

NOTIFICATION.

Fort St. George, March 24, 1896.

No. 19.—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 6th March 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.
Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.

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

Read G.O., No. 127, Marine, dated 28th February 1896, appointing Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, a Trustee of the Madras Harbour, *vice* Commander W. Powell, R.I.M., retired, and notification No. 103-E, dated 27th February, appointing Mr. F. J. Wilson a Trustee of the Madras Harbour, *vice* Mr. F. W. Ashpitel, resigned.

Recorded.

2. Read and approved the minutes of the proceedings at the last meeting held on Friday, 21st February 1896.

Ordered to be recorded.

3. Read draft letter to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts replying, in the terms of the proceedings of the Finance Committee, to various points raised in the Audit report upon the Madras Harbour Works for 1893-94.

Approved.

4. Read letter, dated 15th February 1896, from Messrs. Binny and Company, requesting that certain unclaimed packages may be delivered to their landing contractor free of godown rent.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that the godown rent due be remitted as a special case.

5. Read draft letter to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, submitting report for the quarter ending 31st December 1895.

Read minutes by a Trustee.

Approved as amended.

6. Read letter, No. 855, dated 11th February 1896, from the Board's Engineer submitting, for payment, a bill for Rs. 14,174-9-11 received from the Chief Engineer, Madras Railway Company, on account of Permanent-way materials supplied for connecting the coal lines with the Madras Railway, being Rs. 3,168 in excess of the sanctioned estimate.

Sanctioned.

7. Read letter, No. 423, dated 22nd February 1896, from the Deputy Port Conservator, submitting proposition statement for two light-keepers on Rs. 15 each per mensem to attend to the Harbour Entrance Lights.

Read note by a Trustee.

Resolved that this statement be submitted to Government for sanction through the Presidency Port officer.

8. Correspondence with the Board's Engineer regarding the delay in receipt of cement from England having been circulated, was ordered to be recorded.

9. Read Memo, No. 76-E, dated 18th February 1896, from the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, furnishing information requested in paragraph 10 of the Chairman's letter, No. 3846, dated 10th January, regarding recorded variations in the depth of the roadstead.

Read minute by a Trustee.

The Engineer is requested to supply the necessary information called for in paragraph 12.

10. Read G.O., No. 71, Marine, dated 6th February 1896, directing the Board to explain the grounds of their objection to pay for the further extension of the open storm-water drain near the north-east corner of the Fort.

Read and discussed draft reply.

Approved.

11. G.O., No. 119, Marine, dated 26th February 1896, according conditional approval to certain works recommended by the Committee appointed to consider the improvements requisite to complete the Madras Harbour having been circulated, was discussed, and ordered to be re-circulated for further consideration at next meeting.

12. The following Government Orders were laid upon the Board's table and ordered to be recorded:—

No. 81, Marine, dated 11th February 1896, desiring to be favoured with the views of the Chamber of Commerce and the Trades Association on the revised scale of rates for Harbour Dues proposed by the Harbour Trust Board.

No. 77, Marine, dated 8th February 1896, directing that the sanction of the Government of India be applied for to the fees levied for extra work performed on Sundays and holidays, being retained by the Deputy Port Conservator, subject to a maximum of Rs. 1,800 a year.

No. 529-W., Public Works, dated 11th February 1896, directing that the progress report of the Madras Harbour Works for the quarter ending 30th September 1895 be forwarded for the information of the Secretary of State and the Government of India.

No. 60, Marine, dated 1st February 1896, approving and forwarding to the Financial Department, for sanction, the revised and budget estimates of Port and Marine Funds for 1895-96 and 1896-97, respectively.

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

						RS.	A.	P.
Revenue	Account	..	..	..	..	14,419	6	5
Engineer's	do.	..	..	..	..	10,702	7	8
Deposit	do.	..	..	..	..	2,669	9	0
Biden Home	do.	..	..	..	..	1,836	9	1
Petty Cash	do.	..	..	..	..	465	0	0
Provident Fund	do.	..	..	..	..	4,159	10	4
Cooly Provident Fund	do.	..	..	..	..	788	15	10

D. McN. CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

Harbour Trust Office,

MADRAS, 26th March 1896

No. 4969.

FROM

Ware Austin Esq. D. L.

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

TO

The Hon. Mr. D. McNeil Campbell

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Marine Department.

Sir, I have the honor 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 6th March 1896.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours obedt. Servant

W. Austin

Chairman

Harbour Trust Board

Ag. Secy.

J. G.