

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 726 Marine

DATED 26 Aug 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Harbour Trust Board's Meeting

H.D.B. Submitting a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the — held on 5th August 98, recorded.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Ootacamund, August 23, 1898.

No. 96.—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 5th August 1898, are published:—

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

Mr. F. J. Wilson.
 " Cowasjee Eduljee Panday.
 " Mirza Mehdy Ispahani.
 M.R.Ry. T. Namberumal Chetty Garu.

Read and approved the Minutes of the Proceedings at the last meeting held on Friday, 22nd July 1898.

Ordered to be recorded.

2. Read draft letter to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, forwarding copy of the case submitted by the Board's Solicitors to the Advocate-General, Bengal, and of his opinion thereon, in regard to the liability of the Harbour Trust Board for erosion of land by the sea, north of the Harbour.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that the draft letter is approved.

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3. Copy of plaint in C.S. No. 105 of 1898 between Hajee Ismail Sait and the Trustees of the Harbour, claiming the sum of Rs. 35,000 for alleged damage done to his property north of the Harbour by the action of the sea on or about the 25th December 1897 having been circulated was ordered to be recorded.

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4. Letter from the Board's Engineer No. 453, dated 26th July, submitting cross section, and estimate amounting to Rs. 6,10,162 for a protective revetment north of the Harbour with concrete blocks forming a continuous sea-wall extending to the end of the present revetment having been circulated was discussed together with note remarking thereon by the Board's Local Consulting Engineer.

Resolved that the tracing of cross section and estimate, with connected papers, be submitted to Government for orders, as the Board contends that it is not responsible for the upkeep of the protective revetment.

The Board notes that its Engineer does not consider the proposed section and method of construction any better than the present rubble protection.

5. Read letter No. R 1538/6/2846, dated 29th July 1898, from the Agent, South Indian Railway, Trichinopoly, forwarding notes of a meeting between him and the Chairman on the 20th idem regarding the entry of South Indian Railway passenger vehicles upon the Harbour Trust premises.

Read minute by a Trustee.

Resolved that the proposed arrangement whereby the South Indian Railway will pay the sum of Rs. 4,500 per annum for the entry of their passenger vehicles is approved; and the Chairman is authorised to enter into a contract embodying the terms agreed to.

6. Read and discussed memorandum by the Chairman recirculating draft letter to the Chamber of Commerce and Trades' Association regarding proposed Harbour improvements.

Read minute by a Trustee and note by the Board's Local Consulting Engineer.

Resolved that the draft as now amended will be forwarded to the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Trades' Association with statement of tonnage, and a copy of the Local Consulting Engineer's note.

7. Read memorandum No. 373 E, dated 12th July 1898, from the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, referring, for remarks, letter from the Inspector-General of Ordnance, Madras Command, No. 4958 A, dated 8th idem, regarding the landing and shipping of wet guncotton inside the Harbour.

Read and approved draft reply submitting report by the Acting Chemical Examiner, to the effect that he considers guncotton should be treated in the same manner as dynamite and other nitro glycerine, compounds in which the Trustees concur, and are of opinion that guncotton should like dynamite be excluded from the Harbour.

8. Memorandum showing the amount of Harbour dues collected during the month of July and from 1st April to 31st July 1898 as compared with the corresponding period in 1897 having been circulated was ordered to be recorded as follows:—

STATEMENT showing the amount of Dues collected during the month of July 1898.

	1897.			1898.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Import dues under section (a) I (i), (ii), (iii)	19,918	15	1	35,323	15	0
Export	6,282	10	3	5,036	4	3
Wharfage	810	0	0	235	0	0
Craneage	5,329	8	10	4,351	15	3
Storage	78	5	11	128	13	0
Demurrage	36	1	2	124	8	4
Dues for entry of vehicles under section 45 (i)	1,185	15	0	2,167	10	5
Provisions—Dues on, under section 45 (a) (c)	51	10	0	69	0	0
Rent of properties	66	4	4	67	6	11
Water—Charge for, delivered at Pier head	634	0	0	845	4	0
Penalties	5	0	0	0	0	3
Sundries	209	11	2	12,459	1	2
Beach portage under section 45 (a) (iv)	4,265	12	6	3,263	15	5
Pier	4,659	13	8			
Miscellaneous						
Total	43,533	11	11	64,072	14	0

	Actuals of 1897-98.			Actuals of 1898-99.			+ or —
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
April	44,944	15	9	43,806	11	4	— 1,138
May	55,576	6	1	52,802	6	2	— 2,773
June	40,333	8	10	54,792	5	7	+ 14,458
July	43,533	11	11	64,072	14	0	+ 20,539
Net							+ 31,085

9. The following papers were laid upon the Board's table, and ordered to be recorded:—
G.O., No. 575, Marine, dated 4th July 1898, directing that the Secretary of State be addressed in regard to the refund of a payment of £500 made in 1891 in connection with the services rendered to the Harbour Trust Board by Sir Alexander Rendel, K.C.I.E., a sum of £630 having in March 1898 been paid into the Bank of Madras in full from date of his appointment.

Memorandum No. 395 E, dated 25th July 1898, from the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, communicating extracts from the bi-monthly return of stores up to 31st May 1898, under provision by the Director-General of Stores, dated India Office, 17th June 1898, regarding the materials required for converting the "Wenlock" into a pump dredger, and for 2-ton steam travelling cranes.

Two agreements entered into by the Chairman for the recovery of coal from the sea-bed of the Harbour at Rupees four per ton, in each case, up to 31st December 1898—
(a) V. Green, Boat-owner.

(b) F. Brown, late Diver.

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

	RS.	A.	P.
Revenue Account	24,727	15	8
Deposit Account	3,686	15	7
Biden Home Account	1,163	2	5
Petty Cash Account	442	4	0
Provident Fund Account	46	4	3
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W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 1965

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 5th August 1898.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

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J.N. Atkinson
Chairman,

Harbour Trust Board.

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