

General Board

21st November 1862

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

3637 Read Minutes of Meeting on 14th inst. the same were confirmed.

3638 *Paris Directors re Law Clerk*

Parcels service - objection to Mr Sollas' proposition

Law Expenses – Mess. Wilkinson and Co's claim

Horse Stock - re Horses sold in weeks ending 2nd and 9th inst.

Horse Stock [[illegible]] re difference [[illegible]] to W. Dist.

Horse Stock (S.W. District) - re deficiency

Lost Shares (743) - purchase of balance recommended

Oats - tabular statement of prices to be sent to Paris

Articles of Association - proposal to print 1000 French copies

Read Minutes of Meeting of the Paris Committee on 19th inst.

1. Concurring in the adjourned consideration of the expediency of appointing a Law Clerk.

2. Objecting to the proposition of Mr. Sollas (Minute No. 3620 of 7th inst.) as involving an outlay of capital not warranted by the prospect of remuneration.

3. Enquiring the reason and amount of Mess. Wilkinson and Co's maintained demand, in reference to which the Board inform their colleagues that the amount demanded is £ 3192 being the full amount of the unsettled claim, and the reasons given are those stated in Minute No. 1158 of Accounts and Finance Committee on 13th inst.

4. Asking explanation relative to the number of dead and living horses sold in weeks ending 2nd and 9th inst. - to which the Board answer that in the former week were contained one month's report from the North Eastern District, the weekly return not having been duly made and generally that several horses scarcely fit for work were retained until the close of the Exhibition in order to avoid new purchases and that as soon as the Exhibition was closed and the number of working omnibuses was materially reduced such horses were as were incapable of further service were sold.

5. Asking explanation relative to the difference of 1 horse in the stated transfer from South Western to Western District (vide Minute No. 1555 of Works Stores and Traffic Committee) for which the Board refer the Paris Committee to Minute No. 1578 of Works Stores and Traffic Committee on 20th inst.

6. Asking for the result of the inquiry for the horses missing in the South Western District; for which reference is made to Minute No. 3644 of this Meeting.

7. Recommending the purchase of the balance (743) of the lost shares, as the finances of the Company and state of the Share Market in their opinion present a favorable [favourable] opportunity for the operation, in reference to which it was Resolved that the Paris Directors be informed that in the opinion of the Board it is not expedient to part with any portion of their funds for extraneous matters until further evidence of the effects of the winter and the means at disposal for a dividend be ascertained and that it is desirable to defer the consideration of the question until the first week in January.

8. Asking for a tabular statement of the prices of Oats in past years so that an opinion may be formed as to the best time for making Contracts for future supplies, which the Secretary was desired to provide.

9. Stating that it is proposed to print 1000 additional French copies of the Articles of the Company as the original stock is exhausted on which it was Resolved that it be suggested to the Paris Committee that the expence [expense] of printing these Articles should be controlled as much as possible, and that a charge of 6d should be made for each copy supplied as is the practice in London, and as is justified by the Articles themselves.

Read Minutes of Meeting of Accounts and Finance Committee on 20th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted and it was ordered that the Secretary do instruct Mr Mzielli [?] to invest the £5000 in Consols in the joint names of Mess. McNamara, Willing, Law and himself pursuant to the Deed of Indemnity.

3640 *Grass at Seven Oaks - Secretary to accept conditionally*

Read Minutes of Meeting of Works Stores and Traffic Committee on 20th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted. Read letter dated 19th inst. from Mess. Cronk (Minute No. 1570) setting forth their understanding of the terms on which they are to take horses -the Secretary was desired to accept the same conditionally on a fair proportion of hay being given to the Horses with the Straw and the supply of corn being reserved for the discretion of the Company to be supplied by them when requisite.

3641 Read Statement of Provender purchased and Horses sold during week ending 16th inst. It appeared therefrom that the Company possessed 6889 horses at that time, that the number owned by them at the corresponding period of 1861 was 6415, that during the week one was purchased for £ 18,, 0,, 0 (an exchange) that the purchases in the corresponding week of 1861 were 32 for £ 803, that 20 Carcases were sold for £ 37,, 2,, 6 and 10 living horses for £ 47,, 10,, 0, that 3160 qrs. [quarters] of Oats at £ 1,, 0,, 3 ³/₄, 127 qrs. of Beans at £ 2,, 4,, 0, 130 loads of Hay and Clover at £ 3,, 18 ,,7 and 107 ¹/₂ loads of Straw at £ 1,, 15,, 0 ¹/₄ were purchased, that the prices in the corresponding week of 1861 were for Oats proportionate to their weight £ 1,, 3,, 6 ³/₄ , for Hay and Clover £ 4,, 13,, 0 and for Straw £ 1,, 9,, 11 ¹/₄ yielding by comparison of prices the difference in favor [favour] of the current year equal to £ 488 on the average weekly consumption of the Company.

3642 *Kremser's claim - settled for £ 3,, 10,, 0*

The Secretary reported that he had settled the claim of Mary Anne Kremser referred to in Minute No. 3635 of last Meeting for £3,, 10,, 0, the same was approved.

3643 *Parcels service - Mr Sollas' report referred to Mr McNamara and Secretary to advise thereon*

In reference to the report of Mr Sollas referred to in Minute No. 3620 of 7th inst. and of which copy was sent to each member of the Board in London and in Paris, and to which reference is made in the Minutes of

Paris Committee on 19th inst. it was Resolved that the report be referred to Mr McNamara and the Secretary to consider the subject and advise the Board thereon.

3644 *Horse Stock (S. W. Dist.) - Mr Britton's report re deficiency*

Read report dated 20th inst. from Mr Britton in reference to the missing horses in the South Western District, from which it appeared that that on 1st January there was a deficiency in the inventories of

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and on 30th September a further deficiency of 11
making a total of 23

that an examination of the Slaughterer's Books brought to light as received by him, but not reported or paid for until 20th inst. 3

Leaving a deficiency of 20

that although Mr Kent and he had been engaged in endeavouring to trace these, the confusion in the distinguishing numbers was so great and the Account Keeping in the District so bad that they had entirely failed - that the detection of the three horses as having reached Mr Wallis's (the Slaughterers) establishment without record might lead to the inference that others had also gone there, but it was only an inference, - and in conclusion recommending the use of clearer brand numbers, the prohibition of removal of any horse except by written order from the District Manager or his representative, and the strict keeping of simple records of the horses in books such as have recently been furnished to the South Western District by him. Read also a letter from Mr Kent advising that the number brands should be rasped off the hoofs of all horses sold living. Resolved that the further consideration of the matter be deferred till next Meeting.

3465 *Langley's Yard Westminster - stabling to be provided for 2 Westminster and Bank oms [Omnibuses].*

With reference to Minute No. 1558 of Works Stores and Traffic Committee Mr. Parker stated that Mr Tosh found on visiting Langley's Yard Westminster that he could provide stabling for 18 horses for the two additional Westminster and Bank Omnibuses. Ordered that Mr Tosh be instructed to do the requisite work.

[Signed] F John Law