

24TH FEBRUARY 1887, No. 78, MARINE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble R. W. BARLOW, C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 1st February 1887, No. 2057.

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 20th January 1887, the same having been confirmed at the meeting of the Trustees held on 27th January 1887.

ENCLOSURE.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees of the Madras Harbour, held at the offices of the Board on Thursday, 20th January 1887.

1. Read the minutes and confirmed the Proceedings of the last meeting, held on the 14th instant.
2. Read G.O., Mis. No. 13, dated 15th January 1887, declining to sanction a bonus of Rs. 1,500, being paid to Mr. Thorowgood, Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, from Harbour Trust Funds.

Read also letter, No. 569 M., from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, dated 20th January 1887, acknowledging receipt of letter from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, No. 1905, dated 18th idem, forwarding copy of above resolution, and thanking the Board for their action in the matter.

Recorded.

3. Read letter No. 545 M., dated 11th January 1887, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, requesting permission to purchase 200 tons of coal, at Rs. 24 per ton, from Messrs. Ramsay and Co.

Read also letters, dated 17th January 1887, from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., Gordon, Woodroffe and Co., and Wilson and Co., offering to supply the required quantity at Rs. 20-4-0, Rs. 13-12-0 and Rs. 16, respectively, and from Messrs. C. C. Baneroff and Co., offering a cargo of 2,500 tons at Rs. 19.

The Board observe that coal can be obtained in the local market at a much lower rate than offered by Messrs. Ramsay and Co.

Resolved that Messrs. Wilson and Co., Gordon Woodroffe and Co., and Arbuthnot and Co., be requested to forward to the Superintendent, each a sample ton of the coal they propose to supply, and that he be requested to examine samples and make the most economical arrangements.

4. Read letter No. 1755, dated 8th January 1887, from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, requesting the favor of his opinion in reference to note by Mr. Guilford L. Molesworth, C.E., upon the proposed north-east entrance to the Harbour, and sundry points in connection therewith, suggested by Captain Baddeley, R.E.

Read reply thereto from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 553 M., dated 14th January 1887, regretting that he is not prepared, just at present, to submit anything in the way of an alteration to the design of the Harbour, and saying that he awaited the instructions of the authorities at the India Office, to whom the question had been referred.

Read letter No. 1860, dated 15th January 1887, from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, stating that the Board do not desire any reference to be made to the India Office at present, as such action would be premature, but merely wished to be put in possession of the Superintendent's views, based on local experience, and that it should be withdrawn so far as being at the instance of the Board.

Read also reply thereto, No. 560 M., dated 17th January 1887, regretting that the reference had been made, and explaining that he had not the least intention of referring to the India Office; having only telegraphed to Mr. Parkes, who had replied that the question had been referred to the India Office, the point referred being as to whether the Superintendent was at liberty to carry out the Board's orders in this respect.

Recorded. The Board regret that Mr. Thorowgood should have considered it necessary to refer, by telegraph, to Mr. Parkes, without first communicating with the Chairman.

5. Read again the whole correspondence, minutes of Proceedings and resolutions of the Board, relating to the question of the contract for quarrying stone for the Madras Harbour Works at Pallavaram, together with all letters from the Superintendent, not previously before the Board, received and circulated up to date.

Resolved that the whole correspondence be submitted to Government, with a request that the Superintendent's position, as regards the Harbour Trust, may be clearly defined, as the trustees entirely disagree with Mr. Thorowgood's views of his relations to them.

In the present case, the Superintendent arrogates to himself the right to enter into a most important contract in direct opposition to the clearly expressed orders of the Board.

5(a). Read letter from Messrs. Grant and Laing, dated 19th January 1887, written on behalf of the father of the late contractor, Kazim Ali, regarding the quarrying of stone at Pallavaram. Read also letter enclosed, addressed by the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 494 M., dated 20th December 1886, to the late contractor's father, agreeing to allow him to take on the contract of the late much lamented G. M. Kazim Ali Nakvy Sahib, at the same rates as he received, on trial for six months, when, by order of the Harbour Trust Board, fresh tenders would be called for.

Read also petition from G. M. Yahya Nakvy Sahib, father of the late contractor, praying that the contract may be continued to him.

Resolved that these letters be referred to the Board's Solicitors, with the remark that the Superintendent was not authorised to enter into the agreement alluded to.

6. Opened and examined eighteen sealed tenders, received by the Chairman, for the supply, from the Pallavaram quarries, of boulders and clean cut chips called for by advertisement. The respective merits and rates of each tender were discussed at length, and considered in detail.

Resolved that the tender of Hajee Muhammad Abdulla Badsha Sahib be accepted.

7. Read letter offering to rent Carlton House, Rayapuram, from 1st February next, at Rs. (150) one hundred and fifty per mensem, provided that the necessary repairs were executed before that date.

Resolved that the offer be accepted, but the Board do not bind themselves to execute any repairs beyond what they may think reasonable.

At 7-30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned with the resolution that the Trustees should meet in committee at 11 a.m., the next morning, to open and consider and report to the Board upon tenders still unopened before them for the supply of coolies for the Pier, Beach and Custom House, and for the construction of a hard for the storage of coal immediately to the south of the northern greyne. Resolved, also, that the Board re-assemble at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

In conformity with this resolution, the Trustees met in committee at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 21st January 1887, when there were present:—

The Hon'ble R. W. Barlow, C.S., *Chairman*.

Mr. George King.

" W. J. Eales.

" G. D. Coleman.

M.R.Ry. A. Dhanacoty Mudaliyar Avargal.

Fifteen sealed tenders for the construction of a hard for the storage of coal were then opened, and it was unanimously decided to recommend for acceptance, by the Board, the tender of R. Veerasawmy Iyengar.

Four sealed tenders for the supply of coolies for the Pier, Beach and Custom House were then opened and discussed, and it was decided to postpone any decision on the subject, until the full Board met in the evening.

At 4 p.m., all Trustees, present the previous evening, re-assembled, the Hon'ble R. W. Barlow, C.S., in the chair.

Details of tenders received for the construction of a hard for coal were considered, and it was resolved that the tender of R. Veerasawmy Iyengar be accepted.

The tenders for the supply of coolies for the Madras Beach, Pier and Custom House were then carefully considered and discussed, and the various rates tendered, and shown in comparative statement, drawn up by the Secretary, scrutinised, previous correspondence read, and the various expressions of opinion, with which the Board have been favored, discussed.

Resolved that the tender of P. Ramanjooloo Nayudu and Sons be accepted; but the Board cannot consent to the insertion in the articles of agreement of any schedule of rates for various

packages. The contractors will have to strictly abide by the terms of the agreement, and must make their own arrangements with merchants for all work performed by them under the contract, for which, according to the terms thereof, they are not entitled to remuneration direct from the Board.

ORDER—dated 24th February 1887, No. 78, Marine.

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H. E. STOKES,
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9TH MARCH 1887, No. 108, MARINE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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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, 22nd February 1887,
No. 2334.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copy of proceedings of a meeting of the Harbour Trust Board, held on the 10th February 1887, the same having been confirmed at the meeting of the trustees held on 18th idem.

ENCLOSURE.

MINUTES of the proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees of the Madras Harbour, held at the Board's Office, on Thursday the 10th February 1887.

Read the minutes, and confirmed the proceedings of the last meeting held on the 3rd February 1887.

2. Read proceedings of the Madras Government, Mis. No. 58, dated 9th February 1887, forwarding telegram from the Secretary of State, dated 1st idem, to the effect that this Board should not interfere with the authorized design of the Madras Harbour.

Read also minutes thereon by Mr. E. P. Oakshott, Captain Baddeley, R.E., Mr. R. G. Orr, and Mr. Cowasjee Eduljee.

Resolved that the Trust need scarcely inform Government that they never had the slightest intention of any direct interference as regards the authorized design, though they have submitted their unanimous opinion as to the imperative necessity for a north-east entrance to the Harbour, in view to the same being transmitted by Government for the consideration of the Government of India, and the Secretary of State in regular course.

The Superintendent will be requested to forward, for the information of the Board, and for transmission to Government, copies of the telegram referred to in his No. 560 M., dated 17th January 1887 (disposed of in the Board's resolution, No. 4 of 20th January 1887), which appears to have elicited this telegram from the Secretary of State, as well as of any communications he may have since addressed to Mr. Parkes on the same subject.

3. Read letter, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 623 M., dated 8th February 1887, protesting against the tone of the Board's resolution, No. 5 of 20th January 1887.

Recorded. The Board see no reason to reconsider their resolution under reference.

4. Read letter, No. 622 M., dated 8th February 1887, from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, reporting progress made during the month of January 1887.

Ordered to lie over.

5. Read G.O., Marine, No. 40, dated 31st January 1887, passing orders on correspondence respecting certain buildings and lands within Harbour limits required for military purposes.

Resolved that Messrs. King and Orr be requested to associate themselves with the Chairman, in view to conferring with the military committee.

6. Read letter from Messrs. Branson and Branson, dated 4th January 1887, stating that their Lordships the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Parker had, on hearing the appeals—the Queen *versus* Loveday and the Queen *versus* Dumphy—confirmed the order of the Magistrate in both cases.

Recorded, pending receipt of the copies of judgments promised.

7. Read statement, dated India Office, 14th January 1887, of payments made in England on account of stores and freight, for the Madras Harbour Works, and of invoices despatched to India during the month of December 1886, showing balances uninvoiced at the commencement and close of the month.

Read also statement of same date showing payments made in England on account of Madras Harbour Works, general charges, to Mr. W. Parkes, as Engineer-in Chief, for the quarter ending 25th December 1886, and to Mr. G. W. Lowe, balance of pay due to him on quitting his appointment as head foreman, 1st September to 12th October 1886.

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8. Read proceedings of Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 21st December 1886, Mis. No. 9458, respecting a proposal of the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to allow coal to be landed at the southern groyne of the Harbour, during the north-east monsoon, and G.O., thereon, No. 57, dated 8th January 1887, granting the concession up to the end of February 1887.

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9. Read G.O., Marine, Nos. 36 and 37, dated 28th January 1887, and No. 49, dated 2nd February 1887, recording, respectively, proceedings of the Harbour Trust Board at their meetings of 21st December 1886, 7th January and 11th January 1887.

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10. Read letter from the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, dated 10th February 1887, addressed to the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, in reference to the illuminations, in honor of Her Majesty's Jubilee.

Resolved that the Superintendent be authorized to spend a sum not exceeding Rs. 500 on the illumination of the north and south arms of the Harbour, and the titan and other cranes, the amount to be debited to contingencies, as in the case of the illuminations in honor of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

11. Read and considered bye-laws drawn out by the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, and approved and passed with minor amendments, Nos. 1 to 9.

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