

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1180W

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Receipts & charges of the Madras
Harbour Trust

Proceedings, Marine Dept, approving with remarks
& transferring to the Financial Dept the budget
estimates of — for 1897-98, for sanction and
communication to the Accountant-General,
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 19th February 1897, No. 5050.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, the budget estimate of receipts and charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1897-98, passed by the trustees at a special meeting held this evening under the provisions of Act II of 1886.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

2. The opening balance, Rs. 7,69,330, is taken from the revised estimates for 1896-97 submitted with my letter, No. 4629, dated 30th January 1897.

3. Receipts.—Contribution from Port funds is stated at Rs. 2,33,400, comprised as follows :—

Under G.O., Marine, No. 91, dated 2nd February 1897—

	RS.
Cash	1,00,000
Dredger <i>Wenlock</i>	1,00,400
	2,00,400
Estimate surplus for 1896-97	33,000
	2,33,400

4. Harbour dues are given in detail, under the various heads of receipts, and follow closely the figures of either the estimate or the revised estimate for 1896-97.

5. Pier imports and crange are taken at the lower figures of the estimate for 1896-97, the revised estimate having been increased for that period, consequent upon large imports of bridge material for the Bezvada-Madras Railway; but the Board has no information as to whether or not similar imports may be expected in the coming financial year, so have adopted the lower figures.

6. Details of Portage receipts are given in a separate estimate, and call for no comment.

7. The estimated receipts, including contribution from Port funds, amount to Rs. 7,41,950, which sum, with the opening balance, gives a total of Rs. 15,11,280.

8. Charges.—Provision has been made for payment of interest for the current year, upon outstanding capital advances due to Government, Rs. 2,24,066, which together with the usual refund of Rs. 1,00,000, in reduction of capital debt, will be paid to the credit of Government with the Bank of Madras, on the first working day in April next.

9. Refunds, engine haulage, fees to trustees and chairman's allowance are the same as estimate for the present year.

10. Establishment.—The various departments are shown separately, and details as to the personnel are given in the accompanying schedule.

11. In the Accounts department provision is made for Rs. 8,310 against Rs. 8,880 last year. The figure of the revised estimate was lower, as the Engineer's accounts have not yet been transferred, but will be from the 1st April.

12. A small increase of Rs. 714 is shown in the Cash department, due to petty increases in pay granted to the staff.

13. The provision for the Traffic department, Shore staff, has been increased from Rs. 23,724 to Rs. 25,068, and the charge for Preventive Service has been reduced from Rs. 8,880 to Rs. 8,160; a net increase of Rs. 624, which has been necessitated by additions required to cope with the increased imports of coal, and to petty variations in the personnel of the department.

14. Exchange compensation has been increased by Rs. 909, to provide for payments to individuals in the Engineer's department entitled to it, and hitherto debited to Harbour Construction.

15. Contribution for pensions has been raised from Rs. 715 to Rs. 812, to provide for the payment which has to be made for the Public Works Accountant employed on the Engineer's accounts.

16. Engineer's department—Rs. 39,173. Details of establishment are given on pages 11-14 of the accompanying schedule of staff.

17. Provision has been made for the Engineer's salary throughout the year, pending receipt of orders from Government, regarding the proposed transfer to the Public Works Department.

18. Subordinate establishment has been reduced to a head fitter and a permanent-way Inspector. The three foremen have all received three months' notice, that their services are no longer required after the expiration of that period, as from 1st February.

19. Railway lines.—Three gangs for the upkeep of lines have been provided, together with two rail lifters (at overhead crossing), nine pointsmen, and a flagman.

20. Stores, Rs. 194; Iron pier Rs. 151; Locomotive driver and staff Rs. 151-8-0; Titan cranes and Steam launch Rs. 124-13-0; Survey establishment Rs. 139, are tentative estimates per mensem, based upon a very much reduced scale of establishment, which has been carefully considered by the trustees, for the purposes of upkeep only, and in the instance of the locomotive driver for the necessary haulage of coal, etc., daily over the Traffic lines.

21. Workshop.—Rs. 364-15-0 per mensem, for petty repairs only, under the supervision of a head fitter separately provided for in the subordinate establishment.

All repairs which cannot be undertaken by the small staff sanctioned will be given out to one or other of the local engineering firms. The Trustees expect further reductions under this head.

22. The *mason* is required for petty repairs to buildings; the *watchmen* until all old stores and machinery no longer required have been sold, and the *trollymen* for the Engineer.

23. *Porterage Charges*.—Rs. 1,04,220 are given in detail in a separate estimate, and need no comment.

24. *Contingencies*.—(a) The only item which calls for remark is the provision for audit fees Rs. 3,400, of which Rs. 1,000 is for the Accountant-General's audit of the Revenue accounts, and Rs. 2,400 for the Examiner's audit of the Engineer's accounts. (b) *Overtime fees* are estimated to be the same as in the revised estimates for the current year; and *Miscellaneous*, Rs. 6,000, includes passages home for two of the Harbour Works Foremen, in the terms of their agreements with the Secretary of State.

25. *Petty Construction and Repairs*.—Provision has been made to the extent of Rs. 16,000, which is distinct from any Harbour improvements that may be sanctioned.

26. The total expenditure, including the Engineer's Establishment, is estimated at Rs. 5,94,803, to which has been added, as a temporary loan to Capital from Revenue, Rs. 3,60,000 as detailed under the head *Capital Account—Major Works*.—It is necessary to make this provision, as the Board does not intend to ask Government for any advance for Harbour improvements during the year 1897-98.

27. Government has sanctioned a debenture loan being issued to the extent of Rs. 50,00,000, to repay capital advances, and to provide funds for Harbour improvements; but, under present conditions, it is doubtful when such a loan can be successfully floated, hence the provision to temporarily use Revenue Funds.

28. I am addressing Government separately regarding this Debenture loan.

29. Including this provision for Capital expenditure, the total charges amount to Rs. 9,54,803, which leaves an estimated closing balance of Rs. 5,56,477, of which Rs. 2,40,000 will be invested in Government Securities.

30. *Capital Account*.—The outstanding balance due to Government on the 1st April 1897 is Rs. 49,79,227; this will be immediately reduced, by the usual payment of Rs. 1,00,000, to Rs. 48,79,227. The estimated recovery by sale of tools and plant in the Construction accounts is Rs. 2,80,664, and presuming that this is realised, it will at once be paid to the credit of Government in further reduction of the Capital debt, which would thereby be reduced at the end of the year to Rs. 45,98,563.

31. Should the Debenture loan be successfully floated, the above balance will also be refunded.

32. The provision made under the head of *Major Works* is as follows:—

33. Harbour improvements Rs. 2,00,000. Whether this can be spent or not depends upon the orders of Government, upon the Boat-basin scheme, now under consideration in the Public Works Department. Under the heads Moorings, Other new works, Acquisition of land, Protective Works, and Contingencies, a provision of Rs. 10,000 is made in each instance, in all Rs. 50,000, as without any details before them the Trustees are unable to determine what may be required. Tools and plant are charged with Rs. 1,10,000, of which Rs. 1,00,400 is for the Dredger "Wenlock," that amount having been treated in the receipts as a cash payment received from Port Funds.

ENCLOSURES.

ESTIMATE of Receipts and Charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1897-98.

Items.	Actuals of 1896-96.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1896.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Budget Estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
<i>Revenue Account.</i>								
Opening Balance	..	..	..	..	7,53,777	7,50,112	8,69,330	
<i>Receipts.</i>								
Contributions from Port Funds ..	33,900	44,288	..	44,288	40,000	2,77,731	33,000	
Beach Imports: dues under Section 45 (a) I (i) (ii) (iii) ..	1,80,043	1,39,892	41,915	1,81,807	1,75,000	1,80,000	1,80,000	
Pier do. do. do. ..	67,981	65,798	16,822	82,620	70,000	80,000	70,000	
Beach Exports do. do. ..	30,583	21,233	8,841	30,074	28,000	30,000	30,000	
Pier do. do. do. ..	43,723	39,459	10,637	50,096	45,000	50,000	45,000	
Wharfage do. do. II ..	6,957	4,790	1,565	6,355	6,000	7,000	6,000	
Craneage do. do. III ..	43,991	45,291	11,701	56,992	40,000	55,000	40,000	
Storage do. do. IV ..	1,291	535	345	880	1,000	800	800	
Demurrage do. do. V ..	472	185	41	226	500	300	200	
Dues for entry of Vehicles under Section 45 (c) VI ..	12,235	8,719	1,943	10,662	12,000	10,000	10,000	
Provisions:—Dues on—under Section 45 (a) I (i) ..	590	507	148	655	500	600	500	
Rent of Properties	686	669	162	831	500	800	800	
Water:—Charge for—delivered at pier head	4,885	4,038	1,324	5,362	4,000	5,000	5,000	
Penalties under Section 84	..	17	..	17	..	20	50	
Sundries	18	151	18	169	100	200	100	
Porterage under Section 45 (a) I (IV) ..	1,00,892	80,346	24,294	1,04,640	1,05,100	1,10,100	1,06,100	For details—vide state-ment an-nexed.
Interest on Government of India 3½% Pro. Notes	14,074	9,571	3,723	13,294	14,000	15,000	14,000	
Total	5,42,321	4,65,489	1,23,479	5,88,968	5,41,700	8,22,551	5,41,550	
Total including the Opening Balance ..	..	..	..	..	12,95,477	15,72,663	14,10,880	
<i>Charges.</i>								
Interest (under section 30)	2,27,607	2,11,472	..	2,11,472	2,37,000	2,11,472	2,24,066	
Repayment of Loan for construction of Harbour under section 31.	1,00,000	1,00,000	..	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	
Refunds	1,898	1,436	366	1,802	1,500	2,000	1,500	
Engine haulage	..	..	..	..	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Fees to trustees	6,870	5,610	1,890	7,500	7,000	7,500	7,000	
Chairman's allowance	4,800	3,600	1,200	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	
Dredger "Wenlock"	..	..	..	..	..	1,00,400	..	
<i>Establishment.</i>								
1. Secretary's Salary	9,600	8,478	2,400	10,878	9,600	10,878	9,600	
2. Correspondence Department ..	3,628	2,783	900	3,683	3,864	3,700	4,068	
3. Accounts Department	6,585	4,950	1,650	6,600	8,880	6,600	8,310	
4. Cash Department	4,887	3,845	1,200	5,045	5,214	5,200	5,928	
5. Traffic Department (Shore Staff) ..	31,486	17,306	7,962	25,268	23,724	23,400	25,068	
6. Preventive Service	10,955	6,709	2,699	9,408	8,880	8,930	8,160	
7. Preventive Service Boatmen	1,226	893	334	1,227	1,368	1,250	1,868	
8. Tidal Observatory	360	310	90	400	420	415	480	
9. Exchange compensation	3,313	1,905	720	2,625	3,591	5,000	4,500	
10. Contribution for Pensions	814	510	205	715	715	683	812	
11. Do. to Provident Fund	3,280	7	3,190	3,197	2,900	5,000	5,000	
12. Engineer's Department	..	..	..	..	..	23,000	39,173	
<i>Porterage.</i>								
Under Act I of 1892	94,172	84,452	21,741	1,06,193	1,03,133	1,09,888	1,04,220	For details—vide State-ment an-nexed.
<i>Contingencies.</i>								
(a) Subject to Regular Audit.								
Postage	49	39	7	46	100	100	100	
Receipt Stamps	222	167	48	215	200	200	200	
Telegrams	5	6	..	6	50	50	50	
Furniture	139	81	18	99	500	200	500	
Fees for Audit	2,000	3,000	1,000	4,000	1,000	14,267	3,400	
Law charges	34	..	10	10	500	200	500	
Stationery and Printing	3,309	3,204	849	4,053	3,000	4,000	3,000	
Advertisement Charges	216	..	141	141	500	200	500	
Uniform for Preventive Service, &c. ..	1,397	1,350	118	1,468	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Total	5,18,852	4,62,113	48,738	5,10,851	5,31,939	6,52,833	5,65,803	

Estimate of Receipts and Charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1897-98—cont.

Items.	Actuals of 1895-96.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1896.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Budget estimate for 1896-97.	Revised estimate for 1896-97.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
Brought forward ..	RS. 5,18,852	RS. 4,62,113	RS. 48,738	RS. 5,10,851	RS. 5,31,939	RS. 6,52,833	RS. 5,65,803	
Charges—cont.								
Contingencies.								
(b) Admissible without detailed Audit.								
Overtime fees to establishment ..	4,454	2,930	1,208	4,138	3,000	4,000	4,000	
Do. to Preventive service and Boatmen ..	3,096	2,105	782	2,887	2,500	3,000	3,000	
Miscellaneous ..	3,535	3,915	634	4,549	4,000	7,500	6,000	
Petty Construction and Repairs.								
New works ..	20,087	107	14,626	14,733	5,000	8,000	5,000	
Repairs ..	9,283	3,423	5,279	8,702	10,000	18,000	10,000	
Tools and plant ..	220	..	220	220	1,000	10,000	1,000	
Total ..	5,59,527	4,74,593	71,487	5,46,080	5,57,439	7,03,333	5,94,803	
Add—Provision made as below for Capital and Expenditure on major works.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,59,600	
Total ..							8,54,403	
Closing Balance.								
In the Bank of Madras (invested in Government Securities), ..	..	..	..	..	4,00,000	4,25,000	2,40,000	
Do. do. (Cash) ..	..	..	..	..	3,38,000	4,44,000	3,16,000	
In the Harbour Trust office (Cash) ..	..	..	..	..	38	330	477	
Total ..					7,38,038	8,69,330	5,56,477	
Total ..					12,95,477	15,72,663	14,10,880	
Capital Account.								
Harbour Reconstruction.								
Liabilities outstanding at the beginning of the year ..	47,24,242	..	..	..	50,79,227	50,79,227	49,79,227	
Loans from Government on account of Harbour works ..	4,54,985	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Loans from Government on account of Protective works ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Deposits ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Other debit transactions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	51,79,227	..	..	..	50,79,227	50,79,227	49,79,227	
Major Works.								
(a) Harbour improvements ..	..	..	..	..	6,47,665	..	2,00,000	
(b) Moorings ..	..	..	..	..	31,161	36,000	10,000	
(c) Other new works ..	..	..	..	..	20,000	14,000	10,000	
(d) Establishment ..	..	..	..	..	31,457	..	..	
(e) Other debit transaction—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
(i) Acquisition of land ..	..	..	..	..	12,000	25,000	10,000	
(ii) Protective works ..	..	..	..	..	2,75,234	12,000	10,000	
(f) Tools and plant ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,12,400	9,600	
(g) Contingencies ..	..	..	..	..	..	5,000	10,000	
Total ..	51,79,227	..	..	..	60,96,744	62,83,667	2,59,600	
Deduct—								
Adjustments to be made in Construction account ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,04,400	..	
Total ..	51,79,227	..	..	..	60,96,744	50,79,227	49,79,227	
Repayment of loans ..	1,00,000	..	..	..	1,00,000	1,00,000	3,80,664	
Do. of deposits ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Do. of other debts ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	1,00,000	..	..	..	1,00,000	1,00,000	3,80,664	
Liabilities outstanding at the close of the year ..	50,79,227	..	..	..	59,96,744	49,79,227	45,98,563	

PORTERAGE.

Traffic Department.

Estimate of Receipts and Charges for the year 1897-98.

Items.	Actuals of 1895-96.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1896.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Budget estimate for 1896-97.	Revised estimate for 1896-97.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
Receipts.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Porterage, Beach ..	64,653	47,627	15,538	63,165	65,000	67,000	65,000	
Do. Pier ..	36,205	32,716	8,733	41,449	40,000	43,000	41,000	
Miscellaneous ..	34	3	23	26	100	100	100	
Total ..	1,00,892	80,346	24,294	1,04,640	1,05,100	1,10,100	1,06,100	
Charges.								
Establishment ..	..	6,817	..	6,817	11,010	9,750	12,402	
Coolies, Beach ..	42,374	34,565	9,909	44,474	42,000	45,000	42,000	
Do. Pier ..	16,643	15,731	3,965	19,696	17,000	19,000	18,000	
Do. Custom House ..	12,317	9,558	2,962	12,520	13,000	12,000	12,000	
Do. Coasting Cargo ..	1,385	1,036	367	1,403	1,500	1,500	1,400	
Cart hire ..	807	515	251	766	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Engine charges ..	2,852	..	48	48	..	..	..	
Steam Crane Charges ..	2,508	1,363	882	2,245	2,400	2,400	2,200	
Refunds ..	5,947	4,544	1,993	6,537	4,000	6,000	4,000	
Claims for losses and damage of cargo ..	2,206	1,133	326	1,459	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Contribution to Government for pensions ..	..	11	..	11	23	18	23	
Provident Fund.								
Contribution to Establishment ..	..	11	..	11	530	500	675	
Deductions from coolies' wages ..	1,119	967	247	1,214	1,200	1,200	1,200	
Contributions by the Trust ..	1,119	967	247	1,214	1,200	1,200	1,200	
Contingencies.								
(a) Subject to Regular Audit.								
Postage ..	..	..	..	..	10	10	10	
Receipt stamps ..	..	..	..	..	10	10	10	
Furniture ..	97	14	..	14	200	50	100	
Tarpaulins ..	1,471	1,474	..	1,474	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Law charges ..	..	..	..	..	50	50	..	
Stationery and Printing ..	462	459	45	504	500	700	500	
Lighting Pier and yards ..	1,797	1,285	395	1,680	1,500	1,500	1,500	
(b) Admissible without detailed Audit.								
Overtime fees to Establishment ..	..	1,456	..	1,456	1,500	2,000	1,500	
Miscellaneous ..	1,068	2,546	104	2,650	1,500	3,000	1,500	
Total ..	94,172	84,452	21,741	1,06,193	1,03,133	1,09,888	1,04,220	

(Signed) W. AUSTIN,
MADRAS,
19th February 1897.
Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

EXTRACT of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a special Meeting held at the Offices of the Board on Friday, the 19th day of February 1897.

The budget estimates of receipts and charges for the year 1897-98 having been printed and circulated to all Trustees in accordance with sections 37 and 38, Act II of 1886, were, with draft covering letter to Government, laid upon the Board's table, discussed, together with schedule of Staff, and approved as amended.

Resolved—that the Chairman is requested to address Government regarding the Secretary's salary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. PINSENT,
Secretary, Harbour Trust Board.

ORDER—No. 275, Marine, dated 20th March 1897.

With his letter, No. 5050, dated 19th February 1897, the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, submits the budget estimate of receipts and charges of the Trust for 1897-98.

2. In order to liquidate the debt due to the port of Madras by certain outports of the Eastern group, the Government sanctioned, in G.O., No. 52, Financial, dated 20th January 1897, a cash payment from Provincial funds of Rs. 1,00,000, and the transfer of the dredger *Wenlock* at a valuation of Rs. 1,00,400. The requisite adjustments have been carried through the Port and Marine fund accounts of the current official year, and should, therefore, be passed into the Harbour Trust accounts of the same year. The revised estimate has been altered accordingly. The closing balance of 1896-97 and the opening balance of 1897-98 will thus stand at Rs. 8,69,330.

3. *Revenue Account—Receipts.*—Allowing for the adjustments referred to in paragraph 2 above, the receipts of 1897-98 come to Rs. 5,41,550 as against Rs. 8,22,551, the revised estimate for 1896-97, and Rs. 5,42,321, the actuals of 1895-96. The difference, Rs. 2,81,001, between the revised and budget estimates is explained as follows:—

	Increase.	RS.
(a) Penalties under section 84	...	30
	Decrease.	RS.
(b) Contribution from Port funds	...	2,44,731
(c) Pier imports	...	10,000
(d) Pier exports	...	5,000
(e) Wharfage	...	1,000
(f) Cranage	...	15,000
(g) Demurrage	...	100
(h) Dues on provisions	...	100
(i) Sundries	...	100
(j) Porterage	...	4,000
(k) Interest on Pro-notes	...	1,000
		2,81,031
Net decrease	...	2,81,001

4. The beach imports and cranage for next year are fixed at the amounts of the budget estimate of the current year, the revised estimates under these heads having been raised through the exceptional causes explained in paragraph 5 of the Chairman's letter. But no explanation has been given as to the difference of Rs. 5,000 under pier exports. Neither is any explanation afforded as to the falling off of Rs. 4,000 under porterage.

5. *Revenue—Charges.*—The charges for 1897-98 are put down at Rs. 8,54,403 against Rs. 7,03,333, the revised estimate for 1896-97, and Rs. 5,59,527, the actuals of 1895-96. The budget estimate thus exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 1,51,070, of which the following are the details:—

	Increase.	RS.
(a) Interest	...	12,594
(b) Establishment	...	18,411
(c) Major Works under Capital	...	2,59,600
Total	...	2,90,605

Decrease.

	RS.
(d) Refunds	500
(e) Fees to Trustees	500
(f) Cost of Dredger <i>Wenlock</i>	1,00,400
(g) Porterage	5,668
(h) Contingencies subject to regular audit	10,967
(i) Do. admissible without detailed audit	1,500
(j) Petty construction and repairs	20,000
	1,39,535
Net increase	1,51,070

6. There is a net increase of Rs. 18,411 under (b) Establishment, and various reasons are assigned in the Chairman's letter to account for the differences. It is understood that no actual increase in numbers or pay will be admitted without formal sanction in detail by proper authority. The decreases call for no special remark beyond those made by the Chairman. The question of the future control of the Engineer's work by the Board is still under the consideration of Government in the Public Works Department. Meanwhile, the provision made for the Engineer's salary throughout the year will be allowed to stand. The question of harbour improvements depends on the decision which may be come to in regard to the boat basin scheme and the proposed canal to the Cooum, which would be connected with this basin. The Public Works Department is still engaged on the estimates for these works. The provision made for Major Works, Capital Account, is meanwhile admitted.

7. The closing balance of the Revenue Account on the 31st March 1898 is estimated at Rs. 5,56,477 against Rs. 8,69,330 at the end of 1897.

8. *Capital Account.*—The liabilities outstanding at the beginning of the year 1897-98 will amount to Rs. 49,79,227. This will be reduced to Rs. 45,98,563 by the repayment in April of one lakh of rupees on account of the Government loan, and a refund of Rs. 2,80,664 to be realized by the sale of tools and plant. It will be

observed from paragraph 2 of the letter of the Government of India recorded with G.O.,* No. 630, Financial, dated 25th September 1896, that a minimum of three months' notice is required before any extra amounts are received in repayment of the debts due to Government.

9. With the above remarks, the budget estimates of receipts and charges for 1897-98 are approved and transferred to the Financial Department for sanction and communication to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

C. P. Pincent
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
" Presidency Port Officer.
" Financial Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Public Works Department. ✓

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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To

The Chief Engr. for Survey

Receipts and Charges of the Madras Harbour Trust

The budget estimates of — for 1897-98, approved with remarks and transferred to the Financial Department for sanction and communication to the Accountant-General.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 19th February 1897, No. 5050.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, the budget estimate of receipts and charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1897-98, passed by the trustees at a special meeting held this evening under the provisions of Act II of 1886.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

2. *The opening balance*, Rs. 7,69,330, is taken from the revised estimates for 1896-97 submitted with my letter, No. 4629, dated 30th January 1897.

3. *Receipts.—Contribution from Port funds* is stated at Rs. 2,33,400, comprised as follows:—

Under G.O., Marine, No. 91, dated 2nd February 1897—

	RS.
Cash	1,00,000
Dredger <i>Wenlock</i>	1,00,400
Estimate surplus for 1896-97	2,00,400
	33,000
	2,33,400

4. *Harbour dues* are given in detail, under the various heads of receipts, and follow closely the figures of either the estimate or the revised estimate for 1896-97.

5. Pier imports and crange are taken at the lower figures of the estimate for 1896-97, the revised estimate having been increased for that period, consequent upon large imports of bridge material for the Bezvada-Madras Railway; but the Board has no information as to whether or not similar imports may be expected in the coming financial year, so have adopted the lower figures.

6. Details of Portage receipts are given in a separate estimate, and call for no comment.

7. The estimated receipts, including contribution from Port funds, amount to Rs. 7,41,950, which sum, with the opening balance, gives a total of Rs. 15,11,280.

8. *Charges.*—Provision has been made for payment of interest for the current year, upon outstanding capital advances due to Government, Rs. 2,24,066, which together with the usual refund of Rs. 1,00,000, in reduction of capital debt, will be paid to the credit of Government with the Bank of Madras, on the first working day in April next.

9. Refunds, engine haulage, fees to trustees and chairman's allowance are the same as estimate for the present year.

10. *Establishment.*—The various departments are shown separately, and details as to the *personnel* are given in the accompanying schedule.

11. In the Accounts department provision is made for Rs. 8,310 against Rs. 8,880 last year. The figure of the revised estimate was lower, as the Engineer's accounts have not yet been transferred, but will be from the 1st April.

12. A small increase of Rs. 714 is shown in the *Cash department*, due to petty increases in pay granted to the staff.

13. The provision for the *Traffic department, Shore staff*, has been increased from Rs. 23,724 to Rs. 25,068, and the charge for *Preventive Service* has been reduced from Rs. 8,880 to Rs. 8,160; a net increase of Rs. 624, which has been necessitated by additions required to cope with the increased imports of coal, and to petty variations in the *personnel* of the department.

14. *Exchange compensation* has been increased by Rs. 909, to provide for payments to individuals in the Engineer's department entitled to it, and hitherto debited to Harbour Construction.

15. *Contribution for pensions* has been raised from Rs. 715 to Rs. 812, to provide for the payment which has to be made for the Public Works Accountant employed on the Engineer's accounts.

16. *Engineer's department*—Rs. 39,173. Details of establishment are given on pages 11-14 of the accompanying schedule of staff.

17. Provision has been made for the *Engineer's salary* throughout the year, pending receipt of orders from Government, regarding the proposed transfer to the Public Works Department.

18. *Subordinate establishment* has been reduced to a head fitter and a permanent-way Inspector. The three foremen have all received three months' notice, that their services are no longer required after the expiration of that period, as from 1st February.

19. *Railway lines.*—Three gangs for the upkeep of lines have been provided, together with two rail lifters (at overhead crossing), nine pointsmen, and a flagman.

20. *Stores*, Rs. 194; *Iron pier* Rs. 151; *Locomotive driver and staff* Rs. 151-8-0; *Titan cranes and Steam launch* Rs. 124-13-0; *Survey establishment* Rs. 139, are tentative estimates *per mensem*, based upon a very much reduced scale of establishment, which has been carefully considered by the trustees, for the purposes of upkeep only, and in the instance of the locomotive driver for the necessary haulage of coal, etc., daily over the Traffic lines.

21. *Workshop.*—Rs. 364-15-0 *per mensem*, for petty repairs only, under the supervision of a head fitter separately provided for in the subordinate establishment.

All repairs which cannot be undertaken by the small staff sanctioned will be given out to one or other of the local engineering firms. The Trustees expect further reductions under this head.

22. The *mason* is required for petty repairs to buildings; the *watchmen* until all old stores and machinery no longer required have been sold, and the *trollymen* for the Engineer.

23. *Porterage Charges*.—Rs. 1,04,220 are given in detail in a separate estimate, and need no comment.

24. *Contingencies*.—(a) The only item which calls for remark is the provision for audit fees Rs. 3,400, of which Rs. 1,000 is for the Accountant-General's audit of the Revenue accounts, and Rs. 2,400 for the Examiner's audit of the Engineer's accounts. (b) *Overtime fees* are estimated to be the same as in the revised estimates for the current year; and *Miscellaneous*, Rs. 6,000, includes passages home for two of the Harbour Works Foremen, in the terms of their agreements with the Secretary of State.

25. *Petty Construction and Repairs*.—Provision has been made to the extent of Rs. 16,000, which is distinct from any Harbour improvements that may be sanctioned.

26. The total expenditure, including the Engineer's Establishment, is estimated at Rs. 5,94,803, to which has been added, as a temporary loan to Capital from Revenue, Rs. 3,60,000 as detailed under the head *Capital Account—Major Works*.—It is necessary to make this provision, as the Board does not intend to ask Government for any advance for Harbour improvements during the year 1897–98.

27. Government has sanctioned a debenture loan being issued to the extent of Rs. 50,00,000, to repay capital advances, and to provide funds for Harbour improvements; but, under present conditions, it is doubtful when such a loan can be successfully floated, hence the provision to temporarily use Revenue Funds.

28. I am addressing Government separately regarding this Debenture loan.

29. Including this provision for Capital expenditure, the total charges amount to Rs. 9,54,803, which leaves an estimated closing balance of Rs. 5,56,477, of which Rs. 2,40,000 will be invested in Government Securities.

30. *Capital Account*.—The outstanding balance due to Government on the 1st April 1897 is Rs. 49,79,227; this will be immediately reduced, by the usual payment of Rs. 1,00,000, to Rs. 48,79,227. The estimated recovery by sale of tools and plant in the Construction accounts is Rs. 2,80,664, and presuming that this is realised, it will at once be paid to the credit of Government in further reduction of the Capital debt, which would thereby be reduced at the end of the year to Rs. 45,98,563.

31. Should the Debenture loan be successfully floated, the above balance will also be refunded.

32. The provision made under the head of *Major Works* is as follows:—

33. Harbour improvements Rs. 2,00,000. Whether this can be spent or not depends upon the orders of Government, upon the Boat-basin scheme, now under consideration in the Public Works Department. Under the heads Moorings, Other new works, Acquisition of land, Protective Works, and Contingencies, a provision of Rs. 10,000 is made in each instance, in all Rs. 50,000, as without any details before them the Trustees are unable to determine what may be required. Tools and plant are charged with Rs. 1,10,000, of which Rs. 1,00,400 is for the Dredger "Wenlock," that amount having been treated in the receipts as a cash payment received from Port Funds.

ENCLOSURES.

ESTIMATE of Receipts and Charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1897–98.

Items.	Actuals of 1895-96.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1896.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Budget Estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
<i>Revenue Account.</i>								
Opening Balance	..	..	..	..	7,53,777	7,50,112	8,69,330	
<i>Receipts.</i>								
Contributions from Port Funds ..	33,900	44,288	..	44,288	40,000	2,77,731	33,000	
Beach Imports: dues under Section 45 (a) I (i) (ii) (iii) ..	1,80,043	1,39,892	41,915	1,81,807	1,75,000	1,80,000	1,80,000	
Pier do. do. do. ..	67,981	65,798	16,822	82,620	70,000	80,000	70,000	
Beach Exports do. do. do. ..	30,583	21,233	8,841	30,074	28,000	30,000	30,000	
Pier do. do. do. ..	43,723	39,459	10,637	50,096	45,000	50,000	45,000	
Wharfage do. do. II ..	6,957	4,790	1,565	6,355	6,000	7,000	6,000	
Craneage do. do. III ..	43,991	45,291	11,701	56,992	40,000	55,000	40,000	
Storage do. do. IV ..	1,291	535	345	880	1,000	300	200	
Demurrage do. do. V ..	472	185	41	226	500	300	200	
Dues for entry of Vehicles under Section 45 (c) VI ..	12,235	8,719	1,943	10,662	12,000	10,000	10,000	
Provisions:—Dues on—under Section 45 (a) I (i) ..	590	507	148	655	500	600	500	
Rent of Properties	686	669	162	831	500	800	800	
Water:—Charge for—delivered at pier head	4,885	4,038	1,324	5,362	4,000	5,000	5,000	
Penalties under Section 84	..	17	..	17	..	20	50	
Sundries	18	151	18	169	100	200	100	
Porterage under Section 45 (a) I (IV) ..	1,00,892	80,346	24,294	1,04,640	1,05,100	1,10,100	1,06,100	For details—vide statement annexed.
Interest on Government of India 3½% Pro. Notes	14,074	9,571	3,723	13,294	14,000	15,000	14,000	
Total	5,42,321	4,65,489	1,23,479	5,88,968	5,41,700	8,22,551	5,41,550	
Total including the Opening Balance ..	..	..	..	..	12,95,477	15,72,663	14,10,880	
<i>Charges.</i>								
Interest (under section 30)	2,27,607	2,11,472	..	2,11,472	2,37,000	2,11,472	2,24,066	
Repayment of Loan for construction of Harbour under section 31. ..	1,00,000	1,00,000	..	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	
Refunds	1,898	1,436	366	1,802	1,500	2,000	1,500	
Engine haulage	..	..	..	..	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Fees to trustees	6,870	5,610	1,890	7,560	7,000	7,500	7,000	
Chairman's allowance	4,800	3,600	1,200	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	
Dredger "Wenlock"	..	..	..	..	..	1,00,400	..	
<i>Establishment.</i>								
1. Secretary's Salary	9,600	8,478	2,400	10,878	9,600	10,878	9,600	
2. Correspondence Department ..	3,628	2,783	900	3,683	3,804	3,700	4,068	
3. Accounts Department	6,585	4,950	1,650	6,600	6,880	6,600	8,310	
4. Cash Department	4,887	3,845	1,200	5,045	5,214	5,200	5,928	
5. Traffic Department (Shore Staff) ..	31,486	17,306	7,962	25,268	23,724	23,400	25,068	
6. Preventive Service	10,955	6,709	2,699	9,408	8,880	8,930	8,160	
7. Preventive Service Boatmen ..	1,226	893	334	1,227	1,368	1,250	1,368	
8. Tidal Observatory	350	310	90	400	420	415	480	
9. Exchange compensation	3,313	1,905	720	2,625	3,591	5,000	4,500	
10. Contribution for Pensions	814	510	205	715	715	683	812	
11. Do. to Provident Fund	3,280	7	3,190	3,197	2,900	5,000	5,000	
12. Engineer's Department	..	..	..	..	..	23,000	39,173	
<i>Porterage.</i>								
Under Act I of 1892	94,172	84,452	21,741	1,06,193	1,03,133	1,09,888	1,04,220	For details—vide Statement annexed.
<i>Contingencies.</i>								
(a) Subject to Regular Audit.								
Postage	49	39	7	46	100	100	100	
Receipt Stamps	222	167	48	215	200	200	200	
Telegrams	5	6	..	6	50	50	50	
Furniture	139	81	18	99	500	200	500	
Fees for Audit	2,000	3,000	1,000	4,000	1,000	14,267	3,400	
Law charges	34	..	10	10	500	250	500	
Stationery and Printing	3,309	3,204	849	4,053	3,000	4,000	3,000	
Advertisement Charges	216	..	141	141	500	200	500	
Uniform for Preventive Service, &c. ..	1,397	1,350	118	1,468	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Total	5,18,852	4,62,113	48,738	5,10,851	5,31,939	6,52,833	5,65,803	

Estimate of Receipts and Charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1897-98—cont.

Items.	Actuals of 1896-96.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1896.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1896.	Total.	Budget estimate for 1896-97.	Revised estimate for 1896-97.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
Brought forward ..	RS. 5,18,852	RS. 4,62,113	RS. 48,738	RS. 5,10,851	RS. 5,31,939	RS. 5,52,833	RS. 5,65,803	
Charges—cont.								
Contingencies.								
(b) Admissible without detailed Audit.								
Overtime fees to establishment ..	4,454	2,930	1,208	4,138	3,000	4,000	4,000	
Do. to Preventive service and Boatmen ..	3,096	2,105	782	2,887	2,500	3,000	3,000	
Miscellaneous ..	3,535	3,915	634	4,549	4,000	7,500	6,000	
Petty Construction and Repairs.								
New works ..	20,087	107	14,626	14,733	5,000	8,000	5,000	
Repairs ..	9,283	3,423	5,279	8,702	10,000	18,000	10,000	
Tools and plant ..	220	220	220	1,000	1,000	10,000	1,000	
Total ..	5,59,527	4,74,593	71,487	5,46,080	5,57,439	7,03,333	5,94,803	
Add—Provision made as below for Capital and Expenditure on major works.							2,59,600	
Total ..							8,54,403	
Closing Balance.								
In the Bank of Madras (invested in Government Securities).					4,00,000	4,25,000	2,40,000	
Do. do. (Cash) ..					3,38,000	4,44,000	3,16,000	
*In the Harbour Trust office (Cash) ..					38	330	477	
Total ..					7,38,038	8,69,330	5,56,477	
					12,95,477	15,72,663	14,10,880	
Capital Account.								
Harbour Reconstruction.								
Liabilities outstanding at the beginning of the year ..	47,24,242			50,79,227	50,79,227	49,79,227		
Loans from Government on account of Harbour works ..	4,54,985							
Loans from Government on account of Protective works ..								
Deposits ..								
Other debit transactions ..								
Total ..	51,79,227			50,79,227	50,79,227	49,79,227		
Major Works.								
(a) Harbour improvements ..				6,47,665		2,00,000		
(b) Moorings ..				31,161	36,000	10,000		
(c) Other new works ..				20,000	14,000	10,000		
(d) Establishment ..				31,457				
(e) Other debit transaction—								
(i) Acquisition of land ..				12,000	25,000	10,000		
(ii) Protective works ..				2,75,234	12,000	10,000		
(f) Tools and plant ..					1,12,400	9,600		
(g) Contingencies ..					5,000	10,000		
Total ..	51,79,227			60,96,744	52,83,667	2,59,600		
Deduct—								
Adjustments to be made in Construction account ..					2,04,400			
Total ..	51,79,227			60,96,744	50,79,227	49,79,227		
Repayment of loans ..	1,00,000			1,00,000	1,00,000	3,80,664		
Do. of deposits ..								
Do. of other debts ..								
Total ..	1,00,000			1,00,000	1,00,000	3,80,664		
Liabilities outstanding at the close of the year ..	50,79,227			59,96,744	49,79,227	45,98,565		

PORTERAGE.

Traffic Department.

Estimate of Receipts and Charges for the year 1897-98.

Items.	Actuals of 1896-96.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1896.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1896.	Total.	Budget estimate for 1896-97.	Revised estimate for 1896-97.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
Receipts.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Porterage, Beach ..	64,653	47,627	15,538	63,165	65,000	67,000	65,000	
Do. Pier ..	36,205	32,716	8,733	41,449	40,000	43,000	41,000	
Miscellaneous ..	34	3	23	26	100	100	100	
Total ..	1,00,892	80,346	24,294	1,04,640	1,05,100	1,10,100	1,06,100	
Charges.								
Establishment ..		6,817		6,817	11,010	9,750	12,402	
Coolies, Beach ..	42,374	34,565	9,909	44,474	42,000	45,000	42,000	
Do. Pier ..	16,643	15,731	3,965	19,696	17,000	19,000	18,000	
Do. Custom House ..	12,317	9,558	2,962	12,520	13,000	12,000	12,000	
Do. Coasting Cargo ..	1,385	1,036	367	1,403	1,500	1,500	1,400	
Cart hire ..	807	515	251	766	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Engine charges ..	2,852		48	48				
Steam Crane Charges ..	2,508	1,363	882	2,245	2,400	2,400	2,200	
Refunds ..	5,947	4,544	1,993	6,537	4,000	6,000	4,000	
Claims for losses and damage of cargo ..	2,206	1,133	326	1,459	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Contribution to Government for pensions ..		11		11	23	18	23	
Provident Fund.								
Contribution to Establishment ..		11		11	530	500	675	
Deductions from coolies' wages ..	1,119	967	247	1,214	1,200	1,200	1,200	
Contributions by the Trust ..	1,119	967	247	1,214	1,200	1,200	1,200	
Contingencies.								
(a) Subject to Regular Audit.								
Postage ..					10	10	10	
Receipt stamps ..					10	10	10	
Furniture ..	97	14		14	200	50	100	
Tarpaulins ..	1,471	1,474		1,474	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Law charges ..					50	50		
Stationery and Printing ..	462	459	45	504	500	700	500	
Lighting Pier and yards ..	1,797	1,285	395	1,680	1,500	1,500	1,500	
(b) Admissible without detailed Audit.								
Overtime fees to Establishment ..		1,456		1,456	1,500	2,000	1,500	
Miscellaneous ..	1,068	2,546	104	2,650	1,500	3,000	1,500	
Total ..	94,172	84,452	21,741	1,06,193	1,03,133	1,09,388	1,04,220	

MADRAS,
19th February 1897.(Signed) W. AUSTIN,
Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

EXTRACT of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a special Meeting held at the Offices of the Board on Friday, the 19th day of February 1897.

The budget estimates of receipts and charges for the year 1897-98 having been printed and circulated to all Trustees in accordance with sections 37 and 38, Act II of 1886, were, with draft covering letter to Government, laid upon the Board's table, discussed, together with schedule of Staff, and approved as amended.

Resolved—that the Chairman is requested to address Government regarding the Secretary's salary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. PINSENT,
Secretary, Harbour Trust Board.

ORDER—No. 275, Marine, dated 20th March 1897.

With his letter, No. 5050, dated 19th February 1897, the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, submits the budget estimate of receipts and charges of the Trust for 1897–98.

2. In order to liquidate the debt due to the port of Madras by certain outports of the Eastern group, the Government sanctioned, in G.O., No. 52, Financial, dated 20th January 1897, a cash payment from Provincial funds of Rs. 1,00,000, and the transfer of the dredger *Wenlock* at a valuation of Rs. 1,00,400. The requisite adjustments have been carried through the Port and Marine fund accounts of the current official year, and should, therefore, be passed into the Harbour Trust accounts of the same year. The revised estimate has been altered accordingly. The closing balance of 1896–97 and the opening balance of 1897–98 will thus stand at Rs. 8,69,330.

3. *Revenue Account—Receipts.*—Allowing for the adjustments referred to in paragraph 2 above, the receipts of 1897–98 come to Rs. 5,41,550 as against Rs. 8,22,551, the revised estimate for 1896–97, and Rs. 5,42,321, the actuals of 1895–96. The difference, Rs. 2,81,001, between the revised and budget estimates is explained as follows:—

Increase.					RS.
(a) Penalties under section 84	...	...	...	...	30
Decrease.					RS.
(b) Contribution from Port funds	...	...	...	...	2,44,731
(c) Pier imports	...	...	...	...	10,000
(d) Pier exports	...	...	...	...	5,000
(e) Wharfage	...	...	...	...	1,000
(f) Cranage	...	...	...	...	15,000
(g) Demurrage	...	...	...	...	100
(h) Dues on provisions	...	...	...	...	100
(i) Sundries	...	...	...	...	100
(j) Porterage	...	...	...	...	4,000
(k) Interest on Pro-notes	...	...	...	...	1,000
					2,81,031
Net decrease					2,81,001

4. The beach imports and cranage for next year are fixed at the amounts of the budget estimate of the current year, the revised estimates under these heads having been raised through the exceptional causes explained in paragraph 5 of the Chairman's letter. But no explanation has been given as to the difference of Rs. 5,000 under pier exports. Neither is any explanation afforded as to the falling off of Rs. 4,000 under porterage.

5. *Revenue—Charges.*—The charges for 1897–98 are put down at Rs. 8,54,403 against Rs. 7,03,333, the revised estimate for 1896–97, and Rs. 5,59,527, the actuals of 1895–96. The budget estimate thus exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 1,51,070, of which the following are the details:—

Increase.					RS.
(a) Interest	...	...	...	...	12,594
(b) Establishment	...	...	...	...	18,411
(c) Major Works under Capital	...	...	...	...	2,59,600
Total					2,90,605

Decrease.					RS.
(d) Refunds	...	...	...	...	500
(e) Fees to Trustees	...	...	...	...	500
(f) Cost of Dredger <i>Wenlock</i>	...	...	...	...	1,00,400
(g) Porterage	...	...	...	...	5,668
(h) Contingencies subject to regular audit	...	...	...	...	10,967
(i) Do. admissible without detailed audit	...	...	...	...	1,500
(j) Petty construction and repairs	...	...	...	...	20,000
					1,39,535
Net increase					1,51,070

6. There is a net increase of Rs. 18,411 under (b) Establishment, and various reasons are assigned in the Chairman's letter to account for the differences. It is understood that no actual increase in numbers or pay will be admitted without formal sanction in detail by proper authority. The decreases call for no special remark beyond those made by the Chairman. The question of the future control of the Engineer's work by the Board is still under the consideration of Government in the Public Works Department. Meanwhile, the provision made for the Engineer's salary throughout the year will be allowed to stand. The question of harbour improvements depends on the decision which may be come to in regard to the boat basin scheme and the proposed canal to the Cooum, which would be connected with this basin. The Public Works Department is still engaged on the estimates for these works. The provision made for Major Works, Capital Account, is meanwhile admitted.

7. The closing balance of the Revenue Account on the 31st March 1898 is estimated at Rs. 5,56,477 against Rs. 8,69,330 at the end of 1897.

8. *Capital Account.*—The liabilities outstanding at the beginning of the year 1897–98 will amount to Rs. 49,79,227. This will be reduced to Rs. 45,98,563 by the repayment in April of one lakh of rupees on account of the Government loan, and a refund of Rs. 2,80,664 to be realized by the sale of tools and plant. It will be observed from paragraph 2 of the letter of the Government of India recorded with G.O.,* No. 630, Financial, dated 25th

* Marine G.O., No. 708, dated 4th Oct. 1896. September 1896, that a minimum of three months' notice is required before any extra amounts are received in repayment of the debts due to Government.

9. With the above remarks, the budget estimates of receipts and charges for 1897–98 are approved and transferred to the Financial Department for sanction and communication to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Public Works Department.

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To The Relief Engineer for Irrigation.

Receipts and Charges of the Madras Harbour Trust.

The budget estimates of — for 1897-98, approved with remarks and transferred to the Financial Department for sanction and communication to the Accountant-General.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 19th February 1897, No. 5050.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, the budget estimate of receipts and charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1897-98, passed by the trustees at a special meeting held this evening under the provisions of Act II of 1886.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

2. The opening balance, Rs. 7,69,330, is taken from the revised estimates for 1896-97 submitted with my letter, No. 4629, dated 30th January 1897.

3. Receipts.—Contribution from Port funds is stated at Rs. 2,33,400, comprised as follows :—

Under G.O., Marine, No. 91, dated 2nd February 1897—

	RS.
Cash	1,00,000
Dredger <i>Wenlock</i>	1,00,400
Estimate surplus for 1896-97	2,00,400
	33,000
	2,33,400

4. Harbour dues are given in detail, under the various heads of receipts, and follow closely the figures of either the estimate or the revised estimate for 1896-97.

5. Pier imports and crange are taken at the lower figures of the estimate for 1896-97, the revised estimate having been increased for that period, consequent upon large imports of bridge material for the Bezwada-Madras Railway; but the Board has no information as to whether or not similar imports may be expected in the coming financial year, so have adopted the lower figures.

6. Details of Portage receipts are given in a separate estimate, and call for no comment.

7. The estimated receipts, including contribution from Port funds, amount to Rs. 7,41,950, which sum, with the opening balance, gives a total of Rs. 15,11,280.

8. Charges.—Provision has been made for payment of interest for the current year, upon outstanding capital advances due to Government, Rs. 2,24,066, which together with the usual refund of Rs. 1,00,000, in reduction of capital debt, will be paid to the credit of Government with the Bank of Madras, on the first working day in April next.

9. Refunds, engine haulage, fees to trustees and chairman's allowance are the same as estimate for the present year.

10. Establishment.—The various departments are shown separately, and details as to the personnel are given in the accompanying schedule.

11. In the Accounts department provision is made for Rs. 8,310 against Rs. 8,880 last year. The figure of the revised estimate was lower, as the Engineer's accounts have not yet been transferred, but will be from the 1st April.

12. A small increase of Rs. 714 is shown in the Cash department, due to petty increases in pay granted to the staff.

13. The provision for the Traffic department, Shore staff, has been increased from Rs. 23,724 to Rs. 25,068, and the charge for Preventive Service has been reduced from Rs. 8,880 to Rs. 8,160; a net increase of Rs. 624, which has been necessitated by additions required to cope with the increased imports of coal, and to petty variations in the personnel of the department.

14. Exchange compensation has been increased by Rs. 909, to provide for payments to individuals in the Engineer's department entitled to it, and hitherto debited to Harbour Construction.

15. Contribution for pensions has been raised from Rs. 715 to Rs. 812, to provide for the payment which has to be made for the Public Works Accountant employed on the Engineer's accounts.

16. Engineer's department—Rs. 39,173. Details of establishment are given on pages 11-14 of the accompanying schedule of staff.

17. Provision has been made for the Engineer's salary throughout the year, pending receipt of orders from Government, regarding the proposed transfer to the Public Works Department.

18. Subordinate establishment has been reduced to a head fitter and a permanent-way Inspector. The three foremen have all received three months' notice, that their services are no longer required after the expiration of that period, as from 1st February.

19. Railway lines.—Three gangs for the upkeep of lines have been provided, together with two rail lifters (at overhead crossing), nine pointsmen, and a flagman.

20. Stores, Rs. 194; Iron pier Rs. 151; Locomotive driver and staff Rs. 151-8-0; Titan cranes and Steam launch Rs. 124-13-0; Survey establishment Rs. 139, are tentative estimates per mensem, based upon a very much reduced scale of establishment, which has been carefully considered by the trustees, for the purposes of upkeep only, and in the instance of the locomotive driver for the necessary haulage of coal, etc., daily over the Traffic lines.

21. Workshop.—Rs. 364-15-0 per mensem, for petty repairs only, under the supervision of a head fitter separately provided for in the subordinate establishment.

All repairs which cannot be undertaken by the small staff sanctioned will be given out to one or other of the local engineering firms. The Trustees expect further reductions under this head.

22. The *mason* is required for petty repairs to buildings; the *watchmen* until all old stores and machinery no longer required have been sold, and the *trollymen* for the Engineer.

23. *Porterage Charges*.—Rs. 1,04,220 are given in detail in a separate estimate, and need no comment.

24. *Contingencies*.—(a) The only item which calls for remark is the provision for audit fees Rs. 3,400, of which Rs. 1,000 is for the Accountant-General's audit of the Revenue accounts, and Rs. 2,400 for the Examiner's audit of the Engineer's accounts. (b) *Overtime fees* are estimated to be the same as in the revised estimates for the current year; and *Miscellaneous*, Rs. 6,000, includes passages home for two of the Harbour Works Foremen, in the terms of their agreements with the Secretary of State.

25. *Petty Construction and Repairs*.—Provision has been made to the extent of Rs. 16,000, which is distinct from any Harbour improvements that may be sanctioned.

26. The total expenditure, including the Engineer's Establishment, is estimated at Rs. 5,94,803, to which has been added, as a temporary loan to Capital from Revenue, Rs. 3,60,000 as detailed under the head *Capital Account—Major Works*.—It is necessary to make this provision, as the Board does not intend to ask Government for any advance for Harbour improvements during the year 1897-98.

27. Government has sanctioned a debenture loan being issued to the extent of Rs. 50,00,000, to repay capital advances, and to provide funds for Harbour improvements; but, under present conditions, it is doubtful when such a loan can be successfully floated, hence the provision to temporarily use Revenue Funds.

28. I am addressing Government separately regarding this Debenture loan.

29. Including this provision for Capital expenditure, the total charges amount to Rs. 9,54,803, which leaves an estimated closing balance of Rs. 5,56,477, of which Rs. 2,40,000 will be invested in Government Securities.

30. *Capital Account*.—The outstanding balance due to Government on the 1st April 1897 is Rs. 49,79,227; this will be immediately reduced, by the usual payment of Rs. 1,00,000, to Rs. 48,79,227. The estimated recovery by sale of tools and plant in the Construction accounts is Rs. 2,80,664, and presuming that this is realised, it will at once be paid to the credit of Government in further reduction of the Capital debt, which would thereby be reduced at the end of the year to Rs. 45,98,563.

31. Should the Debenture loan be successfully floated, the above balance will also be refunded.

32. The provision made under the head of *Major Works* is as follows:—

33. Harbour improvements Rs. 2,00,000. Whether this can be spent or not depends upon the orders of Government, upon the Boat-basin scheme, now under consideration in the Public Works Department. Under the heads Moorings, Other new works, Acquisition of land, Protective Works, and Contingencies, a provision of Rs. 10,000 is made in each instance, in all Rs. 50,000, as without any details before them the Trustees are unable to determine what may be required. Tools and plant are charged with Rs. 1,10,000, of which Rs. 1,00,400 is for the Dredger "Wenlock," that amount having been treated in the receipts as a cash payment received from Port Funds.

ENCLOSURES.

ESTIMATE of Receipts and Charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1897-98.

Items.	Actuals of 1896-96.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1896.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Budget Estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
<i>Revenue Account.</i>								
Opening Balance	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
7,53,777	7,50,112	8,69,330						
<i>Receipts.</i>								
Contributions from Port Funds ..	33,900	44,288	..	44,288	40,000	2,77,731	33,000	
Beach Imports: dues under Section 45 (a) I (i) (ii) (iii) ..	1,80,043	1,39,892	41,915	1,81,807	1,75,000	1,80,000	1,80,000	
Pier do. do. do. ..	67,981	65,798	16,822	82,620	70,000	80,000	70,000	
Beach Exports do. do. ..	30,583	21,233	8,841	30,074	28,000	30,000	30,000	
Pier do. do. do. ..	43,723	39,459	10,637	50,096	45,000	50,000	45,000	
Wharfage do. II ..	6,957	4,790	1,565	6,355	6,000	7,000	6,000	
Craneage do. III ..	43,991	45,291	11,701	56,992	40,000	55,000	40,000	
Storage do. IV ..	1,291	535	345	880	1,000	800	800	
Demurrage do. V ..	472	185	41	226	500	300	200	
Dues for entry of Vehicles under Section 45 (c) VI ..	12,235	8,719	1,943	10,662	12,000	10,000	10,000	
Provisions:—Dues on—under Section 45 (a) I (i) ..	590	507	148	655	500	600	500	
Rent of Properties ..	686	669	162	831	500	800	800	
Water:—Charge for—delivered at pier head ..	4,885	4,038	1,324	5,362	4,000	5,000	5,000	
Penalties under Section 84 ..	..	17	..	17	..	20	50	
Sundries ..	18	151	18	169	100	200	100	
Porterage under Section 45 (a) I (IV) ..	1,00,892	80,346	24,294	1,04,640	1,05,100	1,10,100	1,06,100	For details—vide statement annexed.
Interest on Government of India 3½% Pro. Notes ..	14,074	9,571	3,723	13,294	14,000	15,000	14,000	
Total ..	5,42,321	4,65,489	1,23,479	5,88,968	5,41,700	8,22,551	5,41,550	
Total including the Opening Balance ..	..	..	..	..	12,95,477	15,72,663	14,10,880	
<i>Charges.</i>								
Interest (under section 30) ..	2,27,607	2,11,472	..	2,11,472	2,37,000	2,11,472	2,24,066	
Repayment of Loan for construction of Harbour under section 31 ..	1,00,000	1,00,000	..	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	
Refunds ..	1,898	1,436	366	1,802	1,500	2,000	1,500	
Engine haulage ..	..	..	..	..	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Fees to trustees ..	6,870	5,610	1,890	7,500	7,000	7,500	7,000	
Chairman's allowance ..	4,800	3,600	1,200	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	
Dredger "Wenlock" ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,00,400	..	
<i>Establishment.</i>								
1. Secretary's Salary ..	9,600	8,478	2,400	10,878	9,600	10,878	9,600	
2. Correspondence Department ..	3,628	2,783	900	3,683	3,864	3,700	4,068	
3. Accounts Department ..	6,585	4,950	1,650	6,600	8,880	6,600	8,310	
4. Cash Department ..	4,887	3,845	1,200	5,045	5,214	5,200	5,928	
5. Traffic Department (Shore Staff) ..	31,486	17,306	7,962	25,268	23,724	23,400	25,068	
6. Preventive Service ..	10,955	6,709	2,699	9,408	8,880	8,930	8,160	
7. Preventive Service Boatmen ..	1,226	893	334	1,227	1,368	1,250	1,368	
8. Tidal Observatory ..	360	310	90	400	420	415	480	
9. Exchange compensation ..	3,313	1,905	720	2,625	3,591	5,000	4,500	
10. Contribution for Pensions ..	814	510	205	715	715	683	812	
11. Do. to Provident Fund ..	3,280	7	3,190	3,197	2,900	5,000	5,000	
12. Engineer's Department ..	..	..	..	..	..	23,000	39,173	
<i>Porterage.</i>								
Under Act I of 1892 ..	94,172	84,452	21,741	1,06,193	1,03,133	1,09,888	1,04,220	For details—vide Statement annexed.
<i>Contingencies.</i>								
(a) Subject to Regular Audit.								
Postage ..	49	39	7	46	100	100	100	
Receipt Stamps ..	222	167	48	215	200	200	200	
Telegrams ..	5	6	..	6	50	50	50	
Furniture ..	139	81	18	99	500	200	500	
Fees for Audit ..	2,000	3,000	1,000	4,000	1,000	14,267	3,400	
Law charges ..	34	..	10	10	500	200	500	
Stationery and Printing ..	3,309	3,204	849	4,053	3,000	4,000	3,000	
Advertisement Charges ..	216	..	141	141	500	200	500	
Uniform for Preventive Service, &c. ..	1,397	1,350	118	1,468	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Total ..	5,18,852	4,62,113	48,738	5,10,851	5,31,939	6,52,833	5,65,803	

Estimate of Receipts and Charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1897-98—cont.

Items.	Actuals of 1895-96.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1896.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Budget estimate for 1896-97.	Revised estimate for 1896-97.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Brought forward ..	5,18,852	4,62,113	48,738	5,10,851	5,31,939	6,52,833	5,65,803	
<i>Charges—cont.</i>								
<i>Contingencies.</i>								
(b) Admissible without detailed Audit.								
Overtime fees to establishment ..	4,454	2,930	1,208	4,138	3,000	4,000	4,000	
Do. to Preventive service and Boatmen ..	3,096	2,105	782	2,887	2,500	3,000	3,000	
Miscellaneous ..	3,535	3,915	634	4,549	4,000	7,500	6,000	
<i>Petty Construction and Repairs.</i>								
New works ..	20,087	107	14,626	14,733	5,000	8,000	5,000	
Repairs ..	9,283	3,423	5,279	8,702	10,000	18,000	10,000	
Tools and plant ..	220	..	220	220	1,000	10,000	1,000	
Total ..	5,59,527	4,74,593	71,487	5,46,080	5,57,439	7,03,333	5,94,803	
Add—Provision made as below for Capital and Expenditure on major works.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,59,600	
Total ..							8,54,403	
<i>Closing Balance.</i>								
In the Bank of Madras (invested in Government Securities).	..	..	..	..	4,00,000	4,25,000	2,40,000	
Do. do. (Cash) ..	..	..	..	..	3,38,000	4,44,000	3,16,000	
In the Harbour Trust office (Cash) ..	..	..	..	..	88	330	477	
Total ..					7,38,038	8,69,330	5,56,477	
Total ..					12,95,477	15,72,663	14,10,880	
<i>Capital Account.</i>								
<i>Harbour Reconstruction.</i>								
Liabilities outstanding at the beginning of the year ..	47,24,242	..	..	50,79,227	50,79,227	49,79,227	49,79,227	
Loans from Government on account of Harbour works ..	4,54,985	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Loans from Government on account of Protective works ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Deposits ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Other debit transactions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	51,79,227	..	..	50,79,227	50,79,227	49,79,227	49,79,227	
<i>Major Works.</i>								
(a) Harbour improvements ..	..	..	..	6,47,665	..	2,00,000	..	
(b) Moorings ..	..	..	..	31,161	36,000	10,000	..	
(c) Other new works ..	..	..	..	20,000	14,000	10,000	..	
(d) Establishment ..	..	..	..	31,457	..	..	..	
(e) Other debit transaction—								
(i) Acquisition of land ..	..	..	..	12,000	25,000	10,000	..	
(ii) Protective works ..	..	..	..	2,75,234	12,000	10,000	..	
(f) Tools and plant ..	..	..	..	..	1,12,400	9,600	..	
(g) Contingencies ..	..	..	..	..	5,000	10,000	..	
Total ..	51,79,227	..	..	60,96,744	52,83,667	2,59,600	..	
<i>Deduct—</i>								
Adjustments to be made in Construction account ..	..	..	..	..	2,04,400	..	..	
Total ..	51,79,227	..	..	60,96,744	50,79,227	49,79,227	49,79,227	
Repayment of loans ..	1,00,000	..	..	1,00,000	1,00,000	3,80,664	..	
Do. of deposits ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Do. of other debts ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	1,00,000	..	..	1,00,000	1,00,000	3,80,664	..	
Liabilities outstanding at the close of the year ..	50,79,227	..	..	59,96,744	49,79,227	45,98,563	..	

PORTERAGE.

Traffic Department.

Estimate of Receipts and Charges for the year 1897-98.

Items.	Actuals of 1895-96.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1896.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Budget estimate for 1896-97.	Revised estimate for 1896-97.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
<i>Receipts.</i>								
Porterage, Beach ..	64,653	47,627	15,538	63,165	65,000	67,000	65,000	
Do. Pier ..	36,205	32,716	8,733	41,449	40,000	43,000	41,000	
Miscellaneous ..	34	3	23	26	100	100	100	
Total ..	1,00,892	80,346	24,294	1,04,640	1,05,100	1,10,100	1,06,100	
<i>Charges.</i>								
Establishment ..	..	6,817	..	6,817	11,010	9,750	12,402	
Coolies, Beach ..	42,374	34,565	9,909	44,474	42,000	45,000	42,000	
Do. Pier ..	16,643	15,731	3,965	19,696	17,000	19,000	18,000	
Do. Custom House ..	12,317	9,558	2,962	12,520	13,000	12,000	12,000	
Do. Coasting Cargo ..	1,885	1,036	367	1,403	1,500	1,500	1,400	
Cart hire ..	807	515	251	766	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Engine charges ..	2,852	..	48	48	..	..	..	
Steam Crane Charges ..	1,363	882	2,245	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,200	
Refunds ..	5,947	4,544	1,993	6,537	4,000	6,000	4,000	
Claims for losses and damage of cargo..	2,206	1,133	326	1,459	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Contribution to Government for pensions ..	..	11	..	11	23	18	23	
<i>Provident Fund.</i>								
Contribution to Establishment ..	..	11	..	11	530	500	675	
Deductions from coolies' wages ..	1,119	967	247	1,214	1,200	1,200	1,200	
Contributions by the Trust ..	1,119	967	247	1,214	1,200	1,200	1,200	
<i>Contingencies.</i>								
(a) Subject to Regular Audit.								
Postage ..	..	..	..	..	10	10	10	
Receipt stamps ..	..	..	..	..	10	10	10	
Furniture ..	97	14	..	14	200	50	100	
Tarpaulins ..	1,471	1,474	..	1,474	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Law charges ..	..	..	..	..	50	50	..	
Stationery and Printing ..	462	459	45	504	500	700	500	
Lighting Pier and yards ..	1,797	1,285	395	1,680	1,500	1,500	1,500	
(b) Admissible without detailed Audit.								
Overtime fees to Establishment ..	..	1,456	..	1,456	1,500	2,000	1,500	
Miscellaneous ..	1,068	2,546	104	2,650	1,500	3,000	1,500	
Total ..	94,172	84,452	21,741	1,06,193	1,03,133	1,09,888	1,04,220	

MADRAS,
19th February 1897.

(Signed) W. AUSTIN,
Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

EXTRACT of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a special Meeting held at the Offices of the Board on Friday, the 19th day of February 1897.

The budget estimates of receipts and charges for the year 1897-98 having been printed and circulated to all Trustees in accordance with sections 37 and 38, Act II of 1886, were, with draft covering letter to Government, laid upon the Board's table, discussed, together with schedule of Staff, and approved as amended.

Resolved—that the Chairman is requested to address Government regarding the Secretary's salary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. PINSENT,
Secretary, Harbour Trust Board.

ORDER—No. 275, Marine, dated 20th March 1897.

With his letter, No. 5050, dated 19th February 1897, the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, submits the budget estimate of receipts and charges of the Trust for 1897-98.

2. In order to liquidate the debt due to the port of Madras by certain outports of the Eastern group, the Government sanctioned, in G.O., No. 52, Financial, dated 20th January 1897, a cash payment from Provincial funds of Rs. 1,00,000, and the transfer of the dredger *Wenlock* at a valuation of Rs. 1,00,400. The requisite adjustments have been carried through the Port and Marine fund accounts of the current official year, and should, therefore, be passed into the Harbour Trust accounts of the same year. The revised estimate has been altered accordingly. The closing balance of 1896-97 and the opening balance of 1897-98 will thus stand at Rs. 8,69,330.

3. *Revenue Account—Receipts*.—Allowing for the adjustments referred to in paragraph 2 above, the receipts of 1897-98 come to Rs. 5,41,550 as against Rs. 8,22,551, the revised estimate for 1896-97, and Rs. 5,42,321, the actuals of 1895-96. The difference, Rs. 2,81,001, between the revised and budget estimates is explained as follows:—

Increase.		RS.
(a) Penalties under section 84	...	30
Decrease.		RS.
(b) Contribution from Port funds	...	2,44,731
(c) Pier imports	...	10,000
(d) Pier exports	...	5,000
(e) Wharfage	...	1,000
(f) Cranage	...	15,000
(g) Demurrage	...	100
(h) Dues on provisions	...	100
(i) Sundries	...	100
(j) Porterage	...	4,000
(k) Interest on Pro-notes	...	1,000
		2,81,031
Net decrease	...	2,81,001

4. The beach imports and cranage for next year are fixed at the amounts of the budget estimate of the current year, the revised estimates under these heads having been raised through the exceptional causes explained in paragraph 5 of the Chairman's letter. But no explanation has been given as to the difference of Rs. 5,000 under pier exports. Neither is any explanation afforded as to the falling off of Rs. 4,000 under porterage.

5. *Revenue—Charges*.—The charges for 1897-98 are put down at Rs. 8,54,403 against Rs. 7,03,333, the revised estimate for 1896-97, and Rs. 5,59,527, the actuals of 1895-96. The budget estimate thus exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 1,51,070, of which the following are the details:—

Increase.		RS.
(a) Interest	...	12,594
(b) Establishment	...	18,411
(c) Major Works under Capital	...	2,59,600
Total	...	2,90,605

Decrease.

	RS.
(d) Refunds	500
(e) Fees to Trustees	500
(f) Cost of Dredger <i>Wenlock</i>	1,00,400
(g) Porterage	5,668
(h) Contingencies subject to regular audit	10,967
(i) Do. admissible without detailed audit	1,500
(j) Petty construction and repairs	20,000
	1,39,535
Net increase	1,51,070

6. There is a net increase of Rs. 18,411 under (b) Establishment, and various reasons are assigned in the Chairman's letter to account for the differences. It is understood that no actual increase in numbers or pay will be admitted without formal sanction in detail by proper authority. The decreases call for no special remark beyond those made by the Chairman. The question of the future control of the Engineer's work by the Board is still under the consideration of Government in the Public Works Department. Meanwhile, the provision made for the Engineer's salary throughout the year will be allowed to stand. The question of harbour improvements depends on the decision which may be come to in regard to the boat basin scheme and the proposed canal to the Cooum, which would be connected with this basin. The Public Works Department is still engaged on the estimates for these works. The provision made for Major Works, Capital Account, is meanwhile admitted.

7. The closing balance of the Revenue Account on the 31st March 1898 is estimated at Rs. 5,56,477 against Rs. 8,69,330 at the end of 1897.

8. *Capital Account*.—The liabilities outstanding at the beginning of the year 1897-98 will amount to Rs. 49,79,227. This will be reduced to Rs. 45,98,563 by the repayment in April of one lakh of rupees on account of the Government loan, and a refund of Rs. 2,80,664 to be realized by the sale of tools and plant. It will be observed from paragraph 2 of the letter of the Government of India recorded with G.O.,* No. 630, Financial, dated 25th September 1896, that a minimum of three months' notice is required before any extra amounts are received in repayment of the debts due to Government.

9. With the above remarks, the budget estimates of receipts and charges for 1897-98 are approved and transferred to the Financial Department for sanction and communication to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

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