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ANTI RINDERPEST SERUM

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In view of sudden outbreaks of the disease submit proposals to maintain a supply of serum sufficient not only for the Prot, but to meet demands by adjacent countries. Estimates annual cost at £6,689 per annum. Propose to open suspense accounts. Trusts that question will be given sympathetic consideration.

W. Bottrummy.

Assuming that serum does not deteriorate with keeping, the scheme seems to be one that should be supported. At any moment large quantities of serum may be required by neighboring Protectorates, British or foreign. It ~~was~~ would be most undesirable to stop all other work in order to produce this serum, now that

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that there will be room in  
the laboratory for more  
work of various kinds.

? copy to Treasury + ask  
for approval - emphasizing  
the importance of having  
serum in readiness for  
emergencies.

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to Read

We can make out a very strong case,  
though of course it is largely hypothetical  
as the disease may well cross <sup>the</sup> the Nile  
to West or cross or get round the Red Sea  
to the South.

? to Treasury as proposed, + also send  
to Mr Montgomery for opinion. I will give  
no reference to the extra blood which he  
says is required + for which we have been  
unable to trace any provision in the new  
Estimate (we write out about this).

G.C.B.

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Send to Mr Montgomery, in the first instance,  
for his opinion - + mark the letter  
"being".

at once.

G. J. R.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

February 12th, 1913.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 874 of the 17th of December last on the subject of certain additional expenditure which it has been found necessary to incur in connection with the production of anti-rinderpest serum.

It is becoming increasingly evident that the sudden outbreaks of the disease which occur from time to time can only be met by the maintenance of a supply of serum sufficient to meet not only the needs of this Protectorate but also the calls which are constantly being made on the Veterinary Laboratory by other neighbouring countries. Within the last few months urgent requests for assistance have been received from the Governments of Uganda, German East

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

East Africa, Nyasaland and Rhodesia, to the last of which it was unfortunately impossible to accede.

3. In the draft estimates for 1913-14 provision has been made for a sum sufficient to manufacture 150,000 doses of serum. It is however anticipated that the whole of this supply will be absorbed by the East Africa Protectorate, leaving no surplus available for distribution elsewhere.

4. It is estimated that with the addition to the Laboratory of certain buildings, for which a sum of £2000 has been inserted in the draft estimates under Vote 31 Public Works Extraordinary, Major Works, the accommodation will be sufficient to manufacture 400,000 doses of serum per annum. This amount could however only be attained by the total suspension of all other experiments with regard to contagious diseases, and a consequent set-back in the prospects of the stock owners of the Protectorate.

5. To meet any large sudden demand it is necessary to engage temporary staff, purchase immune cattle, and incur other incidental expenditure, as it is quite impossible to foresee the requirements of other countries and to make provision

provision in the Protectorate estimates for the cost of production of the serum, which is of course covered by the amounts charged therefor. I therefore have the honour to seek your sanction to open suspense accounts when necessary for this purpose, such accounts to be debited with all special expenditure incurred and credited with the sums recovered from the Governments concerned. Any profit resulting from the transaction would be transferred to Revenue.

6. I have stated above that the future accommodation at the Veterinary Laboratory should be sufficient for the manufacture of 400,000 doses of serum per annum, or 250,000 doses over and above the number required for the needs of this Protectorate. Assuming this surplus amount to be actually required, the annual expenditure in its production is estimated at £6,689, comprised as follows:-

European Assistants .. .. .	£.
European for Machinery .. .. .	720
Native Labour .. .. .	200
Glass, apparatus, breakages, etc. ..	164
Upkeep of Machinery .. .. .	500
Purchase of Cattle .. .. .	50
Feeding of Cattle .. .. .	725
Contingencies .. .. .	4,200
	<u>130</u>
Total	£6,689

To



To this should be added a capital expenditure of £300 or £400 for accommodation for the Laboratory Assistants. The cost of the manufacture of this additional serum, in respect of recurrent expenditure, is therefore between 40 and 46 cents per dose, according to the cost of the cattle.

7. I am given to understand that the Provinces of the Uganda Protectorate lying to the West of the Nile are at the present time free from disease. The cattle in these areas, being highly susceptible to rinderpest, have proved a valuable and inexpensive source of supply for the production of serum, the average cost per head being between Rs.40 and Rs.50 delivered at the Laboratory siding on the Uganda Railway. This high degree of susceptibility however constitutes a serious menace, as should the disease gain a footing in these hitherto clean areas, its rapid spread and a consequent high mortality will be inevitable unless an adequate supply of serum is immediately available. Moreover it would then be necessary to import susceptible cattle from Madagascar or some other country at a considerably increased cost and with the attendant risk of East Coast Fever and other diseases. I propose therefore in future to endeavour to ensure that a supply of 20,000 doses of serum is constantly in readiness.

8. I earnestly trust that you will give the whole question your sympathetic consideration. I am aware that the opening of suspense accounts, such as I have suggested, is only sanctioned under special circumstances, but as the immediate repression of outbreaks of rinderpest is a matter of such moment and as the loss of property through want of preventive measures is so great I would urge that the matter be viewed from other than the ordinary standpoint and that you will accede to my proposals.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*C. H. Snow*  
in the absence of the  
GOVERNOR.

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12 March 1933

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Sr

I am etc to transmit to you ~~my own~~ the accompanying copy of a despatch received from the Governor of the E. A.P. respecting a proposal for an increased provision of ~~the~~ Anti-Rinderpest Serum.

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Dues

DRAFT.

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Downie 11/3
- Mr. Bostromley 11/3
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Jast.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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Mr Harcourt would be glad to receive your ~~own~~ <sup>views</sup> on this matter pending the <sup>date</sup> ~~date~~ <sup>when</sup> ~~when~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>proposal</sup> ~~proposal~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>made</sup> ~~made~~ <sup>recommends</sup> ~~recommends~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>Treasurer</sup> ~~Treasurer~~ for approval.

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