

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 307 *Mar*

DATED *23 April 1898*

[Despatch Abstract.]

Proceedings of the Marine Station Trust
Board of Trustees: Letter from the Chairman
submitting a copy of the minutes of
the meeting held on 18th March 1898 recorded.

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From

*The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.*

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a printed copy
of the minutes of the proceedings
of the ~~the~~ Arkansas Trust Board
Meeting held on 18th March '98

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HARBOUR TRUST
MADRAS 15. APR. 98
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

NOTIFICATION.

Fort St. George, April 5, 1898.

No. 20.—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 18th March 1898, are published:—

Present :

Mr. J. N. Atkinson, I.C.S., *Chairman.*
 " C. B. Simpson.
 " A. J. Yorke.
 " R. Harper.

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.
Mr. F. J. Wilson.
„ Cowasjee Eduljee Panday.
„ Mirza Mehdy Ispahani.

Read and approved the minutes of the proceedings at the last meeting, held on Friday, 4th March 1898.

Ordered to be recorded.

2. Copy of letter No. 5205, dated 7th March 1898, from the Chairman, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, submitting a letter from Mr. H. Scott, resigning his seat as a member of the Harbour Trust Board having been circulated, was ordered to be recorded.

3. Read and discussed draft reply to endorsement No. 83 E., dated 8th February 1898, from the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, referring, for remarks, letter No. 1155, dated 1st idem, from the President, Madras Municipal Commission, bringing to notice the encroachment of the sea from the north of the harbour, and requesting that adequate steps be taken to protect the northern suburbs of the city, and the Municipal Sewage farm, beyond the end of the extended protective revetment.

Read minute by a Trustee.

Resolved that the draft letter as now amended is approved, and will be submitted to Government, with the plans showing the progress of the erosion of the foreshore from 1839 until protection was afforded to the city by the construction of the harbour and to the northern suburbs by the protective rubble revetment, together with tracing giving the subsequent variations of the high water mark.

4. Read correspondence with Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. regarding their proposal to erect an installation for the storage of petroleum in bulk on the plot of land situate immediately to the south of the building known as Shand's press at Royapuram, at the spot where the protective revetment was breached in December last by a high surf unaccompanied by any bad weather.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. will be informed that the Harbour Trust Board cannot give them facilities for landing kerosene-oil in bulk inside the harbour for storage at the proposed site, until the question of the responsibility for the maintenance of the protective revetment, and the security of property behind it—now under reference to Government—is settled.

5. Read letter from the President, Madras Municipal Commission, dated 28th February, No. 1266, stating that he is willing to accept a strip of land from the Bonded Warehouse to Olive's Battery for the purpose of widening the North Beach Road, and inquiring whether it is contemplated to move the Trust's boundary eastward from the Board's office south so that the road could be widened between the Custom House to the end of the Board's premises opposite the Madras Bank's new building. Resolution passed, dated 7th March 1898, No. 5206, stating that in view of the Board's financial position, the Trust will probably have no option but to accept the offer.

Read reply, dated 7th March 1898, No. 5206, stating that in view of the Board's financial position, and heavy demands that are likely to be made upon it, the Trust will probably have no option but to ask payment for the land in question at the value of neighbouring land.

Resolved that the President's reply be awaited.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Brought forward ..	..	..	..	9,27,557	11	8	..	..	..
Closing balance on the 28th February 1898—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Government securities (par value Rs. 4,93,900) at 101 per cent. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,98,839	0	0
Do. purchased (par value Rs. 2,98,100) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,94,835	2	0
Cash in the Bank of Madras ..	10,486	13	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
General cash in office ..	637	9	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Advance for contingencies ..	500	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Engineer's Department ..	500	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
				12,124	6	0	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	9,39,682	1	8	7,93,674	2	0

N.B.—These balances exclude Rs. 500 with the Traffic Manager for meeting daily Portage charges and Rs. 15 with the Cashier for meeting charges on account of Postage and of Receipt stamps.

15. Read G.O., No. 172, Marine, dated 10th March 1898, directing, with remarks, that the amount claimed as remuneration to Sir Alexander Rendel for services in connection with the Madras Harbour Works should be paid, and that the Secretary of State be addressed for information as to how the amount claimed has been arrived at.

Recorded.

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

	RS.	A.	P.
Revenue Account ..	16,386	5	2
Construction Account ..	38,643	5	9
Deposit Account ..	1,153	9	4
Biden Home Account ..	1,144	12	0
Petty Cash Account ..	358	8	4
Provident Fund Account ..	611	1	4
Cooly Provident Fund Account ..	94	5	4

The Chairman reminded the Board that, under section 31, Act II of 1886, the sum of Rs. 1,00,000, refund of capital advances, and Rs. 2,19,566, interest thereon—total Rs. 3,19,566—would have to be paid to the Accountant-General on the first day of April next, and that to do so it would be necessary to sell about three lakhs of 3½ per cent. Government promote.

Resolved that in view of the state of the market in Madras for Government paper, the Chairman is authorised to blank endorse three lakhs of 3½ per cent. Government paper and hand same to Messrs. Murray & Co. for sale in Calcutta as suggested by that firm.

W. B. DEWINTON,
Ag. Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

FROM

J.N. Atkinson Esq. I.C.S.,

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

TO

W.B. DeWinton 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 18th March 1898.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

[Signature]
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[Signature]
Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board.