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Dear Doctor:-

As stated in a previous letter, I reached here on the afternoon of the 9th. and was met by Dr. Ferguson. On the day following all official calls were ~~all official calls~~ were made, and I dined with the Governor and Lady Edgerton, Dr. Godfrey, the Surgeon- General, being also present. I have met practically all of the governmental force, who have been very courteous, and who have paid me a deference and respect which I do not attribute to any personal charm that I possess, but rather to the seductive tinkle of the good hard American coin which is to come into, and be spent in our work here. In spite of the endless formalities, <sup>^</sup> many of which seem so useless to me, and more of which I never expect to understand, I have covered, with Dr. Ferguson, the entire district where we will work. Area A. seems to be specially suitable for a beginning. I have learned since I have arrived that we will have nothing to do with the laborers on the sugar plantations, as they are already being treated at the expense of the planters, and the budget as presented to the Commission did not include them. The eradication work being done among them is more rapidly effective than we can hope to make ours, for they are under rigid military rule and can be made to do as they should. On yesterday I met with the entire administrative force of the colony, and the arrangement was perfected to handle the funds. I find that the suggestions made by Mr. Rose coincide with the governmental routine in handling the funds of the Colony. I delivered the check to the Receiver- Gen. and am sending the two vouchers properly signed by this official. In the future the check will be sent to him. I have filed with the Surgeon-Gen. a copy of the budget accepted by the Commission, and upon which the first allowance was made. He understands that this budget can be modified from time to time to meet the needs of the work, keeping always within the specified limits of expenditure. All accounts are approved by Dr. Ferguson and myself, and then go to the Surgeon-Gen. for his approval, - he then issues a voucher in duplicate for the amount. This goes to the Receiver-Gen. who pays it. One of these vouchers is

Report here and the other goes to the Commission. Every month a report of the expenditures is made to the Commission, and quarterly the account is audited by the Auditor-Gen. and his report is forwarded to the Commission. In a day or two I shall be able to send to Mr. Lund a list of the heads under which this account will be kept, showing in detail what items of the original budget are included in each. We are sending by Monday mail to Eng. for our first Chief San. Inspector, but I am informed that it may be more than two months before he can arrive. In the meantime I shall look after his duties, of course. I am engaged today in rewriting and condensing the Hook Worm pamphlet used in N.C for our purposes, and also writing some more simple literature for the use of our illiterate population. I had hoped that the Dutch boat which sailed a week after I did would bring to hand the slides for the Balopticon, and also the forms for illustrating our literature but she is in, and they were not brought. Will you please ask Mr. Lund to see that we have them by the next boat. Had they come, I was to give the "inaugural lecture" on next Tuesday night, with the Gov. and lady present, and the entire official force. This will have to be delayed. Certainly we are beginning the work with all the government aid and support that could be wished for, and the consideration shown me in an official way has disconcerted me more than once. Georgetown is a modern city with wide concrete streets- Electric Street cars- "Movies"- etc. I was never more surprised than when I found this to be so. One can not realize that the city is below sea level. The territory where we begin work is tropical in every respect- huts- half naked men and women- entire lack of all sanitary measures- rather a hard nut to crack. Will you please ask Mr. Lund to attend to the Slides at once, and also the forms for illustrating the literature. We will need the cut of the Hook Worm- the Eggs- Etc. and also the cuts representing the Selma Ellis case, and others which graphically show the effects of the disease. We will begin taking the census next week, and shortly we will be giving thymol to the first lot. Address me here as before, but not in care of Dr. Ferguson. With best wishes I am,

Cordially yours,

*H. H. Howard*

P.S. Couldn't we be supplied at an early date with the same cuts used in the N.C. H. W. Pamphlet?

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