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He came into office in 1912.

He changed colonial government policy to extend health care to the general African population, not just European trrops and Africans working for government.

African exclusion from the health care system ended in 1915 under his governorship.

He launched works on the first pipe-borne water schemes in the Gold Coast, for Accra and Sekondi.

There were not enough doctors to open clinics or hospitals to serve the entire population at the time, so he began a country-wide dispensary scheme which would make medications and limited health services available.

He protested to the Colonial Office in England about the exclusion of African doctors from the government service, which he thought was unfair because Africans paid taxes, but the Colonial Office made no changes.