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SUBJECT

*Dental treatment
for officers*

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Previous Paper

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*I think we may be satisfied that
with the help of officers now the
Govt's pockets are likely to suffer by the
withdrawal of the old facilities.*

*It would seem that the
Government is going to do well under the
scheme, but I see no reason to
object to it from the point of view
of the official*

*... and say that the
arrangements made are useful.*

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is that of the officer,
and while it is perhaps
in the nature of a luxury
to grant free dental
treatment I cannot
help feeling sympathy with
the protest expressed by
the C.S. Union, in
their letter enclosed in
ho 49 of file 4020/5A,
against the withdrawal
of a privilege which
they have enjoyed
since 1913 & which
is still enjoyed by officers
in Uganda & T.T.
However, the principle
was approved - with
reluctance - on 33F72/27,
and as it is clear
that officers' health
has not, so far as
any rate, suffered

by the change there
seems to be no ground
for recommending the
matter.

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This question of dentistry is
important. It was one of
Col Seely's special subjects
so to speak, when he was
A.D. here.

But in the light of
undoubtedly the fact that
there are possible dental
facilities in Kenya -
the best dentist I ever met
was a man from
Machakos in Nairobi.

It is always troublesome
to withdraw a privilege,
but although it may be
illogical to give free
medical treatment to
Officers but not free
dental treatment, there
is ~~no~~ a difference
in common sense
recognition.

The S.A. Officers have
such a number of
privileges that there is
perhaps the less reason

to be charged with drawing
free dental treatment -

After all, even though
Manda & P. still have the
privilege, men in 2' bar,
Mandal & P. have
to get their own dentistry
done.

To my mind, the fact
that one's dentistry is paid
for by the Govt. would not
nearly ensure, in itself,
adequate dental treatment.
It is the process of visiting
dentists, at the right moment,
that is the deterrent: ^{where} ^{the} ^{arrangement}
health ^{is} ^{not} ^{suffer} ^{with} ^{an}
arrangement
as proposed

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.
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My Lord Duke,

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I have the honour to refer to Sir E. Nerthey's despatch No. 790 of the 21st June, 1922, on the subject of the abolition for reasons of economy of the post of Government Dental Surgeon and of the withdrawal from officials of the privilege of free dental treatment; and to Mr. Churchill's telegram of July 25th, 1922, in which he required a report in 12 months' time of the results of this retrenchment.

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2. The Acting Principal Medical Officer reports that he can adduce no evidence either from hospital admissions or from the findings of Medical Boards that the withdrawal of these facilities has in any way affected the health of European officials; and it would therefore appear that there is little danger that Government may be involved in large indirect expenses in shortened tours or in an increase in the number of officers requiring leave on medical grounds.

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3. There are in practice in Nairobi several private dentists of good standing to whom officials can resort for treatment. Officers in outstations are readily granted leave to visit Nairobi for dental treatment and some of the dentists make periodical visits to Mombasa, Nakuru, Kisumu and other outstations. It is thus seen that the

GRACE
THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

✓ the withdrawal of the Government Dental Surgeon does not, as it might in other Colonies, mean that officials are unable to receive dental treatment when they require it.

4. It is of course clear that officials are put to greater expense now than formerly. The fees charged by private dentists are considerably higher than those charged to officials under the cancelled regulations and in order to mitigate to some extent the withdrawal of the privilege of free dental treatment from officials, this Government has accorded to Dr. Van Someren - who has returned on retrenchment to take up private practice - the use of the quarters formerly occupied by him as residence and consulting rooms at the nominal rental of £25 per annum. He has been permitted further to use free of charge with the option of purchase at a valuation after three years, the instruments of his profession which were formerly issued to him from the Medical Department Stores. In return for these concessions Dr. Van Someren has consented for a period of 12 months to operate a Scheme under which he charges the rates set out in Secretariat Circular No. 22 of April 22nd, 1916, a copy of which is attached for facility of reference, and receives a fixed yearly contribution from such officials as have entered the Scheme at the rate of

£200	from officials whose salaries are under £400 per annum;
£250	" " " " " " over £400 but under £600 p.a.;
and £340	" " " " " " over £600 per annum;

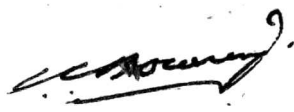
5. I should add that a representation was recently received from the European Civil Servants Association that provision for a Government Dental Surgeon should be reinserted in Estimates for 1924 on the grounds that dental

dental treatment is a very important part of surgical treatment, that its abolition will prove a false economy to Government; and that such a post was still retained in Uganda and Tanganyika Territory. After due consideration I accepted the advice of Executive Council that this request should not be granted as the reasons on which it was based appeared to lack cogency.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most devoted
and most obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

ENCLOSURE

Recd. a
 in Despatch No. 12/30/17-8-23

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CIRCULAR NO. 22.

THE SECRETARIAT,

Nairobi.

22nd April, 1916.

DENTAL FACILITIES FOR EUROPEAN OFFICIALS.

All European Officials are entitled to free dental attendance, i.e. conservative work including fillings and extractions, with the exception of operations &c. as specified in Table A.

TABLE A.European Officials.

Dental treatment for which fees are chargeable.	Salary over £400.	Salary exceeding £250 and not £400.	Salary not exceeding £250.
Vulcanite dentures, per tooth or gold band.	Rs. 7.50	Rs. 6.00	Rs. 5.00
Minimum cost of denture.	37.50	22.50	15.75
Maximum cost of denture.	---	127.50	90.00
Gold dents per tooth or gold band.	15.75	15.00	15.00
Minimum cost of denture.	63.00	56.00	56.00
Minimum cost where teeth to be replaced are molars on each side.	95.00	60.00	60.00
Maximum cost.	---	300.00	300.00
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Dental treatment for which fees are chargeable.	Salary over £400.	Salary exceeding £250 and not £400.	Salary not exceeding £250.
Gold fillings and inlays.	Rs.15.75	Rs.15.00	Rs.15.00
Crowns of all kinds.	15.75	15.00	15.00
Bridging per tooth.	15.75	15.75	15.75

Wives and families, including children to age of 15, will receive dental attendance at the following rates :-

TABLE B.

Wives and Families.

Treatment for which fees are chargeable.	Husband's salary over £400.	Exceeding £250 and not £400.	Not exceeding £250 a year.
Plastic fillings.	Rs. 7.50	Rs. 6.00	Rs. 4.00
Root fillings.	7.50	6.00	4.00
Extractions.	7.50	6.00	4.00
Extractions with local anaesthetic.	10.00	8.00	6.00
Extractions with general anaesthetic.	15.75	10.50	7.00

Anaesthetist's fee Rs.15.75.

Any filling requiring an extraordinary expenditure of time charged at the rate of Rs.7.50 for each half hour in excess of first half hour.

For prosthetic work, charges the same as for officials see table A.

All fees must be paid on completion of work, failing which the account will be submitted to the Treasury, or, in the case of Railway Officials, to the Chief Accountant and the sum deducted from the Officer's salary.

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Applicants for dental attendance must produce a letter from the Head of their respective Departments, on which is stated the amount of salary the applicant receives per annum.

Attendance at the Surgery will be given between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on week days, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays.

SD/- W. J. MONSON,
For Chief Secretary.

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Mr. Jeffries 13/9/23

Mr. David.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Head.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Duke of Devonshire.

despatch No 1263 of the 11th

of August, and to inform you

that I have visited the
arrangements which have
been made for officers to may

receive dental treatment
on special terms
from V. S. L. van Someren,
(Signed)