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SANITARY EXPERT

Recommends that arrangements be made with the least possible delay for the visit of an expert to advise on sanitary matters.

Dr. Friedman

A. S. R.

Dr. G. Zeller
~~Dr. Zeller~~

14/12/13

He will probably be best 15th/12/13
ent. Professor *Simpson*'s terms down. He is certainly
the best man ~~to send out~~ & he did admirably for
us in W. A. His experience in Calcutta, South Africa,
Hong Kong, Singapore & on the TAMS Committee
will all come in useful.

If he is given £250 a month +
two first class passages & travelling expenses in the
S.A.P., he should agree to advise free of charge on
any matters arising out of his visit
may be referred to him within three months
of his return & of course he must not charge
for his report.

AT 14/4/13

2/12/13

Next subsequent Paper:
Jucas
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24 April, 1913

Dear Professor Simpson,

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 through, it will be proposed that you
 should go out with Dr. Melne, the
 P.M.C., as far as we know at
 present, & return to the Post Office.

at about the end of
May.

Yours,

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This at the end of May
though it would suit me
better if he were going a
week or two later.

Yours sincerely

W. J. Simpson

W. G. Fiddes
Mr. Bott

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While we are waiting for
Treas to ref, I write to Mr. Miller
as marked. Passage of minutes of
TAMS (the meeting of 9th attached
(this has been overlooked)

AT 29/6/13

I don't suppose I shall want to
act to look on this alone but we ought to
try to get his views as proposed?

W. G. Fiddes

9th

alone

(It was decided that as Dr. Miller & Prof. Simpson
were to go into the whole question of sanitary policy
in 1913, no action need be taken - this matter)

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 166

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

C. O.
12/1/06
15th March 1906

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 102 of the 7th ultimo* and am very much gratified to note that you are prepared to consider favourably the appointment of an expert to advise on sanitary matters in this Protectorate.

2. I would recommend that arrangements to this end be made with the least possible delay in order that the officer selected may be on the spot for consultation with our Sanitary Staff as to the lines on which it should commence its work.

3. The proposal is strongly supported by the Principal Medical Officer and the necessary funds can be found from savings which will be indicated later on in the coming financial year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Herbert Plummer

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

* No 337-13

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PRESSING.

Downing Street,

28 April, 1913.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Harcourt to request you to draw the attention of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to the letter from this Department of the 29th of January last, on the subject of the draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the East Africa Protectorate for the year 1913-14, and in particular to the passage in the memorandum on the Estimates, enclosed therein, which discussed the Governor's proposals for the formation of a Sanitation Department.

Ans'd 11/4/13

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SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Fisher 24/4/13
- Mr. Montague 25/4/13
- Mr. G. Fiddes 26/4/13
- Mr. H. J. J. J.
- Mr. J. Anderson.
- Lord Knollys.
- Mr. Harcourt.

- S. to Gov. E.A.P. No. 30 19 Jan. 1912.
- S. to Gov. E.A.P. No. 27 27 Nov. 1912.
- S. to Gov. E.A.P. No. 102 7 Feb. 1913. (or 33793/12)
- E.A.P. No. 166 16 March 1913. (12126)

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2. In the passage in question their Lordships were informed that Mr Harcourt had been much disturbed by the conditions existing in the Protectorate in regard to the public health, and that the Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee for Tropical Africa had confirmed his view that immediate action was required. He therefore sought, and obtained, the sanction of the Lords Commissioners to the creation of a special staff of medical men, inspectors &c., to be specially charged with sanitary duties.

3. Mr Harcourt judged that it would not be convenient to their Lordships to be troubled on that occasion with the detailed correspondence on the subject which had passed between him and the Protectorate Government. He thinks it desirable, however, to transmit to you in this letter

letter a copy of the despatch of the 19th of January 1912, ^{*}written as the result of the consideration by the Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee of the Annual Medical Report of the Protectorate for 1910, as well as a copy of the Governor's reply, ^Twhich, it will be observed, is dated about three weeks later than the Deputy Governor's despatch (a copy of which was enclosed in the letter of January 29th) recommending the establishment of a sanitary service.

4. Mr Harcourt referred Mr Belfield's despatch of the 27th of November, with the Annual Medical Report for 1911, to the Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee, who had the advantage of discussing the various matters included therein with the Senior Medical Officer stationed

* No 32 - africa. No 984.
 + No 204 - africa. No 984

stationed at Mombasa. *(I have added that*

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condition of the dependency, assisting the local Government with his advice, and reporting on the form which the sanitary policy of the administration should take.

7. He further proposes to offer Professor Simpson an honorarium of £250 a month, including the voyages, with free passages to and fro and local travelling expenses, on condition of his not making any additional charge for his report, and agreeing to advise, free of charge, on any matters arising out of his visit that may be referred to him within three months of his return.

8. It is hardly necessary for ^{the S. D.} ~~Mr. Harcourt~~ to justify the selection of Professor Simpson, who

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has repeatedly assisted the Imperial Government and the Governments of various Colonial dependencies; but Mr Harcourt desires to lay special stress upon two of the reasons which, in his judgment, render Professor Simpson peculiarly well qualified to deal with the special problems of the present case. Professor Simpson visited West Africa in 1908 (for the same consideration as it is proposed to offer him on the present occasion) in connection with an outbreak of plague at Sierra Leone in the Gold Coast; and at the request of the Secretary of State he investigated the sanitary condition of the principal towns of the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and Southern Nigeria. His report on this aspect of his mission was laid before Parliament (as Cd. 4718); and it is no exaggeration to say that it forms the basis on which the sanitary organisation of the West African Colonies is

being built up; and that it is to Professor Simpson's suggestions and to the experience which he acquired by his visit that much of the striking improvement in the health of the European community in West Africa is to be attributed.

9. The second factor is that Professor Simpson is one of the foremost authorities on bubonic and pneumonic plague; and that, as their Lordships will see from paragraph 7 of the Secretary of State's despatch of the 7th of February last, one of the most serious features in the present situation in the East Africa Protectorate is the arrival and persistence of plague in Mombasa.

10. In the circumstances Mr Harcourt does not doubt that their

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Lordships will readily agree that no
 objection can be taken to the choice
 of an expert authority to undertake
 this task. It is of course possible
 that by selecting some one of less
 experience and reputation a smaller
 expenditure would have been entailed
 than the £1500 which will represent
 Professor Simpson's fees for a visit
 of six weeks (including expenses),
 in addition to the cost of passages
 and local travelling expenses. Mr.
 Harcourt is unable, however, to see
 the way to ask their Lordships to
 agree to the selection of any one
 else in preference to Professor
 Simpson. Another expert, however
 able he might be, could not be
 expected to possess the same experi-
 ence or to carry equal weight with
 the Protectorate authorities and

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with this Department. Moreover, as
^{was} a member of the Advisory Medical
 and Sanitary Committee, Professor
 Simpson's experience and local
 knowledge will (it may be hoped)
 continue to be at the service of
 the Secretary of State for the
 Colonies for an indefinite period
 after his return to this country.
 Finally, Mr Harcourt would ask
 their Lordships to consider that
 the expenditure at this juncture
 of what may appear a relatively
 large sum (though it into be
 observed that the Governor antici-
 pates that it can be met out of
 savings) will very likely ^{possibly} obviate
 the necessity of spending a much
 larger amount in the near future to
 repair the mischief due to the want
 of a proper sanitary policy.

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