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Name of Individual

Whitehouse Comd

1908

11 Nov.

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(Subject.)

Lake Survey

Repts. Co. division. & submit further
data regarding his case.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

Commander Whitehouse reports
the dive branch, & it seems almost
impossible to go any further in the
matter. His request for withdrawal
of the P.C.O. letter 10057/1905 is not
a proper one, & is only made, appar-
ently, because he knows that it
was written on the paper which con-
tains Mr. Currie's report & Mr. Ellis'
minute. On his reply to that letter, made
before he knew of the existence of the
report, he takes no exception to its terms,
beyond submitting some considerations in
support of his revised estimate of expenditure
on the survey.

T.O.

To: 11 Nov 1908
To: Mr. Currie for copy

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920/09

What he desires is, apparently, that
the S. of S. should expudiate the
opinions expressed as to Commander
Whitehouse's personal temperament: there
has throughout been no reflection on
his work. The fact that, after mature-
ly considering the letter to him of
the 31st Oct., he can bring himself
to reply in this vein, hardly tends
to dissipate the belief that those
opinions were well-founded.

W.C. 13/11

We had better tell him that the
letter to which we refer
as objectionable is that of 1st Sept
(1896/08). I had not taken any
notice of his demand for a
withdrawal of our letter of 20 June
(1909) which has nothing
offensive in it, though it contains
-ed a mistake subsequently corrected
in a despatch to Gov. 24/6/05
in treating him as entitled
to foreign but not to local pay,
whereas under the terms of his chft
he was entitled might be regarded
here as local but not of foreign
pay.

W.C. 14/11

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I have just
written to him
to say that I
do not think

I do not think that any useful
purpose will be served by continuing
this correspondence, & I shall
put by?

K. J. R.

14/11

Yes, I do not see that we
can do anything else.

W.C. 14/11

As I feared from his previous
letter Capt. Whitehouse is not
the man to help himself (to
us) and this is unfortunate
difficultly... his very few by's.

Low house

23.11

Yes, an impossible person

23.11

8 St. James's Square,
S. W.

11th November 1906.

C. O.
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Sir,

In reply to your letter No. ^w39223 of 31st October 1906 I regret that the decision contained in it fails to convey to me any assurance that the Earl of Crewe is anxious to remove the sense of injustice under which I am suffering. On the contrary, as his Lordship has now stated that my work was completely satisfactory, and as through the treatment I received the arduous circumstances under which I carried it out were greatly intensified, I can see no reason left for making me pay for my loyalty in deferring my resignation so that the agreement with the German Government might not be stultified.

If such a decision is enforced, I regret that I shall be unable to accept his Lordship's assurance that it does not imply that my work was open to the criticism it received, and I would also beg to point out that the value of your letter as a favourable testimonial for all I did in Africa is greatly reduced by the wording of its last sentence.

If you will kindly inform me which letter is referred to in it, I shall be happy to address you again on the subject, but would suggest, that if any letter of mine is to be regarded as not having been sent, your letter No. 19059 of 20th June 1905, should also be regarded in a similar manner.

I would also beg to remind you again, that the published results of my survey, and the letters of Mr. H. A. F. Currie that I have sent you, completely destroy the value of his confidential report of 8th May 1905, regarding which I had his promise that none should be written, and on which your letter referred to above was based.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. N. S. B. Hutchinson

Commander R.N.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

5 St James Square

S.W.

1 December 1901

Sir

With reference to your letter 39223 of 449
31 Oct 1901 and my reply of
11 Nov 1901 I beg to inform you that I
leave for sea 11/12/01 on the 1st of Dec
Sunday next

I am

Sr

Your obedient servant

R. Whitehouse

Commander R.N.

To

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office

Mr. ~~Whitehouse~~ *Antoine*

There are two points raised by Commr. Whitehouse in his letter to Sir C. Ill on the 30th Nov.

(1) His passages in 1905. It has been decided time after time that he was not entitled under the Regulations to passages, but he now again argues that he was wrongly invalidated in 1905, and therefore should not be put to the expense of coming home. This was fully discussed on 30/6/07, and it was decided that he was quite properly invalidated, & in spite of the fact that on his arrival a specialist found that there was then nothing seriously the matter with him.

(2) Additional remuneration in 1907. The Gov. was consulted as he says, and recommended that he should be given a bonus of £100 out of the balance of the money provided for the survey, which totalled £765. Instead of this he was given full instead of three-quarters pay for the period 17th Oct 1906 to 30th Jan, 1907. This amounted to about £62. (See 13701/07; I do not understand the arithmetic in the minutes, but as the additional payment was entirely an act of grace the process by which the amount was arrived at is of no importance.)

What he was given caused an excess on the amount provided, leaving out of account the value of tools returned. In the circumstances there seems to be no justification for giving him any more, and to dole him out any more in response to this flow of letters would be suggestive of the "unjust judge".

~~There is~~ ^{he has} still the value of the C.M.S. in prospect, which Commr. ~~Whitehouse~~ estimates with meticulous accuracy at £177.7.11.

HRC

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It seems to me that, even if he has been treated strictly in accordance with the regulations and with the terms of his engagement, he

*Small amount
to Mr. Whitehouse
and taken the
by the annual
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of part.
1908*

has suffered in pocket, and
that it wd not be treating him
with any except of liberality to
give him the £177. 7 11 value.
He claims no due to him
for passages and balance of pay.
I agree with him in thinking
that "Lopez is no excuse".

I presume that we must
get Treasury sanction. Let us
therefore have a draft prepared
setting out the best case that
can be made for paying him
the £177. 7 11.

Wm. D. 11
at once

Dec 2/1852

Dear Mother,
After seeing you I
went to the court (without
I had seen you) & the
I think the impression
of mind after reading
your letter was that I
should have written to you
before I had seen you. I
I added that I thought

he had no public case before him & he thinks he
that I had ordered for eight weeks to be made
his passage money. You for it - 28566
receipt of the money. I think that it will be
it to him - various acts on the part
he called in question, if they are weak
I send you with this request in this - Can you not
having met him on any of the letters, and
down here - possible to remind the
is that of the real & the unfortunate mistake
had not made a mistake showing him the papers &
his case he will not be at the bottom
been forced into a position of his weakness, if his public
which has not been so good that

he deserves, as I trust you
will give him all the sympathy you can
show him.

He will be on Sunday & if
you can give him consolation
that you will have done
kindly work for a man
who has his work very much
at heart.

Yours sincerely

Amos A. Phelps

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TELEGRAMS
ADDRESS
PORTTELLA LONDONTELEPHONE 417
1080 KERRARDTHE SPORTS CLUB,
ST. JAMES'S SQUARE, S.W.30. Nov. 06

Dear Sir Clement

I have just got your
note with Antistes' memo.The whole thing goes
to show that medical
opinion was wrong.I got my pay & passage
for 1903 under my
contract, & naturally
settled it in 1905I might as well
as altered my
contract. I still hope

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you will be able to present you. Will you
 this not, & the other judly mention that.
 remembers in my letter. I really do think that
 posted to you. You will that has

Another point is appeared they might
 answer of the Government put things straight
 of E Africa to them. I have done all I
 question concerning probably can to get the
 pay last year that letter raised, & if they
 they said they would not refer to the
 make in their report. I cannot. I
 letter to Bureau. Please do see more
 at beginning of file

I would not have for
each had I known
what was going on
I repeat, that going
cost me over £300

I am

Yrs sincerely

Whitton

St. James Square, S.W.

29 Nov 1900.

Dear Sir Clement

I am greatly obliged for your letter — about C.M. — I was promised it, & that my pay should be seen to by H. / Head, 22 months ago. The C.O. did not settle up with me when I left them, but four months later $\frac{1}{2}$ of my full salary for 4 months, was sent me in South America with a court letter (17572 17 June 1899 14 to 12 22 July 1899) without any mention of the C.M. /

Again 9 months ago, Andros told me I was owed it, that it had not been given before as there were many claims, but now mine was arranged — as before I heard no more of it, although these things are not necessarily given only on the birthdays, as I have pointed out.

Now 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years after I have left office, & after a request to go on with correspondence, it is brought out for the 3rd time, but conditionally on my withdrawing some letter written months after the promises given me.

Gracious to my treatment I have had to go

£ 500

£300 of my own & save the agreement with Germany.

Now C.O. say they cannot pay any bonus as my surplus has expired, but I was told by one rich man that Currier was using the money this year.

As regards regulations about passages I have my agreement with F.O. was signed under the old leave rules of the U.R. in which passages of men invalided were paid.

Clause 12 of my agreement reads—

"The person engaged may if the exigencies of the service permit be permitted leave of absence under such rules as the Committee may from time to time sanction"

No notice was ever given me of any change of rules affecting my agreement, & as my passages were paid at the time there was no question, & I was much surprised at them being charged against my half salary, after I had returned to Africa. It would not have been worth my while to return under those conditions.

So they say the leave rules of the U.R. applied to me under the terms of my agreement. (Para 3. 3009. 31 Aug 1907) I was

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plainly entitled to 4 months full pay leave
provided for in Curcio estimate (7 Oct 1904
Inclosure to my SA. 3 Oct 1904)

But outside the regulations altogether —
The medical certificate that ordered me to return
was entirely wrong. I was severely commented
on by Higgins, who upset it.

The C.O. will not admit any question about
the certificate, because I "admitted" (para 3
10009 of 31 Aug 1907) my return had benefited
my health — What else did they expect it to
do? I who would not be improved by a trip
home after working the whole time necessary
to obtain full pay leave in such a bad
proven place as the shores of the Nyanza?
They also say my return was justified by the
state of my general health — Why then
did they, on my arrival, call on me to
return to Central Africa & work alone, on
impossible terms, over a vast extent of
country, while their doctors certificate still
stood? (19059. 20 June 1905. Inclosure to my SA. 22 July 1905)

Now, I think it is quite time that the
C.O. set this matter right. They can easily
set the money to pay me if they choose,
& Lapee is no excuse. Since they themselves
have

have left it so long unsettled.

On the wrong certificate & the fact that I had worked the requisite time to obtain full pay leave under the rules that they say apply to me, I think they ought to pay my passages & give me full pay for the 3 months I was away from Africa.

That amounts to Passages £ 87 7 11

Diff. to full pay 3 months £ 90 0 0

£ 177 7 11

They should also meet their promises re the C.M.G. as they were quite voluntary.

As regards looking in correspondence as non averse I am quite ready to

treat any letter of mine that may if they will look in theirs of 28 June 1905

(Luce's & Gray's of 22 July 1905) in the same way — That is only fair.

The F.O. gave me its thanks as soon as I came home, & later after I had gone out again you wrote & told me it was partly owing to my work that the Uganda Railway was now paying.

Up to date I have nothing that I can show from the C.O., although my output of work was very large, & had received such very high

high commendations from you.

If the C.O. will not settle up, then I can only take the value of the C.M.G. as the amount I consider myself entitled to.

I applied to you as I hoped this matter could be finally settled before I returned to Great Britain.

I am leaving on 8th Dec^r. next Sunday.

If you could help to get it settled as above, and I am sure you will, in the correspondence, think it a good settlement, I shall be very much obliged.

I had a rotten time in Africa, & you will not forget that I was forced away from my work by illness, & that I should not have come away at all, but for that.

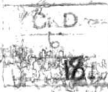
I am very sorry to trouble you with such a long letter, but if you knew how sick I am of this affair which has now been going on for 4 years you would understand how anxious I am to get it settled for good before I leave.

I remain

Yr. very sincerely

W. Whittemore

Handwritten signature/initials



The Sec.
Treasury.

Sir,

Handwritten note: "Copy of letter to the Sec of the Treasury"

I am &c. to inform you that he has had under his consideration a claim made by Commander E. Whitehouse against the Govt. of the U.A.P. in the following circumstances.

H.F.C. 15/19

Mr. Ellis

Handwritten: 10/15/19

Mr. Antrobus

Handwritten: 15/19

Sir F. Hopwood

Col. Seely

Earl of Crewe.

1. Commander Whitehouse was commissioned by the Foreign Office in 1905 to make a survey of the Southern part of Lake Victoria Nyanza for the purposes of the Uganda Railway steamer service. He had already completed a survey of the Northern part of the Lake. This work he carried out with conspicuous zeal and ability, under very trying conditions of climate.

Vertical handwritten note: "Am 10/15/19"

2. In 1905 Commander Whitehouse suffered from an affection of the eyes, and on being examined by a Medical Board in the East, was pronounced to be suffering from incipient cataract, and was invalided to this country. On his arrival, he was examined by the Medical Adviser of this Dept. by which the administration of the Port had meanwhile been taken over, who reported that no serious trouble of vision was to be anticipated. Commander Whitehouse therefore returns to duty forthwith.

3. Under his original agreement, Commander Whitehouse was bound by the rules as to leave and baggage of railway officials. In 1905 he was granted half salary during his absence from duty, but

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