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MEDICAL BOARDS FOR ASSESSMENT OF MILITARY PENSIONS.

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Substantive Paper.

Suggests might be limited to 2 and in some cases even 1 M.O. in order to save time and travelling expenses. Requests authority to pay travelling expenses in the case of Imperial pensioners who have to appear before a Medical Board

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to his ability. We shall have to refer this to the M.P. ...
have any objection ...

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M.P. ...
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Imperial pensioners ...
we shall be guided ...
local M.O. ...
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understand that when ...
was sent it was only meant to ...
local M.O. ...
explain the D.A.G.'s ...
that ...
Imperial pensioners ...

To M.P. as proposed
B.P.C.
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My Lord,

I have the honour, at the request of the Principal Medical Officer, to submit for Your Lordship's consideration certain points in connexion with Medical Boards held under the auspices of his Department as a necessary preliminary to the assessment or re-assessment of military pensions.

2. Under the Athanasie instructions, a Board of this nature must comprise three qualified medical practitioners. As Your Lordship is aware such a Board for this Protectorate can as a rule be formed only in Nairobi and occasionally in Mombasa with result that hitherto it has been necessary to call in to these centres applicants from any part of the Protectorate. This fact weighs heavily on both parties. The depleted and hard-worked Headquarters medical staff have been compelled to spend a considerable part of one day every week in examining pensioners

THE HONOURABLE

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... or would be pensioners, whilst the latter, in most cases newcomers to the country anxious to start work in their new sphere of life, are forced to waste several days valuable time in journeying between their place of residence and Nairobi at considerable expense. 15.

I have to ask, therefore, whether as far as this Protectorate is concerned, it would not be possible to limit the board in cases of re-assessment only to two or in exceptional instances to one Medical Officer at the discretion of the Principal Medical Officer. This would save time and travelling expenses and I do not anticipate that it would lead to any undesirable results.

3. There is no trace amongst local records of any regulations issued by the Ministry of Pensions in regard to journeys undertaken for the purpose of a Medical Board, but the Treasurer has addressed inquiries on the subject to the Ministry of Pensions. The present practice is to allow free return railway tickets to ex-members of the Imperial Forces in accordance with their rank but this concession cannot be given to Imperial Pensioners without the prior authority of the Ministry of Pensions or the War Office, as this Government has been given no responsibility in such cases. Travelling and hotel expenses are considerable and representations have been made by pensioners for the additional acceptance of this charge by the State.

4. Special remuneration for Civil Medical Officers in return for their services on the Pension

Pension Boards have now been authorized in Colonial
 Office with power to be exercised by the Commandant
 and I have been asked by the Principal Medical
 Officer to emphasize the advantages gained by a
 Medical Board if previous reports and proceedings
 relating to a particular case are at their
 disposal. I do so to advise, therefore, whether
 the Ministry of Health may be asked to forward
 previous reports and proceedings in connection
 of the Officer who is likely to require a
 examination in this connection.

your presence

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Secretary,
Ministry of Pensions

25th June, 1920

Sir,

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I am in the course of
to you, to be laid
before the Ministry of
Pensions, a copy of a
draft from the C.A.P.
of the C.A.P. regarding
Medical Boards held
on the Post-Operative
as a preliminary to
the assessment of
military pensions,
and request that it
may be forwarded
with your observations
on the suggestion
contained therein
to the effect of

- Mr. Murray
- Mr. Mackay
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Sir R. ...
- Sir H. ...
- Sir G. ...
- Col. Amery
- Lord ...

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re-assignment of position
the Board may be limited
to two, or an exceptional
case, or one medical officer,
at the discretion of the
Municipal Medical Officer.

the payment of special
remuneration to local
medical officers in relation
for their services of the
Pension Boards, referred to
in para. 2 of the Act, is
intended to apply to the
recruitment of local doctors
and personnel only, but
nevertheless, presumed that
the Medical Officers of Pension Boards
no objection to the application of
the system of paying the sum of
\$5.00 to each medical officer for
each examination being when
special personnel are concerned
the cost being charged to special
of any reply made by you, the
enquiry made by the President of the
C.A.C. referred to in para. 3 of the Act
should of course be sent through
the Dept.