

General Board

8th September 1863

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

4166 Read Minutes of Meeting on 28th August,- the same were confirmed.

4167 Read Minutes of Meeting of Paris Committee on 3rd inst.

4168 Read Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee on 3rd inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

4169 Read Minutes of Meeting of Special Board that day, the same were confirmed.

4170 Read Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held at the London Tavern that day - the same were confirmed.

4171 Read Statement of Horses and Provender purchased and Horses sold during seven days ending 1st inst. It appeared therefrom that the Company possessed 6602 horses at that time, that the number owned by them at the corresponding period of 1862 was 6966,- that during the week 35 were purchased for £ 833 - that the purchases in the corresponding period of 1862 were 21 for £ 512 - that 20 carcasses were sold for £ 36,, 10 - and 5 living horses for £ 57 - that 2650 qrs. [quarters] of Oats (40 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.[pounds]) at £ 1,, 0,, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$, 157 $\frac{3}{4}$ loads of Hay and Clover at £ 4,, 2,, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$, and 103 $\frac{1}{2}$ loads of Straw at £ 1,, 11,, 0 were purchased, that the prices in the corresponding period of 1862 were for Oats proportionate to their weight £ 1,, 4,, 5; for Hay and Clover £ 4,, 4,, 0 and for Straw £ 1,, 19,, 2, yielding by comparison a difference in favor [favour] of the current year equal to £ 560 on the average weekly consumption of the Company.

4172 *Mrs Fox's application - consideration deferred*

Read letter dated 4th inst. from Sarah Ellen Fox, widow of a Conductor who was run over and killed by Mr. Edward's Omnibus in Holborn on

13th ult. while employed in working one of the Company's omnibuses, asking pecuniary assistance for herself and children. Resolved that the consideration of the matter be deferred for a time.

4173 *Bennett's claim - settled*

In reference to a report made by the Manager of the Eastern District of Mr Bennett, a passenger falling from the front seat of Stratford Omnibus No. 7446 on 28 August, the Secretary stated that a claim had been made for injuries sustained by Mr Bennett on the ground that his fall was occasioned by one of the horses moving forward and jerking him off as he was getting up - that he had made enquiry and found that that statement was corroborated by the witness who gave his address to the omnibus driver - that he had therefore settled the claim by payment of £ 5 - the same was approved.

4174 *Mileage Duties reduction - Mr Bradfield's proposition - £ 50 to be paid to Mr Bradfield - further consideration deferred*

Read letters dated 2nd and 4th inst. from Mr Bradfield urging the expediency of his at once entering upon a canvass for support in Parliament for the Mileage Duties reduction during the next Session - and stating that he proposed to visit certain persons of influence in Blandford, Bridport, Lyme Regis, Dorchester, Shaftesbury, Weymouth, Wareham, Poole and Christchurch - that as the matter had to a certain extent to be reopened he thought the Board should supply him with the same sum (viz £ 200) as paid for the initiative [initial] steps in 1862. Resolved that the balance of the £ 50 agreed to be given for expences in 1863 under the agreement of 30 December 1861, be paid at once to Mr Bradfield, and that further arrangements be considered two months hence.

4175 *Opposition Omnibuses - on 1st September - list submitted*

The Secretary submitted for the information of the Board the following list of Omnibuses running in opposition to the Company on 1st inst.

Roehampton & Putney & London Bridge	1
Blackwall and Sloane Street	3
Holloway and London Bridge	3
Highbury New Park and Bank	1
Old Ford and Bank	6
Hackney Road & Camberwell Gate	2
Paddington Green and London Bridge	32

Kilburn Gate and Camberwell	6
St. Johns Church and London Bridge	20
[St. Johns Church] & Bishopsgate	3
[St. Johns Church] & Whitechapel	2
Shepherds Bush and London Bridge	1
Kentish Town and Westminster	13
[Kentish Town] & Holborn	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>94</u>

Being 3 less than at the time of the preparation of the last list on 10th July.

4176 Mr Trulock attended & handed in lists and samples of Oats &c purchased since the Meeting on 28th ult.

4177 *Unwin's irregularity - resignation of Unwin - an arrangement made for duties.*

The Secretary stated that in consequence of the irregularity of conduct of Mr Thomas Unwin, a Clerk in the Accountant's office he had called upon him to resign his appointment and that he had done so - and that he had to propose the following arrangement in consequence -

	Salaries	
	Present	Proposed
Mr Unwin, resigned	£100	-
[Mr] Reid of Secretary's office to succeed Unwin	50	60
[Mr] Mead to succeed Reid	25	30
[Mr] Rowntree, a new appointment, to succeed Mead	-	25
Mr Warren, resigned	25	-
To be succeeded by Fage Junior, a new appointment	-	20
	<u>£200</u>	<u>£135</u>

thus effecting a saving of £65 per annum in the Staff Salaries - the same was approved.

4178 *Omnibus service (Brixton) arrangement with Mr Balls*

Mr McNamara stated that with a view to a more satisfactory working of the Brixton service and the avoidance of the unequal standing of the Company's 2 omnibuses and 1 Coach on the City Line, he had, as

previously suggested unofficially at a previous Meeting of the Board, opened a communication with Mr Matthew Balls, the proprietor of most of the Brixton trade with a view to an exchange of the Company's city "times" for some of those belonging to him on the Brixton and Oxford St line, working there in association - and that after several interviews he had induced Mr Balls to offer 2 Oxford Street "times" for the two City omnibus "times" and £ 60 for the time of the Coach which performed one journey only to the City and back daily - that he strongly advised the acceptance of the offer. Resolved that the offer be accepted.

4179 *Revenue Account to 2nd August - submitted*

The Secretary submitted Revenue Account for the period from 1 July to 2nd August, showing the following results, viz

Receipts, per omnibus per day	<u>£3,,2,,2</u>
Expences [expenses]	
Administration, Rents, Rates & Office expences.	1/10 ¼
Duty, Drivers and Conductors' Wages, Tolls, Compensation and out door expences	17/3
Horsekeepers' Wages, Washing & Sundries in Yards	4/1
Provender	18/9½
Horses	3/6¾
Shoeing & Veterinary Service	1/2¾
Repairing Omnibuses, Harness and Premises	3/10
Total Expences	<u>£2,,10,,6½</u>
Net Profit to 2 nd August	<u>£12,411,,2,,0</u>

[Signed] Thomas Lulham