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Harbour Dues

Sanctioning the levy of an additional rate for petroleum landed in bulk by means of a pipe supplied by the Harbour Trust Board, and ordering that a notification be published accordingly in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 10th May 1898, No. 665.

The Harbour Trust Board has lately had under consideration the necessity of providing pipes on the north arm for the purpose of landing petroleum, and petroleum fuel, from tank steamers.

2. Up to the present only one firm has imported kerosine oil in bulk, and it has had its own pipe, which was laid along the north arm of the Harbour with the approval and permission of the Trustees.

3. A second firm is now contemplating the importation of petroleum in bulk, and asked to be allowed to place one or two pipes on the north arm; and the other firm, previously the sole importers, now require another pipe for liquid fuel.

4. It is obvious that some restriction was necessary, and that an indefinite number of pipes could not be laid by private parties, within the Board's premises. The Trustees have therefore decided to provide whatever pipes are necessary and to make a charge for their use.

5. The rate of dues at present levied is 12 annas per ton of 20 cwts., or its equivalent 270 imperial gallons, and in the opinion of the Board an additional charge of 2 annas per ton will be sufficient.

6. I submit extracts of proceedings at the Board's meetings of 1st and 29th April; also draft notification amending the schedule of rates chargeable under section 45, Act II of 1886, for favour of approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a meeting held at the offices of the Board on Friday the 1st day of April 1898.

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4. Read and discussed correspondence with Messrs. Best & Co., Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., and the Board's Engineer, with reference to resolution No. 4 of 21st January 1898, directing that importer's views be ascertained on the proposal of the Trust undertaking the provision and control of all pipes for landing kerosine oil in bulk.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that a charge be levied sufficient to recoup the Board for outlay for construction, maintenance and interest on expenditure in providing the necessary facilities.

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(True Extract.)

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

EXTRACT of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a meeting held at the offices of the Board on Friday the 29th day of April 1898.

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4. Read memo., dated 11th April 1898, from the Chairman suggesting—with reference to Board's resolution, No. 4 of 1st idem—that a charge of 2 annas per ton of 270 gallons be levied to recoup outlay for construction and maintenance of pipes for landing kerosine oil in bulk at the north arm.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Approved. Government will be addressed with a view to the revision of the schedule of rates under section 45.

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(True Extract.)

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

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 15th June 1898, No. 1219.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of memo., dated 25th May 1898, No. 291 E., Marine, requesting an explanation as to how 270 imperial gallons of petroleum to the ton are arrived at.

2. The specific gravity of the refined oil varies, and the ton of 270 gallons was calculated according to such information as Messrs. Best & Co. had in February 1893, and was accepted, as a reference to the Calcutta Port Commissioners had elicited the information that 280 imperial gallons were taken as the equivalent of a ton at that port.

3. The South Indian Railway Company take 275 imperial gallons as equal to one ton, their special tank vehicles being marked "2,750 = 10 tons".

4. Messrs. Best & Co. inform me that the oil they are now receiving "has a specific gravity of 0·8145, or 8·145 lb. "per imperial gallon, giving 275 gallons per ton."

5. It is obviously inconvenient that a calculation should be made, when assessing Harbour dues, as to the exact specific gravity of each cargo of oil which arrives: and in fixing the ton at 270 imperial gallons, the Board merely accepted the quantity claimed by Messrs. Best & Co. to be the equivalent.

6. Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. are now importing Sumatra oil, and they write, under date 14th instant, "that the specific gravity of Sumatra refined kerosine oil is ·801, and that the number of gallons in a ton of 2,240 lb. is 279·6504."

7. It would therefore be fair for all parties to so amend the Board's schedule as to fix the ton of refined kerosine oil at 280 gallons, as has been done at Calcutta. An amended draft notification to this effect is herewith submitted, and I have the honour to request that the same may be approved.

ORDER—No. 551, Marine, dated 29th June 1898.

Sanctioned and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:

NOTIFICATION.

The following scales of rates have been framed by the Trustees of the Madras Harbour and sanctioned by Government, under section 45, Act II of 1886 (the Madras Harbour Trust Act):—

Under Section 45 (*a*).

1. On goods landed or shipped at any wharf, pier or dock in the possession or occupation of the Board—

(1) Annas 12 per ton of 50 cubic feet, or 20 cwts. or 210 imperial gallons; provided that goods manifested for transhipment shall, if landed and reshipped, pay no charge for Harbour dues upon reshipment; that explosives for other ports compulsorily landed at Madras to enable a vessel

to enter the Harbour, and seamen's effects and ships' fittings be passed free; that the rate on salt exported be 4 annas per ton; that coal which has paid dues on landing may be reshipped free; and that petroleum in bulk, if landed by means of a pipe supplied by the Board, shall pay As. 1¼ per ton of 230 imperial gallons.

2. The notification, No. 46 of 2nd February 1897, published on page 253 of the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 23rd February 1897, Part I, is hereby cancelled.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
" " Madras Chamber of Commerce.
" " Madras Trades Association.
" Presidency Port Officer.
" Public Works Department, Railway Branch.
" Revenue Department.
" Financial Department.
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