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G.O., No. 272, 20th March 1897.

MARCH.

Trustees of the Harbour of Madras

Directing that the names of persons duly elected or nominated to constitute the Board of —, be notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 9th February 1897, No. 4832.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of G.O., Marine, No. 48 E., dated 22nd January, and to submit that in view of the important subjects now under consideration by Government and the Trustees, in connection with the harbour, and the numerous changes, of late, among the elected trustees, it is undesirable for any further changes to be made which can be avoided.

I would therefore resubmit the names of Mr. Cowasjee Eduljee Panday and Mr. Mirza Mehdy Ispahani, as the best selection which could be made from the Parsee and Muhammadan communities.

2. Should Government prefer to select new trustees, Mr. Abdul Rahiman Sahib of Messrs. Hadji Alarakia Sajun & Co. is personally well qualified to serve; but his firm is the agent of Messrs. Binny & Co., for the local sale of the produce of their mills, and as such he would occupy much the position of a dubashi.

Mr. Hadji Abdul Badsha Sahib of Messrs. Mahomed Badsha Sahib & Co. would be perhaps a better representative, being a member of the largest Muhammadan firm in Madras, and he has already served as a trustee of the harbour, but I do not consider him so well qualified, personally, as the present Muhammadan incumbent.

3. Mr. Kalianasundram Chetty has only been recently appointed, and I would submit that he might be reselected as the Hindu member of the Trust, for the reasons given when I lately nominated him.

In the alternative I would suggest Mr. Pitti Theyagaraya Chetty, B.A., at present a Municipal Commissioner, as likely to take an active interest in the harbour.

From G. G. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 3rd March 1897.

With reference to the order of the Madras Government, No. 64, Marine, dated the 23rd January, and your letter of the same date, I have the honour to inform you that the Chamber is prepared to continue the existing arrangement as to the election of only three instead of four of its members as its representatives on the Harbour Trust Board during the period 1897—99, and desires to take this opportunity of offering the following remarks in regard to the nomination of the three Native representatives, which it hopes will meet with the serious consideration of Government.

On the resignation by Mr. G. Subaroyalu Chetty of his seat on the Board, Government appointed Rai Bahadur C. Kalianasundram Chetty as his successor—an appointment which caused much dissatisfaction among the Native merchants of Madras, and which, so far as the Chamber can see, had nothing to recommend it. Mr. Subaroyalu Chetty was a merchant who was thoroughly acquainted with the requirements of the port and in close touch with other Native merchants. Mr. Kalianasundram Chetty, on the other hand, is a retired Government official who, however

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The Chamber was under the impression that three Native merchants would always be appointed to the Board by Government—for though the Harbour Trust Act does not limit Government's selection of the native representatives to any particular class, Native merchants have always been appointed hitherto—and it regards a departure from this practice as inadvisable. The Chamber would also point out that by the nomination of a retired Government official, the proportionate representation of Government officials and private members on the Board, which has been hitherto maintained by Government, is unnecessarily disturbed. The Chamber does not wish the inference to be drawn from these observations that it doubts the ability of the native gentleman whom Government recently appointed. It submits, simply, that, other things being equal, Government should appoint a Native merchant and not one of its retired officials.

That the appointment of Mr. Kalianasundram Chetty has been generally disapproved by the Native mercantile community will be apparent from the following extract from a protest, signed by 51 members of that community, which has been submitted to the Chamber: "We beg to point out that, since the Act II of 1892 came into force for the better management of the Madras harbour, it has been the practice to have three leading Native merchants on the Board, and we fail to see why one among the Native mercantile community has not been nominated on this occasion. We cannot for a moment conceive the advisability of the Government appointing a servant of their own unacquainted with mercantile affairs to fill the vacant seat, seeing that they have already their nominees on the Board, and what advantage is to be derived by such an appointment on the Board we are at a loss to understand. In addressing Government on our behalf we beg to request you will explain to them that the appointment of a Native merchant in the place of Mr. Subaroyalu Chetty, would be to our interests as, being easily accessible, we can at all times put before him such information as we may think is likely to tend to the protection of our interests."

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From G. G. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 9th March 1897.

In continuation of my letter of the 3rd instant, I have now the honour to inform you that, with reference to section 6 of the Madras Harbour Trust Act of 1886, and in accordance with the arrangement entered into with Government for limiting the number of the Board to ten members, the Chamber has elected three of its members, viz.:—

Mr. H. Scott of Messrs. Dymes & Co.,

" C. B. Simpson of Messrs. Binny & Co., and

" A. J. Yorke of Messrs. Parry & Co.

to be Trustees under that Act.

From J. F. DAVIES, Esq., Chairman, Madras Trades Association, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 10th March 1897.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department, Order No. 64, dated the 22nd January 1897, I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the Madras Trades Association held on the 8th instant, I was re-elected chairman of that Association and as such elected to serve as a member of the new Board of the Harbour Trust under section 6 of the Act.

ORDER—No. 272, Marine, dated 20th March 1897.

The following notifications will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

NOTIFICATIONS

It is hereby notified that the Chairman of the Madras Chamber of Commerce has, under section 6 of the Madras Harbour Trust Act (II of 1886), made return of the following persons, being members, for the time being, of the said Chamber, as having been duly elected to serve as Trustees of the Harbour of Madras :—

„ A. J. Yorke.

It is hereby notified that the Madras Chamber of Commerce not having elected the prescribed number of persons to serve as Trustees of the Harbour of Madras within the period prescribed in section 9 of the Madras Harbour Trust Act (II of 1886), His Excellency the Governor in Council, under the proviso of section 6 of the said Act, has nominated Mr. F. J. Wilson, A.M.I.C.E., to serve as a Trustee of the Harbour of Madras.

It is hereby notified that the Chairman of the Madras Trades Association has, under section 6 of the Madras Harbour Trust Act (II of 1886), made return of the following person being a member, for the time being, of the said Association, as having been duly elected to serve as a Trustee of the Harbour of Madras :—

Mr. J. F. Davies.

Under section 9 of the Madras Harbour Trust Act (II of 1886), His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr. W. Austin to be Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, and the following persons to be Trustees:—

M.R. Ry. Abboyi Naidu. ✓

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce.
 " " Madras Trades Association.
 " " Harbour Trust Board.
 " Presidency Port Officer.
 " Public Works Department.
 " Superintendent, Government Press.

Editors' Table.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the Chairman, H.T. Board No. 4832 of 9-2-97

Chamber of Commerce N.Y.
49. 3. 97

" " Madras Trades Association 10.3.97

The following notifications
will be published in the Port
St. George Gazette: —————
Notification

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that the Chairman of the
Madras Chamber of Commerce
has, under section 6 of the Madras
Harbour Trusts Act, II of 1886,
made return of the following
persons, being members for
the time being of the said Chamber,
as having been duly elected to
serve as Trustees of the
Harbour of Madras:—

Mr. A. Scott

C. B. Simpson

" A. J. Yorke

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It is hereby notified
that

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Commander H. A. Street, R.N.,
Mr. Bowasji Edulji Panday
Mr. Mirza Mehdy Isfahani
M.R.S. Abboyji Naidu

To
The Chairman, Chamber of Commerce ✓
" " Madras Trades Association ✓
" " Harbour Trust Board ✓
" Presidency Port Officer ✓
" Public Works Dept ✓
" Supt. Govt. Press ✓
" Editor's Table ✓

16/5/89

Appointment of Native
Members to H. I. Board

Read the following:—

From the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce,
Madras, dated 3rd March 1897.

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His Excellency the Governor.

FOR ORDERS.

The circumstances under which Rai Bahadur C. Kalyanasoondram Chetty was appointed are explained in the letter from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, attached to G.O. 48 Marine dated 15th January 1897.

2. The names of the other Native Members of the Board to be appointed during the next term are given in C. No. 178 (link file).

3. The new Board can not be constituted till after the 15th Instant.

In view of what is said, perhaps it would be better to withdraw from the appointment of Mr. Kalyanasoondram Chetty, and appoint Mr. P. V. Srinivasan, whom Mr. Austin suggests.

Please circulate to H. M. S.

A. H.

12.3.97

Very truly
Yours

13/3/97

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C. A. W.

2/ to be appointed by the Chamber of Commerce & the Trade Association, Government agreed in some way, to waive its right to appoint the 4th nominee when the Chamber only appointed or nominated three.

I can not discover that there was any sort of agreement that Government should only appoint such or such an individual or class. Kalyanasoondram Chetty is, I think, the best man for the appointment.

3/ as he will seem to be a prominent person and the need of his services, I feel to see what objection can be taken to him.

I have found that some of the points raised in this note Mr. Abbott's notice is, perhaps, the best man for the post.

Circular from
Secretary

8-0.

Madras Collector's Office,
SEA CUSTOM HOUSE,

1895.

My Dear Sir

One Mr. Venkatesh Pant - coming
by Madras from Bangalore
appears to be -

Present - Mr. A. R. The
Secretary this morning & all the
information we could collect,
with a little more about the subject
of the 18th of 18, is embodied in
his letter to me. See with
enclosed,

The same that is, as far as I
can make out, that in 1892
to settle a dispute between
the number of members of

The Board should consist of
Elected members

4 Chamber of Commerce
1 Trades Association
Nominee members

- 1 Shipping representative
outside the Chamber
- 3 Natives
- 1 Post Office
- 1 Engineer of Port
- 1 Chairman (Collector)

Total 12

The Chamber made
return of 4 representatives
4th March 1887. G/O Inamdar 22/3
125 dated 1887

The Trades Association
declined to elect a member
15th March 1887. G/O Inamdar
125 dated 22.3.87

Govt filled the vacancy
under clause 2 of section 6

That Board went out of
office on 31st March 1887

No. CHAIRMAN
MADRAS 8-MAR-97
HARBOUR TRUST

Madras Harbour Trust.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

8th March 97

Dear Mr. Trustee
When the Board
was first constituted the
Chamber & Trades Association
disagreed as to their propor-
tionate representation

The Chamber did
not elect any representatives
the first Board of Trustees,
under section 6 Act II of 86,
and for ^{the} nominated members
in the terms of clause 2 of
that section

Govt called upon the
Chamber & Trades to elect their
representatives to the next Board
G/O Inamdar No 85 dated 28th
Feb 1887; and declared that

This arrangement was
 carried into effect in G/O
 No 116 Marine dated 22nd
 March 1889

Yours sincerely
C. Pontreux

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Madras Harbour Trust,
 SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

8/3/97

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The Chief Secretary addressed
 the Chairman of the Chamber,
 and suggested that the Board
 was unnecessarily large.
 He proposed that it should consist
 of 10 members viz

Chamber of Commerce	3
Trades Association	1
Chairman (Collector)	1
Port Officer	1
Natives	3
Superior Officer	1
Total	10

and that the last named
 should be taken as nominated
 by the Chamber in view of the Chamber's
 fourth member. The Chamber
 and the Trades Association
 agreed, on the understanding that
 the Chamber would forgo its right to
 nominate any more members.

and declared that

This arrangement was
carried into effect in G/O
to 116 Marine dated 22nd
March 1889

Yours sincerely
Pontrevel

FOR ORDERS.

^{Urgent}
Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. ³⁶⁶ 366

Order

From

The Chairman

Trades association

No. *Madras.*

Dated 10. 3. 97

Received 11. 3. 97

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Reporting his election

as a member of the New

Board of the Harbour Trust

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The Trades Association
Madras

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10th March 1897

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Dept.,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the proceedings of the
Madras Government, Marine Department,
Order No 64 dated the 22nd January 1897,
I have the honor to inform you that at a
meeting of the Madras Trades Association
held on the 8th instant I was re-elected
Chairman of that Association and as
such elected to serve as a member of the
new Board of the Harbour Trust under
Section 6 of the act

I have the honor to be,

Yours most obt. Servant

Francis D. Jones
Chairman

^{Eligent}
Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 353

Order

From

The Chairman

Chamber of Commerce

No. Madras.

Dated 9. 3. 97

Received 10. 3. 97

Enclosures !

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SUBJECT.

Messrs Scott, Simpson &
Yorke: Reporting that—
have been elected Trustees
of the Madras Harbour.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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The Chamber of Commerce.

THE HARBOUR TRUST BOARD.

NOTICE.

THE ballot yesterday for three members of the Chamber to be Trustees under the Harbour Trust Act II of 1886 resulted in the election of the following gentlemen:—

Mr. H. SCOTT, of Messrs. Dymes & Co.
Mr. C. B. SIMPSON " Binny & Co.
Mr. A. J. YORK " Parry & Co.

ARTHUR E. LAWSON,
Secretary.

MADRAS, 9th March, 1897.

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The Madras Chamber of Commerce,

Madras, 9th March 1897.

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FROM

L. L. Robertson Esq.
CHAIRMAN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
MADRAS.

TO

*The Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Madras*

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and Mr. A. J. York " Parry & Co.*

to be Trustees under that Act.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t servant,

George G. Alenhurst

Chairman

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"Urgent"
Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 309

Order

From *The Chairman,
Chamber of Commerce,
Madras.*

No.

Dated 3.3.97

Received 4.3.97

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

*Trustees of the Harbour
Trust Board, Madras,
during the period 1897-99.
Regarding the appoint-
ment of ———.*

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The Chamber of Commerce,

MADRAS, 3rd March, 1897.

FROM

G. G. ARBUTHNOT, ESQ.,

CHAIRMAN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

MADRAS.

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

MADRAS.

SIR,

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The Chamber was under the impression that three Native Merchants would always be appointed to the Board by Government—for though the Harbour Trust Act does not limit Government's selection of the native representatives to any particular class, Native Merchants have always been appointed hitherto—and it regards a departure from this practice as inadvisable. The Chamber would also point out that by the nomination of a retired Government Official, the proportionate representation of Government Officials and private members on the Board, which has been hitherto maintained by Government, is unnecessarily disturbed. The Chamber does not wish

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

George G. Arbuthnot

Chairman.

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Marine (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 178

For Orders.

11/1/97

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From
The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.

No. 4832

Dated 9th February 97

Despatched 10th —

Received 10-2-97

Enclosures —

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SUBJECT.

Harbour Trust Board

Proposing the names
operative gentlemen

See over till
15th March 97
C.A.W.

20/2/97

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Reply from Chairman
on 20/2/97
not yet received
29/2/97

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Madras Harbour Trust,
9th February 1897.

No. _____

FROM

Ward Austin Esq. Secs

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

TO

The Honble Col. Du'neil Campbell R.E.
Secretary to Government
Marine Department

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of
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select new Trustees Mr. Abdul
Rahimin Saib of Messrs. Kad,
Alarackia Sajun & Co is personally
well qualified to serve; but his

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the local sale of the produce of their
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much the position of a Dabash.

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of Messrs Mahomed Badsha Sahib
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In the alternative I would
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that the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

W. A. S.

Chairman
Starbours Trust Board

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