

As Colbert's counsel (and hence Colbert herself) would have it, a May 23, 2016 letter from Account Services to Colbert "is stating and at the very least implying that Plaintiff is being dishonest with this debt" (AC ¶ 19).

But unfortunately for any plausible contention that would lend credence to that claim, Colbert's counsel has attached the assertedly offending letter as Ex. A to the AC, and a photocopy of that document has been attached as Ex. 1 to this memorandum order. Simply to read the letter itself demonstrates once again the wisdom of the aphorism in Alexander Pope's Essay on Criticism:

All seems infected that th' infected spy,
As all looks yellow to the jaundic'd eye.

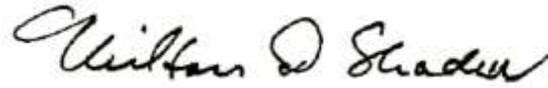
In this instance Account Services' collection letter is totally forthright and respectful, expressly recognizing as it does that Colbert has been either "unable or unwilling to pay the balance in full" (emphasis added) and offering Colbert "the opportunity to make reasonable payments and make good on your promise to pay this just and honest debt." No reasonable reader could fairly view the letter's reference to the debt itself as "just and honest" as somehow implying dishonesty on Colbert's part or as somehow "imply[ing] that Plaintiff has committed a disgrace" (AC ¶ 21).

Counsel's parting shot before the AC's prayer for relief is set out at AC ¶ 24:

As a direct consequence of the Defendant's acts, practices and conduct, the Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer from humiliation, anger, anxiety, and frustration.

In candor, it seems more likely that it is Colbert's counsel who may sustain any of those feelings

as a result of this Court's ruling here. Both the AC and this action are stricken sua sponte (see Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(f)(1)).

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Milton I. Shadur".

Milton I. Shadur
Senior United States District Judge

Date: September 21, 2016

ACCOUNT SERVICES

1802 N.E. LOOP 410, SUITE 400 * SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78217
 (210) 821-1222 * (800) 777-5076
 May 23, 2016

RE: BEST FRIENDS PET CARE
 Balance Due: \$1,427.00
 Account Number: 5045305
 File Number: 01-16-048-9614

Dear ANNA COLBERT,

You have been sent several notices in reference to paying the balance in full on your past due BEST FRIENDS PET CARE account. Our client provided you services with the expectation that the entire balance would be paid in full. For whatever reason, you have failed to do so and your account was forwarded to us for liquidation. Since then you have been unable or unwilling to pay the balance in full.

Our office is now offering you the opportunity to make reasonable payments and make good on your promise to pay this just and honest debt. Please contact us today at (800) 777-5076 to discuss your payment options.

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This communication is from a debt collector.

Sincerely,


 Account Services

Balance	Suggested Payment
30.00 - 300.00\$30.00
301.00 - 500.00 50.00
501.00 - 700.00 70.00
701.00 - 1,000.00100.00
1,001.00 - AND UP 10%



**** IMPORTANT NOTICE ****
 SEND FIRST MONTHLY PAYMENT NOW.
 GOOD CREDIT IS VALUABLE

**** For prompt credit, all payments and correspondence must be mailed directly to my office. ****
 *** Se Habla Espanol *** Please Note Your File Number On All Mailings ***

For your convenience you may pay online at www.accountservices-usa.com/payments

*** Please detach and return with payment ***

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DEPT 612 7936063216050
 PO BOX 4115
 CONCORD, CA 94524



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

#BWNFTZF #ACT7936063216050#

New Address:

New Phone:

RE: BEST FRIENDS PET CARE			
File#: 01-16-048-9614			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Card # _____	_____		
Exp. Date _____	_____		
Name On Card _____	_____		
Signature _____	_____		
(An Additional \$6.95 Service Fee May Be Added)			
Amount Enclosed:	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table>		



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