

ACC/1297/LGOC/01/004/006

General Board

23rd May 1862

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

3268 Read Minutes of Meeting on 16th inst. the same were confirmed.

3269 *Share Conversion - notice served on Lanze and Co*

Prudhomme's system of feeding - District Managers to report

Read Minutes of Meeting of the Paris Committee on 21st inst., also copy of notice served on Messrs Lanze and Co referred to therein. Resolved that a report be obtained from the District Managers of the result of trial of Mr Prudhomme's system of feeding.

3270 *Pound's house (Bow) Mr Tosh to reassess*

Read Minutes of Meeting of the Works and Stores Committee on 20th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

In reference to Minute No.583 it was Ordered that the value of the house occupied by Mr Pound be reassessed by Mr Tosh with a view to an advance of the rent if it be underrented.

3271 Read Minutes of Meeting of the Accounts and Finance Committee on 22nd inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

3272 Read Minutes of Meeting of the Traffic Committee on 22nd inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

3273 Read Statement of Horses & Provender purchased and Horses sold during week ending 18th inst. It appeared therefrom that the Company possessed 6587 horses at that time, that the number owned by them at the corresponding period of 1861 was 6486, that during the week 59 were purchased for £ 1480, that the purchases in the corresponding week of 1861 were 24 for £ 574, that 15 Carcasses were sold for £ 27,, 5,, 0 and 7 living horses for £ 34,, 10,, 0, that 2210 qrs [quarters] of Oats

at £ 1,, 3,, 4 ³/₄, 50 qrs of Bran at £ 0,, 13,, 0, 232 loads of Mixture at £ 4,, 6,, 1, and 108 ¹/₄ loads of Straw at £ 2,, 2,, 8 were purchased - that the prices in the corresponding week of 1861 were for Oats proportionate to their weight £ 1,, 5,, 0 ¹/₄, for Mixture £ 4,, 6,, 10 ³/₄, and for Straw £ 1, 16,, 0, yielding by comparison of the prices of Oats, Mixture and Straw, an advantage to the current year equal to £ 143 on the average weekly consumption of the Company.

3274 *Advertising Contract - Tender and Letters submitted - Paris Directors to give their opinion - Mr. Smith to attend Board*

The following Tender for Advertising in and upon the Omnibuses of the Company, being the only one received in answer to the advertisement in the "Times", was opened by the Chairman -

Mr. Kennedy; Fetter Lane, at £ 1,, 10,, 6 per Omnibus per annum for three years from 1st October next:-

Letter from Mr Bradfield on the subject was also read, asking for a share of the business such as he had always hitherto enjoyed.- Read also letter dated 21st inst. from Mr. Smith, 3 Tavistock Street, Covent Garden, repeating the offer made by him in 1861 (vide Minute No. 2359.)

Resolved that the Paris Directors be requested to give their opinion in the Minutes of their next Committee as to the course best to be taken in the matter,- and that Mr. Smith be invited to attend the next Meeting of the Board in reference to his proposal.

[3275]* Kearton's claim - [[illegible]]*

The Secretary reported that Mr Kearton of Harrow St. Works, Lant Street, Southwark, had received an injury in the leg in consequence of slipping off a damaged step of Omnibus No. 6842 on 6th inst., and that as the case appeared to be one calling for immediate settlement he had desired Dr Gill to visit Mr Kearton and by his advice had settled the matter by payment of £10. Mr Kearton and Dr Gill's letters on the subject were read - the same was approved.

3276 *Vickery's claim - not to be entertained*

Read letter dated 13th inst. from Mess. Dawes and Son giving notice of the intention of Mr Vickery to claim compensation for injuries sustained on 1st inst. on the occasion of two of the Company's Omnibuses coming into collision in the Bayswater Road - the Secretary stated that the case

was that in which Dick [Dix], the driver of one of the Omnibuses was thrown off and killed, and that at the inquest on his body it had been proved that the accident was caused by a horse shying at a Stone placed in the road by the Contractors for the Sewers, and that a verdict of “Accidental Death” was returned - that Mr Fleschelle was engaged in collecting the evidence of the several witnesses of the occurrence, and that as soon as collected it would be laid before the Board. Resolved that Mess. Dawes and Son be informed that the Company are not liable under the circumstances.

3277 *Malt House Yard – Arrangement to continue to apply*

Read letter dated 13th inst. from Mess. Allen Nicol and Allen inquiring whether the Company wished to continue the tenancy of the Malt House Yard and Stables, Fulham, after Midsummer, as Mr Hawtrey’s lease would then expire, and the property would be under their management for Miss Cox (the owner) - the Secretary stated that he had called on Mess. Allen, Nicol & Allen, and arranged with them for the Company’s tenancy to continue on the same terms as existing with Mr Hawtrey until further notice (vide Minute No. 416 of Works and Stores Committee of 7th January) - the same was approved.

3278 *Horses - purchasing prices - Statement of last 5 years submitted*

The Secretary submitted for information of the Board the following statement of the purchasing price of Horses in the several purchasing Districts and Depôts during the five years last past.

| Where purchased | 1857 | 1858 | 1859 | 1860 | 1861 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| South Western District | 26,,13,,0 | 27,,5,,6 | 25,,2,,5 | 25,,4,,8 | 25,,11,,10 |
| Northern [District] | 30,,0,,0 | 27,,12,,2 | 27,,7,,3 | 26,,14,,7 | 26,,18,,1 |
| Western [District] | 28,,1,,4 | 29,,0,,0 | 28,,0,,4 | 26,,15,,0 | 26,,6,,8 |
| Bell Lane Depôt | 27,,2,,0 | 26,,11,,4 | 25,,1,,0 | 25,,0,,10 | 24,,16,,2 |

3279 *Steven’s claim - settled for £ 20 and costs*

The Secretary reported in reference to Minute No. 3223 of 2nd inst. that he had settled the claim of Mr Stevens for injury to his wife for £ 20, and the amount of the Solicitors costs - the same was approved.

3280 *Toll reform: Mileage Duties - Mr Bradfield's report of progress*

Read report dated 22nd inst. from Mr Bradfield of the progress made in reference to the abolition of Toll Gates, and also in reference to the Mileage Duties.

3281 *Horse Report for April submitted*

The Monthly Horse Report was submitted and exhibited the following per centage results:-

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|-----------------|------|------|
| | 1862 | 1861 |
| Sick on 1st May | 2.17 | 3.73 |
| Deaths in April | 1.23 | 1.39 |
| Sales in April | 0.96 | 0.59 |

[3282]*[[illegible]]*

Read letter from Elizabeth Dix, 4 Trafalgar St. Walworth Road, widow of the Driver whose death was recorded in Minute No. 3276 of that day, asking for some compensation for her bereavement; the Secretary stated that he heard that the Contractors for the works in the road had been applied to for compensation and that the application was under consideration by them. Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to see Mrs Dix on the subject and communicate afterwards with the Board thereon.

3283 *Stables at Fulham – re construction under canvas - Mr Tosh's report*

Read report dated 22nd inst. from Mr Tosh in reference to the subject of Minute No. 1011 of Traffic Committee on 22nd inst. suggesting as the best course to be adopted

1. The construction of Stables under canvas for 20 horses at the Kings Arms and Ship Yards (i.e. 10 at each place) or in the event of the Surveyor objecting, the erection of a Tent in the field at Walham Green which is of sufficient dimensions to accommodate a large number of Horses - that at Highbury there is still room to provide for 16 or 24 horses in the layers at small cost. Resolved that Mr Tosh be

instructed to arrange what is essential for the accommodation of the horses after consultation with Mess. Parker, Trevett and Wilson.

3284 *Horse Dépôt with grazing Land to be obtained*

Resolved that it is expedient to establish a Depot with grazing land attached for the conducting there the purchase and issue of Horses for the service of the Company, and that the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr Noble of Woodford with instructions to advertise for such premises within 10 miles of the Metropolis.

3285 *[[illegible]]*

Read letter dated 23rd inst. from Mr Woodford in reference to Minute No. 3267 of last Meeting offering to pay £25 in three months in settlement of the claim and asking for exemption from the Balance. Resolved that the matter be further considered after payment of the £ 25.

[Signed] F John Law