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Submits report as to incident referred to in local Press. Provision has been made for ambulances in Estimates 1914-5. It is satisfactory to note that the Native Civil Hospital, Mombasa, is enjoying increasing popularity.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 119

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 1012 of the 25th of November respecting an incident commented on by the local Press in regard to the methods adopted in the conveyance of certain sick natives to the hospital at Mombasa.

2. The facts are as follows. On the 13th of October last eleven men, the employees of a private firm, were sent from Voi to Mombasa by rail. They were entrained by the Sub-Assistant Surgeon of the District and supplied with medicine, water and cooked food for the journey.

3. The Medical Officer, Native Civil Hospital, Mombasa, on being apprised by telegraph of their impending arrival, detailed a Sub-Assistant Surgeon to meet them and supervise their transport to the hospital. As no wheeled ambulance was available, this officer was under the necessity of hiring, at his own expense, a cart in which to convey the patients to the hospital, whither he himself accompanied them.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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4. Each of the natives in question was possessed of a bullock, and it would appear that the Sub-Assistant Surgeon did all that was possible under the circumstances. There is no doubt, however, that an ambulance car is required in Lombasa as in other large towns, even though its utility might be somewhat restricted owing to the absence of laid streets in a large portion of the native town. Provision has accordingly been made in the draft Estimates for 1914-15 for three ambulance cars, one of which will be utilised at Lombasa.

5. It is satisfactory to note that, despite the drawbacks alluded to in the extract from the local paper, the Native Civil Hospital, Lombasa, is enjoying an increasing popularity.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



in the absence of the
GOVERNOR.