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Harbour Trust Board.

Approving suggestions in connection with Port
Fund accounts and payment of bills by the
Accountant-General.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., c.s., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras (through the Port Officer, Madras), to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 19th July 1888, No. 1530.

By notification appended to G.O., No. 161, Marine, dated 27th April 1888, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 29th May 1888, the Harbour Trust Board were appointed Conservator of the Port of Madras, under section 8 of Act XII of 1875, and to keep separate accounts of the Port Fund under section 47.

2. In paragraph 6 of G.O., No. 161, Marine, dated 27th April 1888, the suggestion that the port dues should be collected, as hitherto, by the Collector of Sea Customs, was approved, and in paragraph 18 (1) of G.O., Marine, No. 15, dated 17th January 1888, sanction was accorded to the annual transfer of the surplus of Port funds from the Port Fund account to the General Funds of the Harbour Trust.

3. I have therefore the honor to request that the Collector of Sea Customs may be instructed to render an account of collections to the Chairman of the Harbour Trust Board for all sums collected subsequent to the 1st July 1888, and daily in future, and that the necessary orders may be issued by Government to the Accountant-General for bills submitted by the Chairman as Conservator being duly met.

4. I would further submit that, as it may be inconvenient to have two accounts of Port funds for this official year, the Accountant-General might be directed to render to the Chairman an account of all monies received and disbursed since the 31st March 1888; the whole could then be incorporated in the abstract annual statement to be published in May 1889 under section 47 of Act XII of 1875.

5. Early orders are solicited, as funds are needed to meet current expenditure on account of establishment, &c.

No. G-355.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), observing that I concur in the proposal made herein by the Chairman of the Harbour Board.

MADRAS,
20th July 1888.

(Signed) H. A. STREET, Capt., H.M.'s I.M.,
Port Officer.

From E. W. KELLNER, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 4th August 1888, No. 2293.

I have the honor to submit letter, No. 1530, dated 19th ultimo, from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to your address, respecting the collection of port dues in Madras, and the charges connected therewith. The letter bears an endorsement from the Port Officer expressing his concurrence with its contents.

2. I see no objection to the request made in paragraph 3 that the Collector of Sea Customs should furnish the Chairman of the Trust with an account of the collections. The charges mentioned in the same paragraph can also be paid by my office in the

manner proposed. The bills should be in the ordinary forms now in use, and I have the honor to inquire whether it is the wish of Government that the contingent expenditure should come under the scrutiny of the Port Officer, as controlling officer.

3. I can furnish the account required in the Chairman's 4th paragraph with such particulars as I have received. If the Chairman should require further details, he will be able to obtain them from the Port Officer.

ORDER—dated 11th August 1888, No. 393, Marine.

The suggestions made in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Chairman's letter are approved. The Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, and the Accountant-General will act accordingly. As regards scrutiny of contingent bills, &c., the Presidency Port Officer will exercise the same supervision as he does in regard to out-ports.

(True Extract.)

Wm. B. Smith
for Under Secy P.M.D.
Ag. Chief Secy.

To the Revenue Department. ✓
„ Public Works Department.
„ the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
„ Presidency Port Officer.
„ the Accountant-General.