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HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR OFFICIALS

1921

8th JANU

Submits observations as to payments to medical staff and encloses draft amended scheme for consideration. If approved steps will be taken to get it passed by the Board.

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- ~~Mr. A. I. Hardings~~
- ~~Mr. Bottomley~~
- Mr. Ellis ✓
- Mr. Strachey.

~~Mr. T. J. ...~~  
Sir H. Reed }

I have spoken to Sir J. Michelli and I understand that, as regards surgical treatment, his proposal that no charge whatever should be made in the ordinary way. This is very generous treatment, for which our officers ought to be duly grateful. We should say something to this effect in replying to Sir J. Michelli.

As to the other points raised, the question of the percentage, whether 20 or 25 per cent, is for the Seamen's Hospital to decide. When Sir J. Michelli discussed the matter with me he was under the impression that the percentage under the Ministry of Pensions scheme was 25 per cent, and that was why this rate was included in the memorandum.

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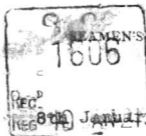
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If you agree  
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SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL,

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8th January, 1931.

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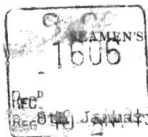
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In the case of tubercular patients, you will observe that no money is payable to the Doctor as there is no waiting Staff and the paid Medical Staff will be fully remunerated.

I think that it would be well, at any rate at present, not to complicate matters by reference to surgical cases. As stated above, the monies are paid into a pool and the Surgeon, though he may take a long while over a case, has never such cases than the Physician who has, in the aggregate spend as long, or longer time over the patients.

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Yours sincerely,

*P. J. Mitchell*

Secretary.

Herbert Read, K.C.M.G., C.B.,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.

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SUGGESTED SCHEME OF HOSPITAL TREATMENT  
FOR EAST AND WEST AFRICAN CIVIL SERVA

MEDICAL CASES

ment Officers drawing  
or annum and over.

Will be received at the various hospitals under the Seaman's Hospital Society at an inclusive charge of four guineas a week (to cover board, nursing, medical charges and drugs). Out of this fee the Society will pay 20% to the Visiting Staff as is now done under the Ministry of Pensions scheme. Tropical disease cases will be sent to Endsleigh Gardens, other cases will be sent to Greenwich, or the Albert Dock Hospital according to the necessities of the case. In regard to Tubercular cases, these will be sent to the new Sanatorium at Bramshott ~~when it is opened in the spring.~~ The whole of the fee will be payable to the Society in respect of ~~tubercular~~ these patients as there is no Visiting Staff and the Medical Officers in charge are paid officials of the Society. Furthermore the cost of maintaining patients in a Sanatorium is greater than in a Hospital. The proposed charge of four guineas a week will be the same to whichever hospital the patient is sent. The only cases excepted from this arrangement are mental cases with which the Society cannot deal at present.

In the case of senior officers drawing substantial salaries, specially when



unmarried, it is hoped that the  
a voluntary donation in addition to the  
four guineas a week with a view to some  
additional payment to the visiting Medical  
Staff. On the other hand, some reduction  
in fee will be made in hard cases where  
this is shown to be desirable on account  
of the Officer's financial circumstances.  
Will be accommodated at an inclusive  
charge of three guineas a week to defray  
cost of maintenance subject to some re-  
duction in cases of financial hardship.  
Will be accommodated at an inclusive  
charge of two guineas a week towards cost  
of maintenance which in normal circum-  
stances will be paid by the Officer him-  
self and half by the Colonial or  
Protectorate Government, on the under-  
standing that the Society will be at  
liberty to make representations to the  
Colonial Office with a view to the whole  
of the fees being paid by the Government  
in cases where the Society are satisfied  
that the Officer on account of the  
circumstances is unable to pay himself.

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*E.g. it is thought the  
Officers drawing more than  
£1000 per annum should pay  
from £10 to £20 per week  
towards maintenance*

Officers drawing £300 per  
annum and less than £400 per  
annum.

Government Officers drawing  
more than £300 per annum.

Officers in receipt of over £1,000 a year to be received at £27  
guineas a week to defray cost of maintenance in Hospital and £5  
15.5.0. a week to the Honorary Medical Staff.

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For Sir H. Reed's signature.

Downing Street.

24 January, 1921

DRAFT.

P. J. MICHELLI, C.M.G.

Many thanks for your letter of the 8th of January returning amended our draft of the suggested scheme of hospital treatment for East and West African Civil Servants

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Mr. Batterbee *20/1/21.*

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Mr. Grindle

Mr. H. Lambert

Mr. H. Reed

Mr. G. Fisher

Mr. Amery

Mr. Milner

We only inserted 25 per cent *as the percentage to be collected to be included in the* because we understood that that was the Ministry of Pensions figure.

*in P.P.*  
If the ~~right~~ figure is 20 per cent I agree with you that we should follow suit.

I take note of what you say with regard to tubercular patients.

As regards surgical cases I understand that your proposal is that no charge whatever should be made in such cases for the actual operation. *This is a most practical* I am most grateful to you for *arranging this and I feel sure the War Office will be also.* *As to officers drawing over*

As to officers drawing over £1,000 a year, I quite agree with you that they should be called upon to pay something extra, and you will see that

vised scheme as in copy attached.

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