

## EAST AFR. PROT.

27/8/09

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Governor  
Edward  
Date.  
1912

January  
previous Paper.

## PLAQUE AT KISUMU AND NAIROBI

Submit recommendation from the P.M.O. for the grant of some pecuniary recognition to those upon whom increased work has been thrown in combating the disease. Supports proposal.

D. Horn

Have you any other plan?

All.

Mr. Parkinson

29/1

I think that acknowledgement should certainly be made of the efficient way in which these officers performed their dangerous duties. In Africa, after outbreaks of Plague & Yellow Fever, such acknowledgement would take the form of the granting of the 1<sup>st</sup> of 5 in various degrees, etc., expenses known, no pecuniary reward is accorded to any but subordinate officers.

In Major's instance I think if P.D. will consider it fully admissible at present to create a permanent fund containing money granted for the same, and to be used with each outbreak.

I would suggest that the matter be referred to the Govt. for opinion on his return from S.A.

11/11/2009

W.H. F. Anderson

29/11/09

Mr. Butler

I quite agree to proposal mentioned above.

mon supports goes on - e.g. whether M.O.'s whose work is medical & sanitary, ought to be rewarded more for exceptional exertions in emergencies connected with the work of their posts. & if so whether administrative police & public works officers whose work is not medical & sanitary, ought to be rewarded too. & if so whether it should not be on a higher scale.

In W.A. epidemics a judicious  
appreciation of (1) the thanks of the S.O.'s,  
(2) the thanks of the Col. Govt.  
(3) appreciation of good service rendered

(4) commendation  
has usually been the only reward of exertion  
on the part of European medical police or  
other officers of the "Commissioned grades"

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The DPMO  
got a CMG  
service  
plaque  
of 1900

Sir G. Fiddes

I don't think that it is necessary to wait for Mr. Read. The proposal appears to me to be entirely impracticable. In most cases as well give military officers a money reward when they get through a battle or a little operation.

? Reply expressing appreciation of the exertion of the medical staffs & of the efficiency with which they combated the recent outbreak of plague, but expressing regret that the S.O.'s does not consider that services

of Mr. Read, overproportionally rewarded  
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goes which way at any time he is injured  
of a medical officer in the course of his  
duty, can properly be rewarded by  
special money grants.

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Bel

I agree

P.S. 5

Agree

M. 5.2

**EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.**

**No. 5**

(Incl. 1)

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE

NAIROBI

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

January 2nd, 1912. 25

With reference to my telegram No. 260  
of September 9th and previous correspondence respecting the outbreak of plague in the townships of Kisumu and Nairobi I have the honour to submit herewith a recommendation from the Principal Medical Officer, who has just returned from Mombasa, in favour of the grant of some pecuniary recognition to those upon whom increased work was thrown in combating the disease.

2. I desire to support Dr. Milne's proposals as there is no doubt that additional duties of a very disagreeable and onerous character fell upon the officials mentioned by him. These duties were efficiently and economically performed and the outbreak was kept within bounds, without alarm or inconvenience.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

LORD HARcourt, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

inconvenience to the general public.

3. This result was attained through the  
loyal and energetic cooperation of the staff and  
I should much appreciate any recognition which  
you may see fit to bestow upon them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

John B. Murray,  
GOVERNOR.

## INCLOSURE

Copy.

Batch No. 5 Jan 1912 P.M.O's office,

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Nairobi,

18th December 1911.

Secretary,

As the present scale of salaries is not calculated on the basis of an abnormal state of matters, I would warmly support the principle of granting some pecuniary recognition to those engaged in the vastly increased work occasioned by a time of pestilence.

It must not be forgotten that the risk of infection to those actually engaged in operations is not inconsiderable: I would remind you of the late Mr. Costello of Nakuru, who, personally superintending the digging out of plague stricken rats in an outhouse, himself succumbed with his boys a few days later to the disease.

Should His Excellency be pleased to approve of a bonus being granted, the precedent created would affect principally the Medical Staff. Dr. Haran has submitted to me a list of the names of all those who were affected by the increased strain of work, both here and at Kisumu. From that list I have selected the following names as especially deserving of consideration.

Dr. Bowes Lyon. Struck off his Civil Hospital duties and placed in charge of the departure of all trains from Nairobi platform, ~~inspected~~ and issued passes to all passengers, and also to those leaving by road who presented themselves. This work was most tactfully performed. (Note. It involved no night work). Further duties were to inspect and fumigate if necessary all goods leaving by rail; followed up all clues of cases which

which came to his notice.

Dr. Robertson, in addition to his Medical Officer of Health's duties was responsible for the management of the sick and contact camps, situated two miles out of the town; in charge of the rat extirpation measures, and the disinfection of infected houses; in charge of transport arrangements for removal of sick and contacts.

Sub-Assistant Surgeon Tipnis was in charge of the inoculation carried out at the Native Civil Hospital.

Hospital Compounder Siqueira was in charge of the quarantine camps.

The District Commissioner Mr. Mansergh and Assistant District Commissioner Mr. J. M. Pearson did good work in the routine inspection of the different quarters of the town.

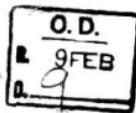
At Kisumu, Dr. Mouat, Dr. Cherrett, Asst. Surgeon Oberloff, and Sub-Assistant Surgeon Hira Nand all worked faithfully and unremittingly in the various measures taken to control the outbreak.

On the proposal that the bonus allowed should not exceed half a month's salary, the sum required would amount to approximately £125.

Whether Dr. Harries's name should be included also is not for me to say: only this, that the epidemic was economically managed, and, from what I can find out since taking over, it was efficiently handled.

(Signed) A. D. MLINE.

Guy 2018

DRAFT

Ref No 80

Sir for P. R. in India

9 Feb

## MINUTE.

Sir,

Mr. Parkinson 5/10

Mr. Addison 7/6

Mr. Butter 8/6

Mr. Piddes 8/6

Sir H. Jess 8/6

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Barnwell

Mr. Harcourt

Madagascar to take up

receipt of your Dispatch No

57 of the 2nd instant transmitting

a recommendation by the P. M. O.

that

the sum of the grant of one

million pounds should be granted

for the purpose of carrying out the

upon whom it is to be paid

and the same to be paid to

the amount of one million

pounds to the extent of one million

pounds of the three stages of research

and the same to be paid to the extent of