

NIGERIA.

No. 16702D/118

The Secretariat,

Northern Provinces,

Kaduna, 10 October, 1934.

Sir, ~~With reference to~~ I am directed by the Chief Commissioner

~~to have the honour to~~ acknowledge the receipt of forward for your information and necessary action the documents noted in the subjoined Schedule.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

To  
The Resident,  
Kaduna province,  
Lokoja.

*D. P. Minner*  
Acting Secretary,  
Northern Provinces.

SCHEDULE.

Date.	Number.	Subject.
		Order under the Native Authority Ordinance; public Health.
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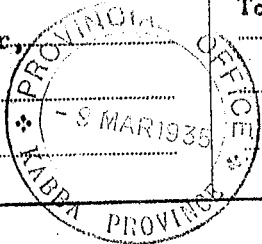
MEMORANDUM.

No. 324/MC/3/35

6th March, 1935

From The Medical Officer,  
Lokoja.

To The District Officer,  
i/c Lokoja Area.  
c/o Provincial Office,  
Lokoja.



G.P., Lagos. 1489/33

Public Health Order - Supply of.

I forward herewith a copy of Sanitary Inspectors' Bible for the Sanitary Inspectors and Vaccinators in charge Lokoja area. Please acknowledge the receipt.

McGrath  
Medical Officer,  
Lokoja.

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*Recd* Submitted. Igbina used a supply of 3 copies and in leaflets. Feb. 9. 3. 35

P.A. Handing over Note. Copies of the order will have been distributed  
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E. G. J. 21.3.35

MEMORANDUM.

65/1935.

No. 16702D/132  
Kaduna, 30 May, 1935.

FROM THE SECRETARY, NORTHERN PROVINCES.

TO

THE RESIDENT KABBA PROVINCE



Order under the Native Authority Ordinance : Public Health.

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With reference to my letter No. 16702D/118 of the 10th of October, 1934, I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to inform you that it has been observed that paragraph 17 of the Order is not quite adequately rendered in the Hausa translation. It is understood that difficulty has been caused in one Province where some of the Native Courts have read paragraph 17 as meaning that, on a party being found guilty of an offence, the maximum punishment must of necessity be inflicted.

2. I am to suggest that Administrative Officers should make it quite clear to Native Courts that the words are permissive and not obligatory and that the punishments stated are maxima.

R. P. Orme  
for Secretary,  
Northern Provinces.

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No. 67/1926/107.

Lokoja, 14 June, 1935.

Copy to

D. O. Igala

D. O. Igbirra

D. O. Kabba

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For information and action.

*E. L.*  
for Resident,  
Kabba Province.

*P.S.*

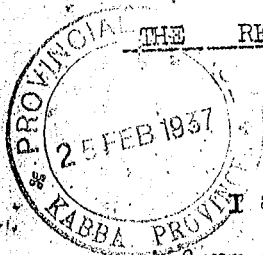
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MEMORANDUM.

FROM THE SECRETARY, NORTHERN PROVINCES. No.26947/111.

TO Kaduna,

THE RESIDENT K A B B A PROVINCE. 15 January, 1937.



Residents' Conference, 1937.

I am directed by the Acting Chief Commissioner to inform you that the Senior Health Officer proposed the following subjects for discussion at the Residents' Conference:-

- (a) Public Health Propaganda - formation of limited number of Rural Health Units. Attached is a brief report by Mr. W. Sellers on the pioneer Units recently formed in the Southern Provinces.
- (b) Rural Sanitation - allocation of definite proportion of Native Administration revenues every year to fundamental improvements in night-soil and refuse disposal, water supplies, markets, village layouts, housing, slaughter houses, cattle kraals, etc.
- (c) Smallpox Control - organised campaigns under European supervision in association with sleeping sickness work and also in areas where no sleeping sickness work is being carried out.

2. His Honour was unable to approve their inclusion in the agenda, owing to lack of time for discussion, but

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hopes that Residents will take the opportunity of discussing these and other health matters which concern their Provinces with the Senior Health Officer who will be in Kaduna during the Conference week. I am to ask you to make necessary arrangements direct with the Senior Health Officer.

E. S. FEMBLETON  
Secretary,  
Northern Provinces.

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HEALTH PROPAGANDA UNIT.

Brief report on the experiment of forming Rural Health Units at Ilaro, Ife, Benin and Ondo.

A Rural Health Unit is a representative committee of voluntary workers who are cooperating with the Health Propaganda Unit in creating a Health sense in the people and also arousing and stimulating the interest of Native Administrations in Sanitary improvements.

As an experiment the four towns mentioned above were selected by the Deputy Director of Health Service after consulting the Chief Commissioner and several Residents.

The method of procedure in forming the Rural Health Units was similar in each town visited. The Medical Officer or the Medical Officer of Health and the Propaganda Officer discussed the scheme with the Resident or the District Officer. Later, full details were explained to the Obas and Chiefs and the necessity for their co-operation in providing the necessary sanitary improvements was emphasised. In each case the formation of a Rural Health Unit was welcomed. At these preliminary meetings the names of suitable people to sit on the committee were suggested. The committees consist of the Resident or the District Officer as Chairman, the Medical Officer or the Medical Officer of Health as technical and Medical adviser, representatives of the Native Administration, the African Medical and Health Staff, school teachers, one or two influential towns people, the co-operation of the Superintendents of Education and Agriculture being invited.

It was made very clear that a Rural Health Unit would only be established in a community that wished to have it and which indicated an active interest and a desire to cooperate in every way to make a success of the

undertaking.

Having obtained this assurance, the Propaganda Officer proceeded to explain the various ways in which the Rural Health Unit could cooperate and suggestions were made as to what form the early activities might take. Each member promised to begin by making his own house a pattern for others to follow and thereby begin to teach by example. The organization of "clean-up days" and "dry pot days" leading up to "school health displays" was explained also the ways by which assistance with infant welfare work might be given.

The committees were strongly advised against organizing spectacular displays such as baby shows or health weeks or making application for the assistance of the mobile cinema until they felt they had gained the confidence of the people and they themselves had become firmly established.

Many sound suggestions were made, one in particular was by the Oni of Ife who pointed out the need for better type houses. He suggested that, having no architect in Ife, the Health Propaganda Unit might supply blue prints of various types of houses suitable for Ife together with scale models of the houses and outbuildings. The District Officer said he would obtain prices for the construction of the various types of houses so that the model houses with the cost of construction could be exhibited by the Rural Health Unit to people wishing to build. Such an arrangement would encourage the building of houses of the right type and lay-out could be controlled. In addition the people would be discouraged from attempting to build beyond their means as so often happens with unfortunate results.

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Another suggestion was that Rural Health Units should be kept in touch with each others activities through the Health Propaganda Unit. It was thought that the exchange of ideas would stimulate the general interest and introduce a friendly competitive spirit between the various Rural Health Units. It may be possible to record the activities of Rural Health Units in the publication "Nigeria".

Such suggestions indicate the enthusiasm with which the Rural Health Unit scheme was received.

The committees intend to meet monthly and copies of their minutes will be forwarded to the Health Propaganda Unit at Medical Headquarters. From these minutes advice and guidance will be given and progress recorded.

Three displays with the propaganda van were given in each town visited. School children were given a special lecture and display of films and although the great majority were viewing a moving picture for the first in their lives the resultant essays are ample proof of the value of teaching by films. A display was reserved for the educated people of the town and one for the benefit of the general public. At the latter displays crowds up to 5,000 assembled and although many could not see the films to advantage they remained attentive to the broadcast lectures which were prepared with a view to local health problems.

Several interesting points were brought to light and these will be borne in mind when producing further films.

The tour extended just over a thousand miles and the total operating time of the electrical equipment was 30 1/2

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hours. The whole equipment of the mobile cinema received a thorough testing and was found entirely satisfactory.

Grateful thanks are due to the many people who gave much valuable advice and assistance.

Propaganda Officer,  
Health Propaganda Unit.

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MEMORANDUM.

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No. 11693/238.  
Kaduna, 13 September, 1937.

FROM THE SECRETARY, NORTHERN PROVINCES.

TO

THE RESIDENT K a b b a PROVINCE



Public Health Ordinance.

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to inform you that His Honour has had under consideration the means by which it may be found possible to apply generally, throughout the Northern Provinces, more of the provisions of the Public Health Ordinance than are contained at present in the Native Authority Health Order made under the Native Authority Ordinance.

2. The suggestion has been made that the Public Health Ordinance should be made applicable as it stands, but His Honour prefers that the Native Authority Health Order should be so amended and expanded as to include most of the important provisions of the Public Health Ordinance. The Native Authority will then be in a position to apply all or part of the new Order, as seems suitable to the conditions in each area, with the guidance of Administrative and Health Authorities.

3. I am therefore to forward a copy of a provisional draft Order which it is proposed should be made in due course under the Native Authority Ordinance, by all Native Authorities; and to ask for your comments thereon. It is fully realised that the Order can only be applied in toto in the most advanced areas, but it is necessary to frame the Order

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- (a) so that all the main provisions of the Public Health Ordinance and Rules made thereunder may be included, and
- (b) in such a way as to avoid elaborate phraseology and repetition.

4. I am to ask you to make suggestions also as to penalties, which have been omitted in the draft Order. Certain provisions, e.g., Rule 1(5), will need modification; and if there are many objections to the Order as it stands it will, His Honour hopes, be possible for Residents to discuss the proposed Order with the Senior Health Officer at Kaduna during the Residents' Conference.

5. References to existing legislation are shown in the provisional draft.

G.D.Pitcairn.  
for Secretary,  
Northern Provinces.

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*See p 112*