

29TH APRIL 1887, No. 183, MARINE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper.—

From the Hon. R. W. BARLOW, C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 18th April 1887, No. 214.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copies of proceedings of the meetings of the Harbour Trust Board held on the 31st March and 4th April 1887, the same having been confirmed at the meetings of the Trustees held on 4th and 15th April 1887, respectively.

ENCLOSURES.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Trustees of the Madras Harbour held at the Board's Office on Thursday, the 31st March 1887.

1. Read the minutes, and confirmed the proceedings of the last meeting held on Thursday, the 24th March 1887.

2. Read letter from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 774 M., dated 29th March 1887, submitting an appeal from Mr. B. C. Dumphy, Sub-Engineer of the Madras Harbour Works, with remarks, in reference to refund of gratuity received by him from Government on leaving the Public Works Department.

The Chairman is invited to address Government.

3. Read letter from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 770 M., dated 29th March 1887, regarding his future position.

Recorded, pending receipt of the orders of Government upon the points still unsettled.

4. Read letter from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 771 M., dated 29th March 1887, enclosing letter, No. 752 M., dated 22nd March 1887, submitting explanations in reference to the order of Government, No. 834 W., dated 17th March 1887, refusing to admit certain telegram charges in the contingent bill of the Madras Harbour Works for February 1887, as the same did not appear to have been despatched on the public service.

Resolved that the Superintendent's letter be submitted for the orders of Government.

5. Read G.O., No. 418, Financial, dated 29th March 1887, directing the Accountant-General to place at the disposal of the Harbour Trust Board, with effect from 1st April 1887, the funds required for the construction of the Madras Harbour Works.

Recorded.

6. Read letter from the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, No. 2864, dated 28th March 1887, requesting sanction of the Board for repairs to the crane wrecked at the shore end of the pier lately.

Sanctioned.

7. Read letter from the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, No. 2874, dated 28th March 1887, suggesting certain improvements to the pier for facilitating the working of cargo.

The Trustees were unanimously of opinion that the widening of the pier deck, between the cranes, was an improvement that should be at once carried out. Captain Taylor proposed that, in view of the large margin of strength over and above what was needed to carry the weights hoisted by the small cranes, according to the Secretary's memorandum, a still greater advantage might be gained by carrying the cranes entirely outside the present structure; and Captain Baddeley suggested that this would be practicable by adding supports from underneath. After going carefully into the advantages to be gained, and difficulties to be overcome, it was resolved that the pier deck be extended, laterally, from the gangway ladders outward to the T head, sufficiently to carry the small half-ton cranes outside the present line of the pier, and that the deck so extended be well supported from underneath. The Secretary will prepare plan and estimates.

8. Read letter from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 762 M., dated 25th March 1887, bringing to the notice of the Board certain points in connection with the transfer of the audit of the Harbour Works accounts from 1st April 1887.

Recorded; the Chairman will deal with the question.

9. Read endorsement, No. 1389, dated 24th March 1887, from the Inspector-General of Police, forwarding correspondence in reference to Inspector Sujjath Hussain Sahib, of Pallavaram, together with letters from Hajee Mahomed Abdulla Badsha Sahib, also having reference thereto.

Resolved, that the explanation seems unsatisfactory, that further enquiries be made, and the Inspector-General again addressed on the subject.

10. Read correspondence between the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, and the Vice-President, Madras Municipal Commission, Revenue Department, with reference to municipal taxation of the buildings used for the accommodation of the Harbour Trust Traffic and Cash Department.

Resolved that the Chairman be invited to deal with the matter.

11. Read G.O., No. 119, Marine, dated 16th March 1887, recording proceedings of a meeting of the Harbour Trust Board held on the 18th February 1887.

Read G.O., No. 120, Marine, dated 16th March 1887, recording proceedings of a meeting of the Harbour Trust Board held on the 24th February 1887.

Read G.O., No. 121, Marine, dated 16th March 1887, recording proceedings of a meeting of the Harbour Trust Board held on the 28th February 1887.

Recorded.

12. Read G.O., No. 125, Marine, dated 22nd March 1887, passing orders in connection with the appointment of members of the Harbour Trust Board from 1st April 1887.

Recorded.

13. Examined Madras Bank pass-book, showing balance to credit of the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Rs. 87,818-3-3.

Recorded.

14. The business of the meeting having been concluded, the Chairman said that, before separating, he desired to tender his thanks to the retiring members for the earnest and business-like manner in which they had dealt with the important matters which had been brought before them, in connection with the harbour, since June last. He much regretted losing their able co-operation, and begged to tender to them, and to the whole Board, his warm thanks for the uniform patience which they had, at all times, shown through many a long hour.

Mr. Orr in reply said that, on behalf of himself and his retiring colleagues, he desired to thank the Chairman for his kind remarks, and wished, on behalf of the whole Board, to acknowledge the unvarying and obliging courtesy at all times shown to the Trustees by the Chairman. He also desired to express, on behalf of himself and other retiring members, their best wishes for the prosperity of the Board, and hoped that every success would attend the discharge of their very important duties.

Mr. Orr further said that the retiring members wished to avail themselves of this opportunity of asking the Board to place on record an expression of appreciation of the very able manner in which the Secretary to the Board has discharged the important duties of his office; that they felt sure that the entire Board would agree that Mr. Pinsent's duties were of an onerous and responsible character, and that he had brought much energy and intelligence to bear in keeping pace with his heavy and perpetual work.

Approved unanimously and recorded.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Trustees of the Madras Harbour, held at the Board's Office on Monday, the 4th April 1887.

Read the minutes, and confirmed the proceedings, of last meeting held on the 31st March 1887.

2. Read again the whole of the correspondence, in connection with the claims of certain merchants to employ their own contractor, instead of the man selected by the Board.

Read also letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., dated 4th April 1887, requesting permission to be allowed to make their own arrangements for the identification, portage and delivery of about 200 packages to their consignments per S.S. *Quetta*.

Resolved unanimously that the Board adhere to their former resolutions.

3. Read again bye-laws as framed, and one provisionally passed, at the meeting of the Trustees held on the 24th February 1887.

Resolved (a) that Nos. 6 and 7 be read as one bye-law, and that three days' grace from the date of landing will be allowed for the removal of all cargo free of godown or ground rent; (b) that Nos. 22 and 23 be expunged, being already provided for in the Indian Port and Conservancy Act XII of 1875; (c) that Nos. 1 to 6 and 8 to 21 be approved and passed, and numbered 1 to 20.

4. Examined statement, No. 906, dated 29th March 1887, from the Accountant-General, showing interest due up to 31st March 1887, upon advances made by the Secretary of State, for Harbour Works construction amounting to Rs. 74,600-13-9, and receipt from the Secretary and Treasurer, Madras Bank, for that sum, passed to the credit of the Government of Fort St. George.

Recorded.

5. Read letter from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 777 M., dated 30th March 1887, in reference to tenders for block-making and rubble-tipping, and examined list of 36 tenders received.

Resolved that the tenders of Mr. R. W. Thompson for both block-making and rubble-tipping be accepted; his being the lowest of those selected by the Superintendent.

6. Read G.O., Marine, No. 137, dated 28th March 1887, recording Proceedings of a meeting of the Harbour Trust Board held on the 3rd March 1887.

Recorded.

ORDER—dated 29th April 1887, No. 183, Marine.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

W. E. Cohen

Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

„ Port Officer, Madras.

„ Public Works Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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The Public Department

ENCLOS.—

No. 675-A.

Dated 13th May 1887

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SUBJECT.

Reports on Native News-
papers for the month
of March 1887.

DISPOSAL.

No. 402, Dated 23rd May 1887

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G.O., 29th April 1887, No. 183.

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Madras Harbour.

Recording proceedings of a meeting of the
Harbour Trust Board held on 31st March and
4th April 1887.

No. 1401W of 23rd May 1887

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