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Previous Paper.

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

Suggests that in cases where officers have had to call in private practitioners owing to a Govt Medical Officer not being available that the fee should be refunded.

I can't find any precedent in the W. African Colonies, where practically all the private practitioners are natives. It seems to me that a privilege of the kind might be abused, for the following reasons:-

(a) The practitioner might be called in on every trivial occasion.

(b) A large Govt. doctor, living at ^{only} a moderate distance from an Officer, might make this a pretext for throwing his work upon the private practitioners.

(c) The private practitioner might stick it on, knowing that the Govt. would have to pay.

ask: may that then appear to be a privilege which might be abused or that the S.M.F.S. would be glad to be furnished with the views of the private practitioner on the subject?

along H. J. R. 10/12

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Governor's Office,
4 SEP 09
Nairobi,

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

August 2nd 1909.

No. 440
(Incl. 1)

My Lord,

I have the honour to submit for Your Lordship's decision a point which has arisen in connection with the privilege of free medical attendance enjoyed by members of the Protectorate Service.

2. In certain districts where the Medical Department has not been able to detail a Medical Officer for duty owing to paucity of staff, officers have found themselves compelled to call in private practitioners on behalf of themselves and their families and it is thought somewhat unjust that they should have to pay fees while their more fortunately situated colleagues are attended by the Government doctor free of charge.

3. I would therefore venture to submit for Your Lordship's favourable consideration that such fees may be refunded, it being of course clearly understood that if a Government Medical Officer is available

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

available his services must be called in and that
a refund will only be made in cases where a private
practitioner is the only doctor within reach.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

J. J. Jackson

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Capt. J. J. J. J.

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16 Sept 09

Sir,
I have the honour to
ack: the receipt of ^{W. Jackson} your
despatch No 440 of the 2nd of Aug
in which you suggests that the
fees paid by an Officer to
a private medical practitioner
whom he has ~~employed~~
in the absence of a Medical
Officer, should be refunded.

This appears to be
a privilege which might
be abused & should be

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- Lord Crewe.