

General Board

30th May 1862

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

3286 Read Minutes of Meeting on 23rd inst. the same were confirmed.

3287 Read Minutes of Meeting of the Paris Committee on 28th inst.

3288 *Ayshford's Omnibuses - not expedient to purchase*

Read Minutes of Meeting of Works and Stores Committee on 27th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted. Read Report from Mr Crane in reference to the two omnibuses of Mr Ayshford's (Minute No. 600) Resolved that it is not expedient to purchase them.

3289 *Mess. Biers - re weekly payment to - referred to Traffic Committee*

Read Minutes of Meeting of Accounts and Finance Committee on 29th inst. the same were confirmed & adopted.

A memorandum of the sum paid to the members of the Biers family was produced, showing that there was paid weekly to Mr Biers Senior and Clerk £ 3,, 2,, 0, to Mr John Biers Junior, and Clerk with expenses £ 4,, 4,, 0. Mr McNamara explained the duties of Mr Biers Junior. Resolved that the question raised by Minute No. 956 be referred to the Traffic Committee for consideration and to advise the Board thereon.

[3290] Read Minutes of Meeting of Traffic Committee on 29th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

3291 Read Statement of Horses & Provender purchased and Horses sold during week ending 25th inst. It appeared therefrom that the Company possessed 6642 horses at that time, that the number owned by them at the corresponding period of 1861 was 6509, that during the week 89 were purchased for £ 2259, that the purchases in the corresponding week of 1861 were 53 for £ 1428,, 10,, [[illegible]], that 20 Carcasses

were sold for £ 35,, 17,, 6 and 14 living horses for £ 67, that 2607 qrs [quarters] of Oats at £ 1,, 0,, 10 ¼ , 100 qrs of Bran at £ 0,, 12,, 6, 990 qrs of Maize at £ 1,, 9,, 6, 196 ½ loads of Mixture at £ 4,, 4,, 2 and 134 ½ loads of Straw at £ 2,, 2,, 9 ½ were purchased, that the prices in the corresponding week of 1861 were for Oats proportionate to their weight £ 1,, 4,, 0, for Mixture £ 4,, 7,, 3 ¾, and for Straw £ 1,, 16,, 0 ¾, yielding by comparison of the prices of Oats, Mixture and Straw, a difference in favour of the current year equal to £ 361 on the average weekly consumption of the Company.

- 3292 *Advertising business - Mr. Smith in attendance - sub Committee to arrange with Mess. Smith & Co.*

In pursuance of Minute No. 3274 of last Meeting, Mr. Smith attended in reference to his proposal relative to the business of Advertising in and upon the Omnibuses of the Company - he explained the style in which he proposed to affix the advertisements, and the prospects of revenue to be derived therefrom. Resolved that in the opinion of the Board an arrangement should be made with Mess. Smith and Co for Conducting the Advertising trade on the Omnibuses of the Company on the basis of their letter of 29th inst. and that a sub Committee consisting of Mess. Lulham, Laver, Martelli and the Chairman be appointed to confer and arrange with Mess. Smith and Co for carrying the same into effect, subject to the adoption of their arrangements by the Board.

- 3293 *West of London Hospital - donation of £ 5,, 5,, 0 to funds*

Read letter dated 27th inst. from Mr M. Bird, Bute House Hammersmith asking for a subscription to the funds of the West of London Hospital at Hammersmith on the ground that medical and surgical relief has been rendered to the servants of the Company, and accident cases arising from the business of the Company were brought into the Hospital. Resolved that a donation of £5,,5,,0 be given to the funds of the Hospital in question.

- 3294 *Foreman Gill - to be retained in service as Driver only*

Foreman at Edmonton - duties to be performed by men there

Read letter dated 27th inst. from Mr French with one from Mr Gill of Edmonton enclosed, asking for Gill to be retained in the service as Driver and stating that having made inquiry in reference to the pilferage of the Company's provender at Edmonton (Minute No. 587 of Works and

Stores Committee on 20th inst.), he had come to the conclusion that Gill was entirely innocent of any knowledge of it. Resolved that Gill be further employed as Driver only and that the duties of Foreman be performed by the men already employed in that capacity under Mr French's supervision.

3295 *Saloon Arbitration - report re progress*

The Secretary reported that the case of the Company and the address of their Counsel before the Arbitrator in the matter of the Saloon Arbitration was closed on 26th inst. and that on 29th inst. Mr Vining the Solicitor for the Saloon Company (in the absence of their Counsel) had commenced his reply.

3296 *[[illegible]]*

In reference to Minute No. 3282 of last Meeting the Secretary reported that the Contractor for the works had declined to entertain Mrs Dix application for compensation for her husband's death on the ground that the Stone was placed where the road Contractors usually placed a heap of Stones for repairing the roads, and the Omnibus horses must have shied at something else and not at the Stone - that Mrs Dix's Solicitor had threatened legal proceedings against the Contractor (Mr Brassey) and that the matter stood in that position. Resolved that a donation of £5 be made to Mrs Dix under the circumstances.

3297 *Prudhomme's system of Feeding - Mr Trevett's report - plan to be discontinued*

Read report dated 28th inst. from Mr Trevett in reference to the system of feeding recommended by Mr Prudhomme giving the following as the ground upon which he disapproved it:-

1. That it was more costly, as hay given in the rack must necessarily be of better quality and more expensive than that given in chaff.
2. That he found by his experiment that horses did not thrive so well on the same weight of entire food, as previously given of mixed food.
3. That entire food was much more easily stolen than that which is mixed, as in the former condition it is very difficult of identification.

The opinion having been endorsed by Mess. McNamara and Parker it was Ordered that the plan be discontinued.

3298 *Moore's claim - not entertained*

Read letter dated 28th inst. from Mr George Moore, 27 Rood Lane asking for compensation for injury sustained by him through being knocked down in King William St City on 14th ult. by Omnibus No. 7137 while crossing the street - the Secretary stated that Mr. Moore at first preferred a claim through the Agent of a Solicitor, but finding the evidence against him he had determined to take a different course and ask for consideration at the hands of the Board. Resolved that the application be not entertained.

3299 *Hawley Crescent – Mr Ashe’s enquiry re Lease – Mr Aston to enquire for other suitable premises*

The Secretary reported that Mr Ashe had requested him to enquire of the Board whether they would sell the Lease of the premises at Hawley Crescent, Camden Town as he was anxious if possible to get them for a friend of his wholly unconnected with the Omnibus or Cab trade. - the Secretary stated that the Company had a lease to Lady Day 1879 at £ 80 per annum - which Mr Scurry valued at Christmas 1858 at £290 - that 3 studs were accommodated in the yard, and £ 75,, 8,, 0 per annum was received for sublets. Resolved that Mr Aston be instructed to enquire whether other suitable and equally desirable premises can be obtained in the neighborhood [neighbourhood] in place of those in question in the event of the lease being disposed of.

3300 *Manure removal - response to Lord Fermoy’s Bill*

Read report from Mr Bradfield in reference to Minute No. 3250 of 9 May enclosing amended clause proposed by Lord Fermoy in reference to the removal of Manure giving the Parochial authorities power to remove it “if the occupiers signify their consent in writing”.

3301 *Free pass granted to Mr Murphy *

Resolved that a general free pass by the Omnibuses of the Company be offered to Mr Murphy of the “Daily News” & 52 Doddington Grove, Kennington Park available during the time of the Exhibition being open.

[Signed] F John Law