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Previous Paper.

Medical Attendance on Officers on board ship.

transmit resp. payments to ships surgeons for officers embarked as invalids without a port medical officer in medical charge.

copy of minute on file 1314/15 W. Africa

Mr. Read.

If numerous cases of this kind occur, and we are pressed in the matter, I think we shall have to adopt some such system of payment to ships' surgeons, for officers embarked as invalids without a Government medical officer in medical charge, as is embodied in the attached form relating to the West African Colonial Service. But I do not think that we should be in any hurry to admit the liability. We have gone on very well up till now without such special payments, and it is easy to be seen that, if any such system of special payments is not closely safeguarded and jealously watched, ships' surgeons will get into the habit of expecting special remuneration for any medical attention shown to a Government passenger, although, in the case of an ordinary passenger, such attention would

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have been given in the normal course of duty. In the case of West Africa the claim of ships' surgeons was resisted for many years because of its obvious openness to abuse.

If we have eventually to adopt some such system, it will be necessary to devise a form of claim. The attached West African form, altered as indicated in pencil, would do very well. There is no need to make a special case of N.U.C. of the K.A.R., as there are so few of them. It would be necessary to distribute a supply of the forms to the shipping companies plying to East African ports, and to ask them to see that a copy was furnished to each ship's surgeon for each homeward voyage.

For the present, it appears to me only necessary to authorise the Crown Agents to pay the sum of £1.4s. 0 to the credit of Naval Services, from Somaliland funds, through the Paymaster-General, quoting Receivable Order No. 5122, and to tell the Admiralty that this has been done, requesting them in future to refer all similar claims which they may receive to this Department before any payment is made.

The Admiralty can't possibly tell whether one of our officers was embarked as an invalid without a Government Medical Officer in medical charge. I would pay the present claim, as the Admiralty have already disbursed the money, but we ought to have adequate evidence on this point in future.

F.G.A.B.

Oct. 3.

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H. J. R

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See further minutes on 26/10/35

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1. Capt. J. W. ...
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1. Gov. Dr. Rydman
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- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
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... have the honor to inform you that the question of extra payment for Govt. officers embarked as invalids, without a Govt. medical officer in charge, has recently been raised.

Copy of this form
 enclosed
 from J.R.
 shown in pencil.

2. Enclose a copy of a form which

which has to be put up
up by Ships Surgeon
claiming remuneration
for medical attendance
on officers of the W. African
Colonial service on board
ships. This form
embodies the practice
which the W. African
Colonies have found
it desirable to adopt.
I should be glad to
hear whether you
advise that ^{a similar} practice
should be adopted for
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it as there would be no
necessity to make
special provision for
an unaccompanied officer,
I would suggest that that
word should read
"whenever an officer of
the Govt of the E. A.
Uganda, Nyasaland or
Somaliland Ports is
embarked on a
vessel, the P. M. O. of
the ~~port~~ port to which
the vessel comes, or
an officer appointed by him
will furnish the Master
of the ship with a
certificate to the effect that
he is embarked as such.
All claims for remuneration

~~for admission to~~

Pl. Gov. officers

must be accompanied

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