

There are a fair number of
assistant surgeons in the P.M.
but these men will not always be
available at a moment's notice
and possibly equal to the occasion
in the event of an outbreak of the
disease in the hospitals
of the P.M. I see blue book
N 87. pp. 84.

I act receipt of approval of
land... Belgium. from private
medical practitioners called in
by Capt. Morris through the P.M.
for a period of 12 months, at the
end of which time the
... and all the claims
... the construction of
the practice will then be provided
that the Govt. cannot be satisfied
as regards each claim so that
... responsible in amount
... that the case was one of emergency
...

will be available. (8) that the
was handed over to the Capt. in O.
at the first opportunity.

scrupulous for our own safety.
how far the subordinates in the Medical
Dept. may be considered competent
to deal with cases.

Another is a ... experiment
... likely to lead to ... of a large
... there is no need to consult in
the means at this stage. If we find
the system works ... out of the
... of the necessity of ...
the necessary ...
these ... medical ...
we shall ... there ...
... to the maintenance of ...
with comparative ease.

Mr. ...
If this proposal is agreed to it should be regarded
as a purely temporary measure. On humanitarian
- can grounds it is difficult to refuse to allow the
employment of a private practitioner whose services
may be available for cases of acute illness at

stations 3-7 days riding from a M.O. but
on the other hand, we have no guarantee as to
the training or capability of the private practitioner
if he is employed. I am much afraid that
there will be a tendency for him to regard such
employment in the future as a right, & consequently
to resist the introduction of Govt. Meds into the station.

The necessary side of a M.O. work of ^{the} ~~the~~
becoming of the utmost importance. It is per-
ticular. This side of the work we we shall
never get satisfactorily performed by a private
doctor. It should therefore be distinctly
laid down if the proposal is agreed in that the
arrangement is solely one for emergency, & shall
not be in any way allowed to militate against
the increase of the Govt. Medical Staff in the practice.

I quite agree

ABH 25/8

M. Parke

The last few Mr. Horne's remarks
seem to me very important. The whole tendency
of the members of the Executive side of medical
work is to substitute an increasing appropriation
of the public money, & to
sanitation as distinct from public health.
I think we do when we are making an effort
to bring the I.A.P. up to date in medical & sanitary
matters to give the Gov. an excuse for refusing
to put a M.O. at a station because there is
a private practitioner there. A.P.S.

See Mr. Parke

I don't like the idea of a general

anonymity in this nature I thought we should
not be without a specific list of stations
at which, in his opinion, the liberty of calling
a private practitioner is indispensable. (W)

actually ~~was~~ ~~was~~ ~~was~~ for ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ in our despatch on

3334 but as usual he gives us something
different from what we want. After 27
scrutiny of this list I would give the

permission for the stations named in the
list as approved, for a period of six months

only, & have a full report on the system
with a statement of the claims, at the
end of that time. I would lay down

the stipulations (a), (b), & (c) suggested
by Mr. Parkinson

In the first instance call for the
list of specific stations & serving as in

Dr. Horne's minute, & asking him to state at
once which of the stations in the list private
practitioners are ^{now} established.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

ST. AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 676

December 5th, 1911.

(Incl. 1)

Sir,

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mo. by Ag. P. A. O.
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In accordance with the instructions contained in the second paragraph of your despatch No. 635 of the 3rd of November respecting the privilege of allowing officers to call in private medical practitioners in the absence of Government Medical officers, I have the honour to transmit herewith a memorandum by the Acting Principal Medical Officer detailing the stations at which Medical officers are in residence, together with a list of stations to which those officers may at any moment be summoned, and the facilities of communication at their disposal under normal conditions.

2. You will observe from this memorandum that

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

that every Medical Officer in the Protectorate, is liable to be summoned to a place several days' journey from his station. I need not point out that at any moment cases of emergency might arise under circumstances which would render it impossible for a Government Medical Officer to arrive in time, and I venture therefore to ask again for the extension of the privilege already granted as a temporary measure to the officers stationed at Gorotti and Kyambu and to request that officers at all stations be allowed to obtain the services of medical practitioners in cases where Government Medical Officer is not available.

I do not for a moment suppose that this will be frequently resorted to, but should be glad to be given a special sanction to pay any fees from private practitioners if it is admitted to be necessary to present, for your approval.

Your humble, obedient servant,

GOVERNOR.

P.O.'s Office, 12th

Nairobi,

28th November, 1912

Memorandum by Acting Principal Medical Officer showing:-

- (1) Stations where Medical Officers are in residence,
- (2) Stations to which the various medical officers are liable to be summoned together with the distance intervening between such stations and the responsible Medical Officer's residence,
- and (3) The usual methods of communication between the stations noted under (1) and (2).

A. Nyanza Province.

The Medical officer in residence at Kisumu is liable to be summoned to:-

- a) Mumias - 3 days - by road,
- b) Nandi - 1 day - by rail and road,
- c) Maricho - 2 days - by rail and road,
- d) Kisii - 5 days - by water and road,
- e) Karungu - 1 day - by steamer if available otherwise 4 or 5 days by boat and foot,
- f) Lumbwa and intervening Railway Stations - 1 day - by rail.

B. Naivasha Province.

The Medical Officer in residence at Nakuru is liable to be summoned to:-

- a) Kijana and Intervening Railway Stations - 1 day - by rail.
- b) Lomani and Intervening Railway Stations - 1 day - by rail.
- c) Buguruti - 2 days - by rail and road.
- d) Baringo - 7 days - by rail and road.
- e) Ravine - 2 days - by rail and road.
- f) Uasin Gishu - 4 days - by rail and road.
- g) Ngabotok - 10 days - by road.

C. Uasin Gishu Province.

The Medical Officer in residence at Nairobi is liable to be summoned to:-

- a) Escarpment and Intervening Railway Stations - 1 day - by rail.
- b) Tsavo and Intervening Railway Stations - 1 day - by rail.
- c) Machakos - 2 days - by rail and road.
- d) Dagoretti - 1 day - by road.
- e) Kyamba - 1 day - by road.
- f) Thika Road - 1 day - by road.
- g) Ngongu - 1 day - by road.

D. Seyidie Province.

The Senior Medical Officer resident at the European Hospital, Kombasa, is liable to be summoned to:-

- a) Rabai - 1 day - by rail and road.
- b) Takaungu - 2 days - by road (or a few hours)

hours by steamer),

- c) Malindi - 4 days - by road (or some hours by steamer).

The Medical Officer resident at the Civil Hospital, Mombasa, is liable to be summoned to:-

- a) Shimoni - 3 days - by road,
b) Ve. Stations - 1 day

E. Kenya Province.

The Medical Officer resident at Fort Hall

is liable to be summoned to:-

- a) Nyori - 2 days - by road,
b) Embu - 2 days - by road,
c) Meru - 7 days - by road,
d) Kitui - 5 days - by road.

F. Northern Frontier Districts.

The Medical Officer resident at Aika is liable to be summoned to:-

- a) Loiyangalani - 100 miles - by camel,
b) Moyale - 4 days (?) - by camel,
c) Guaso Nyiro Post - 2 days (?) - by camel.

G. Tanaland Province.

The Medical Officer resident at Lamu is liable to be summoned to:-

- a) Witu - 2 days - by water and road,
b) Kipini - 2 days - by water and road.

H. Jubaland Province.

The Medical Officer resident at Kismayu is

liable

liable to be summoned to:-

- a) Gobwen - 1 day - by road,
- b) Ponton - 1 day - by road and water,
- c) Goshu - 3 or 4 days - by road and steamer
(dependent on the state of the
river),
- d) Sereali - 9 to 14 days - by road and steamer
if the river is in flood.

In addition to the above mentioned stations, Medical Officers are liable to be summoned to any place within the areas of the District or Province under their charge.

It may, I think, be generally stated that places situated in the Northern Territories are difficult of access at any time of the year and that Sereali, except when the river is in flood, is, for practical purposes, well-nigh inaccessible.

The greater number of existing Government Stations have either Sub-Assistant Surgeons or Hospital Compounders in resident medical sub-charge.

sd. J. A. HARAN

Acting Principal Medical Officer.

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AFRICA PROTECTORATE

Downing Street,

6 February, 1912.

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Governor

Colonel Sir Percy Girouard, K.C., B.A.,
&c., &c., &c.,
D.S.O., B.E.,

MINUTE

- Mr. Parkinson 60/1
- Mr. Fiddian 1/2
- Mr. Fiddes
- Mr. H. [unclear]
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emwole
- Mr. Harecourt.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 676 of the 5th of December respecting the question of allowing officers to call in private medical practitioners at the expense of the Government in the absence of Government Medical Officers, and to inform you that I am not prepared in any case to approve of the proposal that officers in all stations should as a permanent arrangement be allowed this privilege.

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