

27TH OCTOBER 1886, No. 598, MARINE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 22nd October 1886, No. 904.

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 14th October 1886, the same having been confirmed at the meeting of the trustees held last evening.

ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Madras Harbour Trust Board, at a meeting held at the Harbour Trust Board office on Thursday, 14th October 1886.

1. In the absence of the Chairman, Lieut. J. H. Taylor, R.N.R., was elected to preside over the meeting.
2. Read and confirmed minutes of a special meeting of the Harbour Trust Board held at the offices of the Board on the 7th October 1886, under the provisions of section 37 of the Madras Harbour Trust Act (II of 1886).
3. Read statement of estimated receipts and charges from 1st June to 31st March of current financial year, as altered and passed at the special meeting held on the 7th instant.
Approved.
4. Read the minutes and confirmed the proceedings of the last regular meeting held on the 7th instant.
5. Read letter, No. 337 M., from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, recommending Mr. DeCaster, late Head Clerk of the Madras Harbour Works office, for a gratuity, pending the question of pension.
Read also petition from Mr. DeCaster, to His Excellency the Governor-General; original records of service and summary of same forwarded with the above letter.
Resolved that the individual opinions of the members of the board be invited as to the general question of pensions and gratuities; that this case lie over for consideration with the general question; and that the original papers accompanying the Superintendent's letter be returned to him.
6. Read Proceedings of Government, Mis. No. 557, dated 6th October 1886, communicating to Port Officer, Madras, letter from Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, regarding retention of Tidal Observatory in charge of the Marine Department.
Recorded.
7. Read progress report of the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, for the month of September, and examined plan.
Recorded.
8. Read endorsement order, No. 2599 W., dated 5th October 1886, communicating G.O., No. 2015, Public Works, sanctioning leave from 2 p.m. on the 7th October 1886 to all Eurasian and Anglo-Indian employes of Government.
Recorded.
9. Read G.O., No. 2106 W., dated 20th August 1886, communicating proceedings of Government, No. 4746, dated 9th August 1886, sanctioning the expenditure of Rs. 200 for maintaining wells on land acquired for harbour works purposes.
Sanctioned.

10. Read letter from Embarkation officer, No. 4757, dated 8th October 1886, informing the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, that the south shed is no longer required for embarkation purposes, and thanking the board for its use.
Recorded.

11. Read letter from Commissary-General, No. 5216, dated 7th October 1886, thanking the board for the use of the south shed for the embarkation of troops and stores.
Recorded.

12. Read letter from Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 327 M., regarding the police prosecution of Mr. Dumphy and Driver Loveday.

Resolved that the matter lie over until the full particulars of the case and all the papers are before the board.

13. Read letter from Examiner, Public Works Accounts, No. 239-X, dated 9th August 1886, to the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works; letter No. 67 W., from Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 11th August 1886; letter No. 75 W., from Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 21st August 1886.

Endorsement order thereon, No. 3481-C, dated 8th October 1886, from Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, inquiring whether the pay and allowances of the reconstruction staff shall be audited under the rules of the Public Works Code.

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

Ordered to lie over till next meeting for further information.

14. Read letter from Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 347 M., referring the board to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, for information regarding the audit of Harbour Works accounts.

Ordered to lie over in connection with the previous subject for next meeting.

15. Read letter from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, respecting cooly-contractors.
Read also minutes on the subject by—

Messrs. Dawson, Orr, and Eales.

Resolved that the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, advertise for contractors with a view to employing one man for the combined work of Pier, Beach and Custom House.

16. Read letter from Messrs. Massey and Co., dated 7th October 1886, regarding repairs to iron work of pier.

Resolved that the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, confer with Messrs. Massey and Co. on the subject, and report to the board.

17. Read letter from Messrs. Massey and Co., dated 14th October 1886, forwarding specification in detail for 20 pier trucks.

Resolved that the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, confer with Messrs. Massey and Co. and Captain Taylor, regarding the proposed description of wheels, and direct Messrs. Massey and Co. to proceed with the work immediately, should the result prove satisfactory.

18. Read endorsement from the Collector of Madras forwarding copy of letter to him No. 1059, dated 5th October 1886, from the Deputy Collector of Madras in reference to the properties acquired on account of the Madras Harbour Works and enclosing list thereof.

Resolved that the board sanction the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, taking charge of the properties and proceeding with the necessary steps to carry out, in consultation with the board's solicitors, the suggestion of the chairman that proper rental agreements be obtained from the occupants.

19. Read endorsement order No. 2635 A, dated 8th October 1886, communicating order of the Government of India, No. 245 A-G, regarding the purchase of country-made rope and twine.
Recorded.

20. Read G.O., No. 530, Marine, dated 28th September 1886, recording proceedings of Harbour Trust Board at their meeting of 9th September 1886.
Recorded.

21. Read G.O., No. 543, Marine, dated 1st October 1886, recording proceedings of the Harbour Trust Board at their meeting of 2nd September 1886.
Recorded.

22. Read G.O., No. 554, Marine, dated 4th October 1886, communicating letter from Lieutenant J. H. Taylor, R.N.R., No. 9072, dated 20th September 1886, in reference to the cyclone of May last.

Resolved that the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, be requested to favor the board with all information in his power as to the previous proposals regarding the construction of the harbour, together with particulars of opinions asked and given, more especially in reference to the suggested entrance at the north-east corner.

23. Read letter from the Collector of Madras, No. 3166, dated 11th October 1886, to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, forwarding, for disposal, notice served by the municipality calling for the execution of certain repairs to the Mohidinpettah market and estimate for the same prepared by the Executive Engineer.

Resolved that the repairs called for by the municipality be sanctioned, and that the Secretary take the necessary steps to have same carried out, as detailed in Executive Engineer's estimate.

24. Read G.O., No. 2551 W., Public Works, directing that the question of providing the harbour intercepting sewer with any further ventilators required will be left to the consideration of the municipality.
Recorded.

25. Read G.O., No. 1008, Financial, regarding supply of stationery from Government Stationery office.

Resolved that the Secretary make inquiries as to the various sources of supply available, and the relative prices.

26. Read G.O., No. 555, Marine, dated 4th October 1886, recording proceedings of a meeting of Harbour Trust Board held on the 16th September 1886.
Recorded.

27. Read letter from Madras Bank, dated 11th October, forwarding safe-custody receipts for 1½ lakhs of 4 per cent. and 1 lakh of Government 4½ per cent. paper.
Recorded.

28. Mr. Orr called the attention of the board to the question of the erosion on the north of the harbour and the opinion expressed by Mr. Parkes that each north-east monsoon accretions should be secured as far as possible. The Secretary was requested to direct Mr. Thorowgood's attention to this matter.

29. Mr. King suggested that two gentlemen should be appointed to audit the Harbour Trust accounts at the remuneration provided in the budget estimate.

Mr. Eales supported the proposal.

Resolved that the Secretary inquire whether Messrs. J. Stiven and Trial Straith would accept the office, at the remuneration fixed, for one yearly audit of accounts, or two half-yearly audits, at the option of the board.

ORDER—dated 27th October 1886, No. 598, Marine.

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(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,

Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

„ Port Officer, Madras.

„ Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Gobt. of (1886) Madras.

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(sd) J. O. A.

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OCTOBER.

Harbour Trust Board.

Recording letter from the chairman forwarding copy of proceedings of the — at a meeting held on the 14th October 1886.

With order

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3. Read G.O., No. 2719 W., dated 15th October 1886, regarding pay and allowances of Mr. B. C. Dumphy, and requesting the chairman to forward, through the Public Works Secretariat, all communications to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts connected with the latter's audit of the accounts of the Madras Harbour reconstruction works.

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Read also letter, No. 343 M, dated 12th October 1886, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, stating that, as the horse allowance drawn by Mr. Dumphy had not been included in the consolidated rate of pay and allowances granted to him by resolution of the Board, No. 3, dated 23rd September 1886, he had been called upon to refund Rs. 30 of the extra Rs. 50 sanctioned, and that the net increase was therefore only Rs. 20 per mensem.

Resolved that, inasmuch as it was the intention of the Board to raise Mr. Dumphy's pay and allowances by Rs. 50 per mensem, as recommended by the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, the consolidated rate of pay and allowances payable to Mr. Dumphy should be Rs. 400 per mensem with retrospective effect from 1st June 1886.

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Read letter from the Deputy Collector of Madras, dated 15th October 1886, No. 1796, to the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, requesting him to take immediate charge of the property.

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Resolved, that the Secretary confer with the Deputy Commissioner of Police as to the selection of a suitable new site, and report to the board at next meeting.

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Mr. King pointed out that accommodation in the Harbour Dues office must be found for the clerks at present located in the tatty pandal outside before the north-east monsoon sets in.

Mr. Eales said that better accommodation ought to be provided for the public.

Captain Taylor inquired whether a suitable room could be found for the divers on the ground floor of the Board's office premises, and, being answered in the affirmative, promised to see what arrangements could be made to give effect to the wishes of the chairman and the opinions expressed by members of the Board.

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Examined a plan of the harbour, showing an arrangement of leading green and red lights, proposed by Captain Taylor, as the best method of giving the desired assistance, the desirability of doing which was discussed at some length.

Resolved that the Port Officer be invited to take steps to carry out the suggestions submitted by him, with a view to testing their practical efficiency and desirability.

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Exd. A. Raitt.

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