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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th April 1871.*

No. 420. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 28th March 1871, No. 141 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the orders of Government, the correspondence as per margin relating to a sum of Rupees 35-10-6, which is said to be owing to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company by a Lieutenant W. T. Brereton, now a Captain, attached to the 4th Regiment Native Infantry at Bellary.

From Agent, No. 14, 16th January 1871.	
To " " 293, 17th " "	
From " " 44, 31st " "	
To Officer Commanding 4th Regiment N. I., No. 261, 10th February 1871.	
From do. do. No. 91, 21st March 1871.	

2. In the first letter the Agent states that the amount has been standing for several years in the Kurnool books against Lieutenant Brereton for repairs made to a boat in the Company's Workshops, and that this Officer having been several times asked to settle the claim uniformly evaded payment, and, finally, denied the validity of the claim, and refused to pay; and the Agent proposed that the amount should be written off to "profit and loss," as there were certain complications in the case which rendered the result very doubtful if the Company sued Captain Brereton.

3. I called for any documentary evidence which the Company had to produce in support of their claim; in reply to which I was furnished with copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, stating that the Kurnool cash book and Workshop returns contained the necessary evidence, and that, moreover, Captain Brereton admitted that the work had been done for him, but alleged having paid the amount of the bill a long time ago.

4. I afterwards called on Captain Brereton for any voucher or any information he could give regarding the payment he said he had made on this account. To this reference Captain Brereton replies that the amount was paid by him when he was in England in 1865, through Mr. W. C. Beaumont, and that he received a receipt for the amount, but which he is unable now to produce.

To Officer Commanding 4th Regiment N. I., No. 261, 10th February 1871.	
From Captain Brereton, to Adjutant 4th Regiment N. I., 18th March 1871.	

Captain Brereton adds that on this claim being preferred in 1866, when he returned to India, he replied that it had been already settled, after which a further claim was made for cart-hire, and the original demand not being renewed he construes as an admission of the payment for boat repairs; and he further states that he was personally informed by the Engineer at Kurnool that there was then no claim against him in the Company's books except the one for cart-hire.

5. Under these circumstances I have the honour to recommend that the amount may be written off to "profit and loss."

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 16th January 1871, No. 14.

THE sum of Rupees 35-10-6 has been standing for several years in our Kurnool books against a Lieutenant (now Captain) Brereton for repairs to a boat done in the Company's Workshops.

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2. Captain Brereton has several times been asked to settle the claim, but has uniformly evaded payment, upon what pretext I do not know. It would appear from a letter lately received from Colonel Burton, the Commandant of Captain Brereton's Regiment, that the latter now denies the validity of the claim, and altogether refuses to pay.

3. We, I fear, have not the means of establishing the correctness of our demand, and there are, moreover, certain legal complications in the case which render the chances of success, if we sue Captain Brereton, very doubtful.

4. Under these circumstances I think the most economical course will be to write off the amount as a loss, and I shall be glad if you will sanction this course.

5. There is no prospect of the Company incurring any such loss in future, as, in the face of the difficulty we have experienced in inducing people to pay, and some actual losses, I long ago prohibited the execution of any private work in the Company's shops.

From the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 17th January 1871, No. 293.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your letter, No. 14, of the 16th instant, and request that if you have any evidence or anything whatever to show that the boat was repaired in the Company's Workshops for Captain Brereton, you will be good enough to furnish me with the documents or with authenticated copies thereof.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 31st January 1871, No. 44.

In continuation of my letter No. 24, of 19th instant, and in reply to yours of the 17th idem, No. 293, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of the Chief Engineer's letter No. 130, of 26th current, relative to Captain Brereton's debt to the Company.

From the Assistant to Chief Engineer, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Kurnool, 26th January 1871, No. 130.

With reference to your No. 57, of 19th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the best evidence we have is the cash book and Workshops' returns; Captain Brereton admits (his of 16th November 1867, copied to you with this Office No. 942 of 6th December 1867) of repairs having been done to his boat, but denies the payment, saying it has been acknowledged by this Office No. 106 of 4th January 1867, copied to you with the letter above quoted.

2. I therefore think that it rests with Captain Brereton to prove he has paid for boat repairs which he admits.

From the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Officer Commanding 4th Regiment Native Infantry, Bellary, dated Madras, 10th February 1871, No. 261.

I HAVE the honour to forward, in original, a letter as per margin (requested to be returned) from the Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, regarding a sum of Rupees 35-10-6 stated to be due by Captain W. T. Brereton for repairs made to a boat at the Company's Workshops at Kurnool, and which the Agent proposes shall be written off to "profit and loss," which I do not approve of. In a letter from Captain Brereton to the Assistant to the Chief Engineer, Kurnool, dated 16th November 1867, copy of which is enclosed, he admits that a sum of money was due by him on this account, but that he paid it through the late Mr. W. C. Beaumont in 1865, and he adds that the receipt of the payment was clearly acknowledged by one of the Company's officers in a letter No. 106 of 4th January 1867, inasmuch as in that letter he is called on to pay another sum which was said to be due for cart-hire. A copy of that letter is also enclosed, and you will perceive that it is a simple demand for money said to be due on account of cart-hire, and that there is nothing whatever in it resembling an admission of the Company's officers that the bill for boat repairs had been paid.

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2. It will be necessary for me to address Government on the subject of the claim against Captain Brereton, but, before doing so, I will be much obliged if you will ascertain from him if he has any voucher for the payment he states he made, or if not, whether he has any reason for knowing that the late Mr. Beaumont paid the amount, or if he simply supposes it was made because he requested Mr. Beaumont to do so.

From the Commandant, 4th Regiment Native Infantry, to the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Bellary, 21st March 1871, No. 91.

I HAVE the honour to return the correspondence as requested in your letter No. 261, dated 10th February 1871, and to forward a letter from Captain Brereton on the subject of the claim preferred against him.

From Captain W. T. BRERETON, Quarter Master, 4th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, to the Adjutant, 4th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, dated Bellary, 18th March 1871.

With reference to your docket, No. 62, I have the honour to state in reply to letter No. 266, dated Madras, 10th February 1871, from Colonel Carpendale, R.E., Consulting Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the address of the Commandant of the Regiment that the amount claimed from me for repairs made to a boat in the Company's Workshop was paid by me through Mr. W. C. Beaumont, while I was absent in England in 1865, a receipt for which was granted and sent me, but which, owing to the length of time that has elapsed, and the many changes in places of residence since receiving it, I cannot now produce.

2. On my return to India in 1866, and while at Kurnool, I received a letter from the Assistant Executive Engineer of the Company (copy attached, and marked A,) calling upon me to pay Rupees 35-10-6 for repairs done to a boat; in reply to which *personally* and by letter I stated that the amount had already been paid through Mr. W. C. Beaumont, and requested that reference might be made to the Company's books to ascertain the fact, and received a reply (marked B, copy attached,) informing me that the claim then standing against me on the books was Rupees 34-1-3 for carts supplied. I was *personally* informed that there was *no other* claim against me in the books.

3. The carts referred to were hired by the late Mr. Beaumont, then an officer of the Company, and if there is any claim on that account, it should be adjusted out of the security money lodged by that gentleman, which, together with a sum of Rupees 20-14-9 due to the late Mr. Beaumont's estate, is lodged in the Company's cash chest.

(A.)

From the Assistant Executive Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, Central Works, to Lieutenant BRERETON, 28th Regiment Native Infantry, dated Kurnool, 5th December 1866, No. 91.

I HAVE the honour to enclose a bill for private work done at the Company's works for you, amounting to Rupees 35-10-6, and request you will be good enough to remit the amount at your early convenience, as the Government will no longer allow us to retain an inefficient balance in our accounts.

(B.)

From the Assistant Executive Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, Central Works, to Lieutenant BRERETON, 28th Regiment Native Infantry, dated Kurnool, 4th January 1867, No. 106.

With reference to my letter No. 91, of 5th December 1866, and agreeably to your request, I have the honour to inform you that the Central Works records show that you employed two Company's carts to bring some of your property from the Reddypally Railway Station to Kurnool.

2. The carts hired by you left Kurnool on the 1st March 1867, and returned to Kurnool on the 18th of the same month.

Consulting Engineers office
Irrigation & Canal Company
Madras, 28th March 1911.

No. 141. Madras, 28th March 1871.
 Sir,
 Colonel R. Carpendale R.E.
 Quarter Master & Co. Q.
 The Secretary to Government
 Public Works Department.

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relating to a sum of Rupees 35-10-6 which is
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Canal Company by a Lieutenant W. S. Brereton
now a Captain attached to the 4th Regiment B. I.
at Bellary: -

IRRIGATION, No. 26.

“profit and loss” the sum of Rupees 35-10-6 standing in the books of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company against Lieutenant (now Captain) Brereton on account of repairs carried out to a boat in the Company’s Workshops.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

From Agent N. 293-17-16 Camp. I have the honor to forward for the order of Government the correspondence as per margin relating to a sum of Rupees 35-10-6 which is owing to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company by a Lieutenant W. T. Brereton now a Captain attached to the 4th Regiment N. I. at Bellary. -

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To Agent N. 293-17 Camp. I called for any documentary evidence which the Company had to produce in support of their

Public Works Department
 No. 158.
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 26th April/71.
 Read the following
 No. 8.
 From The Consulting Engineer
 for J. & C. Co. J. H. E. No. 117/25th March/71/

Under the circum-
 stances brought to notice
 in these papers the
 Government grant autho-
 rity for writing off to
 Profit and Loss the sum
 of Rs 35-10-6 standing in
 the books of the Madras Irriga-
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 pany against Lieutenant
 Bretton on account of
 repairs carried out to a
 boat in the Company's

The Long Long. M. J. & Co. Ltd.
 Agent-Manager for Do.
 light submersible
 Date 27/4/71

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 The Consulting Engineer
 for J. & C. Co.

Rs 35-10-6
 Paid: 30th March/71

Submits within mentioned
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 sum of Rs 35-10-6 paid to
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The Consulting Engg for the
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Date

Recd

26 Feb 1878.

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the sum of Rs. 1000/-
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