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a further rise of 6th per quarter in the price of Cato.

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Mr W. Stannard reported that he
was unable to procure an undertaking from Mess.
Bolton, Cumber, or Bowd in reference to the toll to
be charged at the Kent and Gato (undermines etc)
4304 of last meeting) and that therefore he became
a competitor for the trust until the sum exceeded
the limit to which he felt justified in going -
that the tolls were eventually knocked down to
Mr Brown at an increased rental of £1980 as
compared with the preceding year.

The Secretary submitted the

Monthly Horse Statement showing the following

per centage results	1862	1863
Sick on 1 st November	2.10	2.25
Dead in October	1.23	1.52
Sale in October	0.80	0.62

Resolved that a Special Board
be held at 1 o'clock on 23rd inst. to enquire into and
consider certain charges against the Padding-
ton Depot with reference to the Hay deliveries
and that Mess. Trevel, Richardson and Fisher
be so instructed to attend.

J. John, Secy

Special Board

23rd November 1863

Present Mr. Lawrie the Chairman
Mr. Lullman Mr. W. Stannard
" Lawd " Martelli
Mr. Annan

The Chairman now stated that
in consequence of certain communications made
to him in reference to the conduct of the business
at Paddington Depot he had obtained from the
Accountant a statement of the proceeds shown by

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Travels
Paddington Depot
Revenue that submitted at
just of Board explained

the accounts as issued for use from the Depot during two months since the recent change of Clerk Foreman, and for two months prior to that change, and that the account showed a considerable decrease in the consumption of hay and blow, and an increase in the consumption of straw, he also stated that certain rumors of tampering with the Company's servants had reached him - that the object of the meeting was to enquire into the matter.

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Statement showing
deficiency submitted
by Mr. Trevel.

Mr. Trevel submitted statements of deficiencies in the quantities supplied to various studs, according to the minute of 2146 of the Committee, and other charges in a memo - of surplus of 37 loads discovered on stock taking on 1st September, credited to the consumption of the latter period, and also accounted for the increased consumption of straw by showing that the proportion of straw had been increased in the daily rations - the result showing a deficiency of about 57 loads of hay and straw in two months -

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Rutherford (Foreman) of the Baddington Depot attended - he examined
charges against Smith, showing note from Mr. H. Lacey
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Lacey

Mr. Rutherford - Foreman in the
loft of the Baddington Depot attended - he
stated that on 6th November he received the following note from Mr. H. Lacey

"32 Orchard Street

"Portman Square W

"Nov. 6. 1863

"Dear Sir

"If you could give me a call on Monday evening I should be very glad to see you, and
"your own time, will you kindly reply.

"Yours very truly

"Harry Lacey

by Mr. Trevel's instructions he went on to meet, and met the third Mess. Lacey - who told Mr. Trevel's tale - they sounded him - he indignantly taking bribes from Raffles - then desolately denied it, and they backed him in defence of it.

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but told them that if they thought he (Rutherford) had had money from Mr. Hill's they were mis- taken - he subsequently sent back a sample of Sney's hay as being too bad for the horses, & sent a sample of the bad hay to Mr. Lavermond. Mr. Harry Lacey subsequently received his overtures and expressed a desire that he should not be seen by Mr. Trevest with him. At the in- terview at the house Mr. Lacey said at the end of the month he would make it right - he never mentioned any sum of money - he said he at he never told third parties what he did - that he was not going to tell what was done at Bell Laird - he (Rutherford) went a second time to Lacey and they renewed their enquiries as to the possibility of bribing Mr. Trevest - he (Rutherford) had frequently sent back Hill's hay - after he had been at the Depot ten days he (Hill) said if he gave him the same as he did to Harding it would come to about £9 or £10, and he refused it and reported the offer to Mr. Trevest, and took Hill's pay to face with Mr. Trevest. Mr. Hill told him (Rutherford) that he (Hill) had given Harding £3 a week - the fortnight £1 or £1.10.0 per week, and to Mr. Smith the clerk £30 a a hind and a gold watch - that about 2nd Nov. Hill brought 6 loads of Hay and wanted it passed as elicited by Rutherford and Richard said - that it was put aside and subsequently on reference to Mr. Trevest one half was admitted to be mixed and one half hay.

Mr. Rutherford here read the following written statement which was read; -

"On the 1st of June last I took the situation as 'Foreman', a few days after Smith the clerk 'came to me in the yard and said 'Mr. Rutherford, if me both now in the same boat as Harding and me did, we should make a good thing of it' - I laughed at it.
"A few days after this Smith, the clerk, took my men away from their work about his own matters

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"and I told Smith I should not allow him
"to do it for he prevented me getting out the
"Ward with the horses' proceeds." Smith replied
"I will leave the money where I like, and then
"and to punch my head. I wanted to cut
"Smith's acquaintance, and I told him if
"he dared to come into the Loft on Monday
"and take away my new for hire and purposes
"I would kick him out of the Loft and Smith
"and myself became bad friends. I was only
"friendly with Smith about 10 days.
"After this Smith had locks put on the desk,
"and would not allow us to see a book. This
"and other things created my suspicions.
"On Thursday the 6th day of August I told
"Trenst that I was quite sure that Smith &
"Deale, the way Deale, were robbing the Com-
"pany, Mr. Trenst replied 'in what way, by
"giving full weight', I said 'not in entering
"loads of hay in the ledgers which never come
"at all' - Mr. Trenst replied 'Rutherford I will
"give you a book to check against Smith's', and
"I now produce the book; Smith heard I had
"got a book, his game was played out, and
"he was compelled to spend the men's wages
"to pay some debts, and left his situation in
"August".

"The ledgers will prove the frauds & so -
"And Deale's bills so far as he could is concerned."

"He charged Deale, (now dead) and
"Smith the late Deale at the Depot with defrauding
"the company in the way stated in the preceding
"memorandum, and dividing the spoil of the
"Horse and Sacks' public house - He stated that
"He told him about six weeks ago his share
"of what was due to him on the said scale was
"paid to Warding was about £60, and he
"would be happy to let him have a cheque at
"any time, that Mr. Percy secured most anxious
"to make the acquaintance of Mr. Trevelyan."

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the Depot had made any offer of bribe to him.

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Mr. Macdonald the Depot

Mr. Macdonald (blind)
summed
Mr. Macdonald, successor to Smith's - attended - he confirmed
the report of Mr. Macdonald as to Smith's endeavours
to pass 2 loads of illicit and 4 loads of
Hay as 6 loads of illicit - no overtures of
bribery had been made to him by any of
the way dealers.

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Ordered that the Accountant
do prepare a statement of each description of
provisions consumed at the Paddington and
Bell Lane Depots from 1st January to the first
Sunday in November and ascertain showing the
quantity that should be consumed according
to the rations allowed by the Directors, and also
the difference between the two accounts.

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Resolved that Mr. Mills be
requested to attend the Executive Committee on
Thursday next at 2 past 12, and Mr. Long
the Board at 2 past 1 on Friday to explain
the charges made against them in the fore-
going evidence, and that at Mr. Ernest (be-
having already discontinued purchasing
merchandise with from him) be directed to leave no further
dealings with him.

J. John Smith

Special Board

26 November 1863

Present Mr. Longwin the Clerk

Mr. Martelli

Mr. Sullivan

Arrived

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Mr. Macdonald

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Mr. Macdonald (blind)
summed
The Secretary submitted and
read a paper and letters received from Mr. Macdonald
in reference to the alleged frauds at Paddington
Depot.