

General Board

10th July 1863

Present: Mr Law in the Chair
Mr Lulham
Mr Martelli
[Mr] McNamara
[Mr] Laver
Mr Armani

4072 Read Minutes of Meeting on 3rd inst. the same were confirmed.

4073 *Inland Revenue Licences - Paris Dirs informed re operation of New Act.*

Omnibus Maintenance - Paris Dirs informed re Miller's contract

Omnibuses taken to Coach Factory within 12 months

Parcels service - Paris Dirs informed re expediency of Coy undertaking

Read Minutes of Meeting of the Paris Committee on 8th inst. Resolved that the Paris Directors be informed in reply thereto that no pecuniary advantage to the Company will result from the new Act of Parliament except that in lieu of paying for the whole year's Licence in advance (£ 3,, 3,, 0) the Company will have the option of paying a quarter only in advance. That it will undoubtedly be wise to determine Mr Miller's contract as soon as the Company have convenience for doing the work at their Factory, but that at present the Factory is overtaxed by the work already required to be done there, - that by degrees the difficulty is being overcome -that the Company have since 30th June of last year taken to their Factory the business of maintaining 96 additional Omnibuses previously in charge of Mess. Gowar, Cunningham, Lines and others under Contract. That with reference to the Parcels service the Board having very carefully and fully considered the proposals laid before them are convinced that it is preferable to undertake the business on their own account and without the intervention of another party.

4074 Read Minutes of Meeting of Accounts and Finance Committee on 9th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

4075 Read Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee on 9th inst. - the same were confirmed and adopted.

4076 Read Statement of Horses and Provender purchased and Horses sold during week ending 7th inst. It appeared therefrom that the Company possessed 6609 horses at that time, that the number owned by them at the corresponding period of 1862 was 6817, that during the week 32 were purchased for £ 745, that the purchases in the corresponding week of 1862 were 32 for £ 854,, 10,, 0 - that 18 carcasses were sold for £ 33,, 2,, 6 and 7 living horses for £ 28, that 2245 qrs. [quarters] of Oats (39 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. [pounds weight]) at £ 0,, 19,, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$, 154 loads of Hay and Clover at £ 3,, 19,, 2, 111 $\frac{3}{4}$ loads of Straw at £ 1,, 9,, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ were purchased, that the prices in the corresponding week of 1862 were for Oats in proportion to their weight £ 1,, 4,, 0, for Hay and Clover £ 4,, 4,, 7 and for Straw £ 2 yielding by comparison a difference in favor [favour] of the current year equal to £ 698 on the average weekly consumption of the Company.

4077 *Opposition Omnibuses - list submitted*

The Secretary submitted for the information of the Board the following List of Omnibuses then running in opposition to the Company:-

Highbury Park & Bank	2
Kew Bridge and Bank	3
Holloway and London Bridge	3
St. Johns Church to London Bridge, Shoreditch or Whitechapel	28
Kensal Green and London Bridge	1
Bayswater and [London Bridge]	1
Paddington Green and [London Bridge]	36
Kilburn Gate and Elephant and Castle	5
Blackwall and Piccadilly	3
Kentish Town and Westminster	14
Haverstock Hill and Charing Cross.	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>97</u>
Total on 15th May	<u>105</u>

4078 *Omnibus Maintenance - Millers Contract - re Omnibus No. 7133*

In reference to Minute No. 4068 of last Meeting read letter from Mr. Miller promising to substitute a new omnibus for that working Plates No. 7133 on 13th inst.

4079 *City Traffic Bill - passed in Committee*

Read report dated 7th inst. from Mr Bradfield to the effect that the City Warehousemen and others had opposed the City Traffic Bill before the Committee of the House of Commons by Counsel and that he (Mr Bradfield) attended in support of the Company's petition against it but without the assistance of Counsel - the Secretary reported that Mr Bradfield had that day informed him that the opposition of the City Warehousemen having been compromised the Bill was passed in Committee on 9th inst.

4080 *Tolls Abolition Bill – passes House of Lords Committee*

Read letter dated 8th inst. from Mr Bradfield to the effect that the Committee of the House of Lords on the Tolls Abolition Bill was appointed to sit on 10th inst. and that the members were Lords Eversley, Amherst, Delesei [?], Colchester and Wynford. The Secretary reported that Mr Bradfield had that day informed him that all opposition to the bill was withdrawn and that it was to pass the Committee that afternoon.

4081 *Granite Tram - offered by Mr Todd - Mr Tosh to submit price*

Read letter dated 9th inst. from Mr Tosh asking authority to purchase at "less than half price a quantity of good second hand "granite tram offered by Mr Todd of Chelsea" and stating that it would be very useful at Mawby's Yard Fulham and other places. Resolved that Mr Tosh be instructed to submit the price at which he can purchase the tram to the Executive Committee next Thursday.

4082 *Mr Trulock to attend Board in lieu of Executive Committee.*

Resolved that Mr Trulock be instructed to attend the Board instead of the Executive Committee in future and that in future all tenders be opened at the Board instead of the Committee.

4083 *Mr. Wilson to communicate with Board when he leaves London*

Resolved that Mr. Wilson be requested to communicate with the Board in future prior to leaving the management of his District for the purpose of quitting London for his own private business or other cause.

[Signed] F John Law