

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 866

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Proceedings of the Harbour Trust Board's
Meeting: Letter from the Chairman sub-
mitting a copy of the minutes of the
— held on 17. Sept. 1897. Recorded

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Submitting a printed copy
of the minutes of the proceedings
of the Harbour Trust Board
meeting held on 17th Sept 1894

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NOTIFICATION.

Ootacamund, October 5, 1897.

No. 170.—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 17th September 1897, are published:—

Present:

Mr. J. Thomson, I.C.S., *Chairman*.
Mr. H. Scott.
Mr. C. B. Simpson.
Mr. A. J. Yorke.
Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.

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

Read and approved the minutes of the proceedings at the last meeting held on Friday, 3rd September 1897.

Ordered to be recorded.

2. Read letter No. 451, dated 31st August 1897, from the Board's Engineer submitting a revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 356-3-3, for erecting a single chain railing running from the lighthouses to the iron ladders at each pier head of the harbour.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Sanctioned. The Engineer is instructed to make provision for fixing a second chain if that is hereafter found necessary.

3. Read letter No. 478, dated 8th September 1897, from the Board's Engineer, inquiring—with reference to resolution No. 2 of 3rd idem, regarding the conversion of the *Wenlock* into a pump dredger—whether he should proceed to Calcutta at once, or wait until he has completed the marine survey of the harbour and roadstead.

Read also letter from the Chairman to the Deputy Director of the Royal Indian Marine, No. 2775, dated 14th September.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Recorded for the present.

4. Read letter No. 991 M., dated 26th August 1897, from the Presidency Port Officer, requesting the views of the Board—in reference to the Government of India resolution No. 2122-Ex., dated Simla, 31st May 1897, regarding the grant of exchange compensation allowance—as to whether the offices of Harbour Master and Port Diver at Madras should be held to be offices in which European qualifications are indispensable.

Read also letter No. 24, dated 3rd September 1897, from the Deputy Port Conservator replying to reference from the Secretary.

Read minute by a Trustee.

Resolved that the Board considers the offices of Harbour Master and Port Diver are offices in which European qualifications are indispensably necessary.

5. Read endorsement No. 465—1032 M., dated 6th September 1897, by the Presidency Port Officer, forwarding copy of G.O., Marine, No. 763, dated 27th August 1897, passing orders upon the question of a fourth Harbour Master.

Recorded.

6. Read letter No. 3 H., dated 3rd September 1897, from the Deputy Port Conservator, requesting sanction for the construction of a small magazine room in the Marine Store compound for the storage of explosives of the firework class, such as are used in connection with the life saving rocket apparatus, and also for a small masonry room in the compound of his office for the storage of kerosine oil.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Approved. The Chairman is requested to address Government.

7. Read and discussed letter from the Engineer, Madras Municipal Commission, No. 378, dated 1st July 1897, and subsequent correspondence regarding the erection of a semaphore signal to control the railway traffic across the North Beach road, behind Clive's Battery, to and from the coal hard.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that the Board is willing to share with the Madras Railway Company the cost of the erection of a semaphore, provided the company will undertake to work it and the crossing combined at a cost not exceeding Rs. 7 per month.

8. Read letter from the Board's Solicitors, dated 3rd September, communicating the result of the settlement of preliminary issues regarding claim for alleged shortage of coal Ex, S.S. *Grafhoe*.

Read also letter from Messrs. Best & Co., dated 7th September, inquiring whether the Board is willing to come to some amicable settlement in the matter.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Recorded for the present.

The Chairman is requested to communicate with the Board's Solicitors on the subject.

9. Read letters from the Board's Solicitors, dated 25th August, and from the Secretary to the Bombay Port Trust, No. 4030, dated 3rd September, regarding the effect of section 87, Act II of 1886, and section 87 of the Bombay Port Trust Act.

Read minute by a Trustee.

Recorded.

10. Read letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, No. 10147/C 8353, dated 10th August 1897, requesting that two bills, amounting to Rs. 2,388-14-0, forwarded to the Board's Engineer for repairing the boilers of the all-round titan crane and No. 4 locomotive engine may be paid at an early date.
Read minutes by Trustees.
Sanctioned.

11. Read G.O., Marine, No. 779, dated 6th September, in reference to the fee for the audit of the Madras Harbour Works Construction Accounts.
Resolved that Rs 2,400, the fee for 1896-97, be paid, with an intimation to Government that the Board will address it on the subject presently.

12. Read memorandum from the Deputy Port Conservator, No. 21 H., dated 15th September, requesting orders on paragraph 4 of his letter No. 1225, dated 9th July, recommending the payment of Re. 1 each to the lighthouse-keeper and certain boatmen for assistance rendered in saving life under the circumstances reported.
Sanctioned.

13. The following papers were laid upon the Board's table and ordered to be recorded:—
Administration Report of Military Works of the Public Works Department (General Branch), Bombay Presidency, for the year 1896-97.
G.O., No. 2233 W., Public Works, dated 16th August 1897.
G.O., No. 779, Marine, dated 6th September 1897.

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

	Rs.	A.	P.
Revenue Account	16,526	1	6
Construction Account	27,664	15	7
Deposit Account	903	9	4
Biden Home Account	1,421	6	3
Petty Cash Account	403	0	5
Provident Fund Account	434	4	7
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D. McN. CAMPBELL, Colonel R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Harbour Trust Office,

MADRAS, 7th October 1897.

No. 3062

FROM

J. Thomson Esq I.C.S.,

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

TO

The Hon'ble Col D Mc Neil Campbell R.E.,

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 17th September 1897.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

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Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board.