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No. 240
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HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR GOANS

Previous Paper.

The petition from the Goan Community of Nairobi.
 Feels considerable sympathy with the request put forward.
 Thinks that when a new hospital for non-Europeans is erected
 in Nairobi provision should be made for their community
 having due regard to the claims of others.

Mr. Butler.

On the face of it this request is not
 unreasonable. The petitioners speak in paragraph 1 of
 any sort of nursing assistance or
 medical treatment. It should be
 intimated that the Annual Report
 for 1910-11 states on p. 40 that
 the number of Asiaties and Africans
 attended at the Govt. Hospital was 19,000.
 It is clear then that the Government
 is providing treatment but that

to these special facilities apart from
the natives.

Perhaps Sir P. Ginnard might
be asked for his opinion on the
matter in the first place

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W. Read.

As for Mr. Bowring's despatch does not
help us to decide on a reply
to the petition. A general expression
of opinion will no doubt be interpreted

as a recommendation. It is better
to be silent before any such impression
is allowed to get abroad. We ought to
know more clearly where we are. Eg.

1. Does the Govt contemplate
the erection of a new hospital for
non-Europeans in the near future?

2. If so, on what grounds; and
what is to become of the present

arrangement for the Quar

community when going to
special ward in a new hospital,
what?

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4. Would any such special provision
be open to all Asiatics, or at least
Indians? If not, will there not be
a claim upon other Asiatics for special
accommodation which it will be
difficult to resist.

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See minute by Sir P. Ginnard
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

April 6th 1912.

No. 240

Sir,

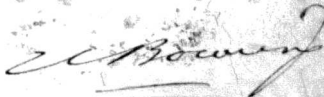
I have the honour to transmit herewith a petition from the Goan Community of Nairobi praying for improved hospital accommodation.

petition
2. I feel considerable sympathy with the request put forward by the petitioners and I think that, when a new hospital for Non-Europeans is erected in Nairobi, provision should be made for their community having due regard to the claims of others and particularly of Government servants, who should have priority irrespective of race.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

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

INCLOSURE

Dispatch No. 122 of 1912

NAIROBI, March 30th, 1912.

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To
His Majesty's PRINCIPAL SECRETARY of STATE
for the COLONIES. - LONDON.

(Through His Excellency the Acting Governor)

Sir,

Directed by my Committee I most respectfully beg to lay before you this petition relating to the subject of hospital accommodation at Nairobi for your kind and favourable consideration,

1. A considerable hardship is being experienced by the members of the Goan Community for want of a Hospital Ward where Goan patients can expect to receive any sort of nursing assistance or medical treatment.

2. The number of Goans residing at Nairobi is approximately 500, the majority of people being engaged in Government clerical service, some in trade, others in various modest professions.

3. Apart from his early historical connexion with the coast regions, the Goan has loyally served the Government, undergone hardships and contributed a fair share towards the material development of this colony from the early days of the Imperial

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Imperial British East Africa Company and from the time of the construction of the Uganda Railway. And while it is very gratifying to see that this colony is rapidly flourishing, it grieves us immensely to observe that there is not even a modest Hospital Ward provided for us where our patients can expect to have their sufferings alleviated.

4. Sir, you are no doubt aware that at Nairobi there are at present two hospitals, the General European Hospital and the Civil Hospital. To the former patients of European parentage have access, but the latter is built adapted to the needs of Africans.

5. The above condition of affairs has placed our Community at a painful disadvantage and has led to the inevitable result that, in cases of illness which occur in the lives of all, various patients have met their fate unattended by any sympathetic nursing comforts or the adequate medical treatment.

6. The Gen. Union - an institution which has been established more particularly

to

to help the poor - has for some time past been in correspondence with the Medical Department about the subject now in question, with the result that the Principal Medical Officer gave us to understand a couple of years ago that a scheme on the basis of a General Hospital was under contemplation where hospital accommodation would be provided for our Community.

7. In the course of an interview which His Excellency the Acting Governor was pleased to accord to a deputation sent by the Special Committee, it was found out that the proposed scheme of a General Hospital referred to above has not so far advanced as to any hope being held out to us of its ever being put into operation within a definite period.

8. The subject being one of vital importance to our Community, we view this pressing necessity with a certain amount of apprehension. Sir, for many years we did not think it judicious to give this subject any prominence as we lived encouraged by the hope that our need would be met in due course, and as the country was in its initial stage of progress. Now, however, that the prospects of a general development are manifest in various directions, we are inclined to believe you will not consider our humble

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humble request unreasonable more particularly
in view of the facts I have mentioned above.

I, therefore, on behalf of my
Committee, most respectfully and with due defer-
ence pray, Sir, that you will be pleased to give
this petition your favourable consideration at
as early a date as you may consider convenient.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient & humble
servant,

(Sd). J.M. James

Honorary Secretary,

Special Loan Hospital Committee.

(1) The existing native Hospital accommodation in Nairobi is inadequate and will have to be increased in the future. No proposals, however, have as yet been put forward for the erection of a new hospital.

(2) The provision of a new hospital, or the increase of existing accommodation will be an early necessity, the existing hospital is in the centre of the town between public buildings and the largest hotel in Nairobi.

If any large sum can be devoted to an increase of the hospital accommodation for natives it would be wise to remove from the present site.

The buildings are only of wood and iron, and occupy one of the most valuable sites in the main street.

(3) I do not think the Goanese have any claim to a special ward, though possibly a division in an Indian ward would be desirable, as the Goanese are Roman

Catholics, the remainder of the Indian community
Hindus or Mohammedans.

(4) I think we can go so far as to say that in any
extension of hospital accommodation contemplated by
Government, special arrangements will be made for the
accommodation of Indians of various classes.

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Mr. *Bennett* 14/5

Mr. *Burton* 15/5

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Hunsford.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 240 of the 6th of April, forwarding a petition from the Loan Commission, at Nairobi for payment for improved hospital accommodation.

I therefore request that you will inform the petitioners that I have received their petition, and that in the event of any extension

of the hospital accounted
in Nairobi being undertaken,
careful consideration will be
given to the question of
making special arrangements
for the Crooked & the
Madams of various classes
there.