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CAMEL TRYPANOSOMIASIS INVESTIGATION
EMPLOYMENT OF MISS ROBERTSON

Submits proposals for employment in Sudan and various parts of B.E.A. Requests enquiries as to facilities for Miss Robertson in Sudan.

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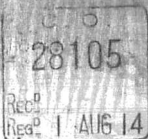
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ANY REPLY TO THIS COMMUNICATION
SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:-
"THE SECRETARIES
OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY."

Burlington House, 407
London, W.

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30th July 1914

Sir,

The Tropical Diseases Committee of the Royal Society have had under their consideration a proposal, originating some time ago in a suggestion from the Colonial Office, that the services of Miss Robertson, who has lately returned from her term of service for the investigation into trypanosomiasis in Uganda, should be utilised in the Soudan to investigate the problems of camel trypanosomiasis. This disease is responsible for serious losses among the camels, horses and cattle in Egypt, the Soudan and parts of British East Africa. A thorough investigation which might afford a basis for measures of control and prevention is consequently a matter of considerable economic importance.

The Committee of the Royal Society desire to recommend this proposal to the favourable consideration of the Secretary of State and suggest that, if he sees his way to commissioning Miss Robertson to proceed to Khartoum for the purpose mentioned, the Royal Society should supervise the enquiry, and that Miss Robertson should report to the Society from time to time.

The Committee discussed a rough estimate of the

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probable cost of the investigation and are advised that it would not exceed £1000 per annum for two years, which they consider the least time that should be devoted to it. As already stated, the enquiry is one which concerns not only the Soudan but also East Africa, and to some extent Uganda also, and they hope that this circumstance will render it possible for the Colonial Office to collect the funds necessary to defray the cost. As a contribution towards these funds the Royal Society would propose, with the sanction of the Secretary of State, to transfer the sum of £300 out of a balance remaining in their hands from the grant made by the Colonial Office towards the expenses of therapeutical experiments in relation to trypanosomiasis.

In the event of the proposal under reference meeting with the approval of the Secretary of State, I am to ask that enquiries may be instituted as to the facilities for transport, not only upon but outside the railway and steamboat routes, that the Soudan Government would be prepared to afford to Miss Robertson; and further to ask for an assurance that authority would be given to her to travel about the country so far as might be required for the purposes of the enquiry.

The Committee are impressed with the importance of a first-hand study in the field of the conditions producing the disease in the local endemic centres. In pursuance of this principle Miss Robertson has a programme of localities to be visited, suggested by Dr. Balfour, lately Director of the Khartoum Research Laboratories; but she would be quite prepared to place

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herself in the hands of the local authorities in selecting the particular centres best adapted, by their facilities of access to the sources of infection, for pursuing the enquiry.

The approximate estimate above mentioned was based upon the assumption that Miss Robertson would receive the same scale of pay and allowances as she had in Uganda during her recent term of service.

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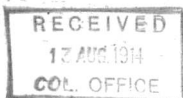
your obedient Servant,

John A. Bradford

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Correspondence should
be addressed to the
Secretary,
Royal Society,
1, Whitehall Court,
London, W.1.



The Assistant Secretary of the Royal Society presents
his compliments to the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office
and begs leave to acknowledge the receipt of his letter of
the 11th instant (28/05/1914).

which is receiving attention.

Royal Society of London

Aug. 12 1914

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11 August 1914

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- Mr. Read
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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Lam etc. to transmit
for the conveni-
see. Sir E. Grey, a
copy of consp^a with
the R. S. relating to a
proposal to employ
Miss Robertson in the
Sudan on an investiga-
tion of camel typhus-
cases

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The Secretaries
Royal Society

11 August 1914

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- Mr. ~~Read~~ ~~St. John~~
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- Mr. Harcourt.

Mr. ~~Read~~
in verbal
note from
Mr. ~~Read~~

Gentlemen -

I am etc. to self: the
weight of your letter of the
30 July relating to the
proposed employment of
Miss Robertson in
investigation of camel
trypanosomiasis in the
Sudan.

Mr. St. John 11 August

2. It appears to
Mr. Harcourt that in
view of the present
international situation,

it would be difficult
to ~~at~~ ~~decide~~ ~~definitely~~ at present
whether, or if so when
an investigation of this
character could be
"begun"; but he is
communicating a copy
of your letter to the
Foreign Office with a
request that the Govt.
will ascertain from
the Sudan Government
whether, other circumstances
permitting, they wd be
prepared to grant ~~sub-~~
sidation the facilities
of transport for which
you ask & whether
they wd make any
contribution ^{towards} ~~the~~ defraying
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the cost of such an
investigation. 413

3. I am to add
that Mr. H. writes with
satisfaction that the
Royal Society are
willing to ^{expend on this enquiry} ~~the~~ ~~for~~
the sum of £300 out of
a balance remaining
in their hands from
the grant made by
the Govt. Office towards
the expenses of
the experimental experiment
in relation to typhano-
saurianis

(Signed) H. J. READ.
for the Under Secretary of State