

marine
Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. *856 marine*

DATED *13-9-* 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Harbour Trust Board Accounts.

Letter from the Acctl. Madras, forwarding
& the reply of the Chairman H. T. Bd. on
certain points relating to 'portage' taken
up ^{by the former officer} in ^{his} connection with the audit of the
recorded

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Forwarding the reply of the
Chairman of the Harbour Trust
Board on points relating to portage
&c with the remark that it is useless
corresponding with him on the subject
further.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.
827	Mar of 5-7-99
15	Mar of 29.5-99
311	Mar of 6-4-99
	Office

No.	Date.



Madras Harbour Trust,

1st September 1899.

Des: 2nd September 1899.

No. 2223 A

FROM

Herbert Bradley Esq I.C.S.,

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

TO

The Accountant General,

Fort St. George,

MADRAS.

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SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.O.A./5403 dated 17th August.

2. Your para 2. The list of properties you refer to on which rent is paid is maintained, and was seen by and audited by your clerk.

The authority under which buildings belonging to the Trust are granted free of rent was also produced in each case, and audited by your clerk, and has been whenever called for by different audit clerks in past years.

3. Your para 3. Bylaw No.4 dated 1st August 1899 is practically the same as the original bylaw No.3 which deals with portorage.

You have already been informed in my letter No.65/II dated 26th June that the Trustees have by resolution delegated to the Chairman authority to deal with all matters relating to portorage except the appointment of a contractor. You now say that you think it would be best to obtain the orders of the Board. It is in my opinion quite unnecessary to do so especially when the Act itself supports my view, a fact which you ignore.

4. Your paras 4 and 5. Will you kindly inform me as to the nature of the authority you consider necessary for the Board to delegate by resolution to the Chairman other than the authority already delegated. The meaning of "new work" is anything new. Do you seriously contend that the Chairman has no powers of sanction except in respect of Public Works charges, in the face of the sanctions given

year

year after year to which no previous Accountant-General has taken objection.

5. Under what section of the Act do you contend that it is a matter for the Board to decide as to what uniforms shall be given to individuals? Surely it is sufficient for the Board to make the provision considered necessary in the budget. I hardly think you expect the Trustees to deal with each individual case. Is it not in your opinion competent to the Chairman to attend to such details, a budget provision having already been made and approved by Government.

6. Your para 6. It is in the opinion of the Board useless for you to bring petty details to notice months after they might have been set right, but with regard to your remarks regarding the occupation of buildings rent free I have only to point out that proper authority has been produced in each case.

You say that it is nothing to the auditors whether the Chairman is allowed to spend whatever he chooses without reference to the Board. I am not aware that the Chairman has sanctioned any expenditure without previous provision having been made by the Board, nor do I think you can point to any expenditure during the past five years sanctioned by the Chairman without proper authority.

7. I have already replied to G.O. No. 311 Marine dated 6th April and have forwarded to Government a copy of my letter to you No. 65 dated 14th idem.

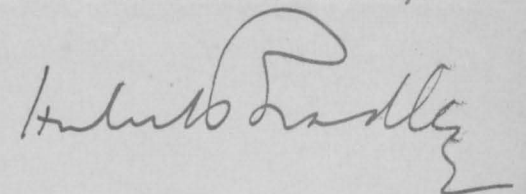
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,


Chf. Acctt.


Secy & T.M.


Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board.

Enclosure

Copy of Board's resolution No. 6 dated 1st September 1899.

EXTRACT of Proceedings of the TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOUR
OF MADRAS, at a Meeting held at the Offices of the
Board on Friday the 1st day
of September 1899.

6. Read draft letter to the Accountant-General, replying
to his letter No. O A/5403 dated 17th August, regarding his
audit of the Harbour Trust accounts.

Approved.

(True Extract)

HARBOUR TRUST
MADRAS-20 SEP. 9
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

C. Vincent

Secretary & Traffic Manager,
Harbour Trust Board.

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No. *O. A.* 8th September 1899.
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From

T. Hestath Beggs Esq.,

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Secretary to Government,

Marine Department.

SIR,

In continuation of my No. *O. A.* 5761 dated 25th Idem, I have the honour to forward the reply of the Chairman of the Harbour Trust Board to my No. *O. A.* 5403 dated 17th idem.

2. It seems useless corresponding further with him on the subject.

3. The Chairman holds his office as such as a Government official and collector of Madras, and the position he has adopted in dealing with the remarks of the Government Auditors, whose only object was to assist him in getting matters placed on a more satisfactory footing seems to me

Enclosure

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a mistaken one.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

Wm M Bly

Accountant General.

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For orders.

For the reasons given
in the lists for orders attached
to GO 458 Marine, of 29th
May 99, the present corres-
pondence may perhaps
be recorded. The
intervention of Govt. does
not seem necessary.

R. S.
12. Sep. 99.

I agree

R. S.
12. Sep. 99.

a mistaken one.

I have the honor

Your Mat- or

An

Accountant

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The letters referred
to by Mr. Bigns are
in the file placed
A. 13.

Both papers were
"Rescued", as it was
considered that orders
of Govt. on them were
unnecessary.

The A.G. might
perhaps be informed
that it is not intended
to take any action
on the letters.

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Replied do.
to this effect
all

done

Chamber

Replied do.
to this effect
all

a mistaken one.

I have the
Your M^{rs}

Acco^{nt}

Public Works
Public Works (189 8) Department.

S. A. **CURRENT No. 6.**

Order

From *The Accountant General*

No.

Dated 15-11-98

Received } 16-11-98
Registered

Enclosures

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

*Enquiring whether the order
issued on the 10th raised
in his report on the audit of
the Hon^{ble} Trust accounts
for 1897-1898*

the 15th of Nov 1899.

the 15th of Nov 1899.
 Dear Mr Clerk
 Will you kindly
 let me know if you intend
 taking any action on my
 letter nos OA of 25th Aug
5761
 & OA of 8 Sept regarding
6247
 the Chanaman's upris in the
 audit of the Harbor Trust
 accounts for 97-98.
 I make this enquiry as the