

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G. O.	No.	Department.	Date.
355	7	12-4-97	

G. O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	456	Sea	15-5-97

NOTIFICATION.

Ootacamund, April 27, 1897.

No. 103.—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 9th April 1897, are published :—

Present :

Mr. Ware Austin, I.C.S., *Chairman*.
Mr. H. Scott.
Mr. C. B. Simpson.
Mr. A. J. Yorke.
Mr. J. F. Davies.

Mr. F. J. Wilson.
Mr. Cowasjee Eduljee Panday.
Mr. Mirza Mehdy Isphani.
M.R.Ry. M. Abboyi Naidu.

Read G.O., No. 272, Marine, dated 20th March 1897, notifying the appointment of certain gentlemen to be Trustees of the Harbour of Madras and of Mr. W. Austin to be Chairman of the Harbour Trust Board.

Recorded.

2. Read and approved the Minutes of the Proceedings at the last meeting held on Friday, 26th March 1897.

Ordered to be recorded.

3. Read and discussed report of the Departmental Committee appointed to consider improved arrangements for the landing of horses and the landing and embarkation of troops.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that reference be made to the Committee for further information regarding the points now raised.

4. Read letter, dated 29th March 1897, from Messrs. Binny & Co., suggesting that the landing of bag cargo would be facilitated if temporary jetties were erected on the shore, to enable goods to be landed direct from boats on to the staging and would relieve the iron screw pile pier.

Read also letters from the Agents of the British India and the Olan lines of steamers, both dated 6th April, bringing to notice the block upon the pier the previous day, and letter from the Traffic Manager, No. 73 T., reporting that the capacity of the pier is unequal to dealing with the rush of work which occurs whenever three or four liners are simultaneously landing and shipping cargo.

Resolved that the Board proposes to land cargo at the north and south arms of the harbour. The Chairman is requested to ascertain from the Collector whether there is any legal objection to this being done.

5. Read letter from Mr. C. B. Simpson, dated 27th March 1897, suggesting that the portorage of coal should be given out on six months' or yearly contracts.

Read also letters from the Board's Traffic Manager, Nos. 92 P and 138 P, dated 4th and 5th April, reporting thereon, and minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that tenders be invited by advertisement, and that a draft contract be submitted for the Trustee's consideration at the next meeting.

6. Read draft reply to the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, in reference to his letter, dated 9th March 1897, suggesting a reduction of Harbour dues and Portorage charges on coal; note thereon by Mr. C. B. Simpson and letter from the Traffic Manager, No. 2332 T, dated 13th March, and No. 2393 T, dated 27th idem, reporting in reference thereto.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Approved as amended.

7. Read letter, dated 5th April, from the Board's Secretary, submitting information regarding the Temperley transporter, and letter from the Traffic Manager, No. 124 P, dated 5th idem.

Read minute by a Trustee.

Resolved that further particulars be obtained.

8. Read letter No. 48, dated 29th March 1897, from Messrs. Wilson and King, the Board's Solicitors, regarding the alleged shortage of coal ex S.S. *Graffoe*.

Recorded.

9. Read correspondence with the President, Madras Municipal Commission, regarding the suggestion to surrender a strip of land upon the west side of the Board's premises to widen the North Beach Road in connection with the Board's resolution No. 9, dated 12th March.

Resolved that an estimate be obtained from the Engineer for removing the metre gauge weigh-bridge, realigning the rails, and erecting the fencing.

10. Read endorsements of the Board's Engineer, dated 31st March 1897, submitting, for favourable consideration, applications for a gratuity from Mr. Boteler, General Foreman, and Mr. MacDonald, Foreman Diver.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that a bonus of one month's pay be granted to Messrs. Boteler and MacDonald and debited to the provision made in the budget under the head Miscellaneous.

11. Read letter from the Board's Engineer, No. 18, dated 5th April, requesting that a supply of 50 tons of Bengal steam coal may be obtained.

Resolved that Messrs. Hajee Ismail Sait's offer is accepted.

12. Read letter No. 924, dated 27th March 1897, from the Board's Engineer, submitting that the addition to the Board's office should be carried out by him departmentally and not by contract.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that the tenders received be forwarded to the Engineer for remarks, with intimation that the Board prefers to carry out such work by contract instead of departmentally.

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

No. 186, Public, dated 26th February 1897.
No. 273, Financial, dated 26th March 1897.
No. 190, Marine, dated 3rd March 1897.

No. 228, Marine, dated 12th March 1897.
No. 261, Marine, dated 19th March 1897.
No. 310, Marine, dated 30th March 1897.

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

	Rs.	A.	P.
Revenue Account	4,205	13	11
Construction Account	396	7	5
Deposit Account	903	9	4
Biden Home Account	1,563	9	5
Petty Cash Account	444	0	2
Provident Fund Account	10,267	8	8
Cooly Provident Fund Account	535	11	3

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

BAC

G. O. No

355 7

Harbour Trust Office,

MADRAS, 29th April 1897.

No. 490

FROM

W. Austin Esq. J. L. S.

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

TO

The Honble Mr. D. McNeil Campbell R. S.,
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 9th April
1897.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedt. servant

Secy:

Chairman
Harbour Trust Board

W. A.