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GOVT DENTAL SURGEON

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Recommend that Govt should defray expense of material used in treatment of wives and families of officials and that Dentist should be allowed to retain lab fees. Suggest that the services of a dental mechanic be not required at present as when required he should be engaged on the same terms as an Asst Surgeon. States insists re accommodation will be borne in mind. Requests above recommendations be handled on behalf of SA - Committee on Nontary.

(also 54351)

A. Flood 118 Bottomley

I should be glad if you will look at this

2(a) 1st para. I have some difficulty

following the A.P.H.O.'s meaning

2nd para. I don't see how a sample could afford to be made of gold, with gold for the covering, & filling, which would certainly be expected.

If £200 is not enough, make it £300, but a sum of this magnitude is essential.

prefer the W.B. practice of helping the dentist to find his own way. He may be with our Assistant Surgeon (District Surgeon) is not adequate since the Assistant Surgeon's private work is many weeks for the year.

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(v) & (c) I agree with you. They forget that the  
member has no private practice of his own unless he is  
expected to charge fees to the dentist for unprofessional  
work.

(vi) I think D. Selby has missed the point all cases

D. Van Someren contended that he would use part of  
material free in work of an extraordinary kind & in  
all work for wives & families even though such work  
was of the nature of private practice. The Committee  
thought he had a verbal case for this view though  
the intention had been that he was to pay for all  
materials used. They therefore suggested that he should  
get an allowance of £50 & should pay for his  
materials (in other words he is given £50 worth of  
stuff free. The £50 does not cover the work & was  
meant to do so.

I agree with you that a limit is desirable. One  
solution would be to increase fees but that is ruled  
out by D. Van Someren's statement that this will cause  
hardship. Another possible solution is Mr Dolan's  
viz give him all material for ordinary work on  
wives families & free allowance towards material  
used on extraordinary work. This should meet the  
case I think.

Put this to rest saying that there is no remedy

but should provide free dentures etc for officials &  
their families & that the concession made to Dr  
Val Somers is personal to him and say that if  
this suggestion is adopted a sum of £50 will probably  
be sufficient to cover what he makes reasonably  
reimbursement for his extraordinary work and if the  
we can consider raising the grant or raising the  
fee charged, it is more clearly understood.

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a) The dental material provided for prosthesis etc  
for prosthetic work might be provided  
free by Govt.

b) There is no reason why the grant to the dentist  
should cover all material used by him in such  
work.

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Sir H. R. G. P.

So proceed?

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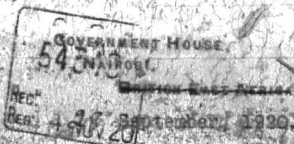
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No. 1048



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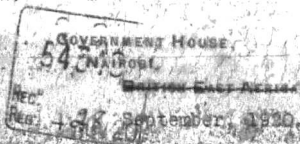
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The instructions contained in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the despatch under reference have been brought to the notice of the Acting Principal Medical Officer and will be borne in mind. I am not aware, however, that there is any prospect of Dr. Van Someren's present quarters in Nairobi being utilized for other purposes.

I trust that the views expressed above may be submitted to the Sub-Committee on Dentistry at the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be,  
Your Lordship's

humble, obedient servant,

*Edward Nairney*

GOVERNOR.





