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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, 22nd December 1886, No. 1665.

I have the honor to forward, 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 16th December 1886, the same having been confirmed at the meeting of the Trustees held on 21st instant.

ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Madras Harbour Trust Board, at a meeting held at the Harbour Trust Board office, on Thursday, the 16th December 1886.

Read the minutes and confirmed the proceedings of last meeting, held on the 9th instant.

Read also minute of dissent by Mr. R. G. Orr from Resolution No. 2 of the meeting held on the 2nd December 1886—Recorded.

2. Read letter, No. 11537, dated 9th December 1886, from Captain J. H. Taylor, addressed to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, in reference to the proposed eastern opening to the harbour, and the alternative proposal to construct the entrance at the north-east corner.

Read also numerous opinions on the subject given by the commanders of the principal lines of steamers connected with the port, and minutes by the Chairman, Captain Baddeley, R.E., and Mr. George King.

Resolved, unanimously, that the Government of India be addressed, through the Government of Madras, requesting an early reconsideration of this most important question. All those who have locally studied the subject, or who are personally acquainted with the harbour, including the commanders of steamers visiting the port, are, without exception, in favor of closing the eastern opening, and substituting an entrance at the north-east corner. The Board are further unanimously of opinion "that north-east entrance is absolutely essential to the success of the harbour."

3. Read letter, No. 3188, dated 10th December 1886, from the Accountant-General, stating that the expenditure on the harbour works up to March 31st, 1886, amounted to Rs. 13,64,348-8-3, and not to Rs. 12,10,157-4-6 as shown in his statement dated 9th June 1886.

Recorded. The Chairman is invited to request the Accountant-General to furnish particulars of the difference.

4. Read letter from the Accountant-General, No. 3502, dated 11th December 1886, intimating that a further sum of Rs. 4,941-15-3, being balance of harbour dues collected by the Marine Department previous to the formation of the Harbour Trust, has been transferred to the credit of the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

Examined receipt, for the amount, from the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras—Recorded.

5. Read letters, No. 1449, dated 7th December 1886, and No. 334, dated 25th August 1886, from the Secretary to the Harbour Trust Board, in reference to proposed tramways and improvements in the space enclosed between the two groynes of the harbour.

Read again minutes on the subject by Captain Taylor, Major D. McNeil Campbell, R.E., Mr. H. R. Dawson, Mr. R. G. Orr, and the Chairman, dated August 1886.

Examined in detail estimate prepared by the Secretary, amounting to Rs. 23,500, for such of the proposed alterations as were approved in principle by the Board in their Resolution No. 1, dated 9th September 1886, and re-examined plan attached.

Read also minutes in reference to the estimate by Captain Baddeley, R.E., Mr. W. J. Eales, Mr. R. G. Orr, Mr. George King, and the Chairman.

Resolved that the plan and estimate be approved, and that tenders be invited for revetment, earthwork and sleepers.

6. Read letter, dated 8th December 1886, from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, in reference to the provision of a yard for the storage of coal, suggested in his letter, dated 28th October 1886.

Resolved that the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, be informed that, when the proposed tramways are constructed, the wishes of the Chamber as regards a yard for the storage of coal will be practically complied with.

7. Read letter, No. 467 M., dated 6th December 1886, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, reporting progress during the month of November 1886, and detailing the effects of the late cyclone on the works—Recorded.

8. Read letter, No. 474 M., dated 9th December 1886, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, reporting the death at Benares of G. M. Kazim Ali Nakoy Sahib, contractor for quarrying stone at Pallavaram.

Recorded with regret. The Board are of opinion that new tenders should be invited forthwith for working the quarries at Pallavaram, and hope that Mr. Thorowgood will in the mean time be able to carry on the work without interruption.

9. Read letter, dated 4th December 1886, from Messrs. Hajee Mahomed Badsha Sahib and Co., addressed to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, in reference to damage sustained at their property at Rayapuram, known as "Shand's Press," and forwarded to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, under endorsement, No. 4373, dated 9th December 1886.

Resolved that the Board decline in any way to hold themselves responsible for damage occasioned by a cyclone or bad weather, but Messrs. Hajee Mahomed Badsha Sahib and Co. will be informed that steps are being taken to protect the foreshore to the north of the harbour against erosion caused by the current flowing round the northern groyne.

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(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

ORDER—dated 15th January 1887, No. 15, Marine.

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(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
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