

NOTIFICATION.

Fort St. George, November 12, 1895.

No. 75.—The following Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Trustees of the Madras Harbour, held at the Board's Office on Friday the 1st November 1895, are published:—

Present:

Mr. H. LeFanu, I.C.S., *Chairman.*
The Hon'ble Mr. G. L. Chambers.
Mr. R. J. Black.
Mr. J. F. Davies.

Mr. Cowasjee Eduljee Panday.
Mr. Mirza Mehdy Ispahani.
M.R.Ry. G. Subrayalu Chetty Garu.

Read and approved the minutes of the proceedings at the last meeting held on Friday, 25th October 1895.

Ordered to be recorded.

2. Read and discussed tenders for the supply of 300 tons of coal to the Madras Harbour Works, deliverable during the month of November.

Resolved that Messrs. Wilson and Co.'s tender is accepted.

3. Read letter, dated 28th October 1895, No. 1988, from the Deputy Port Conservator suggesting that a mooring fee should be levied on all vessels using bow and stern moorings at this port, and submitting a scale of fees to be charged.

Read Minutes by Trustees.

The Board does not consider that it is desirable at present to levy any such charge.

4. The following Government Orders were ordered to be recorded:—

No. 236, Marine, dated 7th August 1895, recording, with remark, report from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, upon the Disabled Boatmen's Fund for 1894-95.

No. 2614 W., Public Works, dated 24th October 1895, directing that the progress report of the Madras Harbour Works for the quarter ending 30th June 1895 be forwarded to the Secretary of State and the Government of India.

5. Examined Madras Bank pass-books showing to credit the following amounts:—

					RS.	A.	P.
Revenue	Account	..	..	..	1,67,959	10	2
Engineer's	do.	..	..	..	2,063	15	6
Deposit	do.	..	..	..	2,085	6	2
Biden Home	do.	..	..	..	1,766	11	10
Petty Cash	do.	..	..	..	490	0	0
Provident Fund	do.	..	..	..	1,643	15	11
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6. Read memorandum, dated 31st October, by the Chairman, communicating the plan for harbour improvements discussed at the last meeting and estimates for—

					RS.
(a) The canal section	..	..	..	..	8,69,734
(b) The boat basin	..	..	..	..	6,27,181
(c) Repairs to the south arm to prevent the sand entering the harbour	..	..	..	..	52,765
(d) Deepening the harbour to provide five additional berths	..	..	..	..	2,04,547

Total .. 17,54,227

Less anticipated recovery on sale of additional plant required .. 70,000

Net Total .. 16,84,227

The Trustees discussed this plan and the estimates, the Board's Engineer being present to explain details.

Resolved—(a) That the plan for the canal entrance is approved. The Board presumes that Government will pay the cost of construction.

(b) The boat basin plan and estimate is approved and sanctioned. The question of providing Custom-house sheds, enclosed yards, and warehouses will stand over until Government has passed orders upon paragraph 15 of the report of the Special Committee appointed under G.O., No. 47, Marine, dated 9th February 1895.

(c) The repairs to the south wall being, as explained by the Engineer, work rendered absolutely necessary in connection with the reconstruction of the harbour by original defective construction, the estimate is approved and will be submitted to Government.

(d) The dredging necessary to deepen the harbour towards the foreshore upon the west is sanctioned and the estimate approved.

A Trustee intimated that he considered it would have been better to postpone the Board's decision until Commander Powell, R.I.M., and Mr. Ashpitel, A.M.I.C.E., were present, but as no member supported his objection, and the feeling of the Board was that the time had arrived when a decision could be given, he acquiesced in the foregoing resolutions.

7. The Honourable Mr. Chambers gave notice that he wished to take an early opportunity of proposing to the Board that steps should be taken to issue debentures, to provide the funds necessary for harbour improvements, and to pay off the debt due to the Secretary of State.

Resolved that a special meeting be held to discuss the subject on Friday, 8th November, at 5 P.M.

J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

14th November 1895

No. 3141

FROM

M. Le Fanu Esq J. L. S.

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

TO

The Honble Col. J. Pennycook R.E., L.S.D.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works (Marine) Department,

Madras.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit
herewith, for the information of Government,
a printed copy of the minutes of the
proceedings of the Harbour Trust Board's
meeting held on the 1st November 1895.

I have the honour to be

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Yours obedient servant

M. Le Fanu

Chairman

Harbour Trust Board

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