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Governor No.  
Section 515

(Subject.)

1908

Medical Report 1907

20 Oct

Last previous Paper.

Send memoranda by P.M.S. & Pro. Comm.  
from district info re to both supply at  
market & Indian Bazaar at Ruwaa

(Minutes.)

Mr Read  
There is some report of  
our def. or destruction of  
mosquitoes at Mombasa.  
2 Ask for it.

Done.

H. J. R.

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To Gov. memo 5154  
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Governor's Office,

14th Oct. '09

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

October 14th 1909

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My Lord,

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In reply to Your Lordship's despatch No.450 of September 4th, I have the honour to transmit herewith Memoranda by the Principal Medical Officer and the Provincial Commissioner, Kisumu, which give the information called for in paragraphs 2 and 4.

Col. Will  
Oct. 16th

Mr. Ainsworth  
Oct. 9th

2. With reference to paragraph 3, I have the honour to report that the 4 inch pipe is a distribution and not a supply main, and was laid to replace the 2½ inches pipe which was too small. It was never intended to increase the water supply coming into the town. This pipe was laid with the approval of Mr. G.E. Williams and though a temporary measure, and therefore perhaps theoretically uneconomical, cannot be said to have been a waste of money.

H.M. PRINCIPAL ENGINEER OF THE PROTECTORATE

FOR THE GOVERNOR

DOVER STREET,

LONDON, E.C.

5. It is recognized that the water supply is inadequate, but lack of funds has hitherto prevented the necessary steps to increase it being taken. In this connection I would invite a reference to my despatch No. 355 of July 17th 1908.

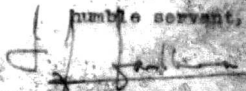
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I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,



(In the absence of H.E. the Governor)

INCLOSURE No. 1

In Despatch No. 575 of October 1908

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MEMORANDUM.

With reference to Minute No. 55 by the Honourable the Manager of the Uganda Railway, I am aware the 4 inch pipe is a distribution and not a supply main, but its completion has not resulted in bringing an adequate supply of water into Nairobi and in this connection Mr. Williams states in paragraph 3 page 19 of his Report: "when this is done..... the total supply will at the best be insufficient for present needs".

It is evident the 4 inch distribution pipe will have to be replaced at an early date by one of double its calibre and that provision must be made for bringing at least twice the present supply from the Kikuyu Reservoir, and in my opinion any operation of a temporary nature which is inefficient and has to be replaced by larger measures cannot be economical.

I regret the Honourable Manager of the Railway considers my remarks disparaging to his Department. They were not intended to be so, as the whole question is, I understand, one of funds which lies with the Imperial Treasury, but to emphasize the pressing necessity of providing an adequate supply of water for Nairobi so as to obviate further outbreaks of Enteric Fever in the Township, to enable the new native locations to be occupied and the new Police lines and Prison to be built, important measures which have been hung up indefinitely owing to want of water.

J. Williams  
Principal Medical Officer

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In Despatch No. 515 of Oct. 20 1908.

MEMORANDUM.

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With reference to paragraph 4 of the Secretary of State's despatch No. 450, I have to remark that, so far as I am aware, the proposal to establish a new Indian Bazaar at Kisumu has not been abandoned. Matters in Kisumu are, however, in a more or less unsettled condition due to

1. Annual outbreaks of plague within the present township area, causing periodical derangement of existing trade and consequent monetary losses, &c.
2. Absence of a profitable trade.
3. The fact that the traders here are nearly all not in a position to undertake at present any real improvement of their existing conditions.
4. The existing bazaar plots have yet several years to run on their present leases, and cannot legally be interfered with in so far as their removal to the proposed new sites is concerned.

Generally, therefore, we cannot force a removal until trade becomes thoroughly established and profitable here, there will be very little demand, if any, for the new plots.

As regards an actual centre for retail trade it has been definitely proved that Kisumu, or Fort Florence - as it should be called - is not a good centre for development; it is out of the way for the bulk of the natives; a more accessible point being Old Kisumu.

Considering the fact, that there is absolute proof that the Fort Florence site is an endemic centre of plague

it

it seems doubtful whether we should be well advised in continuing a policy of concentrating a larger population than is absolutely necessary on the site. The question has been dealt with in the scheme for the curtailment of the present Township area.

Sd/- J. Ainsworth.  
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER.

Kisumu.

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*Ans'd 15/2/89*

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20 Nov '08

*for*  
Sailer

Sir,

MINUTE 1/11

- Mr. Noall 19/11
- Mr. Elli 14/11
- Mr. Jun
- Mr. Andrews
- Mr. Cox
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Sooty.
- The Earl of Cross.

I have the honour to  
 acknowledge the receipt of  
 your despatch N<sup>o</sup> 215 of the 20  
 of October, & to request you to  
 furnish me with the info  
 asked for in the 2<sup>nd</sup> para of  
 my despatch N<sup>o</sup> 450 of the 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Sept, as to the steps which  
 are being taken to destroy  
 mosquitoes at Homburg

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