%, viz. one guinea a week, to the visiting Medical Staff, as is done now under the Ministry of Pensions scheme. Tropical disease cases will be sent to Endsleigh Gardens, other cases will be sent to Greenwich, or the Albert Dock Hospital according to the necessities of the case. Tubercular cases will be sent to the new sanatorium at Bramshott, when it is opened next spring. The proposed charge of four guineas a week will be the same to whichever hospital the patient is sent. The only cases excepted from this arrangement are mental cases with which the Society cannot deal at present.

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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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.

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

Government Officers drawing more than £300 per annum
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.

charged, or no fee at all.

No fee will be charged in normal
circumstances.
