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*The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.*

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No. 782

Dated 13th May '92

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SUBJECT.

Submitting copy
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April 1897.

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NOTIFICATION.

Ootacamund, May 11, 1897.

No. 113.—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 23rd April 1897, are published:—

Present:

Mr. Ware Austin, I.C.S., Chairman.	Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.
Mr. H. Scott.	Mr. Cowasjee Eduljee Panday.
Mr. A. J. Yorke.	Mr. Mirza Mehdy Ispahani.
Mr. J. F. Davies.	

Read letter from Mr. Wilson, dated 16th April 1897, intimating that he is leaving Madras with the Government, and requesting the permission of the Board under section 14 (f), Act II of 1886, to be absent from six consecutive meetings.

Resolved that leave is granted to Mr. Wilson as requested.

2. Read and approved the minutes of the proceedings at the last meeting held on Friday, 9th April 1897.

Ordered to be recorded.

3. Read letter No. 651, dated 9th April 1897, from the Deputy Port Conservator requesting, for reasons given, sanction for the construction of a second mooring boat, and the entertainment of one tindal and two boatmen.

Read minute by a Trustee.

Sanctioned subject to the approval of Government.

4. Correspondence in reference to the better regulation of boat traffic within the Harbour and Port limits having been recirculated, was discussed, and minutes by Trustees read.

Resolved that the Deputy Port Conservator be requested to draft a scale of rates of hire for all boats, and a new set of rules for passenger boats as suggested in his letter No. 1887, dated 18th August 1896.

5. Read letter, dated 6th April 1897, with enclosure from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, supporting the Board's suggestion that the Madras Harbour Trust Act should be amended in a manner similar to the Bombay Port Trust Act by the addition of the words *land or building* to section 45.

Recorded.

6. Read memo. circulating a printed catalogue of unserviceable Harbour Works stores, which it is proposed to sell by public auction on the 28th April.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that sale of the articles enumerated is approved and sanctioned. Messrs. Oakes & Co., Limited, will be requested to kindly postpone the sale to a date to be arranged hereafter.

7. Read letter No. 309 P, dated 12th April 1897, from the Board's Traffic Manager submitting particulars for a draft contract in reference to the Board's resolution, No. 5, dated 9th idem, regarding the suggestion that the portage of coal and other goods landed be given out on contract for six or twelve months.

Resolved that the Board's solicitors be requested to draw up a form of contract for approval.

8. Read G.O. No. 275, Marine, dated 20th March 1897, approving, with remarks, and transferring to the Financial Department for sanction and communication to the Accountant-General, the budget estimates of receipts and charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for 1897-98.

Recorded.

9. Draft administration report for 1896-97 having been printed and circulated to each Trustee was laid upon the Board's table and discussed.

The Chairman remarked with reference to the paragraph in the Deputy Conservator's report regarding the time signal that he had discussed the matter with the Government Astronomer who agreed with the Deputy Conservator that the present semaphore was preferable to a time ball; that he concurred in this opinion, and desired it to be placed on record that he saw no advantage to be gained by substituting a time ball.

The Chairman also brought to notice with reference to the Provident Fund that there did not appear to be any rule specifically empowering him to pay Provident Fund monies to the nominees of employes whose services had been dispensed with on reduction of establishment, or who had been permitted to resign.

Resolved that the action of the Chairman in paying such sums is approved and confirmed.

Various alterations and amendments in the text of the report were made after discussion.

As the accounts accompanying the report had not been audited, the Secretary submitted certificates from the Bank of Madras of the cash balance at credit of each account on the 31st March, these were compared with the balances shown in the accounts, were found correct, and ordered to be printed at the foot of each statement.

Invested funds as shown in the various accounts were compared with Bank of Madras safe custody receipts and found correct.

The Trustees directed to be placed on record their appreciation of the prompt manner in which departmental reports and the accounts for 1896-97 had been submitted and closed. The chief accountant's department has also given satisfaction.

The administration report was then approved and passed.

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

	RS.	A.	P.
Revenue Account	55,945	4	8
Construction Account	396	7	5
Deposit Account	903	9	4
Biden Home Account	1,678	9	5
Petty Cash Account	410	14	1
Provident Fund Account	7,185	9	1
Cooly Provident Fund Account	520	7	3

11. Mr. Scott said that as this was the last meeting of the Board over which Mr. Austin would preside—as he was about to retire and go home—he proposed that the Trustees place on record their appreciation of his services to the Trust, and of his unvarying courtesy in the discharge of his duties as Chairman, and in taking leave of Mr. Austin wished him the best of health to long enjoy his pension in retirement.

Captain Street seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Mr. Austin responded, and wished the Trustees every success individually, as well as collectively as a board, representing the interests of the trade of this port as connected with the harbour.

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

Harbour Trust Office,

MADRAS, 13 May 1897

No. 702

FROM

J. A. Atkinson Esq D. L. S.

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

TO

The Honble Mr. D. S. Veil Campbell Esq.

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 23rd April 1897.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedt. Servant

J. A. Atkinson

Chairman

Harbour Trust Board

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