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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 23rd February 1893, No. 4139.

I have the honour to submit herewith, for the information and approval of Government, a copy of the proceedings of a special meeting of the Harbour Trust Board held on Friday, 10th instant, under the provisions of section 37 of the Harbour Trust Act, together with (a) estimate of receipts and charges (i) Revenue account, and (ii) for Harbour construction during the financial year 1893-94; (b) lists of establishment showing in detail the staff it is proposed to maintain in the various departments.

2. The estimate of Revenue receipts follows very closely the estimates for 1892-93 and the revised estimates for that year.

3. The opening balance is stated at Rs. 11,19,624, the figure given in the revised estimate of the current year, and with minor variations, based upon anticipated fluctuations in the receipts under the various heads, the expected income is stated at Rs. 4,83,000, the same amount as in the revised estimate for 1892-93, making a total with the opening balance, and including a contribution of Rs. 65,000 from Port Funds, of Rs. 16,02,624.

4. The charges are estimated at Rs. 5,59,832 as against Rs. 5,09,024 in the revised estimates for 1892-93. The difference being, as nearly as possible, half-a-lakh of rupees in excess. This is accounted for by (a) interest payable upon capital advances, under section 30 of the Act, being Rs. 31,500 more than in the previous year, and new works Rs. 50,000 as against Rs. 25,000—total, Rs. 56,500; against which is an estimated reduced expenditure of Rs. 5,000 under repairs to pier and machinery and of Rs. 3,000 under tools and plant. The net difference under the principal heads is therefore Rs. 48,500. The balance of estimated excess of expenditure as compared with the revised estimates for 1892-93—about Rs. 2,000—is accounted for chiefly under the head of establishment.

5. This difference does not, however, represent any increase in staff, which is, it will be observed from the detailed list submitted herewith, practically unchanged. The various departments have been re-arranged and the provision made for salaries is, except for minor variations, the same as in 1892-93. The difference is accounted for by fines and savings, which may be expected during the course of the year to reduce the expenditure under establishment to about the same as for the current year.

6. The estimated closing balance, it is satisfactory to note, shows little variation from that of 1892-93; and although it is stated as a little over a quarter of a lakh less than in the revised estimates for the current year, new works, a quarter of a lakh in excess, account for the reduction.

7. These new works, under the head of petty construction, comprise an additional wing to the Board's present offices and provision for sheds for the accommodation of non-dutiable foreign cargo as suggested by Government in G.O., dated 4th November 1892, Mis. No. 4824. With reference to these two items, I should observe that it was

anticipated that, during the current year, a start would have been made with the necessary additions to the Board's office; the quarter of a lakh provided for this and other new works is, however, not likely now to be expended in full; whatever may be the unexpended balance will go to swell the opening balance of the year 1893-94, and expenditure under the head of new works can be readjusted in the revised estimates.

8. I am requested by the Trustees to again bring to the notice of Government that portion of their resolution referring to the salary of the Board's Secretary. The Board has not made any provision either in the estimates or in the establishment list for any increase, as Government has hitherto declined to endorse the Board's views upon this point. The Trustees are, however, still strongly and unanimously of opinion that the Secretary's salary is wholly inadequate to the responsible and arduous duties which devolve upon him; and I am to request that the Board may be permitted to again represent its unanimous opinion for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council and to solicit the favour of being afforded another opportunity, before Government disposes of the estimates now submitted, to again bring this matter forward for the consideration of Government.

9. Under the head "Capital Account" provision is made for Harbour construction of the sum of Rs. 4,50,000, bringing the total estimated sum due to Government at the end of the year 1893-94 up to Rs. 53,54,242, after making allowance for the usual refund of one lakh of rupees. I would, however, invite a reference with regard to this item of expenditure to the detailed estimates prepared by the Board's Engineer, and submitted herewith; from which it will be observed that the balance available under the sanctioned revised estimate for reconstruction, with an eastern entrance, is Rs. 6,47,163, and the Engineer has stated the estimated expenditure for 1893-94 at Rs. 4,37,832, which sum, as noted by the Engineer, together with Rs. 2,09,331, estimated proceeds of the sale of tools and plant, exhausts the balance of the estimate. The works are now, it is hoped, nearly approaching completion, and the Board has in its estimate merely adopted the round sum of four-and-a-half lakhs of rupees; but whether more or less than this amount will be required will depend entirely upon the progress made with the pier heads; and it will be for the Board to consider, later on, whether it will borrow further from Government, or utilise a portion of the large cash balance in hand for the purpose of completing the construction of the eastern entrance. This, however, is a matter which the Board does not consider need be discussed in detail in submitting the estimate of expenditure, and I will again address Government upon the subject, hereafter, when it is possible to determine with greater accuracy than at present when the entrance will be finished; at present, it is merely necessary to remark that, in view of the early completion of the works, the estimate for establishment has been greatly reduced, and to request that provision may be made for the payment, by the Accountant-General, of $4\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs of rupees, should that amount be required on the 31st March 1894. Should the whole or any portion not be required, due notice will be given to Government and the Accountant-General.

ENCLOSURE.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a special meeting of the Trustees of the Madras Harbour, held at the Board's Office on Friday, the 10th February 1893, under the provisions of section 37, Act II of 1886.

1. Examined and discussed the schedule of staff of the Engineer's department for 1893-94. Mr. Pogson was asked whether certain further reductions could not be effected, and stated in reply that for the coming official year none could be made, but on the contrary minor variations tending rather to an increase would probably be found necessary.

The schedule as submitted by the Engineer was then sanctioned.

2. The estimate of expenditure upon the Harbour works for 1893-94 was then discussed, and, after being explained in detail by the Engineer, was approved, and Mr. Pogson withdrew.

3. Read and discussed in detail the estimate of receipts and charges, Revenue account, for 1893-94, together with the schedule of staff.

Resolution.—Approved and resolved that after another year's experience, the Trustees are still unanimously of opinion that the Secretary's salary is wholly inadequate to the responsible and arduous duties which devolve upon him, and the Chairman is requested to address Government again.

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 7th April 1893, No. 37 (a).

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of urgent memorandum, No. 640, Financial Department, dated 5th instant, returning a copy of the Harbour Trust estimate of receipts and charges for the year 1893-94, with directions that the actuals of 1892-93, so far as they have been ascertained, might be furnished, and I now retransmit the estimate herewith, with a column showing the actuals of receipts and expenditure up to 31st March 1893, together with balance of cash and securities in hand, which has been verified by Bank pass book and found correct.

2. With reference to the greatly improved position disclosed by actuals over revised estimate, I have the honour to remark, the Beach imports shew an increased receipt of over Rs. 23,000, due to unexpectedly large imports of coal for the Mysore mines and railways; Pier exports a gratifying increase of nearly Rs. 7,000; and Portorage has, on account of the large quantity of coal received, almost realised the position anticipated in the estimate for 1892-93.

3. The expenditure has been kept within the limits of the revised estimate except in the following instances:—

(a) Portorage labour + Rs. 4,132; due to the increased quantity of coal received; the receipts are, as already stated, also much larger.

(b) Fees to establishment for working overtime and upon Sundays and holidays + Rs. 213; against which there is a saving in overtime fees, to preventive service, of Rs. 245.

(c) Repairs to Pier and Machinery.—This item has been over-expended by Rs. 2,215, due to the bills from the Board's Engineer being now rendered more promptly than before, and as there was a large sum available under the head "Petty construction and repairs," sub-head "New works," I directed the bills for "Repairs" to be paid at once.

4. The working of the Portorage Department shows a gross profit of Rs. 26,216, which is more than sufficient to pay for the whole of the Traffic Department establishment, including the Portorage staff, and this is a most satisfactory result.

5. The net improvement of actuals over the revised estimate is no less than Rs. 53,071, the cash balance being Rs. 8,72,695 against the revised estimate of Rs. 3,19,624.

The cost of Rs. eight lakhs of 4 per cent. Government paper, held by the Madras Bank for safe custody, is only Rs. 7,93,158; the market value on the 31st March being Rs. 8,40,000.

ORDER—dated 10th May 1893, No. 450, Financial.

The Harbour Trust Board estimate their receipts on Revenue account in 1893-94 at 4.83 lakhs, against actuals of 5.17 in 1892-93 and 5.74 in 1891-92. A considerable decline is anticipated under dues on Imports and Exports. The receipts during the last two years under the former head were exceptionally high, owing to the heavy traffic consequent on the recent distress and the importation of a large quantity of coal for railways and the Mysore gold mines. The decrease under the latter head—due chiefly to the unfavorable seasons—will probably be temporary and disappear with their improvement.

The average receipts during the four years ending 1890-91 amounted to 2.91, and it seems over-cautions to fix the budget estimate for 1893-94 at so low a figure as 2.45. The Government is of opinion that the revenue from these sources may safely be raised by .45. Under G.O., dated 1st April 1893, No. 340-A, Financial, the contribution from Port funds will be raised from .65 to 1.10. The total receipts will then aggregate 5.73, or .90 in excess of the amount estimated by the Board.

2. On the side of expenditure the Harbour Trust Board fix the estimates at 5.60 in 1893-94 against actuals of 4.96 in 1892-93 and 4.89 in 1891-92. Provision is made for much larger payments under petty works of construction and repair and interest due to Government. Deductions for probable savings to the extent of .20 may be made. The estimates as altered are shown in the appendix to these proceedings.

3. The Harbour Trust Board have not furnished the details of the receipts and expenditure under the Portage account which were called for in paragraph 4 of G.O., dated 29th March 1892, No. 334, Financial, and the omission should now be supplied.

4. *Capital Account.*—Out of the loan of 9.00 sanctioned by the Government of India for expenditure in 1891-92, the Harbour Trust Board drew only 8.00. The actual outlay, however, amounted to 6½ lakhs exclusive of recoveries and suspense accounts; and the balance of the loan, together with some cash balances in hand, having been utilised for reducing the debits of 1892-93, the amount borrowed in that year was brought down from the sanctioned estimate of 5.77 to 1.50.

5. The harbour may be completed in 1893-94. The balance of the total estimate of works sanctioned by the Secretary of State is 6.47, out of which a sum of 2.09 is expected to be realised by sale-proceeds of tools and plant, leaving 4.38 to be expended.

6. The Board have not determined whether they will borrow this sum from Government or utilise a portion of their invested capital for the purpose, and they therefore request that the Accountant-General may be authorised to advance on the last day of the official year whatever sum up to 4.50 lakhs may be found necessary. The Government of India will be informed of this.

7. The proposal in paragraph 8 of the Chairman's letter entails an increase in the permanent annual liabilities of the Board and is inconsistent with the request for a reduction in the rate of interest and in the annual repayment to Government. Orders on the subject have been passed in G.O., dated 9th May 1893, No. 152, Marine.

8. The following telegram has been despatched to the Government of India:—

"Harbour Trust receipts this year 5.73 lakhs including 1.10 contributed by Madras Port funds. Charges 5.40 lakhs. Probable loan required from Imperial on 31st March 1894, 4.50 lakhs, but Trust may utilise invested capital instead of borrowing from Government. Estimates follow."

(True Extract.)

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
" Presidency Port Officer.
" Public Works Department.
" Marine Department.
" Accountant-General.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 10th May 1893, No. 451, Financial.
Copy to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Revenue Account.	Actuals, 1889-90.	Actuals, 1890-91.	Actuals, 1891-92.	Actuals, 1892-93.	Budget estimate, 1893-94.
<i>Receipts.</i>	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.
Contributions from the Madras Port Fund	2.75	2.62	.50	.65	1.10
Duty on imports and exports	3.08	3.34	3.66	2.73	2.90
Ground, godown and other rents and miscellaneous	.19	.25	.24	.16	.08
Interest on Government securities	.37	.35	.26	.29	.35
Craneage receipts	..	1.23	1.08	1.02	.95
Portage	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Receipts	6.39	7.79	5.74	5.17	5.73
<i>Charges.</i>	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.
Interest payable to Government	1.17	1.44	1.79	1.87	2.18
Repayment of loan to Government	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Salaries and fees to Trustees	.22	.19	.19	.20	.21
Ordinary establishment	.29	.29	.30	.39	.42
Portage service	.30	.99	.96	.74	.70
Preventive service and boat establishment	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
Contingencies	.24	.20	.25	.26	.30
Petty works of construction and repair	.33	.80	.26	.36	.65
Probable savings	..	..	..	..	.20
Total, Expenditure	4.19	5.05	4.89	4.96	5.40

Construction Account.	LAKHS.	Capital Account.	LAKHS.
Gross sanctioned estimate { Old works	65.54	Loans sanctioned by the Government of India up to 1890-91	46.54
{ New works	61.06	For 1891-92	9.00
	126.60	For 1892-93	5.77
Deduct estimated recoveries	2.77	Total	61.31
Net estimate of works	123.83		

Construction Account.	Actuals up to 1890-91.	Actuals, 1891-92.	Revised estimate, 1892-93.	Budget estimate, 1893-94.	Total
<i>Expenditure.</i>	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.
Works and materials.. { Old	35.09	..	2.09	5.89	55.09
{ New	34.57	4.57	..	..	47.12
Establishment .. { Old	5.30	..	..	..	5.30
{ New	4.14	.64	.47	.46	5.71
Tools and plant .. { Old	5.15	..	..	..	5.15
{ New	4.74	1.14	.48	.10	6.46
Contingencies .. { Old	1.44	.25	.06	.02	1.77
Total .. { New	65.54	6.60	3.10	6.47	65.54
	44.89	..	..	..	61.06
Deduct sale-proceeds of tools and plant	110.43	6.60	3.10	6.47	126.60
Net Expenditure	.48	.10	.10	2.09	2.77
	109.95	6.50	3.00	4.38	123.83
<i>Capital Account.</i>	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.
Loans taken by the Board	40.54	8.00	1.50	4.50	60.54
Repayments to Government	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	7.00
Net debt of each year	42.54	7.00	.50	3.50	53.54
Total debt outstanding at the end of each year	42.54	49.54	50.04	53.54	53.54

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Budget Estimate.

Reviewing the — of receipts and charges of the Harbour Trust Board for the year 1893-94.