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13TH AUGUST 1887, No. E.

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, 28th July
1887, No. 2057.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copy of proceed-
ings of a meeting of the Harbour Trust Board, held on Wednesday the 20th day of
July 1887, the same having been confirmed at the meeting of the Trustees held
yesterday.

ENCLOSURE.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Trustees of the Madras Harbour, held at the
Board's office on Wednesday the 20th July 1887.

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Read the minutes and confirmed the proceedings of the last meeting held on the 13th July
1887.

2. Read again correspondence with Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., regarding the issue of certi-
ficates as to the quantities of iron landed at the port.

Read also letter from Messrs. Branson and Branson, dated 13th July 1887.

Resolved that arrangements be made for granting certificates for iron landed and delivered at
the port.

3. Read again correspondence with Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., regarding iron expected per
Clan Mackay, and also the following letters which have since passed between them and the
Chairman on the subject:—

Letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., dated 13th instant, and minutes thereon by the Hon.
S. R. Turnbull, Messrs. Vencatakistnamah Chetty, G. D. Coleman, Cowasjee Eduljee, and the
Chairman.

Letter No. 1785, dated 15th July 1887, from the Chairman, communicating to Messrs.
Arbuthnot and Co. the Board's resolution No. 8 of 13th instant, and stating that their letter
of that date had been circulated to the Trustees, who adhered to their decision.

Letters from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., dated 15th and 16th instant, and the Chairman's
reply, No. 1859, dated 18th July 1887.

Letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., dated 18th July, and the Chairman's reply of same
date, No. 1864.

Letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., dated 19th idem, stating that they do not wish their
iron ex *Clan Mackay* sorted or weighed by the Board's contractor; that they are prepared to
pay harbour dues according to weights given in invoices; that they only wished the Board's
contractor to portage the iron in the terms of Bye-law No. 4, from the beach to the place set
apart for its reception; and that if the Board wished to weigh and sort the iron, they must do
so at their own expense.

Read Chairman's reply, No. 1890, dated 20th instant, pointing out to them that the procedure
now advocated would, if adopted, seem to place it beyond the power of the Board to grant the
certificates, the importance of which they, Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., had so forcibly advocated.

Read letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. of this date, acknowledging receipt of the Chairman's letter, No. 1890, and stating that the bye-law, which the Board have passed, compels them to employ their contractor for the portage; that the small charge they will have to pay him will be for work which is useless; that when they are not able to do the landing themselves, the Board will of course have to supervise the correct delivery, do the whole work, and accept all responsibility.

Read memorandum of the opinion of the Board's Solicitors upon the subject.

Resolved that the Board accept Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.'s proposals, that the Board's contractor shall only attend to the portage of iron ex *Clan Mackay*, provided that Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. give a letter of guarantee, indemnifying the Board from all responsibility whatever. Their proposal is accepted in this instance on their assurance that they are the sole consignees of iron by the steamer, and pending the disposal of the general question of certificates.

4. Read correspondence, dating from July 12th to 15th, between the Chairman and Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., in reference to a claim made by them of Rs. 87-15-5 for iron said to be short-landed ex steamers *Clan Drummond* and *Clan Grant*.

Read also minutes on the subject by Mr. Chambers, the Honorable S. R. Turnbull, the Chairman, and Mr. Hunter.

Resolved that the Chairman be invited to call for an explanation from the contractor.

5. Read again letter from Messrs. Branson and Branson, dated 1st July 1887, with copy of letter from Hajee Mahomed Abdulla Badsha Sahib, pointing out various objections he has to executing the agreement in respect to the supply of stone to the Madras Harbour Works from Pallavaram quarries.

Read letter from the Secretary, No. 1642, dated 7th July 1887, addressed to Hajee Mahomed Abdulla Badsha Sahib in reply.

Read letters from Hajee Mahomed Abdulla Badsha Sahib, dated 13th July 1887, and 19th and 20th idem, declining to execute the contract, and letter thereon, of this date, from Messrs. Branson and Branson.

Resolved that the matter be again referred to the Board's Solicitors.

6. Read letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., dated 18th July 1887, acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolution No. 4, dated 13th instant, regarding the block caused to pier traffic on the 28th June 1887 by cargo having been brought into the enclosure at the south inner end of the pier on that date, in opposition to the Traffic Manager's orders, and inquiring whether this resolution was unanimous, what evidence the Board took into consideration, and whether the Trustees approved of valuable cargo having been thrown into the public road.

Read minutes upon the subject by Messrs. Hunter, McLintock and Cowasjee Eduljee.

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7. Read letter from Mr. William Duff-Bruce, dated Victoria Chambers, Westminster, 24th June 1887, intimating his willingness to become the Agent of the Board in England, and requesting that, if the Board require his services, he may be appointed.

Read again resolution No. 3, passed by the Board at their meeting of 27th January 1887.

Read minutes on the subject by the Honorable S. R. Turnbull, Captain Baddeley, Mr. Cowasjee Eduljee, and the Chairman.

Resolved that the Board are not prepared at present to appoint a special agent, but that Mr. Duff-Bruce be thanked for his offer.

8. Read G.O., No. 1778 W., dated 4th July 1887, recording report of progress made on the Madras Harbour Works during May 1887.

Recorded.

9. Read G.O., No. 1898 W., dated 14th July 1887, communicating telegram from the Secretary of State, stating that work in connection with Madras Harbour should be continued on the southern arm according to present design, but suspended on the northern arm, till the question of the position of the entrance is settled.

Recorded.

10. Read letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., dated 15th instant, requesting that an explanation may be given as to the circumstances under which the sum of Rs. 43-12-9 has been charged for godown rent upon 50 cases of yellow metal ex *Clan Macpherson*.

The Chairman is invited to deal with the matter.

11. Read G.O., No. 344, Department Public Works, dated 16th July, stating that due advertisement will be made should the Government decide to sell the High Court buildings, and the Harbour Trust can then tender for their purchase.

Recorded.

12. Read G.O., Marine, No. 295, dated 11th July 1887, in reference to arrangements regarding the Madras Pilots.

Recorded.

ORDER—dated 13th August 1887, No. 374, Marine.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

H. P. John

Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

„ Port Officer, Madras.

„ Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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