

General Board

27th March 1863

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

- 3848 Read Minutes of Meeting on 20th inst. the same were confirmed.
- 3849 Read Minutes of Meeting of Accounts and Finance Committee on 26th inst, the same were confirmed and adopted.
- 3850 Read Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee on 27th inst., the same were confirmed and adopted.
- 3851 Read Statement of Horses and Provender purchased and horses sold during week ending 22nd inst. showing the following results - Number of horses possessed by the Company at that date 6484; at same period of 1862 6500; purchases during the week 38 for £962; in same week of 1862 20 for £514; Carcases sold during the week 30 for £55,, 7,, 6; and living horses sold 8 for £28; 3880 qrs. [quarters] of Oats purchased at £ [0],, 19,, 10½ ; 81¼ loads of Hay and Clover at £3,, 18,, 0, and 95¼ loads of Straw at £1,, 13,, 4½ - the prices in corresponding week of 1862 for Oats proportionate to their weight £1,, 2,, 2½ , Hay and Clover £4,, 6,, 4¼ , and Straw £1,, 15,, 8½ ; difference in favor [favour] of current year on average weekly consumption of the Company £402 per week.
- 3852 *Horse Statement for February - submitted*

The following Monthly Statement of the Sanatory [Sanitary] condition of the Horse Stock was submitted;

	1863	1862
Sick on 1st March	3.54	3.52
Deaths in February	1.21	1.10
Sales in [February]	[0].55	[0.]06

3853 *Tolls Abolition - names for Select Committee - £50 granted to Mr Bradfield*

Read letters dated 21st and 26th inst. from Mr Bradfield, reporting the names nominated for the Select Committee on the Tolls Abolition Bill, and urging the expediency of a sum of £ 100 being expended in prosecuting the matter - Resolved that a further grant of £50 be made to Mr Bradfield for current expences [expenses] in aiding and forwarding the Bill in Parliament for abolition of the tolls.

3854 *Direction - letters from Messrs. Ollivier and Auzony in reference to reduction*

Read letters from Mr Alphonse Ollivier, owner of 300 shares residing at 16 rue Taitbout, Paris and from Mr Auzony owner of 175 shares, requesting a proposal at the General Meeting for reduction of the number of Directors from 11 to 9 of which 4 should be French. Resolved that the matter be referred to Mess. Wilkinson and Stevens to advise the Board as to the course proper to be taken thereon.

3855 *Osche and Cohen (re Colas) shares to be reserved in Company's safe.*

The Secretary handed in certificate for 14 shares with transfer in blank delivered to him in Paris on 25th inst. (vide Minute No. 3837 of 20th inst.) Ordered that the shares be reserved in the Company's safe until further notice.

3856 *Officious Meeting - account by Messrs. McNamara, Lulham and Laver.*

Mess. McNamara, Lulham and Laver gave account of their mission to Paris, and of the proceedings at the Officious Meeting of Shareholders in Paris on 25th inst. whereat among other matters a very strong desire was expressed for an increase of the dividend from 3/- to 4/- per share, and in reply to which the Chairman of the Meeting (Mr Vacossin) declared that the Board would not consent to the payment of more than 3/- under any circumstances.

3857 Resolved that a Special Board Meeting be held at 2 pm. on Monday next to determine the order of proceedings at the General Meeting and other matters.

[Signed] Thomas Lulham