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medical practices in Prot.

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Complainant has found that Officers enjoy  
privilege of private practices to detriment of  
private med. practitioners. Suggest that  
former be allowed only emergency practices.

(Minutes)

A the first place send a copy of  
this to the Hon. Secy. of War  
as he is the authority for his  
office

at once  
to J.R.  
of all

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Mombasa, 16 November 1908.

C. O.  
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OFFICE

I have the honour to invite your attention to the following facts regarding a matter which very seriously interferes with me financially as a private Medical Practitioner in the East Africa Protectorate.

It is a fact that salaried Government Medical Officers in the towns of Mombasa and Nairobi, enter into, and are in keen competition with private Medical practitioners, thus giving an unfair advantage to the former, and causing a direct loss and hardship to the latter, who are endeavouring to make a living by private enterprise. The privilege of private practice hitherto granted to Government Medical Officers in this Protectorate was due, I understand, to the fact; that at one time, there were no private Medical Practitioners in the country other than Government Medical Men.

What I would beg to bring more especially to your notice at present is the fact, that this country has for some time now undergone a great change in many ways, and a very different state of affairs exists at present, to what obtained some time ago. Europeans are steadily arriving in the country who are endeavouring to better themselves by whatever Profession, trade, or calling, they may be in possession of; amongst others are medical practitioners who hope to succeed, or at least, make a living; but unfortunately find it well nigh impossible owing to salaried and pensionable Government Medical Officers, entering into competition with them. "In other words" it would appear, that the position at present in Mombasa & Nairobi is, that the medical profession is heavily subsidised by Government in direct opposition to private medical enterprise. The

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I venture to suggest is not a policy which can meet with your approval, or be considered equitable. It is therefore with every confidence I venture to bring these facts to your notice in the hope, that you may be pleased to arrange or cause steps to be taken to remove a direct loss, hardship, and serious disability under which private medical practitioners labour in this Protectorate.

In submitting that Salaried Government Medical Officers be restrained from entering into competition with private medical men. I would however suggest for your consideration, that the former might be granted the privilege of a consulting practice in conjunction with private medical men, who might possibly require further advice or assistance at any time. Personally I should have no objection, but would gladly welcome such an arrangement.

I shall feel much obliged by your kindly giving this question your consideration, and awaiting the honour of a reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Wm. Pitt Rivers

Right Honourable

Colonel Seely M. P.

so so so

Downing Street

London.

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MINUTE, 8/02

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- Mr. Ellis
- Mr. Jun
- Mr. Astrotus
- Mr. Cox
- Sir C. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood
- Col Seely
- The Earl of Crom

Sir  
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I am directed by the  
 E of Crewe to transmit to  
 you for any observations  
 you may be good enough to  
 offer, the accompanying  
 copy of a letter from Dr  
 W.A.B. Macdonald of London  
 in which he complains that  
 the right of Govt. Has Officers  
 to take private practice opens

~~Macdonald 16 Nov~~

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to the detriment of private  
medical practitioners in  
the CAP

(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS