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15TH OCTOBER 1886, No. 578, MARINE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Hon. R. W. BARLOW, C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras,
to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th October 1886,
No. 710.

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of Government, copy of proceedings of the Harbour Trust Board at a meeting held at the office of the Harbour Trust Board on the 30th September 1886, the same having been confirmed at the meeting of the trustees held last evening.

2. In accordance with G.O., No. 412, Marine, dated 28th July 1886, a copy of these proceedings has been forwarded to the *Fort St. George Gazette* for publication.

ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Madras Harbour Trust Board at a meeting held at the Harbour Trust Board office on Thursday, 30th September 1886.

1. Read the minutes and confirmed the proceedings of the last meeting held at the Harbour Trust Board office on Thursday the 23rd September 1886.

2. Read endorsement order, No. 3243 C, Public Works Department, in reference to letter from Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, No. 451, dated 13th September 1886, and endorsement thereon by Examiner, Public Works Accounts, No. 341 X, dated 17th September, requesting that, pending settlement of the question regarding audit, all bills for travelling allowances may be submitted through the Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, in accordance with G.O., No. 197 W, dated 22nd January 1884.

Recorded; and the Chairman is invited to submit travelling allowance bills accordingly.

3. Read letter from Examiner of Public Works Accounts, No. 94 W, dated 17th September, and order thereon, dated 22nd September 1886, regarding Mr. Dumphy's pay and allowances. Recorded; the matter having already been disposed of.

4. Read G.O., No. 876, dated 1st September 1886, reviewing the report on the working of the Stationery Department for the year 1885-86. Recorded.

5. Read G.O., No. 744, dated 30th August 1886, sanctioning transfer of Preventive officers to the Harbour Trust Board.

Resolved that the Chairman be invited to take the necessary steps to keep the Preventive force well posted up in connection with their sea customs duties.

6. Read again original indent for repairs to iron work of screw-pile pier, dated 30th August 1886.

Read also the following letters :—

From the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, No. 1431, dated 15th September 1886, tendering for the supply of material to effect the repairs named in indent at a cost of Rs. (36,000) thirty-six thousand exclusive of fitting charges.

Letter No. 1544 W, dated 24th September, from the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, on the same subject.

Letter from Messrs. Massey and Co., dated 23rd September 1886, enclosing tender in detail for the same work, amounting to Rs. (33,954) thirty-three thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

Read also letter from the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, in reference to these tenders, suggesting that old rails should be used instead of T iron bars, and calculating that a saving of Rs. (17,000) seventeen thousand might be effected thereby on the cost of proposed repairs, representing a saving of more than Rs. (50,000) fifty thousand on the whole of the repairs required to the iron work of the pier.

Read also minutes by the Chairman and trustees on the proposal.

Resolved that the Secretary's suggestion as to the use of old rails be approved, and that Messrs. Massey and Co. be requested to go into the matter in detail and prepare an estimate for the whole work including fitting.

7. Read Administration Report of Public Works Department for the year 1885-86.
Recorded.

8. Read letter, dated 14th March 1885, from Mr. Cecil Scott, A.M.I.C.E., Local Fund Engineer, Salem, addressed to His Excellency the Governor, proposing the construction of an inland dock for Madras. Examined plan attached.

Read also letter from Lieutenant J. H. Taylor, R.N.R., No. 3325, dated 20th April 1885, to the Chief Secretary to Government, commenting upon the proposal.

Read endorsement order transferring the question to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, for disposal.

Recorded; the present state of the harbour rendering consideration of the subject premature.

9. Read G.O., No. 2437 W, Public Works, in reference to family remittance of Mr. G. Lowe, late Head Foreman, Madras Harbour Works.

Recorded, and resolved that Mr. Thorowgood be informed that his communication on the subject, No. 25 C, dated 1st September 1886, should have been addressed to the Chairman of the Harbour Trust Board and not to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

10. Read letter from Messrs. Best and Co., dated 27th September 1886, applying for a site for the purpose of erecting godowns for the storage of kerosine oil in the neighbourhood of the new combustible shed near the South Harbour Works groyne.

Resolved that the Board are not at present prepared to grant private sites for the erection of godowns for the storage of combustibles.

11. Read letter, No. 301 M, dated 25th September, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, requesting permission to purchase detonators, &c., for the use of the Harbour Works.

Sanctioned, and resolved that the Chairman be authorised to deal with similar routine indents without referring to the Board.

12. Read four tenders for removing rubbish now lying opposite to Messrs. Best and Co.'s office and the Post office.

Resolved that the lowest tender be accepted, provided the Chairman cannot obtain a better offer by Monday.

13. Read letters from the Preventive officers in charge of north and south sheds, reporting that the canvas screens fitted to protect the openings on the walls are in bad order and require renewal.

Resolved that the Chairman be invited to dispose of the matter.

14. Read letter from Mr. E. Oakshott, dated Carlsbad, 3rd September, stating that he will not return to Madras before the 1st December next.

Recorded, and resolved that the information be submitted to Government with the date of Mr. Oakshott's departure from Madras, with reference to section 13 of the Harbour Trust Act.

ORDER—dated 15th October 1886, No. 578, Marine.

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(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
" Port Officer, Madras.
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Read—the following paper :—

From C. PINSENT, Esq., Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 15th October 1886, No. 820.

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of Government, copies of proceedings of the Harbour Trust Board, at the special and general meetings held at the Harbour Trust Board office on the 7th October 1886, the same having been confirmed at the meeting of the trustees held last evening under the presidency of Lieutenant J. H. Taylor, R.N.R., in the absence of the chairman.

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ENCLOSURES.

PROCEEDINGS of a special meeting of the Harbour Trust Board, held at the Board office under the provisions of section 37 of the Madras Harbour Trust Act (II of 1886), on Thursday, 7th October 1886.

The chairman informed the board that the meeting had been convened under the provisions of the Harbour Trust Act (II of 1886) for the purpose of considering and passing the estimates of receipts and charges for the current financial year, prepared under clause 37 of the Act, and explained that the delay in summoning the board to attend for the purpose occurred through his having been unable sooner to obtain particulars of the opening balance, and approval by Government of the form of account in which the estimates were now cast.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the estimate of receipts and charges item by item.

Resolved that the estimates, as altered and amended, be sanctioned and approved; that the same be reprinted and furnished to the members of the board; and that a copy be forwarded to Government for their information and approval under section 40 of the Act.

(Signed) J. H. TAYLOR,
Ag. Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

PROCEEDINGS of the Madras Harbour Trust Board, at a meeting held at the Harbour Trust Board office, on Thursday 7th October 1886.

1. Read the minutes and confirmed the proceedings of the last meeting held on the 30th September 1886.

2. Read letter, No. 324 M., dated 5th October, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, in reference to the late police prosecutions of Mr. B. C. Dumphy, Sub-Engineer, Madras Harbour Works, and Driver Loveday.

Read also letter from Mr. Dumphy to the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, on the subject.

Read letter, No. 684, from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, in reply to his No. 324 M.

Resolved that all papers in connection with these two cases, including copies of the Magistrate's records, be called for and circulated for the information and consideration of the board.

3. Read schedule of the staff of officers and servants under the Harbour Trust Board for the year 1886-87, prepared under section 21 of Act II of 1886.

The chairman explained, at some length, the reasons requiring that the salaries of the Traffic Manager, Deputy Traffic Manager, and Chief Accountant should be fixed at the rates named in the schedule, and also the necessity for certain additions to the Preventive service and General establishment, owing to the constitution of the Secretary's office more officers being required afloat; a more efficient check on the beach; and, in view to more effectually watching the long stretch of shore north of the harbour now used for the purpose of landing timber, &c., after a long discussion of details, the schedule was approved and sanctioned.

4. Read circular memorandum, No. 3389-C, dated 1st October, from Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, and G.O., No. 1617 W., dated 27th June 1884, forwarded therewith.

Recorded.

5. Read and examined statement of payments made in England on account of stores and freight and of invoices despatched in connection with the Madras Harbour Works during the month of August 1886.

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6. Read and discussed letter from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 312 M., dated 30th September 1886, and report, forwarded therewith, from the Engineer-in-Chief, Madras Harbour Works, dated 25th February 1879, addressed to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, regarding the encroachments of the sea to the north of the harbour and accretion of land to the south.

Read also minute on the subject by Mr. R. G. Orr.

Ordered to be held over for further consideration.

7. Read letter from Messrs. Weir and Co., No. 170, dated 29th September, tendering for the supply of 20 trucks for the pier, capable of carrying, as an ordinary load, 5 tons weight at £30 each, with brake and draw-gear at £4 and £5 extra, respectively.

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8. Read letters from Messrs. Massey and Co., dated 30th September and 4th October, tendering for the supply of 20 trucks for the pier, to carry 10 tons as an ordinary load, and capable of taking 15 tons, at Rs. 400 each.

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10. Read memorandum, No. 3476-C, from Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, and note No. 468, dated 1st October 1886, from Examiner, Public Works Accounts, stating the terms on which audit of Harbour Works Accounts could be continued by the Public Works Department.

Resolved that the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, be requested to furnish, for the information of the board, a complete set of back accounts for any month in which the work was in full progress.

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