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G.O., No. 178 Mar

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Proc of the Harbour Trust Board's  
Meeting Copy of the held  
in 21 February 96, Received

Submitting, a printed  
copy of the proceedings  
of the H & T Soc's meeting  
held on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb '96

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# NOTIFICATION.

Fort St. George, March 10, 1896.

No. 16.—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 21st February 1896, are published:—

## Present:

Mr. Ware Austin, I.C.S., *Chairman*.  
The Hon'ble Mr. G. L. Chambers.  
Mr. R. J. Black.  
Mr. H. Scott.

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

Read G.O., No. 104, Marine, dated 19th February 1896, accepting the resignation of Mr. F. W. Ashpitel as a Trustee of the Madras Harbour.  
Recorded.

2. Read and approved the minutes of the proceedings at the last regular meeting held on Friday, 7th February 1896.  
Ordered to be recorded.

3. Read the minutes of the proceedings of the Board's special meeting held on Friday, 14th February, under the provisions of section 37, Act II of 1886, to consider the estimates of receipts and charges for the year 1896-97.  
Read minutes by Trustees.  
Approved as now amended.

4. The estimate of receipts and charges, Bidden Home account, for the year 1896-97 having been printed and circulated to each Trustee, was laid upon the Board's table and discussed.  
Resolved that the budget estimate be passed and submitted to Government with the estimate for repairs received from the Board's Engineer.

5. Read letter No. 134, dated 21st January from the Deputy Port Conservator forwarding application from bill-collector Valoo Moodelly requesting that the sanction of Government may be obtained to the enhancement of his salary by Rs. 7-8-0, and submitting proposition statement.  
Resolved that the proposition statement be submitted to Government for favour of orders.

6. Statements of receipts and charges, Revenue account, for the month of January 1896, and from 1st April 1895 to 31st January 1896, were laid upon the Board's table, and ordered to be recorded as follows:—

## Statement of Receipts and Charges for the month of January 1896.

| Opening balance—                                  |                     | RS.    | A. | P. | RS.      | A. | P. | RS.          | A. | P. |  |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|----|----|----------|----|----|--------------|----|----|--|
| Government securities (par value Rs. 4,13,900) .. |                     | ..     | .. | .. | 4,00,063 | 14 | 10 |              |    |    |  |
| 1. Cash in the Bank of Madras ..                  | ..                  | 51,311 | 10 | 4  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| 2. General cash in office ..                      | ..                  | 2,148  | 15 | 5  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| 3. Advance for contingencies ..                   | ..                  | 500    | 0  | 0  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
|                                                   |                     |        |    |    | 53,960   | 9  | 9  |              |    |    |  |
|                                                   |                     |        |    |    |          |    |    | 4,54,024     | 8  | 7  |  |
| <i>Receipts.</i>                                  |                     |        |    |    |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| I. Contributions from Port funds ..               |                     | ..     |    |    |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| II. Beach imports: dues under section 45 (a),     |                     | ..     |    |    |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
|                                                   | I (i), (ii), (iii). | 14,165 | 6  | 6  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Pier do.                                          | do. do. ..          | 6,690  | 10 | 8  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Beach exports:                                    | do. do. ..          | 3,471  | 8  | 4  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Pier do.                                          | do. do. ..          | 4,083  | 7  | 2  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Wharfage:                                         | do. II ..           | 565    | 0  | 0  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Craneage:                                         | do. III ..          | 4,814  | 4  | 7  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Storage:                                          | do. IV ..           | 180    | 9  | 3  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Demurrage:                                        | do. V ..            | 15     | 9  | 10 |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Dues for entry of vehicles under section          |                     |        |    |    | 755      | 14 | 10 |              |    |    |  |
| 45 (c), VI ..                                     |                     |        |    |    |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Provisions: dues on, under section 45 (a),        |                     |        |    |    |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| I (i) ..                                          |                     | 47     | 0  | 0  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Rent of properties ..                             |                     | 53     | 2  | 10 |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Water: charge for, delivered at pier head         |                     | 414    | 8  | 0  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Penalties under section 84 ..                     |                     |        |    |    |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Sundries ..                                       |                     |        |    |    |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
|                                                   |                     |        |    |    | 55,257   | 2  | 0  |              |    |    |  |
| III. Portage under section 45 (a), I (iv)—        |                     |        |    |    |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Beach ..                                          |                     | 6,119  | 9  | 11 |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Pier ..                                           |                     | 3,381  | 11 | 11 |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| Miscellaneous ..                                  |                     | 20     | 14 | 0  |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
|                                                   |                     |        |    |    | 9,522    | 3  | 10 |              |    |    |  |
| IV. Interest on Government of India 3½ per        |                     |        |    |    |          |    |    |              |    |    |  |
| cent. promissory notes ..                         |                     |        |    |    |          |    |    | 44,779       | 5  | 10 |  |
|                                                   |                     |        |    |    |          |    |    | 1,479        | 2  | 7  |  |
| Total ..                                          |                     |        |    |    |          |    |    | 5,00,283 1 0 |    |    |  |

## Charges.

RS. A. P.

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|                                                                    |    |          |    |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----------|----|----|
| I. Interest (under section 30)                                     | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| II. Repayment of loan for construction of harbour under section 31 | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| III. Refunds                                                       | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| IV. Fees to Trustees                                               | .. | 271      | 14 | 9  |
| V. Chairman's allowance                                            | .. | 660      | 0  | 0  |
|                                                                    | .. | 400      | 0  | 0  |
|                                                                    | .. | 1,331    | 14 | 9  |
| VI. Establishment—                                                 |    |          |    |    |
| 1. Secretary's salary                                              | .. | 800      | 0  | 0  |
| 2. Correspondence Department                                       | .. | 300      | 4  | 7  |
| 3. Accounts Department                                             | .. | 550      | 0  | 0  |
| 4. Cash Department                                                 | .. | 414      | 8  | 0  |
| 5. Traffic Department (Shore staff)                                | .. | 2,749    | 6  | 9  |
| 6. Preventive service                                              | .. | 879      | 5  | 8  |
| 7. Do. boatmen                                                     | .. | 109      | 13 | 11 |
| 8. Tidal Observatory                                               | .. | 30       | 0  | 0  |
| 9. Exchange compensation allowance                                 | .. | 239      | 9  | 6  |
| 10. Contribution to Government for pensions                        | .. | 205      | 2  | 7  |
| 11. Contribution to Provident Fund                                 | .. | 8        | 12 | 4  |
| VII. Contingencies—                                                |    |          |    |    |
| (a) Subject to regular audit—                                      |    |          |    |    |
| Postage                                                            | .. | 0        | 11 | 0  |
| Receipt stamps                                                     | .. | 13       | 13 | 0  |
| Telegrams                                                          | .. | 17       | 8  | 0  |
| Furniture                                                          | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| Fees for audit                                                     | .. | 66       | 5  | 0  |
| Law charges                                                        | .. | 118      | 4  | 0  |
| Stationery and Printing                                            | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| Advertisement charges                                              | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| Uniform for Preventive service, &c.                                | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| (b) Admissible without detailed audit—                             |    |          |    |    |
| Overtime fees to establishment                                     | .. | 525      | 6  | 1  |
| Do. to Preventive service and boatmen                              | .. | 370      | 7  | 1  |
| Miscellaneous                                                      | .. | 310      | 7  | 9  |
|                                                                    | .. | 1,206    | 4  | 11 |
| VIII. Petty construction and repairs—                              |    |          |    |    |
| New works                                                          | .. | 266      | 8  | 10 |
| Repairs                                                            | .. | 769      | 15 | 2  |
| Tools and plant                                                    | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
|                                                                    | .. | 1,036    | 8  | 0  |
| IX. Portage—                                                       |    |          |    |    |
| 1. Coolies, Beach                                                  | .. | 2,678    | 11 | 1  |
| 2. Do. Pier                                                        | .. | 1,496    | 8  | 4  |
| 3. Do. Custom-house                                                | .. | 1,173    | 5  | 1  |
| 4. Coasting cargo                                                  | .. | 126      | 7  | 2  |
| 5. Cart-hire                                                       | .. | 115      | 15 | 0  |
| 6. Engine charges                                                  | .. | 47       | 13 | 4  |
| 7. Steam crane charges                                             | .. | 223      | 1  | 11 |
| 8. Refunds                                                         | .. | 285      | 4  | 7  |
| 9. Claims for losses and damage of cargo                           | .. | 132      | 2  | 3  |
| 10. Provident Fund deductions from coolies' wages                  | .. | 83       | 0  | 6  |
| 11. Do. contributions by the Trust                                 | .. | 83       | 0  | 6  |
| (a) Contingencies subject to regular audit—                        |    |          |    |    |
| Postage                                                            | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| Receipt stamps                                                     | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| Telegrams                                                          | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| Furniture                                                          | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| Tarpaulins                                                         | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| Law charges                                                        | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| Stationery and Printing                                            | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| Advertisement charges                                              | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
| Lighting pier and yards                                            | .. | 7        | 15 | 9  |
| (b) Contingencies admissible without detailed audit—               |    |          |    |    |
| Miscellaneous                                                      | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
|                                                                    | .. | 42       | 3  | 0  |
| X. Advances to Construction account                                | .. | ..       | .. | .. |
|                                                                    | .. | 6,495    | 8  | 6  |
|                                                                    | .. | 59,950   | 14 | 6  |
|                                                                    | .. | 76,524   | 11 | 0  |
| Closing balance on the 31st January 1896—                          |    |          |    |    |
| Government securities (par value Rs. 4,13,900).                    | .. | 4,00,063 | 14 | 10 |
| Cash in the Bank of Madras                                         | .. | 22,426   | 8  | 5  |
| General cash in office                                             | .. | 767      | 14 | 9  |
| Advance for contingencies                                          | .. | 500      | 0  | 0  |
|                                                                    | .. | 23,694   | 7  | 2  |
|                                                                    | .. | 4,23,758 | 6  | 0  |
| Total                                                              | .. | 5,00,283 | 1  | 0  |

N.B.—These balances exclude Rs. 500 with the Traffic Manager for meeting daily Portage charges, and Rs. 15 with the Cashier for meeting charges on account of Postage and Receipt stamps.

## Statement of Receipts and Charges from 1st April to 31st January 1896.

|                                                                                                                                             |           |           |           |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Opening balance—                                                                                                                            | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P.      |
| Government securities (par value Rs. 3,80,000)                                                                                              | ..        | 3,66,163  | 14        | 10             |
| 1. Cash in the Bank of Madras                                                                                                               | ..        | 3,86,276  | 15        | 9              |
| 2. General cash in office                                                                                                                   | ..        | 376       | 14        | 1              |
| 3. Advance for contingencies                                                                                                                | ..        | 500       | 0         | 0              |
|                                                                                                                                             | ..        | 3,87,153  | 13        | 10             |
|                                                                                                                                             | ..        | 7,53,317  | 12        | 8              |
| Receipts.                                                                                                                                   |           |           |           |                |
| I. Contributions from Port funds                                                                                                            | ..        | ..        | ..        | 33,900 9 0     |
| II. Beach imports: dues under section 45 (a), I (i), (ii), (iii).                                                                           | ..        | 1,52,293  | 4         | 8              |
| Pier do. do. do.                                                                                                                            | ..        | 57,849    | 13        | 11             |
| Beach exports: do. do. do.                                                                                                                  | ..        | 25,213    | 13        | 8              |
| Pier do. do. do.                                                                                                                            | ..        | 37,169    | 12        | 0              |
| Wharfage: do. II                                                                                                                            | ..        | 6,956     | 15        | 0              |
| Oranage: do. III                                                                                                                            | ..        | 37,104    | 3         | 7              |
| Storage: do. IV                                                                                                                             | ..        | 1,126     | 7         | 0              |
| Demurrage: do. V                                                                                                                            | ..        | 447       | 1         | 0              |
| Dues for entry of vehicles under section 45 (c), VI                                                                                         | ..        | 11,048    | 11        | 9              |
| Provisions: dues on, under section 45 (a), I (i)                                                                                            | ..        | 488       | 10        | 0              |
| Rent of properties                                                                                                                          | ..        | 576       | 9         | 0              |
| Water: charge for, delivered at pier head.                                                                                                  | ..        | 3,975     | 12        | 0              |
| Penalties under section 84                                                                                                                  | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..             |
| Sundries                                                                                                                                    | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..             |
|                                                                                                                                             | ..        | 3,33,251  | 1         | 7              |
| III. Portage under section 45 (a), I (iv)—                                                                                                  |           |           |           |                |
| Beach                                                                                                                                       | ..        | 55,234    | 1         | 9              |
| Pier                                                                                                                                        | ..        | 30,854    | 5         | 6              |
| Miscellaneous                                                                                                                               | ..        | 31        | 12        | 0              |
|                                                                                                                                             | ..        | 86,120    | 3         | 3              |
| IV. Interest on Government of India 3½ per cent. promissory notes                                                                           | ..        | ..        | ..        | 4,19,371 4 10  |
| Amount refunded from Construction funds in repayment of advances made from time to time from Revenue account from 1st March to 6th May 1895 | ..        | ..        | ..        | 11,829 13 0    |
|                                                                                                                                             | ..        | ..        | ..        | 79,000 0 0     |
| Total                                                                                                                                       | ..        | ..        | ..        | 12,97,418 14 6 |

## Charges.

|                                                                    |    |          |    |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----------|----|------------|
| I. Interest (under section 30)                                     | .. | 2,27,607 | 4  | 10         |
| II. Repayment of loan for construction of harbour under section 31 | .. | 1,00,000 | 0  | 0          |
|                                                                    | .. | 3,27,607 | 4  | 10         |
| III. Refunds                                                       | .. | 1,804    | 8  | 8          |
| IV. Fees to Trustees                                               | .. | 5,640    | 0  | 0          |
| V. Chairman's allowance                                            | .. | 4,000    | 0  | 0          |
| VI. Establishment—                                                 |    |          |    |            |
| 1. Secretary's salary                                              | .. | 8,000    | 0  | 0          |
| 2. Correspondence Department                                       | .. | 3,028    | 5  | 5          |
| 3. Accounts Department                                             | .. | 5,485    | 1  | 10         |
| 4. Cash Department                                                 | .. | 4,102    | 4  | 5          |
| 5. Traffic Department (Shore staff)                                | .. | 26,273   | 6  | 0          |
| 6. Preventive service                                              | .. | 9,135    | 2  | 1          |
| 7. Do. boatmen                                                     | .. | 1,001    | 0  | 11         |
| 8. Tidal Observatory                                               | .. | 300      | 0  | 0          |
| 9. Exchange compensation allowance.                                | .. | 2,832    | 7  | 5          |
| 10. Contribution to Government for pensions                        | .. | 814      | 1  | 10         |
| 11. Contribution to Provident Fund                                 | .. | 99       | 4  | 1          |
|                                                                    | .. | 61,071   | 2  | 0          |
| VII. Contingencies—                                                |    |          |    |            |
| (a) Subject to regular audit—                                      |    |          |    |            |
| Postage                                                            | .. | 43       | 6  | 2          |
| Receipt stamps                                                     | .. | 187      | 0  | 0          |
| Telegrams                                                          | .. | 4        | 13 | 0          |
| Furniture                                                          | .. | 188      | 15 | 9          |
| Fees for audit                                                     | .. | 1,000    | 0  | 0          |
| Law charges                                                        | .. | 23       | 4  | 0          |
| Stationery and Printing                                            | .. | 2,526    | 8  | 0          |
| Advertisement charges                                              | .. | 75       | 0  | 0          |
| Uniform for Preventive service, &c.                                | .. | 1,397    | 2  | 0          |
|                                                                    | .. | 5,396    | 0  | 11         |
| (b) Admissible without detailed audit—                             |    |          |    |            |
| Overtime fees to establishment                                     | .. | 3,772    | 1  | 1          |
| Do. to Preventive service and boatmen.                             | .. | 2,684    | 8  | 4          |
| Miscellaneous                                                      | .. | 3,211    | 1  | 8          |
|                                                                    | .. | 9,667    | 11 | 1          |
| VIII. Petty construction and repairs—                              |    |          |    |            |
| New works                                                          | .. | 5,727    | 6  | 0          |
| Repairs                                                            | .. | 4,773    | 3  | 9          |
| Tools and plant                                                    | .. | ..       | .. | ..         |
|                                                                    | .. | 10,500   | 9  | 9          |
|                                                                    | .. | 98,080   | 0  | 5          |
| Carried over                                                       | .. | ..       | .. | 10,078 4 0 |

MADRAS, 13<sup>th</sup> March 1896

No. 4780

FROM

Ware Austin Esq. D. L. S.

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

TO

The Hon. Col. D. McN. Campbell

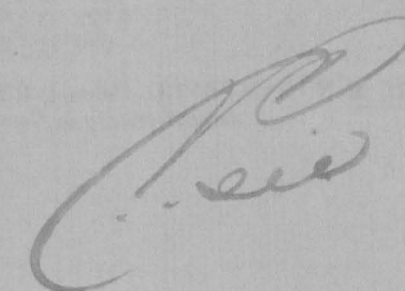
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Marine Department.

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 21<sup>st</sup> February 1896.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant



Chairman

Harbour Trust Board

|                                                           | RS.    | A. | P. | RS.    | A. | P. | RS.      | A. | P. | RS.       | A. | P. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|----------|----|----|-----------|----|----|
| Brought forward .. .. .                                   |        |    |    |        |    |    | 10,078   | 4  | 0  |           |    |    |
| IX. Portage—                                              |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| 1. Coolies, Beach .. .. .                                 | 35,143 | 11 | 9  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| 2. Do. Pier .. .. .                                       | 14,174 | 14 | 4  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| 3. Do. Custom-house .. .. .                               | 10,528 | 5  | 5  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| 4. Coasting cargo .. .. .                                 | 1,144  | 0  | 3  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| 5. Cart-hire .. .. .                                      | 671    | 7  | 3  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| 6. Engine charges .. .. .                                 | 2,852  | 6  | 7  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| 7. Steam crane charges .. .. .                            | 1,848  | 15 | 4  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| 8. Refunds .. .. .                                        | 4,239  | 14 | 8  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| 9. Claims for losses and damage of cargo .. .. .          | 2,011  | 13 | 7  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| 10. Provident Fund deductions from coolies' wages .. .. . | 954    | 3  | 4  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| 11. Do. contributions by the Trust .. .. .                | 954    | 3  | 4  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
|                                                           |        |    |    | 74,523 | 15 | 10 |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| (a) Contingencies subject to regular audit—               |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Postage .. .. .                                           |        |    |    | 0      | 3  | 0  |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Receipt stamps .. .. .                                    |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Telegrams .. .. .                                         |        |    |    | 97     | 2  | 0  |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Furniture .. .. .                                         |        |    |    | 1,471  | 0  | 0  |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Tarpaulins .. .. .                                        |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Law charges .. .. .                                       |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Stationery and Printing .. .. .                           |        |    |    | 417    | 9  | 2  |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Advertisement charges .. .. .                             |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Lighting pier and yards .. .. .                           |        |    |    | 1,410  | 6  | 6  |          |    |    |           |    |    |
|                                                           |        |    |    |        |    |    | 3,396    | 4  | 8  |           |    |    |
| (b) Contingencies admissible without detailed audit—      |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .                                     |        |    |    |        |    |    | 1,006    | 2  | 8  |           |    |    |
|                                                           |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    | 78,926    | 7  | 2  |
| X. Advances to Construction account .. .. .               |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    | 3,69,046  | 12 | 1  |
|                                                           |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Total Expenditure .. .. .                                 |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    | 8,73,660  | 8  | 6  |
| Closing balance on the 31st January 1896—                 |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Government securities (par value Rs. 4,13,900) .. .. .    |        |    |    |        |    |    | 4,00,063 | 14 | 10 |           |    |    |
| Cash in the Bank of Madras .. .. .                        | 22,426 | 8  | 5  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| General cash in office .. .. .                            | 767    | 14 | 9  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
| Advance for contingencies .. .. .                         | 500    | 0  | 0  |        |    |    |          |    |    |           |    |    |
|                                                           |        |    |    | 23,694 | 7  | 2  |          |    |    |           |    |    |
|                                                           |        |    |    |        |    |    | 4,23,758 | 6  | 0  |           |    |    |
| Total .. .. .                                             |        |    |    |        |    |    |          |    |    | 12,97,418 | 14 | 6  |

N.B.—These balances exclude Rs. 500 with the Traffic Manager for meeting daily Portage charges, and Rs. 15 with the Cashier for meeting charges on account of Postage and Receipt stamps.

7. Read draft letter to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, requesting, for reasons given, that a representation be again made to the Government of India for a reduction in the fee fixed, viz., 1½ per cent., for the audit of the Harbour Construction accounts.

Approved.

8. The following Government Orders having been circulated to each Trustee were laid upon the Board's table and ordered to be recorded:—

No. 23, Marine, dated 16th January 1896, recording, with remarks, the Audit report of the Accountant-General upon the Revenue and Portage accounts of the Harbour Trust Board for 1894-95.

No. 259 W., Public Works, dated 22nd January 1896, communicating, with remarks, the Audit report of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts upon the Harbour Construction accounts for 1893-94.

No. 67, Marine, dated 3rd February 1896, passing and transferring to the Financial Department for sanction the revised estimates of receipts and charges of the Harbour Trust for the year 1895-96.

No. 46, Marine, dated 24th January 1896, communicating letter from His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, forwarding copy of a communication from the Government of India sanctioning the execution of the proposed improvements in the line of railway in front of Clive's Battery.

No. 39, Marine, dated 22nd January 1896, directing publication in the Fort St. George and Maritime District Gazettes of a despatch from the Secretary of State forwarding copy of Her Majesty's Order in Council exempting from re-measurement, for tonnage, certain ships belonging to the Kingdom of Denmark.

No. 41, Marine, dated 22nd January 1896, recording, with remarks, certain correspondence in connection with the Madras Harbour improvements.

9. Madras Bank pass-books were laid upon the Board's table showing to credit the following amounts:—

|                              | RS.    | A. | P. |
|------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| Revenue .. .. .              | 20,162 | 1  | 6  |
| Engineer's .. .. .           | 9,996  | 2  | 4  |
| Deposit .. .. .              | 2,549  | 9  | 0  |
| Biden Home .. .. .           | 1,880  | 8  | 7  |
| Petty Cash .. .. .           | 356    | 8  | 11 |
| Provident Fund .. .. .       | 4,229  | 3  | 8  |
| Cooly Provident Fund .. .. . | 690    | 11 | 6  |

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