

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 26th March 1888, No. 7422.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copy of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Harbour Trust Board held on Friday, the 16th day of March 1888, the same having been confirmed at the meeting of the Trustees held on 23rd instant.

ENCLOSURE.

MINUTES of the proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees of the Madras Harbour, held at the Board's Office on Friday the 16th March 1888.

Present :

The Honorable Mr. S. R. Turnbull.
Mr. J. McLintock.
Mr. J. R. Hunter.
Mr. G. L. Chambers.
Captain H. A. Street, I.M.
Captain W. L. C. Baddeley, R.E.
Mr. George King.
Mr. Cowasjee Eduljee Panday.
V. Mahomed Shereiff Sahib, Bahadur.
M.R.Ry. S. Venkatakistnamah Chetty Garu.

In the absence of the Chairman the Honorable Mr. Turnbull was elected to preside.

2. Read the minutes and confirmed the proceedings of the last meeting held on 8th March 1888.

Read minutes by Captain H. A. Street and Mr. G. L. Chambers.

Proposed by Mr. Chambers with reference to Captain Street's remarks regarding a steam launch, that Captain Street, Mr. King, and Mr. McLintock be appointed a committee to consider the question. Mr. King suggested that Mr. Chambers' name be added.

Seconded by Mr. Cowasjee Eduljee and carried.

3. Read letter from the Engineer, Harbour Trust Board, No. 1510, dated 6th March 1888, submitting progress report of the Madras Harbour Works during the month of February 1888.

Read minutes by Captain H. A. Street and Captain W. L. C. Baddeley, R.E.
Recorded.

4. Read letter from the Engineer, Harbour Trust Board, No. 1552, dated 9th March 1888, submitting his report upon a claim from the Executive Engineer, Chingleput Division, in reference to the silting of certain drains at Pallaveram, alleged to be due to Harbour Works quarrying operations.

Read minutes by Mr. J. R. Hunter and Captain H. A. Street.

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

5. Read letter from the Engineer, Harbour Trust Board, No. 1524, dated 9th March 1888, forwarding letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Company requesting permission to remove the wooden fencing of the beach railway in front of the site for the new Town Police Court, for the purpose of depositing material for the buildings.

Read minutes by Messrs. J. R. Hunter, J. McLintock, V. Mahomed Shereiff and Captain W. L. C. Baddeley, R.E.

Resolved,—the permission be granted, provided that the Board's Engineer can find a suitable spot which does not interfere with traffic.

6. Read letter from the Engineer, Harbour Trust Board, No. 1547, dated 12th March 1888, regarding wave-breaker screen of the eastern wall of the Harbour and demi-official letters addressed to the Secretary on the subject.

Read minutes by Mr. J. R. Hunter, Captain W. L. C. Baddeley, R.E., Captain H. A. Street, the Honorable Mr. S. R. Turnbull, and Mr. V. Mahomed Shereiff.

Resolved,—that the Chairman be invited to explain the circumstances to Government.

7. Read letter from Messrs. E. S. Traill Straith and J. Stiven, dated 8th March 1888, submitting their audit report upon Harbour Works construction accounts for January 1888.

Read minute by Mr. G. L. Chambers.
Recorded.

8. Examined statement of comparison of expenditure up to date with sanctioned estimate, and for the month of January 1888.

Recorded.

9. Read letter from the Honorary Secretary, Madras Metal Trading Company, dated 6th March 1888, complaining of delay in delivering of their iron landed per S.S. "Brynglass," and correspondence in connection therewith.

Read minutes by Mr. J. McLintock and Captain H. A. Street.

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

10. Read letter from the Honorary Secretary, Madras Metal Trading Company, dated 7th March 1888, requesting permission to deliver iron *ex* "Brynglass" to buyers by weight direct from the ground rented for its storage, the iron having been delivered by the Board's Contractor to the Company by tally.

Resolved,—that under the special circumstances of the case, permission be granted.

11. Read letter from Messrs. Massey and Company, dated 6th March 1888, regarding repairs to the Iron Pier.

Read minutes by Mr. J. McLintock, Captain H. A. Street, Mr. V. Mahomed Shereiff and Captain W. L. C. Baddeley, R.E.

The Secretary will address Messrs. Massey and Company in the terms of Captain Baddeley's minute.

12. Read letter from the Engineer, Harbour Trust Board, No. 1552, dated 14th March 1888, submitting a bill for £5 from Mr. C. Underdown, Foreman-diver, for expenses incurred for giving evidence before the London Committee in reference to the position of the entrance to the Harbour.

Read minutes by Captain H. A. Street, the Honorable Mr. S. R. Turnbull, and Mr. George King.

Resolved,—that the Chairman be invited to address Government.

13. Read letter from the Assistant General Storekeeper, South Indian Railway, No. 315-S, dated 14th instant, requesting permission to remove coal expected for that Company per S.S. "Lauderdale" from boats direct into their trucks.

Read also, again, previous correspondence on the question of portorage.

Read minute by Captain H. A. Street.

Sanctioned as a special case.

14. Read letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Company, Madras, dated 15th March 1888, requesting permission to portorage themselves 1,000 tons of coal expected per S.S. "Duke of Argyle" from Australia.

Read minutes by Mr. J. R. Hunter, Captain H. A. Street, Messrs. J. McLintock and Cowasjee Eduljee Panday.

Sanctioned as a special case.

15. Read G.O., Nos. 215 and 216, Financial, dated 7th March 1888, passing orders on Budget Estimates of the Harbour Trust Board for 1888-89. Recorded.

16. Read G.O., No. 67, Marine, dated 2nd March 1888, supporting, for reasons stated, the Board's action in regard to the weighing and sorting of iron, and declining to alter Bye-law No. 4.

Read minutes by Messrs. George King, Cowasjee Eduljee Panday and J. McLintock.

Recorded.

17. Read letter from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, No. 6864, dated 28th February 1888, to the address of Mr. DeCaster, late Manager of the Madras Harbour Works Office, stating that the Board have sanctioned a bonus of Rupees 200 to him, and letter from Mr. DeCaster, dated Bangalore, 10th March 1888, declining to accept the same.

Read minutes by Mr. George King, the Honorable Mr. S. R. Turnbull, and Mr. J. McLintock.

Recorded.

18. Read G.O., No. 73, Marine, dated 6th March 1888, recording proceedings of the meetings of the Harbour Trust Board, held on the 17th and 20th February 1888.

Recorded.

19. Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 219, dated 7th March 1888, in reference to correspondence with the Engineer of the Harbour Trust Board regarding diving gear and boats for divers employed in the Pearl Fisheries.

Recorded.

20. Read memorandum from Messrs. Best and Company, dated 15th March 1888, requesting permission to portorage themselves dynamite expected to their consignment per S.S. "Lauderdale."

Read minute by Captain H. A. Street.

Sanctioned.

21. Examined Madras Bank Pass-books showing to the credit of the Chairman on Revenue account Rupees 39,585-13-0 and on Construction account Rupees 49,814-6-11.

Recorded.

ORDER—dated 7th April 1888, No. 124, Marine.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
" Public Works Department.
" Port Officer, Madras.

53 Wd/27 April 1888

Received

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G.O., 7th April 1888, No. 124.

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Harbour Trust Board.

Recording proceedings of a meeting of the —
held on the 16th March 1888.

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