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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

October 24th 1912.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have authorized the engagement of a Nurse as Assistant to the Medical Officer of Health, Mombasa, at a salary of £165 per annum plus £10 Uniform allowance and £40 special plague allowance, with free quarters or an allowance in lieu.

*This should be called duty allowance + given by whoever is performing the work. All Yes least.*

2. Mombasa has been peculiarly fortunate hitherto in having almost entirely escaped from those outbreaks of epidemic disease which might naturally have been expected in an eastern seaport exposed to very considerable climatic and sanitary disadvantages. The appointment which I am now reporting would otherwise have had to be made long ago and the necessary machinery would have already been in existence for dealing with the outbreaks of plague and small-pox which have unhappily terminated the immunity hitherto enjoyed by the coast city.

3. In the circumstances action has to be taken at once, as it is urgently necessary that suspicious cases of sickness should be investigated and deaths not satisfactorily explained enquired

into

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

into, and this cannot be done in the case of women by the regular staff without inturping the susceptibilities and outraging the religious feelings of the Mahomedans and Indians, who form so large a proportion of the population of Mombasa. This is particularly the case where plague is concerned, as a somewhat minute and searching physical examination is necessary in order to establish the presence of the disease.

4. The services of a lady as well fitted for the purpose as can be found locally are accordingly being requisitioned as a temporary measure. Her salary will be found from savings this year and I am making the necessary provision in the draft Estimates for 1913-14.

5. Her duties will be as follows:-

- (a) Inspection of <sup>the</sup> bodies of the female dead
- (b) Vaccination of women
- (c) Visiting households where suspicious cases of illness among women exist
- (d) Inspection of female passengers on ships.

6. I consider the special plague allowance necessary, as the work of the Assistant will be physically more trying than that of the Nursing Sisters resident in the hospital. Moreover she will run the risk of infection and incur the chance of insults.

7. I trust that you will accord your sanction to this appointment, and, as it is not possible to find a candidate in the Protectorate, who can permanently undertake the duties of the post, I should be very grateful if a suitable lady could be engaged in England. It is suggested by

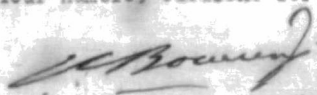
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the Principal Medical Officer that, if the Colonial Nursing Association experiences difficulty in obtaining a qualified person, the Nightingale Nursing House or St. Bartholomew's Hospital might be asked to make a recommendation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



In the absence of the  
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The Secretary  
to the  
Treasury

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Sir,

I am directed by Mr  
Secy. Harcourt to transmit,  
for the consideration of the  
Lord Committee of the  
Treasury, a copy of a  
deleg. from the Dep. Gov.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Harcourt Secy.
- Mr. Addams 4
- Mr. Bellamy & Co.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

the Dep. Gov. ~~and~~ reporting  
the engagement of a Nurse  
to assist the Medical  
Officer of Health at  
Montaza.

26 Oct.

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Mr. Harcourt trusts