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for med officers and private practice.

Complains that point of privilege of private practice to med officers seriously interferes with his means of livelihood as a private medical practitioner.

Mr Butler

? copy to ^{conf} for. & ask him to inform ^{the writer} ~~him~~ in the sense of the last para of our letter on 8/36, in the similar case of Dr Macdonald.

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Colonial Secretary,
Downing Street
London

I have the honour to lay before
the following facts which are
seriously interfering with my means
I hold on as a private medical
practitioner in the Town and District
Nairobi, E. A.
I as a private individual
had to compete in practice
nearly two years, against the
Colonial Government Medical Officers
such competition I would respectfully
but is unfair to me, in as much as

implies the putting of my individual effort
at a body of men, already salaried,
pensionable, who, in addition to the
privilege of an Official Station, are, with
into and purposes, a subsidized body,
erment instructed in tropical diseases,
paying for their exclusive use, an
ital and trained staff, together with the
to obtain the use of all necessary
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Considering such direct and unequal
ation a distinct hardship to me,
quite prepared to welcome their
ation in the form of Consultative

re back as July 1907, I had the honour
ress His Excellency, the Governor, on
ame subject, copies of which correspond
leave to enclose.

I have the honour to be

your most obedient servant,
William B. Beard.

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Government Road,
Nairobi,
July 9th 1907.

Your Excellency,

Lieut. Colonel J. Hayes Sadler, C.B.
Governor,
British East Africa.

I have the honour to bring before Your Excellency, for your kind Consideration and reply, the following Resolutions, bearing upon the position and work of properly qualified Medical men, who are endeavouring to obtain a living by the exercise of their professions in this Protectorate.

1. Am I correct in understanding that the Indian Medical Acts have not been applied to this Country either by Order of the King in Council or by Proclamation and that therefore the English Medical Acts apply?
2. Is it the case that Colonial Medical Officers are at present engaged in the exercise of general medical practice, over and above their strict Government Duties and outside the limits of legitimate Official work?
3. Is such general practice by Colonial Medical Officers permissible, unless in urgent cases, or for the purpose of Consultation, or when the services of an

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properly qualified medical man (unofficial) are unobtainable?

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

William B. Beard M.D.

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Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant and to inform you in reply that there are at present no Acts or Rules regulating medical practice in force in this Protectorate so that any one, whether qualified or not, may set up in practice here. An Ordinance on the subject will, however, shortly be promulgated.

2. Government Medical Officers are permitted to take private practice, provided that it does not take precedence of their official duties, and a certain number of them do so.

Yours,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


Acting Secretary.

W. H. Heard Esq., M.B.,

Nairobi.

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- Mr. Andrews
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- The Earl of Drogheda.

Sir,

With reference to my copy book of the 24th of Mch, & on the subject of the private practice of Govt medical officers, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter with the enclosures from D. W. H. Heard of Narrochi and to request that you as in the case of Dr Macdonald, you will explain to him the

Dr Heard. 25/3
without enclosures

as his letter has been referred
back to you for a report, and explain to him, in
necessity for the transmission the sense of Col. Rep^{ns}
of communications from W^o 212 and 213 the

persons in the Past through
the Gov.