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1908

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Last previous Paper

by  
W. J. S. S.

(Subject.)

For medical officers & private practice

Submits notes on Dr. Macdonald's letter.  
Considers that time has not yet arrived when  
it would be possible to forbid private  
officers private practice.

(Affirmer.)

Mr. Anderson

It is rather amusing that  
Dr. Macdonald, having enjoyed  
private practice as Officer of  
Health Mombasa, should be so  
eager to defend his usurper  
of it. It is however the right  
policy to encourage private  
practitioners, and with  
this view we stated in offering  
the Mombasa off't. to  
Dr. Hassan that we presumed

under for by 20/11/08

Subsequent Paper

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should not have private practice  
(def on 30109) and the Gov.  
refused that Dr. Haron  
accepted on the condition laid  
down in the def.

2) Send copy copies to Gov. conf.  
say that the Ref. P. under-  
stands that Dr. Haron accep-  
ted the offer on the condition  
that he would not have private  
practice - add that he may be  
allowed consulting practice

3) Say that ~~with~~ the Ref. P. agrees  
but the time is not ripe for deciding  
if medical officers generally  
from private practice, and  
ask him to inform Mr. M. or  
the Sec. war.

But add that this is not  
desirable that private medical  
officers shd. be prevented from  
establishing themselves in places  
where there is a prospect of their  
being so successfully, and that  
readily when a new offer

for these  
given by  
Ed. White

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If a medical officer at Nanticoke  
is made he should not be  
allowed private practice without  
further work.

Observe that the 1908 Blue Book  
gives no details of the receipts  
of Medical Officers from Private  
Practice and ask that these  
may now be furnished, and  
that in future it may be in-  
cluded in the Blue Book.

W. J. P.

Proceed as in the first  
part of Lt. Ellis' proposed  
amendments, but omit the  
part in brackets. I doubt  
whether it is in the interest  
of the public to prohibit Gen-  
eral medical men from taking  
private practice, and I do  
not think that we can re-  
quire them to give details  
of their receipts for publication.

W. J. P.

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accepted on the condition laid  
down in the ref.

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stands that Dr. Herson accep-  
ted the offer on the condition  
that he would not have private  
practice - add that he may be  
allowed consulting practice

3 Say that ~~with~~ the Ref. P. agrees  
that the time is not ripe for extending  
priv. medical offices generally  
from priv. to practice, and  
ask him to inform Mr. M. in  
the above.

But add that the it is not  
desirable that private medical  
offices shd. be permitted from  
establishing themselves in places  
where there is a prospect of their  
being so manfully, and that  
readily when a new offer

for three  
years by  
Ch. White

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is made he should not be  
allowed private practice without  
further con.

Observe that the 1908 Blue Book  
gives no details of the receipts  
of Medical Officers from Private  
Practice: and ask that this  
may now be furnished, and  
that in future it may be in-  
cluded in the Blue Book.

11/16/12

I proceed as in the first  
part of Mr. Ellis' proposed  
courses, but omit the  
part in brackets. I doubt  
whether it is in the interest  
of the public to prohibit pri-  
vate medical men from taking  
private practice, and I do  
not think that we can re-  
quire them to give details  
of their receipts for publication.

W. J. D. 10  
at 11/16/12

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*L. Alfred*

4 <sup>15th</sup> Street Road  
Eastbourne

Dec. 1st 1908

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 44558/1908 of the 12th inst. enclosing a copy of a letter from D. W. B. Macdonald of Mombasa, relating to the right of Government Medical Officers to engage in private practice in the East Africa Protectorate.

2. There were no private medical practitioners in East Africa possessed of European qualifications till about two years ago when one such settled in Mombasa and as I believe succeeded in making a living. He has been allowed considerably by Government Medical Officers sending him now patients and referring him into active competition with him.

What private practice is possible there is in Mombasa has been  
Main City of East Africa  
Colonial Office

been for the last 15 years  
or more almost entirely  
in the hands of Dr. Macdonald,  
the population has increased  
but little and no properly  
qualified private practitioner  
has ever established himself  
there. It will thus be seen  
that the conditions in 513  
Mombasa have not altered  
in any way except that  
Dr. Macdonald, having retired  
from Government service,  
devotes his whole time to  
private practice.

3. It may be seen by reference  
to the Blue Book for East  
Africa for 1910 in which  
the remuneration received  
by each Govt. Medical Officer  
~~is given~~, from private practice  
is given, the competition  
cannot be great.

4. I do not mind the time  
has not arrived when it  
would be possible to forbid  
Govt. Medical Officers to work  
for private practice, and one of opinion  
that such a prohibition would  
be considered a great hardship  
to the European residents  
who, being as the majority  
do, widely scattered in  
out districts, would in  
very many instances be  
entirely debarred from  
medical attendance.

I may further state that  
the Govt. Medical Officers do  
a considerable amount of  
work gratis among settlers  
and others who are under  
a position to pay fees.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
I will.

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DRAFT

CAP copy  
for Sadler

Amtdy 8136

30 Dec 08

Sir,

I have the honor to  
transmit to you a copy  
of corr. relative to a letter  
received from Dr. W.H.B.  
Rice Donets, in which he  
represents that local medical  
officers should not be  
allowed private practice, other  
than consulting practice,  
since private medical  
practitioners are available.

2. I understand that  
Dr. Chasen accepts the  
app. of Medical Officer  
of Health at Mountain  
on the condition that  
he would not have  
private practice, but I  
have no objection to his  
being permitted consulting  
practice. For the reasons  
given by Rice Donets in  
his letter of the 11th of  
Dec. I agree with you

MINUTE.

- Mr. Dandy 23 Dec
- Mr. Rice 23/12/08
- Mr. Jupp
- Mr. Andrews
- Mr. Cho.
- Sir C. Liose
- Sir F. Hopwood
- Col. Seely
- The Earl of Cromer.

Dr. Rice Donets 16 Nov  
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Col. Wilby 12 Dec  
100058  
Col. Wilby 14 Dec  
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that the time is not  
ripe for excluding  
lect. med. officers  
generally from hospital  
practice

3. I request that  
you will cause Dr.  
Hess Donnell to be  
informed in the above  
sense.

Yours,  
L. H.

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