

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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ORDER—dated 10th August 1887, No. 897, Financial.

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(True Extract.)

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Copy to the Public Works Department.

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(sd) J. O. H.

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5TH APRIL 1887, No. 450, FINANCIAL.

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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, 7th March 1887, No. 2534.

I have the honor to forward herewith, in triplicate, for the information of Government, copy of estimate of receipts and charges of the Madras Harbour Trust Board for the financial year 1887-88.

2. This estimate was under the consideration of the Trustees at a special meeting * held on the 28th February, the proceedings of which were confirmed by the Board at their last regular meeting on the 3rd instant. I also enclose copy of resolution passed thereon at the same time in reference to G.O., No. 1368, Financial, dated 28th December 1886.

* Adjourned from 25th idem.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT of Proceedings of the Harbour Trust Board at a Special Meeting held at the offices of the Board on Monday the 28th day of February 1887, to consider, under clause 37 of Act II of 1886, the budget estimate of receipts and charges for the financial year 1887-88.

The printed budget estimate of receipts and charges was discussed in detail and approved.

Resolved that, in reference to G.O., No. 1368, Financial, dated 28th December 1886, a committee be formed to consider in detail the list of establishment, and report to the Board whether any reductions can be effected, and whether any alterations or modifications are desirable.

The following gentlemen were appointed to form the committee :—

Mr. R. G. Orr.
„ G. King.
M.R.Ry. S. Venkatachettiah Chetty.
Mr. G. D. Coleman.
„ W. J. Eales.

ORDER—dated 5th April 1887, No. 450, Financial.

The budget estimate of receipts, under Act II of 1886 for 1887-88, is prepared by the Harbour Trust Board for a sum of Rs. 3,00,500, including a contribution of Rs. 25,000 from Port funds. Credit should not have been taken for the latter sum without the special sanction of Government. In G.O., Marine, No. 548, dated 2nd October 1886, a special contribution of Rs. 25,000 was sanctioned for the official year 1886-87. The Port Officer, Madras, will report whether the contribution can be repeated for 1887-88. Excluding this item the estimated receipts amount to Rs. 2,75,500 as against Rs. 3,10,773 realized in 1885-86. The cause of the anticipated decline is not given, but it is probably the same as that assigned for reduction of the revised estimate of the current year, viz., general slackness of trade.

2. On the expenditure side the provision for payment of interest on loans advanced by the Secretary of State, viz., Rs. 62,500, seems insufficient. From particulars obtained as to the dates of credit of loan funds, it is estimated that a sum of Rs. 75,000 will be required on this account. The provision for establishment proper (*i.e.*, excluding pensionary contributions, office rent, and Trustees' fees) amounts to Rs. 47,260 against Rs. 29,475 for ten months in 1886-87, and represents a considerable increase of charge in 1887-88. The reasons for such increase are not apparent, and the Chairman is requested to furnish detailed explanation. It is observed that the fees to Trustees are calculated at the maximum amount which can be drawn under the Act, and provide for weekly meetings of the full Board. The Government doubt whether this is necessary, and trust that measures will be taken to prevent undue charge under this head. It is hoped that the investigations of the committee appointed to review the establishment charges will enable considerable reductions to be made.

3. It is observed that Rs. 1,00,000 are provided for petty construction and repairs (chiefly on account of tramways, 15 and 20 ton cranes, pier repairs, &c.) in addition to a sum of Rs. 11,61,000 to be spent on harbour construction, the budget estimate of which has been dealt with in separate proceedings in the Public Works Department.

4. The estimated closing balance of 1887-88 amounts to Rs. 5,66,165, or Rs. 75,980 less than the opening balance of the year.

5. It has recently been decided that the fees levied for overtime work done by Sea Customs establishments should be credited in part to Government. It is desirable that the principle on which this has been done should be accepted by the Harbour Trust Board, and the same course adopted, the sums realized being credited to Harbour Trust funds. Extract, paragraph 4, of G.O., No. 1092, Revenue Department, dated 14th December 1886, will accordingly be furnished to the Board for information.

6. It is observed that the contribution of Rs. 25,000 received from Port funds under G.O., Marine, No. 233, dated 6th June 1885, is not shown in the column of actuals for 1885-86, and that the interest paid to Government in the same year, viz., Rs. 29,955 (page 36 of G.O., Financial, No. 1210, dated 22nd November 1886) is also omitted.

7. Subject to the above remarks, the budget is sanctioned by Government.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board,
with Extract, para. 4, of G.O., No. 1092, Rev., dated 14th Dec. 1886.

„ Accountant-General, with copy of budget.

„ Marine Department, do. do.

Copy to the Public Works Department.

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G.O., 5th April 1887, No. 450.

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APRIL.

(sd) J. O. H.

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Exr. P. W. Acheson
for information.

Budgets.

Reviewing the budget estimates of the Harbour
Trust Board for 1887-88.

17TH JUNE 1887, No. 728, FINANCIAL.

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READ—the following paper :—

From the Hon. R. W. BARLOW, C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the
Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 13th May 1887, No. 677.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of G.O., Financial, No. 450, dated
5th April 1887, reviewing the budget estimates of the Harbour Trust Board for the
official year 1887-88, which was considered by the Board at their meeting of Friday
last, and resolutions passed thereon are submitted herewith.

2. I am requested by the Board to explain in reference to paragraph 2, with
regard to the charges under the head of Establishment, that the increase is due chiefly,
(a) to additions to the preventive service, it having been found necessary to increase
the number of officers from 16 to 20; (b) to the increased rates of pay to the Traffic
Manager and his Deputy, and to the Chief Accountant; (c) to the additional clerks,
tally clerks (conicopillays), and peons, found necessary; and (d) the staff entertained
for the Secretary's office. As regards preventive officers, it will be in the recollection
of Government that by their introduction, the cost of the Marine Police in the boats
was saved, as their tally on board acts as a check on the boatmen between the ship
and shore, and annas one and pies six of the pier and harbour dues, as originally
fixed, were specially levied to meet the charge for their maintenance. I would further
observe that when the number was increased to 16 by the late "Harbour Committee"
(vide G.O., Revenue, No. 1126, dated 2nd October 1885), this was only "tentative,"
and future increase was contemplated. Further, the Trust Committee which recently
sat to consider the subject of reductions have recommended a still further increase.
The Board have, both in committee and at their meetings, very carefully considered the
question of establishment, and regret that they cannot at present see their way to
making any reductions without jeopardising efficiency.

3. I enclose a detailed statement showing the staff now and previously employed,
and may remark that, in granting additions to pay, the Board only gave effect to
promotions in the department which might reasonably have been expected previously;
but all such questions had been allowed to remain in abeyance awaiting the long-
expected formation of the Trust; and additions to the staff have only been made in
the interests of efficiency, and after careful deliberation, when considered absolutely
necessary.

4. With regard to the fees payable to Trustees, I am glad to observe that all
attend regularly; and the maximum amount was provided for, as the business brought
before the Board has, hitherto, necessitated the holding of more meetings than remun-
eration could be drawn for, exclusive of several committees. When the press of
business, necessarily following the formation of the Board, has passed away, and
questions affecting the well-being of the port have been settled, it is expected that less
than a weekly meeting will suffice.

5. I am further requested to state, in reference to paragraph 5 and extract of the
Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 1092, dated 14th December
1886, that as all overtime fees are paid by the Trust, in the general interest of the

trade of the port, and not, as in the case of Government servants, charged to, or recovered from, individuals or firms, the Board do not consider it advisable to take back any fees paid by them to their servants, and a reduction of fees would be preferable; but as these rates of payment for overtime work have been fixed, after careful consideration, as low as the Board consider equitable, no such reduction is feasible; these are, moreover, much lower than those obtaining in Government departments, while the hours of regular work, 6 A.M. to 6 P.M., are longer. The Board consider that economy in this item can best be secured by providing better appliances for landing and shipping cargo, and for clearing it away. When the improvements in tramway communication, and better wharf accommodation and cranes are available, it is hoped that overtime fees will almost entirely disappear. At present, they are regulated chiefly by the quantity of work required to be done over and above what the appliances at command can get through in an ordinary working day; and it is satisfactory to note that any excess in overtime work nearly always means a corresponding increase in dues received.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT of Proceedings of the Harbour Trust Board, at a Meeting held at the offices of the Board on Friday, the 6th day of May 1887.

2. Read G.O., Financial, No. 450, dated 5th April 1887, reviewing the budget estimates of the Harbour Trust Board for 1887-88.

Read also minutes by Messrs. Chambers, Hunter, Venkatakrishnamah Chetty, McLintock, Cowasjee Eduljee, and the Chairman. Examined schedule of the staff of the officers and servants of the Harbour Trust Board for the year 1887-88, and overtime bills for 1886-87.

Resolved, first, that Government will be informed that the decline was anticipated partly on account of slackness in trade, but also because the receipts of the two preceding years had been swelled by the Burma expeditions.

Resolved, secondly, that the Chairman be invited to furnish the detailed explanation called for regarding establishment, and also with reference to Trustees' fees.

Resolved, thirdly, to inform Government that the overtime fees are wholly paid by the Board, and that therefore no part can be recovered from the employés, and that the Chairman be invited to address Government on the subject.

COMPARATIVE Statement of Salaries for the Harbour Trust Board Establishment, including Preventive Service, as it stood on 1st June 1886 and on the 1st April 1887.

Designation.	As it stood on 1st June 1886.				As it stood on 1st April 1887.			
	No.	Rate of pay.	Amount.	Total.	No.	Rate of pay.	Amount.	Total.
Traffic Manager	1	Rs. 300	3,600	9,000	1	Rs. 350	4,200	11,100
Deputy Traffic Manager	1	200	2,400		1	250	3,000	
Chief Accountant	1	250	3,000		1	325	3,900	
<i>Pier Department.</i>								
Clerk	2			4,446	2	50	600	6,054
Timekeeper	1	30	360		1	20	240	
Boatswain	1				1	60	720	
Traffic overseer	2	each 19	456		2	each 19	456	
Conicopolies	2	12	288		2	12	288	
Do.	6	10	720		7	10	840	
Tindal	1	14	168		1	14	168	
Lascars	3	8	288		3	each 8	288	
Duffadars	2	10½	252		2	10½	252	
Peons	16	8	1,536		*19	8	1,824	
Sweepers	2	7	168	2	7	168		
Carpenter	1	17½	210	1	17½	210		

* Out of these, three peons doing duty in the Cash department and one in the Secretary's office.

Comparative Statement of Salaries for the Harbour Trust Board, &c.—*cont.*

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<i>Beach Department.</i>								
		RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.
Head conicopoly	1	15	180	2,266	2	27	324	3,264
Conicopolies	4	each 10	480		10	each 10	1,200	
Weighers and measurers	3	" 12	432		4	" 12	576	
Duffadars	2	" 10½	252		2	" 10½	252	
Peons	8	" 8	768		8	" 8	768	
Sweepers	2	" 6	144	2	" 6	144		
<i>Customs Yard.</i>								
Clerk	2	45	540	2	45	540		
Weighers	3	each 12	432	3	each 12	432		
Conicopolies	3	" 10	360	3	" 10	360		
Peons	6	" 7	504	6	" 7	504		
Sweepers	2	" 5	120	2	" 5	120		
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<i>Combustible Shed.</i>								
Head conicopoly				1	12	144		
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Peons				4	each 8	384	648	
<i>Casimode Timber Depot.</i>								
Weigher and measurer				2	each 12	288		
Conicopolies				2	" 10	240		
Peons				6	" 8	576	1,104	
<i>Cash Department.</i>								
Assistant Accountant				1	85	1,020		
Head clerk and clerks	4	85	1,020	11	215	2,580		
Checker				1	30	360		
Calculators	4	each 17½	840	4	each 17½	840	4,800	
<i>Secretary's Office Establishment.</i>								
Manager				1	90	1,080		
Clerks		40	480	4	115	1,380		
Peons	1	7	84	5	37	444		
Messengers				5	each 5	300		
Sweepers				1	5	60		
Recordkeeper				2	55	660	3,924	
<i>Preventive Service.</i>								
Preventive officers	16	each 50	9,600	20	each 50	12,000		
Tindals	2	" 12	288	2	" 12	288		
Crews	16	" 10	1,920	16	" 10	1,920		
Water-boys	2	" 5	120	2	" 5	120	14,328	
Grand Total				32,052			47,220	

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Recorded, with reference to G.O., No. 517, dated 25th April 1887, Financial.

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(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
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To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

Copy to the Public Works Department, with G.O., No. 517, dated 25th April 1887.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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Examiner A. Accounts
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