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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From E. TURNER, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 22nd February 1895, No. 4237.

I have the honour to submit, for the information and approval of Government, the estimate of receipts and charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1895-96, which was considered by the Trustees at a special meeting of the Board held under section 37, Act II of 1886, on Friday, 15th instant.

Revenue Account.—The estimated opening balance of this account is Rs. 7,75,750, after deducting in the column, Revised Estimate for 1894-95, the extra Rs. 5,00,000 refunded to Government on account of capital advances under section 32, Act II of 1886, sanctioned in G.O., No. 24, Financial, dated 11th January 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Contribution from Port Funds is taken at Rs. 47,000, that being the amount which the Presidency Port Officer has advised me will probably be available. The other items of receipts from *Harbour Dues* follow closely the revised estimates for 1894-95 and need no comment. *Porterage* receipts are stated at Rs. 76,500, which is the amount that the Trustees anticipate will be received under the reduced scale of rates lately sanctioned by Government. The *interest* on Government pro-notes which it is anticipated will be received during the course of the year is only Rs. 14,000, due to the reduced holding of Government paper and interest thereon being now $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The total receipts are estimated at Rs. 4,67,700, which with the opening balance make a total of Rs. 12,43,450.

CHARGES.

Interest under section 30 has now mounted up to Rs. 2,27,500, and this sum, together with the usual *refund* of one lakh, will be paid to the credit of Government on the 1st April next.

Establishment.—The usual printed schedule of staff is annexed: the *personel* is practically the same as last year. In the Correspondence, Accounts and Cash Departments there is a small increase of Rs. 398, due to an extra Rs. 10 per mensem granted to the Cashier and minor departmental arrangements necessitating the small additional outlay.

The Traffic Department shows an increase of Rs. 4,000; this is due to the personal allowance to the Traffic Manager being charged for twelve months as against nine in 1894-95, the progressive salary of the Deputy Traffic Manager who has not yet attained to the sanctioned maximum pay of that appointment, and to the transfer to the Traffic Department of two senior preventive officers who, having regard to the nature of their duties—the supervision of the traffic upon the pier and the reception and delivery of cargo at and from the Custom House—have now been designated *Assistant Traffic Managers* on salaries increased by Rs. 50 and 25 respectively. This additional charge against the Traffic Department has been met by withdrawing from the Deputy Traffic Manager all overtime fees from 1st April next, the Trustees being

of opinion that he should, in this respect, be treated in the same manner as the Traffic Manager. The reduction in overtime fees and in the cost of the preventive service will about balance the addition made by this transfer.

Porterage charges have been reduced from Rs. 83,780 to Rs. 75,680, which is due to the steady import of coal having enabled me to get the work done cheaper than was possible when the imports were irregular. The Trustees do not anticipate making any cash profit upon the working of the porterage in future, the revised schedule of rates being calculated to about balance receipts and charges hereafter. It is impossible yet to say whether this will actually prove to be the case, but it is the object which has been steadily aimed at, and the net advantage to the Board and to the public will in future be the saving of charges previously paid from collections of harbour dues, while the public paid to the Board's contractors higher rates than have at any time been levied by the Trust, and which have now been reduced to the point at which it is anticipated that the rates levied from the mercantile public will, as nearly as possible, pay for all charges rightly debitable to the porterage of cargo. Details of the anticipated receipts and charges under this head are given in the separate porterage estimate attached.

Other items of expenditure call for no special comment. The usual small provision for *petty constructions and repairs* has been made; the Board has however no *new work* in view at present, but some such may be found desirable during the course of the year. The sum provided for repairs to machinery, &c.—Rs. 10,000—will probably be required, but with regard to new tools and plant very little, if anything at all, will be needed so far as can be judged at present.

The *closing balance* of the Revenue Account is estimated at Rs. 7,05,937 on the 31st March 1896, being a reduction of Rs. 69,813 upon the closing balance of the current official year. The chief items in the Board's expenditure are the interest and refund payable to Government under sections 30 and 31 of the Harbour Trust Act, and in view of the extra repayment lately made and that the harbour is now approaching completion, the heavier item—interest—will in future be annually reduced and gradually bring the receipts and charges to an equilibrium. Excluding these two items the estimated receipts of the Trust are Rs. 2,58,000 in excess of the proposed expenditure; and the excess of charges above that amount will be met from accumulated funds, which are, it is calculated, sufficient to meet the annual drain upon them until repayment of capital advances, and consequent reduction in the amount of interest due upon such, enables the yearly revenue to meet all expenses.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

In the column, Revised Estimate 1894-95, is entered the sum of Rs. 6,00,000 repaid on account of harbour construction during the current year, which leaves an outstanding balance due to Government upon the 31st March 1895 of Rs. 47,24,242.

Credit is taken for Rs. 82,227, being the balance receivable under the revised estimate for harbour construction sanctioned in the Secretary of State's despatch, No. 1, dated 7th January 1892, *viz.*, Rs. 61,06,227. But I have already reported to Government, in submitting the report for the quarter ending 31st December 1894, that the Board's Engineer has made a further demand for funds, chiefly due to delay in the completion of the works, and that this balance will not be sufficient to complete the harbour, as it was understood would be the case.

The Engineer has been directed to prepare a detailed estimate, which will be submitted to Government as soon as possible after being received and considered by the Board, when I will address you fully upon the subject. In the absence of any previous information as to excess expenditure and in view of the latest orders of Government, the balance of the sanctioned estimate only is now shown, subject to revision upon the receipt of orders from Government, after the Board is in a position to submit details.

The payment of Rs. 1,00,000 on the 1st April next, in reduction of capital advances, will make a total of Rs. 14,00,000 refunded since the constitution of the Trust.

ORDER—dated 25th March 1895, No. 272, Financial.

The Harbour Trust Board estimates its receipts in 1895-96 at 4.68 lakhs, against 6.50, the revised estimate for 1894-95, and 5.11, the actuals of 1893-94. The variations are explained in the Chairman's covering letter.

2. The charges are placed at 5.37, against 10.43 in the revised, and 5.08, the actuals of 1893-94. The high figure in G.O., dated 11th January 1895, No. 24. the revised is principally due to the repayment towards the loan taken from Government of 5 lakhs in addition to the usual instalment of one lakh.

3. Under both receipts and charges the budget estimate for 1894-95 as originally submitted by the Board and not as passed by Government in G.O., dated 1st May 1894, No. 348, has been entered. The attention of the Board was called to this matter last year. In paragraph 4 of the Proceedings just quoted, the Government directed that the provision made in the budget on account of exchange compensation allowance and personal allowances to the Secretary and the Traffic Manager should be struck out. The grant of exchange compensation allowance and of a personal allowance to the Traffic Manager was sanctioned subsequent to the passing of the budget and these items have rightly been shown in the revised estimate, but they should not have been included in the budget estimate for 1894-95, which should contain the figures as passed by Government.

4. Credit is taken for a further loan from Government of .82, being the balance of the sanctioned estimate for harbour construction. The supplemental estimate for the completion of the harbour is under consideration in the Public Works Department. In the meantime the Government of India will be requested to sanction the loan of .82.

[Here enter No. 273, dated 25th March 1895.]

(True Extract.)

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Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

- .. Presidency Port Officer.
- .. Public Works Department. ✓
- .. Marine Department.
- .. Accountant-General.

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G.O., 25th March 1895, No. 272.

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Budget Estimates of the Harbour
Trust Board for 1895-96.

Reviewing the —, and directing that the Gov-
ernment of India be requested to sanction the
loan of 82 lakh, being the balance of the revised
estimate for the completion of the harbour for
which credit is taken by the Board.

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PENSION DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Circle, dated 1st March 1895, No.

Certificate and Report from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts,
dated March 1895, No. 123

ORDER THEREON 9 April 1895, No. 377.

Under Articles 508 and 518 (b) of the Civil Service Regulations
(2nd Edition), the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to grant to
Mr. Vincent Adolphus Thomas, late Head clerk,
Superintending Engineer's Office, 5th Circle, a
Superannuation pension
of Rupees (100/-) one hundred only
per mensem payable at Saidapet from 1st
March 1895 in consideration of

his qualifying Superior service of 34 years, 3
months, and 10 days.

(True Extract.)

W. Stanley
aj. Under Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General, with Register and L. P. C.
,, Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Superintending Engineer, 5th Circle.

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To

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

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Late H^d Clerk, Superintending
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