

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.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

„ Port Officer, Madras.

„ Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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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

15TH NOVEMBER 1886, No. 627, 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, 5th November 1886, No. 1097.

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 28th 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, the 28th October 1886.

1. Read the minutes and confirmed the proceedings of the last meeting held on the 21st instant.

2. Read G.O., Mis. No. 2861, Judicial Department, intimating that copy of letter from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, No. 731, dated 9th October 1886, respecting the police prosecution of Sub-Engineer Dumphy and Driver Loveday has been referred to the Commissioner of Police for remarks; and stating that Government await copies of the Magistrate's judgments and connecting papers.

Recorded.

3. Read Magistrate's record and judgment in the case of—

The Queen-Empress *vs.* George Loveday, Engine Driver, Madras Harbour Works.

Read also Magistrate's record and judgment in the case of—

The Queen-Empress *vs.* B. C. Dumphy, Sub-Engineer, Madras Harbour Works.

Resolved that these documents be forwarded to Government for their information.

4. Read letter from Messrs. Branson and Branson, dated 27th October, recommending that counsel's opinion be taken as to whether the board appeal against the Magistrate's decisions in the above cases.

Resolved that Messrs. Branson and Branson be requested to take counsel's opinion accordingly.

5. Read letter, No. 381 M., dated 25th October 1886, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, in reference to the future working of the beach portion of the Harbour Works railway.

Recorded; the Superintendent will be informed that the whole matter is under the consideration of the law officers of the board, and that the papers in connection have been submitted to Government.

6. Read letter, No. 382 M., dated 25th October, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, reporting the arrival per *Chusan* of Mr. Boteler, the newly-appointed head foreman.

Recorded.

7. Read letter, No. 383 M., dated 25th October, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, intimating that the deputation allowance to Mr. Underdown, late acting head foreman, of Rs. 80 per mensem, sanctioned by the Harbour Trust Board in resolution No. 12, dated 16th September, has been disallowed under the rules of the Public Works Department Code, and requesting that a lump sum of Rs. 160 may be given in lieu.

Sanctioned.

8. Read letter, No. 57, dated 21st October 1886, from the Secretary of the Trustees of Patchiappa Mudaliar's charities stating that the trustees of the charities have no objection to the Harbour Board having the right to extend the lease of their office premises, on the present terms after the expiry of current period, for another three years.

Approved and recorded. The Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, will take steps to have the lease drawn out and executed.

9. Read letter, dated 22nd October 1886, from the Agent of the Oriental Telephone Company, Limited, respecting telephonic connection with central exchange.

Resolved that the board are not prepared to pay more than Rs. 300 per annum for the service named, excluding the connection between the Secretary's office and the office of the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

10. Read letter, No. 371 M., dated 20th October 1886, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, in reply to the Secretary's letter, No. 841, of 18th October, directing his attention to the opinion expressed by Mr. Parkes, in his minute of 25th February 1879, that the accretions of sand to the north of the harbour should be secured after each north-east monsoon.

Read also letter, No. 377 M., dated 21st October, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, stating that the matter had been referred to Mr. Parkes by wire, who had requested that the latest particulars might be forwarded to him, to enable him to decide whether the revetment should be extended or not.

Resolved that the board await the result of the reference to the Engineer-in-Chief of the Madras Harbour Works.

11. Read letter, dated 20th October 1886, from P. Rungiah Naidu to Captain Taylor regarding the advertisement inserted by the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, in the local newspapers for cooly contractors.

Read also memorandum on the subject by Captain Taylor and memorandum by the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, and minutes in reference thereto by M.R.Ry. A. Dhanacoty Mudaliar and Mr. R. G. Orr.

Recorded.

12. Read letter, dated 27th October 1886, from A. Sashachellam addressed to Captain Taylor with reference to his bills for mango planks and sundry other supplies to the pier.

Read also memorandum by the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, dated 10th September, and remarks thereon by the chairman, and minutes on the subject by Mr. King, Mr. Orr, and M.R.Ry. S. Venkatachettiah Chetty Gáru.

Resolved that the amount offered by the Secretary be tendered to the contractor through the board's solicitors.

13. Read memorandum from Traffic Manager, No. 1043, dated 25th October 1886, reporting that a case of sulphuric acid marked MC within a diamond, No. 50, ex *Nacarino* had ignited in the outer yard of the new combustible shed on the 24th instant.

Read also letter, No. 219, dated 25th October 1886, from the Deputy Commissioner of Police reporting the same occurrence.

Recorded.

14. Read three tenders for carrying out the proposed alterations to the combustible shed.

Resolved that Major D. McNeil Campbell be invited kindly to examine the same, and advise the board as to which should be accepted.

15. Read G.O., No. 2738 W., dated 18th October 1886, communicating letter from the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Miscellaneous), to the Secretary to Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 8th October 1886, No. 242 M., declining to sanction the increase of pay granted to Mr. F. N. Thorowgood, Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, being made retrospective from 1st December 1885, as it is against rule.

Recorded. The board much regret that the Government of India decline to sanction the retrospective effect of the increased salary granted to Mr. Thorowgood.

16. Read G.O., No. 2068, Public, communicating resolution of the Punjab Government respecting the use of illustrated maps in administration and other reports.

Recorded.

17. Read G.O., No. 1063, Financial, communicating despatch from the Secretary of State for India, dated London, 16th September, No. 10, Financial, sanctioning compliance with indents for various stores.

Recorded.

18. Read G.O., No. 935, Financial, authorising the Accountant-General to pass, provisionally only, the pay of officers who have attained the age of 55 years, pending orders from Government when service beyond the prescribed limits has not been specifically authorised.

Recorded.

19. Read letter, No. 399 X, dated 18th October, from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, forwarding two complete sets of Harbour Works Accounts.

Resolved that the accounts be recirculated for further examination and consideration.

ORDER—dated 15th November 1886, No. 627, Marine.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

„ Port Officer, Madras.

„ Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Harbour Trust Board.

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