

Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 334 Marine

DATED 18th April 99

Biden Home [Despatch Abstract.]

The Revised Budget Estimates for
1898-99 & 1899-1900, of Receipts & Charges of
the Harbour, and the proposal of the Harbour
Trust Board that the Harbour shall be granted
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From HERBERT BRADLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Marine Department (through the Presidency Port Officer), dated 15th March 1899, No. 5491 A.

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Estimate of Receipts and Charges, Biden Home Account, 1899-1900.

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<i>Opening Balance.</i>							
Government paper	1,000	..	..	..	1,000	1,000	1,000
Cash in the Bank of Madras	1,606	..	..	..	1,104	1,190	1,176
.. with the Superintendent	50	..	..	..	50	50	50
Total	2,656	..	..	..	2,154	2,240	2,226
<i>Receipts.</i>							
Interest on investments	35	35	..	35	35	35	70
Rent from Harbour Masters	1,380	855	345	1,200	1,380	1,245	70
Profits realized on boarding seamen	58	29	33	62	30	50	5
Contribution from Pilotage Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	666
Sale of furniture	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Total	1,473	919	378	1,297	1,445	1,330	911
Total including Opening Balance	4,129	..	..	..	3,599	3,570	3,137
<i>Charges.</i>							
Establishment	552	419	140	559	558	558	143
Exchange compensation allowance	28	15	6	21	30	20	7
Contingencies	63	68	11	79	100	100	12
Municipal tax	366	366	..	366	366	366	366
Repairs	880	6	512	518	300	300	300
Total	1,889	874	669	1,543	1,354	1,344	828
<i>Closing Balance.</i>							
Government paper	1,000	..	..	..	1,000	1,000	2,000
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.. with the Superintendent	50	..	..	..	50	50	..
Total	4,129	..	..	..	3,599	3,570	3,137

* Superintendent for March—June, inclusive; menial servants for March and April.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a meeting held at the offices of the Board on Friday the 3rd day of March 1899.

Correspondence with the Deputy Port Conservator and the Presidency Port Officer regarding the accommodation provided for the Harbour Masters in the Biden Home having been circulated to all Trustees was discussed.

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Distressed seamen will be provided for as proposed in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, No. 144 C., dated 10th October 1888, printed in G.O., No. 541, Marine, dated 29th November 1888, by making arrangements for their board and lodging with some respectable hotel.

The present establishment will be given notice that their services are no longer required—the Superintendent three months and the menial servants one month—as from 1st April 1899.

The estimates of receipts and charges for 1899–1900 will be revised accordingly.

Revised Estimate of Receipts and Charges, Biden Home Account, 1898–99.

Items.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Actuals of 1897-98.	Budget estimate for 1898-99.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1898.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1899.	Total.	Revised estimate for 1898-99.
<i>Opening Balance.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Government paper	1,000	1,000	1,000	..	..	..	1,000
Cash in the Bank of Madras	1,906	1,606	1,104	..	..	..	1,190
„ with the Superintendent	50	50	50	..	..	..	50
Total ..	2,956	2,656	2,154	..	..	..	2,240
<i>Receipts.</i>							
Interest on investments	35	35	35	35	..	35	35
Rent from Harbour Masters	1,140	1,380	1,380	855	345	1,200	1,245
Profits realized on boarding seamen	35	58	30	29	33	62	50
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,210	1,473	1,445	919	378	1,297	1,330
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Municipal tax	366	366	366	366	..	366	366
Repairs	509	880	300	6	512	518	300
Total ..	1,510	1,889	1,354	874	669	1,543	1,344
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Total ..	4,166	4,129	3,599	..	..	..	3,570

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No. 489/107 G.

Forwarded, observing that it is, in my opinion, highly desirable in the interests of the port and shipping that the Harbour Masters should be required to reside in the near vicinity of the harbour, and that for this reason I consider that the Biden Home quarters should be given to the Harbour Masters free of rent.

(Signed) H. A. STREET, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer.
MADRAS,
18th March 1899.

ORDER—No. 334, Marine, dated 18th April 1899.

The estimates of receipts and charges are approved.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
Presidency Port Officer.
Accountant-General.
Financial Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Read the following:—

Letter from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, No. 5491A
dated 15th March 1899.

Endorsement thereon by the Presidency Art Officer, Madras, No. $\frac{489}{107}$ G,
dated 18th March 1899

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ORDER. No 334 Mar dy 18. 4. 99

The estimates of receipts and charges are approved.

2. The proposal of the Harbour Trust Board that the Riden Stone shall be granted free of rent as a residence for the three Harbour Masters, who will be compelled to live there, is also approved.

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To

The Chairman, H.T. B.
" P.O.
" Acc^t General
" Financial Dept^t

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READ the following:-

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Biden Home

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FOR ORDERS.

His Excellency the Governor
The Hon. Mr. Arundel C.S. J.

With the Revised and Budget
Estimates for 1898-99 and 1899-1900
respectively, of Receipts and Charges
of the Biden Home, the Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board, submits
for the approval of Government
a decision of the Board that the
Biden Home shall be granted
free of rent as a residence for
the three Harbour Masters
who will be compelled to live
there.

2. The following is a brief
history of the building:-

It was constructed as a
home for sailors in 1868-69, the
cost of erection having been
met from a large contribution
from Port Funds and a small
Subscription

vide G.O. 2470 of 29 June 1888.
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Subscription collected in memory
of Captain Biden, a former
Master Attendant. The Home
was under the management
of a Committee till 1888 when
it was reported to Government
that the institution was of no
utility and could be abolished.
It was thereupon proposed to
sell the buildings ~~was~~ to the best
advantage. But as there was
no offer and the Harbour Trust
Board, as Conservator, asked that
they might be transferred to their charge,
the buildings were made over to ^{the} that body under certain conditions,
~~ensuring~~ ^{namely} that they ~~buildings~~
should be maintained in
good order, and ^{that} the rent to
be charged should be so fixed
as to amply cover the cost of
repairs. It was also added
that the buildings were to be
utilised for the accommodation
of the pilots, and could not
be applied to any other use
without the previous approval
of Government.

* vide G.O. 541 Mar 29 Nov 1888
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3. In 1895, the Board
sent up a proposal to
provide rent free accom-
modation in the Biden Home
for the Harbour Masters.
The Government, however,
pointed out in para 4 of
G.O. 225 Mar 30 July 1895
that this recommendation was
in contravention of the condition
under which the buildings were
transferred to the Board. As
the Harbour Masters were no
thus allowed free quarters as
their pay was admittedly
inadequate, an increase of
Rs 100 per mensem to the Sala-
ry of each of these 3 officers was
recommended to, and sanctioned
by the Secretary of State; a

vide G.O. 125 Mar 28 February 1896.
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As the pay was apparently personal allowance of Rs 50 per
mensem partly to meet reimbursement being at the same time
of quarters it may be ~~con-~~ extinguished. ^(X)
~~induced whether the Board~~ The Board ^{now} proposes that
Masters should not be
charged a small rental the cost of maintenance of
for quarters in the Biden the buildings shall be charged
Home, which they must ^{compulsorily} occupy in the ^{future} against Pilotage Fund.
future.

6. The Budget calls for
particular remarks and
may be approved.

Ans
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The reasons for leaving no rent are
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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.



Order

From

The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.

No. 5291A

Dated 15

Despatched 16 March 1899

Received 20-3-99

Enclosures 3

Spare copies 2 (of Encls 1 & 2)

SUBJECT.

Submitting, with remarks, for
the approval of Government, es-
timate of receipts and charges
of the Bidden Home for 1899-1900.
together with copy of Harbour
Board's resolution thereon.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G. O.	No.	Department.	Date.
90	1200	9-3-98	✓
820	81-1	98	✓
207	9-3	97	✓
150	9-3	96	✓
89	20-3	95	✓
303	9-7	89	✓
541	29-11	88	✓

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Arthur B. Dudley
Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board.

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FROM

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To

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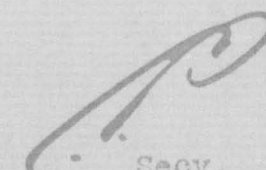
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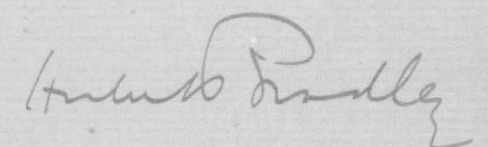
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Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,


Chf. Acott.

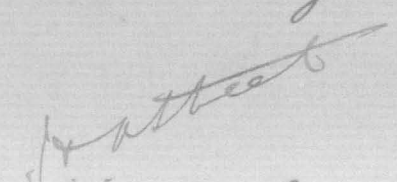

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Chairman,
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Marine DEPARTMENT.

Paper taken out of the Records from the charge of the Referencer.

Press
Miscellaneous No 334, dated 18.4.1909
Routine

Date taken out.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.			Initials of clerk taking the paper or of attender.	Date returned.	Initials of attender.
	Department.	C. No.	Year.			
29.3.04	Mar	2684/04		DB	14.11.04	DB
27.1.05	"	126/05		DB		
20.1.06	Mar	15	06	DB	26/3/06	
29/6/06	Mar	502/06				
9.9.07		1223/07		DB	9/11/08	DB
10/5/10	Mar	1584/10			30/5/10	DB