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*Dr. Henry F. Hoyt
St Paul
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*Leaves letter addressed
to Capt R. H. Pratt
in regard to claim
for medical atten-
dence to Seth Clear-
Eyes - in 1893 -
Memorandum of
file enclosed*

*See to Pratt March 20 1904
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

HENRY F. HOYT, M.D. COMMISSIONER.



St. Paul, Minn

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" 20	Visit Hspl.	2 ⁰⁰
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" 27	Consultation \$5 each	10 ⁰⁰

May 1	Visit	2 ⁰⁰
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June 4	"	2 ⁰⁰
" 6	Consultation	10 ⁰⁰

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entitled to the amount asked for. I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

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but it seems to me from a knowledge of the facts as presented above, that
 I otherwise do not place you the amount to pay this bill out down
 of these six consultations, yet I have only charged you in the bill for
 six consultations, making the rate of the treatment of this patient three times
 the low rate. The regular fee for consultation is \$5.00 for each
 medical and surgical visit to a patient is \$5.00 and visits two weeks in
 regular fee in this State for the next 40 years for the regular
 visits the charges for these two operations would be from \$80.00 to \$100.
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 cation their all parts opened up. The stopping of the hemorrhage
 after a doubling spray a secondary hemorrhage took place from the wounds,
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 over two hours passing the severed parts together, properly stitching
 revealing the wind pipe. There were three of us that worked over him for
 our, several days and nights in a very bad kind of a way and practically

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Duplicate.

St. Paul, Minn. Mar. 5th., 1894.

R. H. Pratt,

Capt. 10th Cavalry,

Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of March 2nd., referring to bill of the late firm of Drs Murphy & Hoyt for Medical Attendance to Seth Clear Eye in 1893, is duly received and contents noted. In reply I must confess that I am surprised at the course you take in regard to the matter. If I interpret your letter right, you refuse to do anything in connection with the matter unless I consent to discount the bill 50 per cent. If the bill was excessive or unreasonable or anything of that sort, I would no doubt be very glad to make the concession you suggest, but such is not the fact, your statement to the contrary notwithstanding. When I first wrote in connection with this account, if my memory is correct, I stated that I had an account against this Indian for about \$100. I then received a reply from you to the effect that, if I would send an itemized bill, you would take the matter up and submit it to the department. Up to that time our partnership books had not been posted up for over a year, and the statement in my first letter regarding the amount of this bill was simply a guess. When the books were posted I found that the Indian had ~~be~~ been visited at the Hospital almost daily from the time of his attempted suicide until his death by either Dr. Murphy or myself, and that there were a number of consultations, and had I sent you a bill in accordance with the charges on our books it would have been nearly double the amount that I did send, but as I stated before I had ^{written} you that the bill was about \$100.00 and for that reason I confined myself to that limit when I sent you the itemized bill, and if you can point out anything in that bill that is excessive, I should like very much to know where it is.

of \$40.
The first item for the operation is certainly a very small charge for the services performed. The man had haggled his throat from ear to

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ear, severing the soft parts in a very ragged kind of a way and partially severing the wind-pipe. There were three of us that worked over him for over two hours bringing the severed parts together, properly stitching same and dressing them aseptically. About twelve hours after this after a coughing spell a secondary hemorrhage took place from the wounds, necessitating their all being opened up, the stopping of the hemorrhage and the stitching up and dressing of the entire wounds once more. Ordinarily the charges for these two operations would be from \$50.00 to \$100. The regular fee in this State for the past 40 years for the regular medical and surgical visit to a patient is \$2.00 when visits are made in the day time. The regular fee for consultation is \$5.00 for each physician. During the time of the treatment of this patient there were at least six consultations, yet I have only charged you in the bill for two. I of course do not blame you for wanting to get this bill cut down, but it seems to me from a knowledge of the facts as presented above, that you are fair minded enough to recognize the fact that the bill, as presented by me, is a very reasonable one for the services rendered. That man was given the benefit of as good hospital and medical attendance as he could have gotten anywhere in the world, and it was prompt, and if he had had a sound pair of lungs, he would have been live, well and hearty to day so far as any effects from the attempted suicide are concerned.

In view of the above facts, I sincerely trust that you will re-consider your actions as expressed in your late letter, for from the services performed in that case if we are entitled to anything we are entitled to the amount asked for. I remain,

Yours very resp'y,

Henry F Hoyt
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