

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 537 *Mal*

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Minute of Proc. of the Harbour Trust Board's Meeting

Letter from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board,
Submitting Copy of the _____ held on 27th May
Recorded.

Submitting a printed copy of
the minutes of the proceedings
of the Harbour Trust Board's
meeting held on 27th May 1898.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

NOTIFICATION

Ootacamund, June 14, 1898.

No. 61.—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 27th May 1898, are published:—

Present:

Mr. J. N. Atkinson, I.C.S., *Chairman.*
 „ R. J. Black.
 „ A. J. Yorke.
 Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.

Mr. F. J. Wilson.
 „ Cowasjee Eduljee Panday.
 M.R.Ry. T. Namberumal Chetty Garu.

Read letter from Mr. Mirza Mehdy Ispahani, dated 14th May 1898, regretting his inability to attend the meeting, being temporarily absent from Madras.
Recorded.

2. Read and approved the minutes of the proceedings at the last meeting held on Friday, 18th May 1898.

Ordered to be recorded.

3. Read letter, dated 14th May 1898, from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, acknowledging, with remarks, the receipt of letter, No. 550, dated 4th idem, with the Board's Resolution No. 8 of 29th April regarding the proposed abolition of the porterage dues on coal.

Recorded.

4. Read letter, dated 14th May 1898, from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, acknowledging, with remarks, the receipt of the Chairman's letter, No. 384, dated 25th April, in reply to the Chamber's letter of 5th idem, suggesting the provision of subsidiary piers, as a temporary expedient, for improving the facilities for landing and shipping cargo at this port. The Chamber is not disposed to urge upon the Board the expediency of spending any very considerable sum for the purpose of providing temporary expedients, in view of the likelihood of an early decision being arrived at with regard to permanent improvements.

Recorded.

5. Read letter. No. 2863 G., dated 5th May 1898, from the Collector of Sea Customs, forwarding, for the Board's approval, amended drafts of the notification and rules defining the relations between the Sea Customs authorities and the Harbour Trust Board on the transfer of the custody of goods stored in the present Custom House yards to the Board's Traffic Department.
Resolved that the notification and rules as amended are approved.

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6. Draft notification embodying the alterations in the rules for landing and shipping explosives, prepared under instructions from Government in memorandum No. 99 E., dated 16th February — having been printed and circulated with letter from the Inspector-General of Ordnance No. 2519 A., dated 19th May 1898, requesting that Government gunpowder might be exempted — was discussed and it was resolved that the draft notification is approved, and the Inspector-General of Ordnance will be informed that the Board does not consider that any exception should be made in favour of Government powder.

7. Read G.O., Marine, No. 357, dated 7th May 1898, directing publication in the *Port St. George Gazette* of notification under the Land Acquisition Act No. 1 of 1894 in respect of certain land at Cassimode threatened with erosion by the sea, to be acquired on behalf of the Harbour Trust Board.

Read also draft letter to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, requesting that, for reasons given, in the Chairman's letter, No. 714, dated 13th May, the draft notification sanctioned may be cancelled as the Trustees have repudiated all responsibility for erosion, and for the maintenance of the protective revetment.

Resolved that the draft letter is approved.

8. Statement of receipts and charges, Revenue Account, for the month of April 1898, was ordered to be recorded as follows:—

Statement of Receipts and Charges for the month of April 1898.

Opening balance—		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
Government securities (par value Rs. 4,65,000) at 95½ per cent. purchased (par value Rs.)						4,44,075	0 0
1. Cash in the Bank of Madras		3,77,940	13 11				
2. General cash in office		1,043	6 1				
3. Advance for contingencies		600	0 0				
4. Do. Engineer's Department							
Receipts.				3,79,484	4 0		
I. Contributions from Port Funds							
II. Beach imports: dues under section 45 (a), I (i), (ii), (iii).							
Pier do. do.		17,716	4 3				
Beach exports: do. do.		6,632	9 10				
Pier do. do.		2,608	8 2				
Wharfage: do. II		3,045	12 3				
Craneage: do. III		415	0 0				
Storage: do. IV		3,427	7 1				
Demurrage: do. V		78	2 6				
Dues for entry of vehicles under section 45 (c), VI		36	1 7				
Provisions: dues on, under section 45 (a), I (i)		889	11 0				
Rent of properties		51	13 0				
Water: charge for, delivered at pier head		50	7 0				
Penalties under section 84		669	4 0				
Sundries							
III. Portage under section 45 (a), I (iv)—				35,620	11 8		
Beach							
Pier		4,472	8 0				
Miscellaneous		8,713	7 8				
IV. Interest on Government of India 3½ per cent. promissory notes				8,185	15 8		
Credit balance of the Chairman's construction account transferred to Revenue account				—1,043	4 6		
Cost of Government Securities purchased.				45,446	0 4		
Proceeds of Government Securities sold.						1,18,116	0 0
Total				4,67,693	11 2	5,62,191	0 0
Charges.							
I. Interest (under section 30)							
II. Repayment of loan for construction of harbour under section 31				2,19,565	2 11		
III. Refunds							
IV. Engine haulage		354	12 6				
V. Fees to Trustees							
VI. Chairman's allowance		459	0 0				
Local Consulting Engineer's allowance		400	0 0				
VII. Establishment—				1,804	12 6		
1. Secretary's salary		1,000	0 0				
2. Correspondence Department		306	3 10				
3. Accounts Department		617	8 0				
4. Cash Department		420	12 5				
5. Traffic Department (Shore staff)		2,182	1 7				
6. Preventive service		680	0 0				
7. Do. boatmen		109	1 5				
8. Tidal Observatory		40	0 0				
9. Exchange compensation allowance		116	13 2				
10. Contribution to Government for pensions		167	1 5				
11. Contribution to Provident Fund		2	8 0				
12. Engineer's Department							
VIII. Contingencies—				5,662	1 10		
(a) Subject to regular audit—							
Postage		6	14 0				
Receipt stamps		20	13 0				
Telegrams							
Furniture		18	8 0				
Fees for audit							
Law charges							
Stationery and Printing		567	0 11				
Advertisement charges		150	0 0				
Lighting pier and yards		12	4 0				
Uniform for Preventive service, &c.							
Total				775	7 11		
Carried over				3,27,307	9 2		

Brought forward		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
(b) Admissible without detailed audit—				3,27,307	9 2		
Overtime fees to establishment		340	15 2				
Do. to Preventive service and boatmen		225	10 7				
Miscellaneous		2,922	13 11				
IX. Petty construction and repairs—				3,489	7 8		
New works		13	0 0				
Repairs							
Tools and plant							
X. Portage—							
1. Establishment		1,043	9 4				
2. Coolies, Beach		4,556	4 3				
3. Do. Pier		1,464	8 8				
4. Do. Custom-house		1,188	1 1				
5. Coasting cargo		85	2 10				
6. Cart-hire		49	14 0				
7. Steam crane charges							
8. Refunds		436	0 1				
9. Claims for losses and damage of cargo		17	1 4				
10. Contribution to Government for pensions		5	11 2				
11. Contribution to Provident Fund							
12. Provident Fund deductions from coolies' wages		148	15 0				
13. Do. contributions by the Trust		148	15 0				
(a) Contingencies subject to regular audit—				9,244	2 9		
Postage							
Receipt stamps							
Furniture							
Tarpaulins							
Law charges							
Stationery and Printing							
Lighting pier and yards							
(e) Contingencies admissible without detailed audit—							
Overtime fees to establishment		199	11 2				
Miscellaneous		111	18 0				
XI. Capital account—				311	8 2		
Major works—							
(a) Harbour Improvements							
(b) Moorings							
(c) Other new works							
(d) Other debit transactions—							
(i) Acquisition of land							
(ii) Protective works							
(e) Tools and plant		1,010	5 0				
(f) Contingencies							
Amount paid in excess by Messrs. Murray & Co., on account of Government Promissory Notes sold through them refunded						11	11 8
Government securities purchased (1,25,000)						1,18,116	0 0
Government securities sold							
Total Expenditure						4,59,503	12 5
Closing balance on the 30th April 1898—							
Government securities (par value Rs. 4,65,000) at 95½ per cent.						4,44,075	0 0
Do. purchased (par value Rs. 1,25,000)						1,18,116	0 0
Cash in the Bank of Madras		7,315	5 10				
General cash in office		374	8 11				
Advance for contingencies		600	0 0				
Do. Engineer's Department							
Total						8,189	14 9
Total				4,67,693	11 2	5,62,191	0 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 stamp.

9. Proceedings of a Committee, held at the Office of the Chief Engineer, Madras Railway Company, on the 7th May 1898, to consider the arrangements required to enable the Company to bring a passenger line into Harbour Trust premises, having been circulated were discussed.

Resolved that the proposal to admit Madras Railway Company passenger traffic is approved on the alignment shown in the plan, subject to conditions to be hereafter agreed to.

10. Read letter from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, replying to reference No. 55, dated 21st April, regarding proposed Harbour improvements.

Read minutes by Trustees.

G.O., Marine, No. 110, dated 11th February 1898, forwarding, for such remarks and recommendations as the Board may desire to offer, papers relating to the construction of a Boat-basin in connection with the Harbour was then again taken into consideration and discussed.

Resolved (a) that the Board, as now constituted, is of opinion that the landing of coal should not take place in proximity to other goods, and that therefore the two plans for Boat-basins now under consideration must be rejected on that account if for no other reasons:

(b) that the dues and charges now paid by the Trade of the Port cannot bear enhancement:

(c) that having regard to the increase in charges which must necessarily follow the construction of a Boat-basin, the Board as at present constituted is of opinion that no Boat-basin should be constructed (Mr. Black dissenting):

(d) that before committing itself to a large scheme for providing Docks the Board determines to call for plans and estimates for erecting one or more subsidiary jetties with the necessary cranes, trucks, lines and connections with the Custom House sufficient to meet the deficiencies of the present arrangements on the iron screw pile pier:

(e) the question of landing coal will be considered in Committee.

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

	RS.	A.	P.
Revenue Account	12 858	1	1
Deposit Account	1,153	9	4
Biden Home Account	1,802	4	8
Petty Cash Account	271	12	7
Provident Fund Account	126	7	3
Cooly Provident Fund Account	165	11	8

W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

Harbour Trust Office,

MADRAS, 17th June 1898

No. 1226

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 27th May 1898.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

J.N. Atkinson

Chairman,

Harbour Trust Board.

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