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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Madras, 15th January 1898, No. 4471.

I have the honour to submit for the approval of Government revised estimates of receipts and charges of the Harbour Trust Revenue account for the year 1897-98.

2. The *opening balance* has been increased from Rs. 7,69,330 (estimated) to Rs. 8,21,783 (actual) due to enhanced contribution in 1896-97 from Port funds under G.O., No. 91, Marine, dated 2nd February 1897.

3. The *receipts from Port funds* for 1897-98 have been correspondingly reduced. Rupees 33,043 has been received during the course of the current year, being balance of Port funds for the year 1895-96. The sum of Rs. 49,575, balance for the year 1896-97, increases the total contribution from Port funds for the current year to Rs. 82,618, and I request that the Accountant-General may be authorised to pay the balance at an early date.

4. *Receipts* under other heads have been corrected according to latest information available; the details require no comment, and the total, including the opening balance, is now estimated at Rs. 14,93,551 against the previous total of Rs. 14,10,880.

5. The *charges* in some items vary to a considerable extent from the estimate, and the reasons are as follows:—

Refunds.—Rupees 2,500 as against Rs. 1,500. This is necessitated by larger imports of coal, dues upon which are paid in the first instance, on the full quantity supposed to be on board, adjustments are afterwards made according to actual quantities loaded direct into Railway vehicles, and stacked and afterwards loaded.

Engine haulage has been increased from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 10,000. When the work of constructing the harbour was in progress, revenue was charged only on the actual number of hours per day during which the engines were employed for the Traffic Department. Now revenue has to bear the full cost of the engines employed, and the revised amount provided is also swelled by bills having been received from the Engineer for 1896-97 only since the estimates for 1897-98 were prepared.

Consulting Engineer's allowance.—Rupees 600 sanctioned in G.O., No. 2167 W., Public Works, dated 7th August 1897.

Secretary's salary.—Rupees 9,600, increased to Rs. 11,800, sanctioned in G.O., No. 410, Marine, dated 3rd May 1897.

Exchange Compensation allowance.—Reduced from Rs. 4,500 to Rs. 3,220, due to higher rates of exchange.

Engineer's Department.—Reduced from Rs. 39,173 to Rs. 24,000. This is caused by wages paid to workmen being charged direct to the various works under the head Petty Construction and Repairs.

Miscellaneous has been increased from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 20,000. This large increase is chiefly due to special and exceptional charges, viz.:—

	RS.
Passage money for Harbour Works Foreman	1,425
Bonus to the same men	710
Chips from Palavaram quarried for Harbour Works	2,826
Marine surveys	1,745
Disinfecting powder	627
Fees for Inspector of Steam Boiler	226
Coal	2,727
Photographs of the harbour	430
Engineer's contingencies	735
Telephone rent (Engineer's)	200
Type writer	430

Petty construction and repairs.—New works have been increased from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 15,000, and repairs from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 30,000, total increase Rs. 30,000. Of this Rs. 15,000 is a transfer of wages under the head Engineer's Establishment, as noted above; the difference is due to revenue having had to pay for a good deal of work required for maintenance of tools, plant, machinery, &c., previously charged to harbour construction.

Capital advances.—This heading has been adopted as suggested by the Accountant-General in his report upon the Board's accounts for the year 1896-97.

In the estimates for 1897-98, Rs. 2,59,600 were provided; but it is perfectly clear now that this amount cannot be spent, as no orders have been received regarding proposed harbour improvements. The amounts have therefore been reduced to Rs. 25,000 under the sub-heads shown. These accounts are audited by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

The closing balance is now estimated at Rs. 8,06,435, as against Rs. 5,56,477 in the estimates, chiefly due to reductions in the items of temporary advances from Revenue for Capital as above noted.

Outstanding liabilities.—A separate memorandum is appended at foot showing the present outstanding liability on account of sums advanced by Government for construction purposes.

ENCLOSURES.

MEMORANDUM of outstanding liabilities.

Items.	Actuals of 1895-96.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st October 1897.	Actuals from 1st November 1896 to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Revised estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT.	RS.	RS.	RS.				RS.	
<i>Harbour Reconstruction.</i>								
Liabilities outstanding at the beginning of the year.	47,24,242	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	49,79,227	..	..	..	49,79,227	
Re-payment of loans ..	1,00,000	1,00,000	3,80,664	..	..	..	1,00,000	
Do. of deposits ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Do. of other debts ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	1,00,000	1,00,000	3,80,664	..	..	..	1,00,000	
Liabilities outstanding at the close of the year.	50,79,227	49,79,227	45,98,563	..	..	..	48,79,227	

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

Items.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st October 1897.	Actuals from 1st November 1896 to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Revised estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
Opening balance	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. 3,69,330	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. * 8,21,783	* Actuals.
<i>Receipts.</i>								
Contributions from Port funds.	33,900	2,44,688	33,000	33,043	2,00,400	2,33,443	82,618	
Beach Imports: dues under section 45 (a) I (i), (ii), (iii).	1,80,043	2,03,206	1,80,000	1,31,621	82,650	2,14,271	2,20,000	
Pier do. do. do. ..	67,981	85,989	70,000	53,760	32,455	86,215	80,000	
Beach Exports do. do. ..	30,583	27,492	30,000	14,923	11,214	26,137	25,000	
Pier do. do. do. ..	43,723	49,714	45,000	23,011	15,125	38,136	40,000	
Wharfage do. II ..	6,957	6,095	6,000	4,625	2,220	6,845	7,000	
Craneage do. III ..	43,991	56,998	40,000	30,609	19,547	50,156	45,000	
Storage do. IV ..	1,291	841	800	634	511	1,145	1,000	
Demurrage do. V ..	472	286	200	231	142	373	500	
Dues for entry of vehicles under section 45 (c) VI.	12,235	12,618	10,000	7,675	4,791	12,466	12,000	
Provisions—Dues on—under section 45 (a) I (i).	500	680	500	362	275	640	600	
Rent of properties	686	823	800	379	256	635	600	
Water—charge for—delivered at pier head.	4,885	5,532	5,000	3,900	2,304	6,204	6,000	
Penalties under section 84 ..	..	33	50	16	18	34	50	
Sundries	18	151	100	210	2	212	800	
Porterage under section 45 (a) I (iv).	1,00,892	1,18,317	1,06,100	79,974	46,847	1,26,821	1,27,100	For details vide statement annexed.
Interest on Government of India 3½ per cent. Promissory Notes.	14,074	16,259	14,000	8,014	11,702	19,716	23,500	
Total ..	5,42,321	8,29,722	5,41,550	3,92,987	4,30,462	8,23,449	6,71,768	
Total including the opening balance.	..	..	14,10,880	..	..	..	14,93,551	
<i>Charges.</i>								
Interest (under section 30) ..	2,27,607	2,11,472	2,24,066	2,24,065	..	2,24,065	2,24,065	
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	2,233	1,500	1,585	1,020	2,605	2,500	
Engine Haulage	..	..	2,000	5,265	..	5,265	10,000	
Fees to Trustees	6,870	7,410	7,000	3,510	3,150	6,660	7,000	
Chairman's Allowance ..	4,800	4,800	4,800	2,800	2,000	4,800	4,800	
Consulting Engineer's Allowance.	..	..	..	100	..	100	600	
Remuneration to Sir Alexander Rendel for services as Consulting Engineer.	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,428	G.O., No. 2167 W., dated 7th August 1897.
<i>Establishment.</i>								
1. Secretary's Salary ..	9,600	10,878	9,600	6,800	4,000	10,800	11,800	
2. Correspondence Department.	3,628	3,748	4,068	2,297	1,549	3,846	4,000	
3. Accounts Department ..	6,585	6,600	8,310	4,263	2,750	7,013	7,350	
4. Cash Department ..	4,887	5,148	5,928	3,272	2,172	5,444	5,800	
5. Traffic Department (Shore Staff).	31,486	23,497	25,058	13,880	10,107	23,987	24,500	
6. Preventive Service ..	10,955	8,924	8,160	4,802	3,694	8,496	8,200	
7. Preventive Service Boatmen.	1,226	1,227	1,368	776	538	1,314	1,350	
8. Tidal Observatory ..	360	415	480	275	175	450	475	
9. Exchange Compensation Allowance.	3,313	4,567	4,500	2,051	3,084	5,135	3,220	
10. Contribution to Government for Pensions.	814	767	812	571	257	828	788	
11. Contribution to Provident Fund.	3,280	4,102	5,000	163	4,095	4,258	5,000	
12. Engineer's Department ..	..	23,101	39,173	14,845	23,101	37,946	24,000	

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

Items.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st October 1897.	Actuals from 1st November 1896 to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Revised estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
<i>Porterage.</i>	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Under Act I of 1892 ..	94,172	1,17,697	1,04,220	77,139	47,211	1,24,350	1,27,668	For details vide statement annexed.
<i>Contingencies.</i>								
(a) Subject to Regular Audit.								
Postage	49	48	100	46	16	62	100	
Receipt Stamps	222	236	200	134	97	231	250	
Telegrams	5	18	50	7	18	25	50	
Furniture	139	141	500	138	60	198	200	
Fees for Audit	2,000	11,867	3,400	2,400	8,867	11,267	5,800	
Law Charges	34	50	500	130	50	180	3,000	
Stationery and Printing ..	3,309	3,637	3,000	2,598	651	3,249	4,000	
Advertisement Charges ..	216	85	500	233	85	318	500	
Uniform for Preventive Service, &c.	1,397	1,349	1,500	1,590	..	1,590	1,600	
Total ..	5,18,852	5,54,017	5,65,803	4,75,735	1,18,747	5,94,482	5,99,044	
(b) Admissible without Detailed Audit.								
Overtime Fees to Establishment.	4,454	4,057	4,000	2,530	1,772	4,302	4,500	
Overtime Fees to Preventive Service and Boatmen.	3,096	2,853	3,000	1,506	1,170	2,676	3,000	
Miscellaneous	3,535	8,733	6,000	13,800	5,684	19,484	20,000	
<i>Petty Construction and Repairs.</i>								
New Works	20,087	1,880	5,000	8,711	1,807	10,518	15,000	
Repairs	9,283	8,084	10,000	24,015	5,281	29,296	30,000	
Tools and Plant	220	220	1,000	..	220	220	1,000	
Total ..	5,59,527	5,79,844	5,94,803	5,26,297	1,34,681	6,60,978	6,72,544	
Add—provision made as below for Capital and Expenditure on Major Works.	..	..	2,59,600	..	..	..	25,000	
Total ..	..	..	8,54,403	..	..	..	6,97,544	
<i>Closing Balance.</i>								
In the Bank of Madras (invested in Government Securities).	..	..	2,40,000	..	..	..	4,75,000	
In the Bank of Madras (Cash).	..	..	3,16,000	..	..	..	3,31,000	
In the Harbour Trust Office (Cash).	..	..	477	..	..	..	485	
Total ..	..	..	14,10,880	..	..	..	15,03,979	
<i>CAPITAL ADVANCES.</i>								
<i>Major Works.</i>								
(a) Harbour Improvements ..	..	..	2,00,000	..	..	..	..	
(b) Moorings	..	..	10,000	35	23,567	23,568	5,000	
(c) Other New Works	..	..	10,000	..	13,963	13,998	..	
(d) Establishment	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
(e) Other debit transaction—	..	..	10,000	25	18,568	18,593	5,000	
(i) Acquisition of land.	..	..	10,000	..	10,301	10,301	10,000	
(ii) Protective Works ..	..	..	9,600	..	..	..	..	
(f) Tools and Plant	..	..	10,000	..	..	..	5,000	
(g) Contingencies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	..	..	2,59,600	61	66,399	66,460	25,000	

Add Rs. 10,428 being the remuneration to Sir Alexander Rendel for his services as Consulting Engineer.

PORTERAGE.

Traffic Department.

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

Items.	Actuals of 1895-96.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st October 1897.	Actuals from 1st November to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Revised estimate for 1897-98.	Remarks.
Receipts.								
Porterage, beach	64,653	74,970	65,000	52,867	30,058	82,925	82,000	
Do. pier	36,205	43,334	41,000	27,096	16,777	43,873	45,000	
Miscellaneous	34	13	100	11	12	23	100	
Total ..	1,00,892	1,18,317	1,06,100	79,974	46,847	1,26,821	1,27,100	
Charges.								
Establishment	..	9,462	12,402	6,977	4,357	11,334	12,400	
Coolies, beach	42,374	49,750	42,000	35,041	20,400	55,441	55,000	
Do. pier	16,643	21,152	18,000	11,910	8,085	19,995	20,000	
Do. Custom House	12,317	13,474	12,000	8,844	5,850	14,694	14,600	
Do. Coasting cargo	1,385	1,483	1,400	1,132	684	1,816	1,800	
Cart hire	807	739	1,000	455	330	785	700	
Engine charges	2,852	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Steam crane charges	2,508	1,932	2,200	1,810	877	2,687	2,600	
Refunds	5,947	6,228	4,000	3,117	2,035	5,152	5,100	
Claims for losses and damage of cargo	2,206	1,660	1,500	1,104	621	1,725	3,000	
Contribution to Government for pensions.	..	17	23	17	6	23	23	
Provident Fund.								
Contribution to Establishment.	..	537	675	5	529	534	650	
Deductions from coolies' wages.	1,119	1,275	1,200	846	505	1,351	1,350	
Contributions by the Trust	1,119	1,275	1,200	846	505	1,351	1,350	
Contingencies.								
(a) Subject to Regular Audit.								
Postage	..	..	10	..	..	..	10	
Receipt stamps	..	..	10	..	..	..	10	
Furniture	97	14	100	14	..	14	75	
Tarpaulins	1,471	1,474	1,500	1,475	..	1,475	1,500	
Law charges	..	..	..	52	..	52	100	
Stationery and printing	462	685	500	68	229	297	1,500	
Lighting pier and yards	1,797	1,323	1,500	1,140	517	1,657	1,600	
(b) Admissible without Detailed Audit.								
Overtime fees to establishment.	..	2,090	1,500	1,559	1,307	2,866	2,800	
Miscellaneous	1,068	3,127	1,500	727	674	1,401	1,500	
Total ..	94,172	1,17,697	1,04,220	77,139	47,211	1,24,350	1,27,668	

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Madras, 26th February 1898, No. 5076.

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 1898-99, as passed by the Trustees at a special meeting held last evening under section 37, Act II of 1886.

2. The opening balance, Rs. 8,06,435, is taken from the revised estimate for 1897-98 submitted with my letter No. 4471, dated 15th January.

Receipts.

3. Contribution from Port Funds is taken at Rs. 90,000 from information received from the Presidency Port Officer, and includes the sum of Rs. 50,000 from Pilotage Fund, which, it is understood, it is intended to transfer.

4. Harbour Dues follow the figures of the revised estimate for 1897-98, except in the item for Beach imports, where the figures of the total shown in column 4 have been taken, as it is expected that they will be realised.

The only other items calling for comment are:—

5. (a) Storage.—Rs. 20,000 is inserted as a probable receipt under that head, on the transfer of the custody of goods stored in the Custom House yards to the Trust.

6. (b) Porterage.—This amount is reduced from Rs. 1,27,100, the revised figure for the current year, to Rs. 86,350. Importers of coal, and the Chamber of Commerce, have made frequent representations to the Trustees, asking for a reduction in the charges upon coal. The Board is unwilling to introduce a preferential rate of harbour dues, and in the alternative has decided to make no charge for the carriage and stacking of coal landed at the Port, thus reducing the charges by 4 annas per ton, which is what the Chamber of Commerce suggested might be done. Under these circumstances, the Porterage estimate shows a deficit; but the practical effect will be, that the Trustees will pay for the cost of carrying and stacking coal out of the 12 annas dues paid per ton landed.

Both these items (a) and (b) necessitate an alteration in the scale of rates leviable under section 45, Act II of 1886, and I will address Government separately in reference thereto.

7. The total including opening balance, and contribution from Port Funds, amounts to Rs. 14,73,035, against Rs. 14,93,551, the total of the current year, in the revised estimate.

Charges.

8. Provision has been made for interest, payable 1st April 1898, upon outstanding capital advances, Rs. 2,19,566: and for the usual refund of Rs. 1,00,000 in reduction of capital debt.

9. Rent of Custom House Godowns.—Rs. 8,400, at the rate of Rs. 700 per menssem, which, it is understood, is the amount it is proposed to charge.

10. Engine Haulage has been reduced from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 6,000, as there will be no arrears for payment in the coming year.

11. Steam Crane charges have hitherto been charged to Porterage, but are more properly debitable to cramage; they have therefore been taken out of the Porterage charges, and are now shown separately in the general budget.

12. In the absence of orders from Government upon my letter No. 4457 A., dated 20th January 1898, provision has been made for fees to the Consulting Engineer to the Secretary of State Rs.1,000 for the year.

13. Lighting Pier and Yards has also been debited hitherto to Porterage, but it is now brought into the general charges under the head Contingencies.

14. Establishment.—The only item which calls for comment is an increase of Rs. 2,000 in the Traffic department Shore Staff, occasioned by a necessary addition on the transfer of the custody of goods to the Trust. This increase is very small, and it may be found necessary to enhance it, as experience is gained of the additional requirements of the department, owing to the extra work involved. So far, however, as the Trustees can see, at present, the addition now sanctioned will be sufficient.

15. Fees for Audit are stated at Rs. 3,400, of which Rs. 2,400 are for auditing the Engineer's accounts, and Rs. 1,000 for the General Revenue Accounts.

16. Miscellaneous has been reduced from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 10,000, special charges incurred during the current year having increased the amount abnormally, as explained in my letter No. 4471, dated 15th January 1898.

17. *Petty Construction and Repairs—New Works.*—Provision is made for Rupees 5,000, and for *Repairs* the unusually large sum of Rs. 40,000 has been allotted, at the request of the Board's Engineer; the items will, of course, be subject to scrutiny and sanction in detail, during the course of the year. Rs. 10,000 have also been provided for *repairs to tools and plant*, chiefly for the maintenance of locomotive engines, harbour construction cranes, engines, boilers, stone crushers, steam launch, &c.

18. *Capital Advances.*—Provision has been made for Rs. 25,500 for new works (other than harbour improvements proper, such as boat-basins or docks), Rs. 5,000 for acquisition of land, Rs. 63,000 protective works, exclusively in connection with the protective revetment north of the harbour, and tools and plant Rs. 71,200, which includes the conversion of the Dredger *Wenlock*.

19. *The closing balance* is estimated at Rs. 6,49,800 after making the above-mentioned provision aggregating Rs. 1,64,700 for capital expenditure.

20. *The revenue from Harbour Dues, and interest on investments*, is estimated at Rs. 5,76,600, and the expenditure at Rs. 6,58,535, a deficit for the year of Rupees 81,935, which is covered by contribution from Port and Pilotage Funds Rupees 90,000.

The sum of Rs. 1,64,700, advances for capital expenditure, is provided out of invested funds.

21. *Capital Account.*—The advances outstanding due to Government on account of Harbour construction will be reduced, by the usual repayment of one lakh of rupees, from Rs. 48,79,227 to Rs. 47,79,227; and will be further reduced by repayment of sale-proceeds of unserviceable tools and plant.

ENCLOSURES.

ESTIMATE of Receipts and Charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1898-99.

Items.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1897.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1898.	Total.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Revised estimate for 1897-98.	Budget estimate for 1898-99.	Remarks.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Opening balance ..	..	..	..	..	8,69,330	8,21,783	7,96,007	
<i>Receipts.</i>								
Contributions from Port Funds.	2,44,688	33,043	2,00,400	2,33,443	33,000	82,618	..	
Beach Imports: Dues under section 45 (a) I (i), (ii), (iii).	2,03,206	1,67,523	63,314	2,30,837	1,80,000	2,20,000	2,30,000	
Pier do. do. do. ..	85,989	68,587	20,191	88,778	70,000	80,000	80,000	
Beach Exports do. do. ..	27,492	17,938	6,259	24,197	30,000	25,000	25,000	
Pier do. do. do. ..	49,714	29,164	10,255	39,419	45,000	40,000	40,000	
Wharfage do. II ..	6,095	5,781	1,305	7,086	6,000	7,000	7,000	
Craneage do. III ..	56,998	37,813	11,707	49,520	40,000	45,000	45,000	
Storage do. IV ..	841	972	306	1,278	800	1,000	20,000	
Demurrage do. V ..	286	333	101	434	200	500	400	
Dues for entry of vehicles under section 45 (c) VI.	12,618	9,452	3,899	13,361	10,000	12,000	12,000	
Provisions: Dues on—under section 45 (a) I (i).	680	445	173	618	500	600	600	
Rent of properties ..	823	487	154	641	800	600	600	
Water: Charge for—delivered at pier head.	5,532	5,033	1,494	6,527	5,000	6,000	6,000	
Penalties under section 84 ..	33	16	16	32	50	50	50	
Sundries ..	151	744	..	744	100	800	100	
Porterage under section 45 (a) I (IV).	1,18,317	99,019	37,971	1,36,990	1,06,100	1,27,100	86,350	
Interest on Government of India 3½ per cent. Promissory Notes.	16,259	13,002	6,688	19,690	14,000	23,500	23,500	For details vide statement annexed.
Total ..	8,29,722	4,89,352	3,64,233	8,53,585	5,41,550	6,71,768	5,76,600	
Total including the opening balance.	..	..	..	..	14,10,880	14,93,551	13,72,607	

Estimate of Receipts and Charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1898-99—cont.

Items.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1897.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1898.	Total.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Revised estimate for 1897-98.	Budget estimate for 1898-99.	Remarks.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
<i>Charges.</i>								
Interest (under section 30) ..	2,11,472	2,24,065	..	2,24,065	2,24,066	2,24,065	2,19,566	
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	
Rent of Custom House Godowns.	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,400	
Refunds ..	2,233	1,787	797	2,584	1,500	2,500	2,000	
Engine haulage ..	..	5,265	..	5,265	2,000	10,000	6,000	
Steam crane charges ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,000	
Fees to Trustees ..	7,410	4,590	1,800	6,390	7,000	7,000	7,000	
Chairman's allowance ..	4,800	3,600	1,200	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	
Local Consulting Engineer's allowance.	..	300	..	300	..	600	1,200	
Consulting Engineer's Fees ..	..	..	..	..	..	10,428	1,000	
<i>Establishment.</i>								
1. Secretary's salary ..	10,878	8,800	2,400	11,200	9,600	11,800	12,000	
2. Correspondence Department.	3,748	2,959	965	3,924	4,068	4,000	4,068	
3. Accounts Department ..	6,600	5,530	1,650	7,180	8,310	7,350	7,498	
4. Cash Department ..	5,148	4,229	1,304	5,533	5,928	5,800	5,928	
5. Traffic Department (Shore Staff).	23,497	17,988	6,191	24,179	25,068	24,500	26,486	
6. Preventive Service ..	8,924	6,154	2,215	8,369	8,160	8,200	8,160	
7. Preventive Service Boatmen.	1,227	1,000	333	1,333	1,368	1,350	1,368	
8. Tidal Observatory ..	415	355	105	460	480	475	480	
9. Exchange Compensation Allowance.	4,567	2,538	2,662	5,200	4,500	3,220	3,500	
10. Contribution to Government for Pensions.	767	591	257	848	812	788	788	
11. Contribution to Provident Fund.	4,102	217	4,095	4,312	5,000	5,000	5,000	
12. Engineer's Department ..	23,101	18,336	23,101	41,437	39,173	24,000	23,400	
<i>Porterage.</i>								
Under Act I of 1892 ..	1,17,697	99,705	33,245	1,32,950	1,04,220	1,27,668	1,18,843	For details vide statement annexed.
<i>Contingencies.</i>								
(a) Subject to Regular Audit.								
Postage ..	48	52	10	62	100	100	100	
Receipt Stamps ..	236	168	69	237	200	250	200	
Telegrams ..	18	18	12	30	50	50	50	
Furniture ..	141	138	60	198	500	200	500	
Fees for Audit ..	11,867	2,400	8,867	11,267	3,400	5,800	3,400	
Law Charges ..	50	2,018	50	2,068	500	3,000	5,000	
Stationery and Printing ..	3,637	3,503	433	3,936	3,000	4,000	4,000	
Advertisement Charges ..	85	291	85	376	500	500	500	
Lighting pier and yards ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,800	
Uniform for Preventive Service, &c.	1,349	1,590	..	1,590	1,500	1,600	1,500	
Total ..	5,54,017	5,18,187	91,906	6,10,093	5,65,803	5,99,044	5,86,535	
(b) Admissible without Detailed Audit.								
Overtime fees to establishment.	4,057	3,256	1,127	4,383	4,000	4,500	4,000	
Do. to Preventive service and boatmen.	2,853	1,896	748	2,644	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Miscellaneous ..	8,733	14,849	4,819	19,665	6,000	20,000	10,000	
<i>Petty Construction and Repairs.</i>								
New works ..	1,880	10,355	1,773	12,128	5,000	15,000	5,000	
Repairs ..	8,084	29,865	4,661	34,526	10,000	30,000	40,000	
Tools and plant ..	220	531	220	751	1,000	1,000	10,000	
Total ..	5,79,844	5,78,939	1,05,254	6,84,193	5,94,803	6,72,544	6,58,535	
Add, provision made for below for Capital Advances and expenditure on Major Works.	..	..	..	..	2,59,600	25,000	1,64,700	
Total ..	..	..	..	..	8,54,403	6,97,544	8,23,235	

Estimate of Receipts and Charges of the Madras Harbour Trust for the year 1898-99—cont.

Items.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1897.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Revised estimate for 1897-98.	Budget estimate for 1898-99.	Remarks.
Brought forward ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. 8,54,403	Rs. 6,97,544	Rs. 8,23,235	
Closing Balance.								
In the Bank of Madras (invested in Government securities).	..	..	..	..	2,40,000	4,75,000	3,00,000	
Do. do. (cash).	..	..	..	..	3,16,000	3,20,500	2,49,000	
In the Harbour Trust Office (cash).	..	..	..	..	477	507	372	
Total ..	..	..	..	..	14,10,880	14,93,551	13,72,607	
CAPITAL ADVANCES.								
Major Works.								
(a) Harbour improvements ..	..	..	..	..	2,00,000	..	..	
(b) Moorings ..	23,567	1	23,567	23,568	10,000	..	..	
(c) Other new works ..	13,963	35	13,963	13,998	10,000	5,000	25,500	
(d) Other debit transaction—								
(i) Acquisition of land.	18,568	25	18,568	18,593	10,000	5,000	5,000	
(ii) Protective works ..	10,301	..	10,301	10,301	10,000	10,000	63,000	
(e) Tools and plant ..	1,00,400	..	1,00,400	1,00,400	9,600	..	71,200	
(f) Contingencies ..	..	..	..	..	10,000	5,000	..	
Total ..	1,66,799	61	1,66,799	1,66,860	2,59,600	25,000	1,64,700	

MEMORANDUM of outstanding liabilities.

Items.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1897.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Revised estimate for 1897-98.	Budget estimate for 1898-99.	Remarks.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Harbour Reconstruction.								
Liabilities outstanding at the beginning of the year.	50,79,227	..	..	..	49,79,227	49,79,227	48,79,227	
Loans from Government on account of Harbour Works.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Loans from Government on account of Protective Works.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Deposits ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Other Debit transactions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	50,79,227	..	..	..	49,79,227	49,79,227	48,79,227	
Repayment of loans ..	1,00,000	..	..	..	3,80,664	1,00,000	1,00,000	
Do. of Deposits ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Do. of other debts ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	1,00,000	..	..	..	3,80,664	1,00,000	1,00,000	
Liabilities outstanding at the close of the year.	49,79,227	..	..	..	45,98,563	48,79,227	47,79,227	

PORTERAGE.

Traffic Department.

Estimate of Receipts and Charges for the year 1898-99.

Items.	Actuals of 1896-97.	Actuals from 1st April to 31st December 1897.	Actuals from 1st January to 31st March 1897.	Total.	Budget estimate for 1897-98.	Revised estimate for 1897-98.	Budget estimate for 1898-99.	Remarks.
Receipts.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Porterage, Beach ..	74,970	63,458	27,343	90,801	65,000	82,000	41,250	
Do. Pier ..	43,334	35,536	10,618	46,154	41,000	45,000	45,000	
Miscellaneous ..	13	25	10	35	100	100	100	
Total ..	1,18,317	99,019	37,971	1,36,990	1,06,100	1,27,100	86,350	
Charges.								
Establishment ..	9,462	9,032	2,645	11,677	12,402	12,400	12,500	
Coolies, Beach ..	49,750	43,789	15,186	58,975	42,000	55,000	55,000	
Do. Pier ..	21,152	15,399	5,420	20,819	18,000	20,000	20,000	
Do. Custom house ..	13,474	11,683	3,916	15,599	12,000	14,600	15,000	
Do. Coasting cargo ..	1,483	1,484	447	1,931	1,400	1,800	2,000	
Cart hire ..	739	617	224	841	1,000	700	800	
Steam Crane charges ..	1,932	2,079	569	2,648	2,200	2,600	..	
Refunds ..	6,228	4,923	1,684	6,607	4,000	5,100	1,000	
Claims for losses and damage of cargo.	1,660	1,325	527	1,852	1,500	3,000	2,000	
Contribution to Government for pensions.	17	17	6	23	23	23	23	
Provident Fund.								
Contribution to Establishment.	537	12	526	538	675	650	700	
Deductions from coolies' wages.	1,275	1,131	308	1,439	1,200	1,350	1,300	
Contributions by the trust ..	1,275	1,131	308	1,439	1,200	1,350	1,300	
Contingencies.								
(a) Subject to Regular Audit.								
Postage ..	..	..	..	..	10	10	10	
Receipt stamps ..	..	..	..	..	10	10	10	
Furniture ..	14	14	..	14	100	75	100	
Tarpaulins ..	1,474	1,475	..	1,475	1,500	1,500	2,000	
Law charges ..	..	53	..	53	..	100	100	
Stationery and printing ..	685	1,038	226	1,264	500	1,500	1,000	
Lighting pier and yards ..	1,323	1,578	38	1,616	1,500	1,600	..	
(b) Admissible without Detailed Audit.								
Overtime fees to establishment.	2,090	2,023	634	2,657	1,500	2,800	2,500	
Miscellaneous ..	3,127	902	581	1,483	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Total ..	1,17,697	99,705	33,245	1,32,950	1,04,220	1,27,668	1,18,843	

PROCEEDINGS of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a special meeting held at the Offices of the Board on Friday, the 25th day of February 1898, under Section 37, Act II of 1886, to consider the Budget Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1898-99.

The estimate having been printed and circulated to all Trustees, under the provisions of Section 37, Act II of 1886, was taken into consideration and discussed.

The Chairman submitted that the time had arrived when the Board could afford to reduce the dues on coal, and requested an expression of the views of the Trustees on the proposal made in the draft letter to Government accompanying the estimates, that the charge for carrying and stacking coal, 4 annas per ton, be cancelled.

Resolved that the charge of 4 annas per ton for the carrying and stacking of coal be remitted, as a tentative measure, during the year 1898-99.

The Chairman is requested to address Government, with a view to the necessary alteration being made in the scale of rates leviable under section 45, Act II of 1886, as amended by section 2, Act I of 1892.

In reference to the provision made in the budget under the head establishment: the schedule of staff, as printed, was discussed; and it was resolved that the entertainment of two delivery order clerks on Rs. 60 and Rs. 30 per mensem, with two peons on Rs. 8 each is sanctioned, in connection with the transfer from the Collector of Sea Customs to the Trust of the custody of goods landed and stored in the Sea Customs' buildings; also two assistant accountants on Rs. 80 and Rs. 50 per mensem for the Engineer's office establishment, as recommended by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Resolved that the budget estimate is approved, and will be submitted to Government.

(True Copy.)

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

ORDER—No. 247, Marine, dated 2nd April 1898.

With his letters read above, the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, submits the revised estimate for 1897-98 and the budget estimate for 1898-99 of the receipts and charges of the Trust. In future, the revised and budget estimates should be reviewed and submitted together. The figures of the budget estimate for 1897-98 should, under the budget rules, have corresponded with those fixed by Government. The requisite corrections have been made in the Secretariat.

2. *Opening balance.*—The opening balance on the 1st April 1897 was fixed * by Government at Rs. 8,69,330. The actuals come to Rs. 8,21,783.

3. *Receipts.*—The budget estimate of receipts for 1897-98 was passed by Government for Rs. 5,41,550. The revised estimate has been raised to Rs. 6,71,768, the difference of Rs. 1,30,218 occurring under the following heads:—

	RS.	RS.
Increase—		
Contributions from Port Funds	49,618	
Beach imports	40,000	
Pier imports	10,000	
Wharfage	1,000	
Cranage	5,000	
Storage	200	
Demurrage	300	
Dues for entry of vehicles	2,000	
Dues on provisions	100	
Charge for water delivered at pier head	1,000	
Sundries	700	
Porterage	21,000	
Interest on pro-notes	9,500	
		1,40,418
Decrease—		
Beach exports	5,000	
Pier exports	5,000	
Rent of properties	200	
		10,200
Net increase		1,30,218

4. The causes of variation are not explained. In paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 137, Marine, dated 18th February 1897, a similar omission was noticed. Attention is again drawn to the matter.

5. The budget estimate of the receipts for 1898-99 is framed for Rs. 6,66,600, or Rs. 5,168 less than the revised estimate for 1897-98. The differences are shown below:—

	RS.	RS.
Increase—		
(a) Contributions from Port Funds	7,382	
(b) Beach imports	10,000	
(c) Storage	19,900	
		36,382
Decrease—		
(d) Demurrage	100	
(e) Sundries	700	
(f) Porterage	40,750	
		41,550
Net decrease		5,168

The causes of variations in items (a), (b), (c) and (f) are explained in paragraphs 3 to 6 of the Chairman's letter of the 26th February 1898. Items (d) and (e) are of trifling amount and call for no remark. The scale of rates proposed for porterage of coal will result in a loss of Rs. 40,750, and it is doubtful whether the Trust is at present in a position to bear this loss, especially as the contribution of Rs. 90,000 from Port Funds, for which the Trust takes credit, must be eliminated. The scheme of lighthouse improvement now under the consideration of Government is one of prime importance, and it is necessary that all available Port Funds should be utilized for this purpose. It has already been decided * that such works at Armeghon, Pulicat and Seven Pagodas form a legitimate charge against the Port Fund of Madras; and it is doubtful whether, after making provision for works required at these places and at Madras, there will be any surplus to hand over to the Madras Harbour Trust for the next year or two. The trustees will accordingly be requested to reconsider the proposal to reduce the rates for porterage of coal. Deducting the contribution of Rs. 90,000, the estimate of receipts will be reduced from Rs. 6,66,600 to Rs. 5,76,600.

* Paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 261, Marine, dated 19th March 1897.

6. *Charges.*—The budget estimate of charges for 1897-98 was fixed by Government at Rs. 8,54,403. The revised estimate has been put down at Rs. 6,87,116, the difference being explained in paragraph 5 of the Chairman's letter of the 15th January 1898. This estimate has been raised by Government to Rs. 6,97,544 to meet the fee of Rs. 10,428 to Sir Alexander Rendel for his services as Consulting Engineer since 1889. The budget estimate for 1898-99 has been framed for Rs. 8,23,235, or Rs. 1,25,691 more than the revised estimate for 1897-98. The causes of excess are explained in paragraphs 8 to 13 of the Chairman's letter No. 5076, dated 26th February 1898.

7. In the budget estimate for 1898-99 as passed by Government the charges exceed the receipts by Rs. 2,46,635. The excess has been met by a reduction in the amount of Government securities and the cash balance.

8. *Closing Balance.*—The closing balance on the 31st March 1899 is Rs. 5,49,372 as against Rs. 7,96,007 at the end of 1897-98.

9. *Capital Account.*—The budget estimate of expenditure under Capital Advances during 1897-98 was fixed by Government at Rs. 2,59,600. A very small portion only of this sum can be spent, as no decision has been come to regarding the proposed harbour improvements. The revised estimate has accordingly been reduced to Rs. 25,000. The budget estimate of expenditure for 1898-99 has been set down as Rs. 1,64,700, the amount being provided from invested funds.

10. The liabilities outstanding at the beginning of the year 1898-99 amount to Rs. 48,79,227. This amount will be reduced to Rs. 47,79,227 by the usual payment of one lakh of rupees on account of the Government loan. A further reduction is

anticipated when the sale-proceeds of tools and plant are realized. The attention of the Chairman will be drawn to paragraph 2 of the letter from the Government of India, recorded with G.O., No. 630,* Financial, dated 25th September 1896, from which it will be seen that a minimum of three months' notice is required before any extra amounts are repaid to Government.

11. *General.*—The Accountant-General has been directed to place, at the disposal of the Board, the sum of Rs. 49,575, being the surplus balance of the Madras Port Funds for 1896-97.

12. With the above remarks, the estimates are approved and forwarded to the Financial Department for sanction and communication to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

J. H. Ag. S. S. Roberts
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
 „ Presidency Port Officer.
 „ Financial Department.
 „ Public Works Department.
 „ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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