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(Subject.)

Death of D. Fisher on Hopkins

States particulars as far as he knows them.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Road.

The previous papers are with you. This does not tell us very much but - writing to the Govt I think we might ask him to make arrangements with the various shipping companies by whose steamers Prot officials travel for the notification of any cases of fatal illness among them by telegraph to the Prot or to this office, which may be nearest to the next port of call after the vessel

Copy You saw Conf 4 Feb. 1908  
 Mr. Fisher and Mr. Del.

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at once  
 H. J. R.  
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The Under Secretary  
Colonial Office.

Castletownsend  
Skibbereen

C. Cork.

26<sup>th</sup> January 1908.

Sir

In reply to your despatch no  
2335/1908 of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant I have  
the honor to inform you that  
I did not know that Dr Fisher  
was a passenger on board the  
Kronprinz until the 19<sup>th</sup> December  
three days after the ship had  
sailed from Krombas. I was  
then told that he had died  
that morning. He was buried  
at sea on the evening of the  
19<sup>th</sup> December the funeral arrange-  
ments and service being conducted

by the Ships doctor and other  
Officers.

on making enquiries from  
the Ships Officers I ascertained that  
Dr Fisher had not left his  
cabin from the day of embarkation  
the 16<sup>th</sup> December to the day of  
his death.

There was a Prussian  
doctor on board the Kronprinz  
who attended Dr Fisher in his  
last illness and I cannot  
understand why the Officer  
or the Captain of the ship failed  
to cable particulars of Dr Fisher's  
illness and death to H.E. the  
Governor of Africa or to the Colonial  
Office from Aden.

I may mention that  
when in Kairouan during the  
early part of December I heard  
incidentally that a medical  
Board had assembled there  
to report on Dr Fisher's state of  
health beyond the scope of  
their duties. I did not know

Dr Fisher's appearance.

Mr. A. C. Boyle, Sub-Commissioner  
Legation Protectorat was a passenger  
by the Kronprinz also Mr. Richards,  
vice-consul at Zanzibar.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant  
E. H. Rogers Lieut Colonel  
K. A. Rogers

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3 Feb  
3 January 1905

DRAFT

Miss M. E. Fisher

Mrs. M.,

W. ref to the letter from the Dept of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Jan, 1905, I am directed by the Govt to inform you that a draft has been received from the <sup>Lieut</sup> Gov<sup>t</sup> of the E.A.P. relative to the cases involving under which the late Dr. J. W. M. Fisher was involved from the Prot.

MINUTE.

Mr. Lobb 20

Mr. Brad 30

Mr. Just

Mr. Antrobus

Mr. Cox

Mr. Lucas

Sir F. Hopwood

Mr. Churchill

The Earl of Egin

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2. Since his arrival in E.A. he is stated to



held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of  
November ~~last~~ 1907,  
their Report was  
not reported  
until the first  
week - January  
1908, nearly three  
weeks subsequent  
to Mr Fisher's  
embarkation for  
England ~~and his~~  
~~ad. was followed by~~  
~~it~~ his death at sea  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

3. Thank the receipt  
of Mr Fisher's letter  
of the 20<sup>th</sup> of January,  
the only intimation  
received by the Dept  
that Mr Fisher was  
about to leave the  
Post - was that  
Lord Paget's letter

Lord Paget 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 1908  
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Gor  
(1252 of)

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in your Dep. No. 556 of  
the 19<sup>th</sup> of December last,  
but ~~the date of~~  
his actual or proposed  
embarkation ~~was~~ at  
London was not  
stated therein, as it  
should have been.

4. I ~~heartily~~ regret the  
delay which has been  
allowed to occur -  
notifying me of the  
circumstances under which  
this Office left the  
Post, and I ~~for~~

to request that you  
furnish me with  
a full ~~and complete~~  
the explanation of  
those responsible for  
it. ~~for~~ ~~expl~~

need scarcely  
point out that it

5. ~~It is~~ ~~unavoidable~~ ~~that~~  
unavoidable that  
~~this~~ ~~draft~~ should be  
placed - the position  
of being unable  
to afford timely

information to the relatives of Govt officials who are invalids to this country, and in this connection I would invite your attention to

para 4 of my sup n<sup>o</sup> 405 of the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 1907, and para 2 of my sup n<sup>o</sup> 694 of the 20<sup>th</sup> of December last.

(Govt. 25229/07)

(Govt. 43712/07)

occasion to comment on the omission to furnish medical reports in similar cases.

6. I am glad to ascertain that the fisher was carried on board the S.S. Krasnaya and that he remained in his cabin until his death, without anyone except the ship's officers being aware of his

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I shall be glad to know whether, in view of the fisher's helpless condition, the local authorities at Moulmein took any steps to connect him to the good offices of any of the other Govt officials by proceeding to Europe - the same steamer, ~~as in my opinion~~

DRAFT

MINUTE.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Jact.
- Mr. Astrobue.
- Mr. Coa.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood. (for common)
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elgin.

in my opinion most regrettable and I trust that it will not occur again on similar occasions.  
I shall be glad to know whether any medical ~~report~~ <sup>inf</sup> was given to the ship's doctor regarding the complaint from which the fisher was suffering and the treatment which it was considered desirable that he should receive with

if not,  
the cases, and, when  
better arrangements  
could be made.

that such inf<sup>o</sup>  
shall always be  
given to the M.D.  
of any vessel  
to which such  
officers belong  
from the S.A.  
have to travel.

Notes

9. Steps will be taken  
to select a suitable  
candidate to fill the  
vacancy caused by  
Mr. Fisher's death.  
I have  
these

8. It is not clear to  
me why the loss  
of the SS Amoy  
did not inform you  
either by telegraph  
or letter from the  
of Mr. Fisher's death.

and I have to  
request that you will  
make an arrangement  
to be made with  
the various shipping  
companies by whom  
vessels Govt officers  
habitually travel,  
for the notification by  
telegraph of cases of  
fatal illness  
either to this office  
or to the Post,  
according to the  
particular of the vessel  
in the case  
as may be most  
convenient, from  
the first port of  
call at which  
the vessel may  
call after the  
event.

T.B.