

EAST AFR. PROT.

No. 36295

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Office or Individual

(Subject)

Whitehouse
Commander R.
(R. 107)

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1908

3 Oct.

Lake Survey

Last previous Paper.

Protests reat treatment recd from Lt
Crosby & Co. Ask for settlement of claims in
respect of work both in Africa and in this country

W/
26775

(Minutes.)

Mr. ^{Red} ~~Ellis~~

The letter on 26775 was, I should
imagine, clear enough. An estimate of
office expenses made in 1903 is clearly
not binding on the fact in respect of
work done in this country in 1906-7.
The F.O. letter appointing him to carry
out the survey - print below - clearly
separates his "personal salary" from the
other items of estimated cost of the
survey; as to these latter only actual
expenses ^{could be claimed by} ~~are due to~~ Commr Whitehouse,
he has no claim personally against any
body on the estimate.

Ans 31 Oct 1908 ✓
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Mr. Edg. ? copy the S. of S. has nothing to add
to letter of 10th Sept. HRC 11/10

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Mr. Arthur.

I agree that no further sum of money should be voted to Comm^r W. He is in view of last year's estimate on $\frac{12}{26775}$, I venture to raise again the question of paying him a C. M. G. There can be no doubt that, so far as his actual work is concerned, he has earned the distinction, for he carried out, practically single-handed, the survey of the Victoria Nyanza under conditions of great difficulty & danger. If it had not been for the unfortunate ship of a member of the Dept^y of Comm^r W. would have got his C. M. G. some time ago & all would have ended happily. If he withdraws his intemperate letter I think that we might clear the slate. He is a man with a hot temper, but he is really a very good fellow, as I think you & the Ladies who have seen something of him will agree. If he doesn't get the C. M. G. now, I tell you that he will never get it at all.

H. J. R.

21/10

I agree that there is much to be said for Capt. Whitehouse, and the work which he has done is most certainly deserving of the C.M.G. I should not interfere with the C.M.G. which it is proposed to give to Mr. Bogle of Uganda's but I should put Capt. Whitehouse before Mr. Currie, if

in sending the papers enclosed to Comm^r W. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, H. J. R.

it is impossible to give the C.M.G. to both, which would be the best thing.

18th Oct 21

Lord Curze

The demands greatly exceed the supply and I am glad to recommend a negotiation with Captain Whitehouse the object of which would be to secure him a C.M.G. if he withdraws intemperate letter to this office. This must also be taken into consideration. On the other hand I do not know Captain Whitehouse & I certainly have no desire to unduly prejudice him in the future. Yours sincerely, H. J. R.

H. J. R.
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will consider this: it is a rather important point

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8 St. James' Square,

S.W.

3rd October 1908

Sir,

In reply to your letter ^W 26775 of 10th September I beg to point out that on receipt of your letter 19059 of 20th June 1908, I at once objected to its terms regarding my salary in England. Not until after my return to Africa was I informed that my passage money would be deducted from my half salary. On the medical certificate having been upset, and as I considered my agreement was under the old rules, I objected at once to this charge to Mr. H.A.F. Currie who refused to discuss the matter. At my interview with Mr. R.L. Antrobus in February last, he refused to discuss this matter at all, saying the money would not be repaid. The matter has therefore never been discussed as stated in your letter under reply. I did not accept Mr. Antrobus' ruling at that time and am unable to accept it now as the certificate stating I was suffering from cataract and retinitis was so completely upset in England.

As regards payment for office work -- a sum of £400 for office work, as is usual in all Hydrographical surveys, was provided for in my estimate 21 August 1903 (copy enclosed) and this estimate was passed by the Foreign Office. I have therefore received no additional remuneration for office work as stated by Mr. Antrobus in his letter to me, 23rd March 1908, and had I remained in Africa to do this work, all of which I had to do myself

To
The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.

The letter says "work in this country"

*has been
ordered and
the sum - 400*

*has this to
work at*

*W
400*

my usual salary would have been paid to me, as it finally was, after I had twice refused to take three-quarters of it.

In Mr. Currie's new estimate sent to me 7th October 1904 (copy enclosed) he provides for four months full pay leave for me, after completion of work, at the rate of £800 a year - £266. This he later informed me had been passed by the Colonial Office with the grant of the extra £500 he himself had asked for, but the correspondence concerning this new estimate has been refused to me. I never received any of this money, or any full pay leave during my service since 1897.

It is plainly stated in your letter 3059 of 31st August 1907, that the leave rules of the Uganda Railway applied to me under the terms of my Agreement, and I was therefore fully entitled to full pay leave as provided for and passed in the estimate, while there is still a surplus left from the grant on which I was working. I do not accept this amount of surplus as £377 as stated by Mr. Antrobus in his letter to me of 23rd March 1908 as the official statement of my accounts has been refused to me, nor do I accept the ruling that as the amount has now lapsed, I am to suffer heavy pecuniary loss.

I knew the work I was employed on could not be compiled without my help, and I therefore saw it through. I have the satisfaction of knowing in that particular, as in all my service, with both Foreign Office and Colonial Office, I played a straight game and worked honestly and well as a record survey now fully proves. For this, after the question of my salary and leave has been allowed to drag on for two years after I left Africa, I have to pay the sum of over £300 out of my own pocket after all the

*the leave
was v. force,
and carried forward
to have
HOC.*

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 confidential correspondence that caused me this loss
 was sent to me.

My letter l.a of 22nd July 1908 was written
 in compliance with yours of 30th June 1908 requesting me
 to state for consideration what further claims I had for
 my African work, while your letter under reply refers
 only to the remuneration I received for my work in
 England, and I gather from it that my claims will not
 be considered and that no more notice is to be taken
 of me.

My resignation was forced upon me by the terms
 of your letter 19069 of 20th June 1905 as described in my
 letter from Buenos Aires of 29th October 1907, and the
 confidential statements made against me by Mr. Currie
 that caused your letter to be written are proved to be
 untrue by his own letters to me forwarded to you in my
 No. l.a. 22nd July 1908.

I now formally protest against the treatment I
 have received both from Mr. Currie and the Colonial Office.

I am quite willing and most anxious to accept any
 equitable arrangement in which my agreement and the passed
estimates are properly considered, but I am not able to
 accept the heavy loss I have sustained through my loyalty
 now that the official correspondence explaining the causes
 of it has been given to me.

I trust it may be found possible to arrange
 matters before my departure for East Africa next month.

If on the other hand, I am to take your letter
 under reply as closing this correspondence, I beg that you
 will please notify me to that effect as soon as possible.
 Repeating again my entire willingness to come to terms

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add anything
 more clearly
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by which this subject may be finally disposed of.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

B. Whitehouse

Commander R.N.

Enclosure to Commander Whitehouse's letter to
 Managing Member, Uganda Railway Committee, 21st
 August 1903.

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Approximate Estimate for Lake Survey.

Up to October 1902.

Whitehouse Passage	60. 0. 0
" Pay	420. 0. 0
Hunter's "	102. 0. 0
Camp allowances	40. 0. 0
Work done in Shops	48. 0. 0
Wages	72. 0. 0
Rail Fares	40. 0. 0 ?
Carriage 2 boats	40. 0. 0 ?
Stores	650. 0. 0

£1472. 0. 0

£ s. d.
 1472. 0. 0

From Nov. 1902 to April 1903.

Six months at £160 per month

900. 0. 0

From May '03 to Sept. 15th '03.

Whitehouse pay	162. 0. 0
" return passage	100. 0. 0 (say)

262. 0. 0

262. 0. 0

On resuming work Sept. 15th '03.

18 months at £170 per month = 3060.0.0

3060. 0. 0

Approximate oil expenditure on Motor launch
 Taking oil at 8d. a gallon at Coast 1 penny
 per mile per ton rail carriage 4 gallons
 per day expenditure for 18 months 2160 galls.
 say 10 tons, at £1.8.6. for carriage, will be.
 Cost of oil £72 Carriage, £14.5.0 Repairs
 stores. etc. £13. 15. 0

100. 0. 0

Carried forward 25794. 0. 0

Brought forward

£5794. 0. 0

Office plotting will probably occupy
four months

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Monthly expense £100 for 4 months

£. s. d.
400. 0. 0

6194. 0. 0

Original grant

3300. 0. 0

Total required

£2894. 0. 0

NOTE: As regards the four months' office work required for plotting field work, I would point out that in the Marine Survey of India 1883 to 1889, seven months' field work always took four months to plot up.

Enclosure to Mr. Currie's letter to Commander Whitehouse
7th October 1904.

DETAILS of EXPENDITURE

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2nd LAKE SURVEY.

	Rs.
Booked expenditure to 30th Sept. 1904.	
Wages of men due to do.	64,654
Camp Allowance for September	1,050 240
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Estimated Actual Expenditure to 30th Sept. 1904	65,944
For 12 months lat October 1904 to 1st October 1905.	
Salaries per mensm	1,491
Wages " 30 men at Rs.13/-	390
Camp Allowance Comdr. B. Whitehouse	240
do. Assistant Engineer.	150
Stores + Sundries &c.	150
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Estimated cost per mensm.	Rs. 2,421
Amount for 12 months	29,052
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	Rs. 94,996
	or £. 6,333
4 months' leave to Commander B. Whitehouse at completion of work at £800 per annum	266
Cost of passages to England etc.	95
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Total estimated cost	£6,694
Amount of present grant	6,194
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BALANCE REQUIRED	£. 500
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