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VACCINATION OF NATIVES

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Enclose copy of comments of P.M.C. ON Dr Patterson's letter, and endorse opinion improvement in supervision depends mainly on provision of sanctioned staff of M.O's.

Last previous Paper.

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Tang. Tarr.

Dr Patterson's letter 26/10/20 to the
Dep. Secy. should be distributed
to professional members of P.M.C.
for perusal.

Cited 16 10 20

Circulated as follows:-

Sir J. Fisher, Prof. Simpson, Col. Pratt, Col. Balfour,
Sir W. Reiskam, W. Wood, Sir P. Manson

M. B. ...
The Controller

14/29.10.20

Please see sheet annexed, returned today,
containing the names of the professional members of the

T.M.S. etc

14/9.11.20

Next subsequent Paper.

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authorities should be approached with the view of having emigrants to East Africa, Zanzibar and Tanganyika vaccinated before they embark and get permits to come to these Colonies. I am afraid that in present circumstances it is useless to put this proposal to the India Office - we should only expose ourselves to the retort that Indian immigrants ought not to be discriminated against in this way and that if any such regulation is made it ought to be applied to all immigrants indiscriminately. The alternative is to write to the Governors informing them of the suggestion, observing above as regards the probable attitude of the India Office, and asking for their observations whether it would be practicable to introduce a regulation to apply to all immigrants equally, providing that unless they can furnish a certificate that they have been vaccinated within the preceding 12 months they must submit themselves to vaccination within 7 days of arrival.

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S. S. S. S.

H.A.B.

Also that, upon all persons admitted to the Colonies - EA & other territories - the Government should require that they should be vaccinated before they are permitted to land. We have no objection to this, & the Government should ask how far the efforts of local authorities can be relied upon.

The Director
S. H. S. S.

R. S. S.

This is the only way in which we can possibly take action. (16.11.20)

(The Government should be included in the above action) S. S. S. S.

The Vaccination of Natives in Kenya. 682

Letter from Dr. M.R. Paterson 27 May 1920
Despatch from the Governor of Kenya (Confidential)
No. 165, 31 May 1920.

These papers are circulated for any
observations

a/ I note the statement in Dr
Paterson's letter that S. Africa
is a country "constantly exposed
to infection of small pox imported
from Bombay"

M. R. Paterson

Received 30. 10. 20
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b/ I entirely approve the two
concluding paragraphs of
Dr. Paterson's letter MSF

W. J. Simpson

I would suggest that the Indian authorities
should be approached with the view of having
emigrants to East Africa in Tanganyika & Zanzibar
vaccinated before they embark & get permits
to come to these Colonies. There should be rules
as regards emigrants who are to be vaccinated
as a rule in extremely poor set of people.

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Done
[Signature]

H. G. D. Balfour

Received 5.11.20 *Lagos with Prof. Simpson's remarks and*
Passed 6.11.20 *with Mr. Patterson's important recommendations.*
G.B.

Major General
Sir W. B. Friseman

Received 5.11.20 *I concur with the above*
Passed 6.11.20 *W.B.F.*

Mr. T. Hood

Received 6.11.20 *Lagos*
Passed 6.11.20 *W. Hood*

S. P. Manson

Received 6.11.20 *All immigrants should be vaccinated before*
leaving India.
Passed 9.11.20 *Medical officers should be provided with*
the Bulletin of Tropical Diseases Bureau
a library made available in their

COLONY OF KENYA AND THE
EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 765

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GOVERNMENT OFFICE
NAIROBI
31 August, 1920
Recd 13 OCT 20

My Lord,

P/26478

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 887 of the 26th June I have the honour to report that your enquiries and the accompanying letter from Mr. E. Patterson with regard to the vaccination of Natives in this territory have been brought to the notice of the Principal Medical Officer. I enclose a copy of his comments for Your Lordship's information and endorse his opinion that improvement in supervision depends mainly on the provision of the sanctioned staff of Medical Officers.

2. I am aware of the ubiquitous shortage of qualified doctors but I trust that the more advantageous terms now being offered will attract sufficient candidates to fill the depleted ranks of the Medical Department.

3. I would invite Your Lordship's attention to the interesting remarks of the Senior Bacteriologist on the production of vaccine lymph, which were contained in his report for

the year

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
VISCOUNT MILNER, P. O. BOX 11, C. O. M. S., 45, REGENT STREET,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
LONDON, S. W.

Job # 2359

the year 1919, forwarded under cover of my
despatch, Confidential No. 133 of the 17th
July last.

I observe that Dr. Patterson in the
concluding paragraph of his letter emphasizes
the importance of enhancing the local

research... his
... for
You may... cov...

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ENCLOSURE 685

THE HON. CHIEF SECRETARY,
NAIROBI

Serial No. 165 of ... 1920

VACCINATION OF NATIVES IN EAST AFRICA:

Ref: Your memo No. S. 21632/2 of 4th August, 1920,
enclosing copy of Colonial Office despatch No. 887
of 26th June, 1920.

I am in thorough agreement with the view
expressed by Dr. Paterson.

2. The Secretary of State calls special
attention to the appointment of Medical Officers
for extending the supervision of vaccination in
the reserve.

It would be possible to carry out these
recommendations if the Medical Officers provided
for in the estimates were appointed.

In this connexion I have the honour to
call your attention to the present shortage of
staff. There are over ten Medical Officers short
of the prescribed establishment. Instead of
eleven Medical Officers of Health provided for
in the estimates we have only three at present
on duty.

3. In my opinion, failure of vaccination
in this country has been largely due in the past
to:-

(a) Carelessness at the time vaccination
is performed.

Frequently large numbers of natives have
been vaccinated in the brilliant sunshine. In
the tropics it is essential that the lymph should
be kept in the shade.

(b) The quality of the lymph supplied.

Recently a great improvement has been
effected - see the latest Annual Report of the
Senior Bacteriologist.

4. As the organization of the department
for Native Affairs is more complete, I trust that
the Commissioner will be able to assist not only
in collecting natives for vaccination but in
recording the results.

5. The whole of the natives of this country
appreciate the advantages of vaccination. They
are not troubled to any great extent with con-
scientious objectors.

for *P. L. Curran*
PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER,
KENYA COLONY.



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31 December 1920

Sir

(To Party) with ref to your copy

of the 31st of Aug regarding

the vaccination of natives, I have
the honour to inform you that
(To all the others)

There the honour to
transmit to you the copy of a
letter from the Gov of the

subject of the vaccination of natives

as to inform you

(To all) Prof Simpson whose observations
has suggested that
were invited, under the following

I would hope that

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Handwritten notes on the left margin, including names like 'B. B. B.', 'C. C. C.', and 'D. D. D.', and other illegible scribbles.

the Bureau of Hygiene should be approached
with the view of having immigrants to East
Africa (Zanzibar) vaccinated
before they enter ~~the port~~ ^{have had} to come
to these colonies. There should be rules
concerning immigrants who are as a rule a
extremely poor set of people

I find that this suggestion arose
from the ~~fact~~ ^{fact} that the Government
probably be that ~~such~~ ^{immigrants} should
not be discriminated against in this way
what if any act of legislation is made it might
be applied to all immigrants ^{equally}
without regard to race or color
and as to the ~~fact~~ ^{fact} that the Government
are due to inform us for ~~the~~ ^{the} matter
of quarantine or prophylaxis, what the action should
ought to be taken is to enforce the
vaccination arrangement in any ~~of~~ ^{of}

3 I shall be glad to receive your observations
whether it would be possible to introduce a
a regulation to apply to all immigrants equally providing that
unless they can furnish a certificate ^{that they have been vaccinated}
within the preceding ~~period~~ ^{month} they must not be admitted

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to act
in the
matter
of the
vaccination
arrangement
in any
of the
colonies

W. H. H.

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