

is reason to believe that the officer will ultimately be fit to return to West Africa, the Secretary of State may at his discretion extend such leave with half salary for a further period not exceeding six calendar months.

If an officer who has been granted sick leave is found by the Medical Adviser to the Colonial Office to be fit to return to West Africa and fails to do so when ordered, he shall be liable to refund any pay which he may have drawn in respect of such leave.

126. Any extension of leave, however short, which may be granted on any other grounds than those mentioned in the two foregoing regulations must be without pay.

127. In addition to the leave mentioned above; a European officer who has completed eight months' residential service and is expected, subject to good health, to complete at least a further six months' residential service, or who has been on the sick list and is reported by a Government Medical Officer to require a period of relaxation from duty to render him fit to complete a further 6 months' residential service, may, at the discretion of the Governor, be granted leave to be spent in West Africa or on a sea voyage for purposes of relaxation from duty, up to an amount not exceeding 21 days in each tour of service plus the whole or part of the time necessarily taken in travelling to and from a place approved by the Governor up to a maximum amount of six days in all. During such leave full salary but not duty allowance will be paid, and the officer will be paid travelling expenses on the authorised scale up to a maximum of six days in all.

128. An officer returning to West Africa will be required to embark by the first steamer leaving England after the date on which his leave of absence expires, and will be allowed pay at the rate which he is then drawing for any days which may elapse between the expiration of his leave and the departure of the steamer; provided that, if there is a later steamer which is timed to arrive at his destination before the first one, he will be required to proceed by the later one. Extensions of leave will date from the expiration of the original leave, and not from the day on which the officer would have had to embark if his leave had not been extended.

129. Officers desiring leave on the ground of "urgent private affairs" before completing a tour of 12 consecutive calendar months' residential service may be granted by the Governor at his discretion permission to proceed on leave. In such cases the officer may be granted any vacation leave for which he is eligible under Regulation 122 (including leave for the period of the two voyages), but any extension must be without pay.

130. (a) Every officer, immediately before proceeding on leave of absence, will present himself to the medical officer of his station (or other medical officer), as provided by the local regulations, for examination as to the state of his health. The medical officer will furnish him with a paper of advice in proper form, which will