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Governor 689  
Belfield

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL STORES

1914

22nd July

Last previous Paper.  
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States provision in Estimates not sufficient. Gives reasons and states action. Expdure involved £952 plus freight charges etc. Can be met from savings requests approval. States situation is so undesirable that he is inclined to recommend opening of unallotted Stores Account.

*Agree 22 Aug 14  
C. Agnew*

*W. Head  
to Belfield*

It is no use restricting the supply of medical or surgical stores, especially at times like these. The unallotted stores a/c is not a bad scheme for us to ensure a constant supply of necessities.

? Each approve exp. of £952 to be met from savings - & say that Gov. will offer no obj. to the opening of a small unallotted stores a/c, if Gov. or further comon decide, that that is

Next subsequent Paper.

is the most satisfactory way  
of dealing with the supply  
of medical & surgical stores.

③ inf. C.A. Officially in  
letter marked MESSING that  
this exp<sup>n</sup> is approved.

all

22/8/14  
I agree. As to the Unallocated Stores  
account, we would not I think  
be permitted to stress fact that  
many drugs will not keep.

? as proposed 22/8/14

at once  
H. J. R.

22/8/14  
It has been decided by Ex. Com. 6.9.15 -  
not to proceed with the Unallocated Stores A/c.  
Gov. 120474/16

all. H. J. R.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.  
No. 589

July 22nd 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Principal Medical Officer has reported that the provision inserted in this year's Estimates for Medical and Surgical Stores has proved insufficient for his requirements.

2. The amount allowed on this Vote is £3,500 and it is anticipated that the whole of this sum will be absorbed by the indents already sent home. Moreover at the present time the Medical Store is absolutely without Stretchers, cases of instruments for Major Operation, Surgical Companions and Haversacks, Surgical Pocket cases and many other items.

3. The reasons for this shortage are (a) the issue of large quantities of stores to the troops engaged in the Marehan operations, (b) the damage sustained by a large consignment of instruments sent to England last year for repair, the details of

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

of which are still the subject of correspondence, and (c) the general increase in the demand for drugs and equipment.

4. The shortage has of late become so acute that the Principal Medical Officer has been compelled to invoke the assistance of private firms in furnishing the necessary stores for the troops about to proceed to the Turkana District.

5. I have therefore authorized the Principal Medical Officer to despatch indents for a further supply. The expenditure involved is £952 plus the charges on freight &c. and I trust that my action may be approved. The necessary funds can be found from Savings.

6. The situation to which I have referred in paragraph 4 above is so undesirable that I am inclined to recommend the opening of a small Unallocated Stores Account. By such means disbursements of any magnitude in response to unforeseen requisitions could be made without unduly depleting the normal supply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*Alonway Beyised*

GOVERNOR.

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22 August 1914

DRAFT.

*Pressing*

*The Crown Agents*

Gentlemen,

I am to inform

you that he has

approved of the

expend. of £952 exclusive  
of charges on freight &c., in  
pursuance of the provision

in the Act. on medical  
and surgical stores for  
the E.A.P.

The Gov. of the  
E.A.P. has reported that  
orders have been  
forwarded to you in  
anticipation of approval

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper 22/8/14

Mr. Bottomley 22/8/14 + p

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

(Signed) H. J. READ.

For the Gov.

Secretary of State

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E.S.P.

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22 August 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 689 of the 22 of July and to inform you that I approve of the amount of £952, exclusive of charges on freight &c. in respect of the provision in the Estimates, on Medical and Surgical Stores, the amount to be met from savings.

I have also to inform you that I shall have no objection to the opening of a small unallocated stores account if on further consideration

Yours

DRAFT.

E.S.P.

No. 787

Genl. Sir G. Balfour

MINUTE.

Mr. Trevelyan 22 8/14

Mr. Bottomley 22/8/14

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

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You decide that this is  
the most satisfactory way  
of dealing with the supply  
of medical and surgical  
stores.

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SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE

URGENT

~~Colonial Office,  
(East African Department)~~

We have received seven very urgent indents from the Treasurer, E.A.P. for drugs and surgical instruments, for which the Government has asked the Secretary of State's authority in his Despatch No 689 of 22nd. July.

Shall we take any action in anticipation of formal authority?

*J. S. [Signature]*

For Crown Agents for the Colonies.

*W. H. [Signature]*

La Gm 31364 herewith

7 tel ca. by telephone to proceed with these indents -

exp. appd up to 2952

accf

29/8/14  
Lus 24/8/14

at once  
4/8/14  
27/8/14

*Room 3*