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of Individual:  
William  
1909  
Previous Paper:  
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Death of Mr. E. G. Monro, Williams

Seates fir inf<sup>m</sup> he desires in connection  
in his sons last illness & death. Sends extract of a  
trape of unhealthiness of Rabai. His present inclination  
is to have questions asked in both Houses of Parl.

Mr. Seates  
I think that we had better  
send him a copy of our report on 2083  
from which he will see that the fir<sup>m</sup> has  
been asked to furnish a full report on  
the various points & say that pending the  
receipt of the fir<sup>m</sup> reply, had come report  
that he is unable to take any further  
action in the matter - & call his attention  
to what is said in the last para. of  
the report about Rabai, say that the fir<sup>m</sup>'s  
statement as to Rabai not being seriously  
sickly has been confirmed  
by Mr. Seates & with regard to the 3rd para  
of

See the same 2083

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letter says that ...  
thinking that the ...  
retained the ... for a ...  
+ was only sent ...  
a letter ... ( =  $\frac{100}{1953}$  )?

H. J. ...

29/11

Yes, Dear  
Yours

30.11

at once

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The Lancet

Essex

27 April 1908

Dear Sir,

I am anxious to hear if I could have had better any other  
to ascertain for me why it is that my wife and I  
were during the illness of my son, which was  
grave character, and why, although they could have  
sloped some his death more at the Hospital  
the any account a particular of his death.

I am informed now that instead of being brought at the  
end he was perfectly conscious and was able to have  
messages though we have often been commended  
to. It is difficult therefore to understand what  
apparent command & respect in the fact of the  
Hospital authorities to help I think, as I am informed  
is the fact, the nursing notes are not altered to the  
benefit of patients. If such a regulation is to pass  
then as I can say it is a great improvement and  
I do not suppose that the same regulation applies to  
the Doctor's charge and I desire to know why he has  
departed for the first time commencing with his  
and why he has not written so on.

You will remember that no letter was given you  
what was conveyed to me with the day before he  
died & that I would be detail a report shall  
write (not mentioning why I had not been) I write  
to the Colonial Office & then only did I receive a copy  
of the Doctor's report to the office that had reached the  
Office a fortnight or more before.

I also will know whether my wife and I be taken  
to the Hospital. The more I hear from I opinion the  
more I am convinced that my son's life has been  
unduly & unjustly sacrificed. The attention of the  
Government has been prominently called to the neglect  
of the place & the high quality of the medical staff  
and the quality of the nursing and of the management  
of the Hospital. Yet my son has not been  
admitted for England too! There is his death certificate  
that my son should not have been sent there straight  
from England & that the Colonial Office should be not there  
at all.

of his letter says that he is  
is thinking that the Medical Report is  
detained in the C.D. for a fortnight  
more & was only sent in consequence of  
a letter received from me ( -  $\frac{10}{153}$  )

H. J. R.  
29/11

Yes, Dear -  
Yours  
30 11  
at once

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The Law

Esher

27<sup>th</sup> April 1908

Sir,

I am anxious to hear of how you have looked on my  
to ascertain for me why it is that no report was made  
of me during the days of my son, when he was in the  
grave chamber, and why although there would have  
been some by death notice at the hospital respect  
the any account a particulars of his death -

I am informed now that whilst of my son's death at the  
and he was perfectly conscious and well at home  
messages though we have never been communicated  
to me. It is difficult therefore to understand such  
apparent concealment & neglect on the part of the  
Hospital authorities unless indeed, as I am informed  
in the past, the nursing sisters are not allowed to  
circulate reports.

If such a regulation is in force  
then it is very odd that it is not to put me  
I do not suppose that the same regulation applies to  
the doctor's charge and I desire to know why he has  
refused for the first time communicating with me  
and why he has not written to me.

You will remember that no letter from my son  
which was conveyed to me until the day before he  
died & that I received no details or report of his  
suffering (but understanding why I had not heard) I wrote  
to the Chief Officer of the Army and I received a copy  
of the Doctor's report of the Officer which had reached the  
Office a fortnight or more before.

I also wish to know whether my wife and the Colonel  
and Major. The news I have from S. Spain the  
more I am convinced that my son's life has been  
unnecessarily & thoughtlessly sacrificed. The attention of the  
Government has been frequently called to the neglect  
of the place & its hospital, and the state of the  
nursing ladies & staff. Yet my son was not there  
when he died from England too! There is no doubt whatever  
that my son should not have been sent there straight  
from England & that my Chief Officer should be put there  
at all.

Account and a such will be copies of which will  
be sent. I have a copy which you can send if you prefer  
to any other person.

So regards my own house at Hobart (although I have  
not any complaint there) I have been that it was not in  
any way dangerous, but it was not to be held in  
that first there is

1. Why the Government continue to use Katoan as a  
place under the quarantine?

2. Why my son was sent there straight from before &  
3. Why his property was not put in the hands of the  
Government but was left in the hands of the  
owner?

4. Why no earlier communication was not sent from  
your staff than the letter of the 30th January?

5. Why no reports were sent from during the progress  
of his illness till the 1st of February?

6. Why I have had no report whether out or in & the  
death last month, or the progress of it?

7. What is the real reason for the release of the patient  
again?

8. What regulations are there as to the death and burial  
of any of them left in the hospital? What have  
they & they see they made?

9. Whether it is proposed to hold any other inquiries  
as to the case & others.

The account as I have my own copy has been  
described & I am of the miserable regret  
to not sending me any reports of the illness that  
I must, my present intention is that questions  
asked in both House of Parliament.

Yours faithfully,  
W. F. Munnings

The Assistant Secretary  
Colonial Office

THE DEATH OF THE LATE MR. MONIER WILLIAMS

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REC'D  
28 APR 1900

A DEATH STATION

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. Monier-Williams, late Assistant District Commissioner of Rabai District. Mr. Williams had only taken up Government service a few months ago when he first arrived in the Colony. The funeral services at the Cathedral and Mombasa Cemetery were very well attended.

We consider that the Government should not station a newly arrived Officer at Rabai. It is a poisonous station and has been responsible for the damaged health of many officers who have been unfortunate to be stationed there. Throughout the whole Rabai District, a worse site for a dwelling station it would be difficult to find and even officials who have learnt by experience how to dodge the climate unpleasanties, find it difficult to keep their health in this particular neighbourhood. Some years ago the Government placed a battalion of the K. A. R. at Rabai. Immediately we heard of this we drew the Government's attention to the danger of this proceeding, pointing out that this area was lead poisoned throughout and expressed the opinion that even the locally grown vegetables contained mineral poisons. Our opinions received consideration and the Principal Medical Officer of Health of the time was instructed to visit the garrison site. This Officer condemned the site and the whole garrison buildings were immediately removed, even then only after a large number of men had contracted stomach diseases.

There are healthy sites in the District and Coast Planters have found them, it is now therefore for the Government to go and do likewise. It will be very much cheaper in the end to close down the present Rabai Station and erect a new station either in the neighbourhood of the Planters or on the Ribe Hills, where the water is excellent and the climate salubrious and where the Officer will be in closer touch with the population.

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to

Pray

DRAFT.

M. F. Morris Williams Esq

1 May 1909

MINUTE

- Mr. Parker ref.
- Mr. Reed 30
- Mr. Just.
- X Mr. Antrobus. (away)
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- + Sir E. Hopwood. Feb 15
- Col. Seely.
- The Earl of Crewe.

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I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th April & to transmit to you a copy of the despatches sent by him on the 12th April to the Gov. of the E.A.S., from which you will see that a full report on the various points & raised has been asked for. Pending the receipt of the Government reply I am unable to take any further action in the matter.

copy of despatch (copy) 12 April  
to Gov. E.A.S. - M9265/09

I am in receipt of the Government reply

2. As for ~~the healthiness~~ <sup>regards the sanitary</sup>  
~~of~~ <sup>conditions at</sup> ~~Leban~~, his Lordship  
wishes me to call your  
attention to the last  
paragraph in the  
enclosed despatch  
to say that the Governor  
states that ~~Leban~~  
is not so notoriously  
unhealthy, stating he  
has ~~been informed by~~  
~~that I had~~ ~~been~~  
~~informed~~ ~~that~~  
~~in 1803.~~

3. With refer<sup>ce</sup> to the  
third paragraph of your  
letter, I had never  
desired me to say  
that you are mistaken  
in thinking that the  
medical report was  
retained in the Naval  
Office for a fortnight  
or more, and was  
then

then sent to you only  
in consequence of a letter  
received from you.