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NAIROBI NATIVE CIVIL HOSPITAL

Reports as to progress for construction of
operating theatre. £700 has been raised from
P.W. Extraordinary Vote to build theatre and it is
as yet balance to provide additional accommodation
for patients. Building provided for in L.L. - Estimated
cost of 4000/- for 3 or 4 years.

No. 200. March 14

Sir G. Zildes

approve ?

H. J. [unclear]

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at once for [unclear]

See [unclear]

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI.
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

February 24th 1914.

No. 123

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have recently received a communication from the Principal Medical Officer on the subject of the Native Civil Hospital, Nairobi, from which it is evident that certain additional accommodation is imperative.

2. The room which is at present used as an operating theatre is practically devoid of the necessary equipment and aseptic conditions are so difficult to obtain that even the simplest operation is fraught with danger. In fact, the Medical Officer in charge describes it as "a death-trap".

3. In consequence, the building has been closed for any but the most urgent surgical cases and even these can obviously only be taken with the greatest risk. The Principal Medical Officer has, therefore, considered the advisability of transferring it altogether to a site within a field hospital on another site.

4. For reasons into which I need not enter at present,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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present, this scheme has been found to be impracticable. In the meantime, however, immediate improvement in the existing conditions is necessary and I have, therefore, sanctioned the re-allocation of the sum of £750 from Item 2, Public Works Extraordinary "Drainage of Bazaar £2,500". With this sum an operating theatre will be constructed and the balance, if any, will be utilized to provide additional accommodation for patients.

5. In the draft estimates for the coming year a sum of £4,000 has been inserted for the commencement of a new Native and Malaria Hospital, Nairobi. This building cannot however be completed for some two or three years and I have therefore been compelled to take this action as it was in my opinion imperative to allow the existing state of affairs to continue.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

W. H. B. [Signature]
 GOVERNOR.

So 757/4/14
E.A.P.
J.S.

March 1914.

Sir

DRAFT.

E.A.P.

No 200

Mr. H. C. Belfield

MINUTE

Mr. Harper

Mr. Bottomley

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of Mr.
Bowring's despatch, No. 123,
of the 4th of Feby. and to
inform you that I approve
of the re-allocation of the
sum of £ 750 under Item
2, "Bathwick Extraordinary"
"Drainage of Bazaar - 2,500"
to provide for the cost of
the construction of an
operating theatre - ~~and~~
~~additional accommodation~~
~~for patients at the Bathwick~~
R.D.

Civil Hospital, Providence
I also approve
and of the balance of
the sum, if any, being
applied to provide additional
accommodation for
patients.

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