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PLAGUE AT KISUMU AND NATHOBI

Submits recommendation from the P.M.O. for the grant of some pecuniary recognition to those upon whom increased work was thrown in combating the disease. Supports proposals.

D. Horn

Have you any other plans?
All.

Mr Parkinson

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I think that acknowledgements should certainly be made of the efficient way in which these officers performed their dangerous duties. In W. A. after outbreaks of Plague & Yellow Fever, such acknowledgements took the form of the thanks of the S. of S. in various degrees. It is, of course, known that pecuniary recognition is reserved to only the highest officers. If Plague is endemic in parts of E. A., it is a question of policy whether it is advisable at present to create a precedent by awarding money grants to the lower ranks of officers involved with each outbreak.

I would suggest that the matter be talked over with the officers concerned in their return from ...

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Mr F. Aden

Mr Butler

I quite agree with your proposal but the ...

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men with special qualifications - e.g. whether M.O.s, who
work in medical & sanitary, ought to be rewarded
for exceptional exertions in emergencies connected
with the work of their posts & if so whether
administrative, police & public works officers whose
work is not medical & sanitary, ought to be
rewarded too, & if so whether it should not
be on a higher scale.

- In W.A. epidemics a judicious
appreciation of (1) the thanks of the S. of S.,
(2) the thanks of the Col. Genl.,
(3) appreciation of good service
rendered
(4) commendation,
has usually been the only reward of exertion
on the part of European medical police &
other officers of the "commissioned grades".

The DP 110
got a M.C.
reversion
May 1901
of 1801

Sir G. F. Stokes

I do not think that it is necessary to
wait for Mr. Read. The proposal appears to
me to be utterly impracticable. I might
just as well give military officers a money
reward when they go out on a patrol or a
little expedition.

Reply expressing appreciation of the
dedication of a medical staff & of the efficiency
with which they combated the recent outbreak
of plague, but expressing regret that the
S. of S. does not consider that services

of no kind, can properly be rewarded
in any way, at any time be required
of a medical officer in the course of his
duty, can properly be rewarded by
special money grants.

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I agree
P. S.

Attest
M. J. J.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 5

(Incl. 1)

January 2nd, 1912. 25

P.M.O.
12-11.

With reference to my telegram No. 260 of September 9th and previous correspondence respecting the outbreak of plague in the townships of Kisumu and Nairobi I have the honour to submit herewith a recommendation from the Principal Medical Officer, who has just returned from leave, in favour of the grant of some pecuniary recognition to those upon whom increased work was thrown in combating the disease.

2. I desire to support Dr. Milne's proposals as there is no doubt that additional duties of a very disagreeable and onerous character fell upon the officials mentioned by him. These duties were efficiently and economically performed and the outbreak was kept within bounds with the minimum of inconvenience.

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

inconvenience to the general public

3. This result was attained through the loyal and energetic cooperation of the staff and I should much appreciate any recognition which you may see fit to bestow upon them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

GOVERNOR.

ENCLOSURE

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P.M.O.'s office,

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Nairobi,

18th December 1911.

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Secretary,

As the present scale of salaries is not calculated on the basis of an abnormal state of matters, I would warmly support the principle of granting some pecuniary recognition to those engaged in the vastly increased work occasioned by a time of pestilence.

It must not be forgotten that the risk of infection to those actually engaged in operations is not inconsiderable: I would remind you of the late Mr. Costello of Nakuru, who, personally superintending the digging out of plague stricken rats in an outhouse, himself succumbed with his boys a few days later to the disease.

Should His Excellency be pleased to approve of a bonus being granted, the precedent created would affect principally the Medical Staff. Dr. Haran has submitted to me a list of the names of all those who were affected by the increased strain of work, both here and at Kisumu. From that list I have selected the following names as especially deserving of consideration.

Dr. Lowrey. Struck off his Civil Hospital duties and placed in charge of the departure of all trains from Nairobi platform, inspected and issued passes to all passengers, and also to those leaving by road who presented themselves. This work was most tactfully performed. (Note. It involved no night work). Further duties were to inspect and fumigate if necessary all goods leaving by rail; followed up all clues of cases which

which came to his notice.

Dr. Robertson: In addition to his Medical Officer of Health's duties was responsible for the management of the sick and contact camps; situated two miles out of the town; in charge of the rat extirpation measures, and the disinfection of infected houses; in charge of transport arrangements for removal of sick and contacts.

Sub-Assistant Surgeon Lipis was in charge of the inoculation carried out at the Native Civil Hospital.

Hospital Compounder Siqueira was in charge of the quarantine camps.

The District Commissioner Mr. Mansergh and Assistant District Commissioner Mr. J.M. Pearson did good work in the routine inspection of the different quarters of the town.

At Kisumu: Dr. Wouat, Dr. Cherrett, Asst. Surgeon Dorloff, and Sub-Assistant Surgeon Hira Nand all worked faithfully and unremittingly in the various measures taken to control the outbreak.

On the proposal that the bonus allowed should not exceed half a month's salary, the sum required would amount to approximately £125.

Whether Dr. Harlan's name should be included also is not for me to say; only this, that the epidemic was economically managed, and, from what I can find out since taking over, it was efficiently handled.

(Signed) A. D. WILNE.

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MINUTE

Sir,

- Mr. Parkin
- Mr. Fielden
- Mr. Butler
- Mr. Fiddes
- Sir H. Jux.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch N^o 57 of the 2nd of Jan^r concerning a recommendation by the P. M. S. that

~~in the case of the grant of some~~
 should be made
 your own recognition & to those
 upon whom the same is to be
 made in the future
 the advantage of delay in
 the forwarding of business

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