

General Board

26th February 1864

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

4561 Read letter dated 26th inst. from Mr Armani explaining his absence.

4562 Read Minutes of Meeting on 19th inst. the same were confirmed.

4563 *Report and Accounts approved by Paris Drs. – M. Cahagnet nominated at Board*

Officious Meeting – Mess. McNamara, Lulham and Laver to attend

Read Minutes of Meeting of Paris Committee on 24th inst. expressing approval of the Report and Accounts as adopted at the Board Meeting on 19th inst. (Minute No. 4552) - nominating M. Cahagnet as the candidate recommended by them for support at the election to the vacant seat on the Board occasioned by M Laurat's death (Minute No. 4547 of 19th inst.) appointing 9th March for the holding of the Officious Meeting of Shareholders in Paris, and requesting the attendance of a deputation of the English members of the Board, including Mr McNamara, at that Meeting - Resolved that Mess. McNamara, Lulham and Laver be requested to attend the Meeting in Paris as desired by the Paris Committee.

4564 Read Minutes of Meeting of Accounts and Finance Committee on 25th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

4565 Read Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee on 25th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

4566 Read Statement of Horses and Provender purchased and Horses sold during seven days ending 23rd inst. It appeared therefrom that the Company possessed 6382 horses at that time, that the number owned by them at the corresponding period of 1863 was 6483, that during the week 50 were purchased for £ 1187,, 4,, 0, that the purchases in the corresponding week of 1863 were 22 for £ 534, that 25 carcasses were sold for £ 45,, 17,, 6 and 3 living horses for £ 9, that 1340 qrs. [quarters] of Oats (40 lbs.) at £ 0,, 18,, 6; 184 qrs. of Beans at £ 1,, 13,, 6 ½, 127 ¼

loads of Hay and Clover at £ 4,, 4,, 8, and 124 loads of Straw at £ 1,, 6,, 2 ½ were purchased, that the prices in the corresponding period of 1863 were for Oats proportionate to their weight £ 1,, 1,, 9 ½ , for Hay and Clover £ 3,, 16,, 4 ½ and for Straw £ 1,, 14,, 8 ¾ , yielding by comparison a difference in favor [favour] of the current year equal to £ 458 in the on the average weekly consumption of the Company.

4567 *M. Moreau's protest - re non delivery of Shares by M. Deboile*

Read letter dated 20th inst. from Mr E. Moreau of 64 Avenue de Clichy, Batignolles Paris, and copy of formal legal notice, protesting against any transfer being recognised of 45 shares of the Company Nos. 100615 to 100659, inclusive from Mr Deboile of 15 rue de Vendome Paris because he had sold those shares to him at 61 fr. [francs] but refused to deliver them as the price had increased to 70fr. 50 c.- the Secretary stated that he sent copies of the letter and protest to Mr Slaughter of the Stock Exchange, and they had by him been posted in the Exchange, and that he proposed to detain the certificate in the event of a transfer of the shares in question being presented until Mr Moreau had been advised, and had had time to act upon the information - the same was approved.

4568 *Rutherford's summons - Mr Beard to defend*

The Secretary submitted Summons from Marylebone County Court at the suit of Walter Rutherford for £ 9,, 12,, 6 (viz £9 for wages to 13th inst., the date of alleged resignation and 12/6 for sundry alleged disbursements) vide Minute No. 4484 of 15 January) Ordered that Mr Beard be instructed to defend the Company at the Court and that Mess. McNamara, Martelli and the Chairman be requested to attend with the Secretary as witnesses in the case.

4569 *Portman Place premises - settlement for dilapidations*

Read report dated 20th inst. from Mr Scurry to the effect that he had settled the claim for dilapidations at Portman Place by agreement to pay £ 135 on 24th March, and to deliver up the premises and pay the rent next day - the same was approved.

4570 *Court's shares - application for certificate - consideration deferred*

Read letter dated 19th inst. from Mr Rupert Rains Solicitor and Notary 15 Fish Street Hill referring to a notice served on the Company on 1st inst. on behalf of M. Joseph Desiré Court of Rénage, Canton de Rives, Department of Isere, France to detain on presentation 25 shares of the

late French Company said to have belonged to M. Cesare Court of Rueil, France, deceased, his brother, but which could not be found - the said letter of 19th inst., asking whether the Company will issue certificates for the 25 shares to Mr J D Court, on being indemnified against any other claimant, the Secretary stated that the French shares bearing the numbers given in the notice of 1st inst. had not been brought in for exchange - that he had sent copy of the application to Paris for consideration of the Committee there. Resolved that the consideration of the matter be deferred until the arrival of the Paris Directors in London.

4571 *Barber's claim - Secretary to settle*

The Secretary reported in reference to Barber's claim (Minute No. 4559 of last Meeting) that the claimant absolutely declined to accept the sum offered him, and has requested the further consideration of the matter by the Board. Resolved that the Secretary be authorised to settle the matter on the best terms he can make.

4572 *City Rd. Infirmary - usual donation to Funds.*

The Secretary submitted application from the City Road Infirmary for Diseases of the Chest for the usual annual subscription of the Company. Resolved that the usual donation of five guineas be made to the Hospital funds.

4573 * Baker (late driver) [[illegible]]*

Read letter dated 18th inst. from Mr William King of Fulham asking pecuniary assistance for John Baker, late a Driver in the service of the Company. Read report dated 22nd inst. from Mr. Baker the District Superintendent thereon stating that John Baker was employed about 18 or 20 years on the Fulham Road, and was always a well conducted man, that he had been ill 2 or 3 years, and had been unable to leave his room for more than 6 months and would probably never again be able to drive. Resolved that a donation of two guineas be given to the applicant.

4574 *"Malt for Cattle" Bill - [[illegible]] to use by Company*

The Secretary placed on the table copy of the "Malt for Cattle Bill" by which it appeared that there would be no objection to Malt such as was therein described being used for the Company's horses, although the expensive arrangements necessary for its preparation would probably render it unprofitable for the Company to malt for their own use.

4575 *Oats (French) 520 qrs. purchased*

Mr Trulock attended and submitted list and samples of grain purchased since last Meeting including a further parcel of 520 qrs. [quarters] of French Oats of 40 lbs. weight at 18/6 per quarter.

4576 *Milton St accident - Mrs Gill's application 8/- per week allowed during time of husbands imprisonment*

Read letter dated 24th inst. from Mary Gill wife of the Driver committed to Prison for two months (vide Minute No. 2775 of Executive Committee on 11th inst.) asking pecuniary assistance during her husbands imprisonment. It was stated by Mr McNamara & the Secretary that they had enquired into the case and that they were clearly of opinion that the charge of drunkenness upon which Gill was convicted by Mr Yardley the Magistrate at Marylebone Police Court was entirely unfounded - that the accident arose from the breaking of a "Kidney link", in the harness, by which Gill lost control of his horses - that possibly his excitement after the accident might have been mistaken for drunkenness by the Police, but that several persons (including Mr. Baker the Road Inspector) who saw him very shortly before the accident spoke decidedly as to his sobriety, and that evidence to that effect would have been given, but for the Magistrate's hasty conviction - that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against the conviction, but that pending an inquiry into the case Gill of course remained in custody. Resolved that an allowance of 8/- per week be made to Mrs Gill during the time of her husband's imprisonment.

4577 *Coach Factory - re Vinery Ground - for Mr Lulham's reconsideration*

Mr Lulham reported that having spent a considerable time in watching the progress of the new works at Highbury Coach Factory, he had seen the expediency of obtaining the whole of the Vinery and ground belonging thereto, and extending the sheds over the whole so that the Engine and lathes might be removed there, and the whole of the works be placed within the walls of the Factory - that he had with that view conferred with Mess. E & J Wilson & arranged with them subject to the approval of the Board that the Company shall take the whole Vinery and ground inclusive of that previously taken (Minute No. 4446 of 1st January) at £ 18 per annum from Christmas last for the residue of their term, the Company to have the material on the ground, except the Copper which Mr. Wilson will keep and replace if necessary as hereinafter

stated, and the Company to agree to restore the Vinery at the expiration of their lease if the landlord require it. Read report from Mr Tosh to the effect that the cost of taking down and rebuilding the shaft would be

£45

Removing boiler and & rebuilding same	25
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Removing Lathe, Shafting &c &c	20
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Roof &c	<u>35</u>
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£ 125

that if thought preferable to leave the existing Engine House undisturbed and to let it, a 10 horse power portable Engine for the Coach Factory work might be purchased for £ 120, and the other work would cost about £ 50 or say £ 205 complete instead of £ 125. Resolved that the offer of Mess. E & J Wilson be accepted, and that the works proposed be further considered and reported upon as to which of the two courses above named is most expedient and practicable.

[4588]*[[illegible]]*

The Secretary submitted writ issued by Mr Joseph Smith, Solicitor of White Lion St Norton Folgate to recover compensation for injuries sustained by Henry Williams by collision with Hornsey Rd. and London Bridge omnibus No. 6312 in City Road on 16th inst. while he was drawing a truck (vide District Managers' Report Book). Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to arrange the matter as he finds it expedient

4589 *Toll Rebate Account - Arbitration re cost of Harrison's claim - award in favour of Co*

Mess. McNamara and the Secretary reported that in the settlement of the Toll Rebate Account with the Camden Town Association credit had been claimed for £ 103,, 16,, 9 paid in settlement of Harrison's claim and costs on both sides (vide Minute No. 2156 of Executive Committee 11 June 1863, and 4041 of Board 19 June 1863), but that the Association had refused to admit the set off - that they (Mess. McNamara and the Secretary) had agreed on the proposal of the members of the Association to refer the question at issue to the decision of Mr. J Castelow of the Richmond Conveyance Company - that the parties attended before the Arbitrator, the Company being represented by themselves - read award dated 24th inst. made by Mr Castelow entirely confirming the claim of

the Company and awarding the Camden Town Association to pay £ 63,, 16,, 9 and the Company £ 40,, 0,, 0 of the amount, or in other words requiring the Association to pay more than the Company originally asked them to pay. Resolved that the course taken by Mess. McNamara and the Secretary in the matter be fully approved.

4580 *Report and Accounts will be sent to Shareholders that day*

The Secretary reported that the Report and Accounts would be sent by post that night to each of the English Shareholders - the same was approved.

4581 *Marriott's offer of Omnibuses - Mr Crane to report*

Read letter dated 25th inst. from Mr Marriott offering for sale to the Company the two 3 horse omnibuses formerly at work from the Farringdon Railway Station he having had an offer for them from other parties. Resolved that Mr Crane be instructed to inspect the Omnibuses and report as to the expediency of purchasing them.

4582 *Horse requirement (N. District) to be furnished from Mr Dixon's purchase*

Ordered that 4 horses be selected from the number last purchased by Mr Dixon to be sent to Mr. Wilson for service in the Northern District (vide Minute No. 2806 of Executive Committee on 25th inst.)

4583 *Irongate Wharf Mr Moseley's report re new arrangements - adopted*

Mr Richardson to be appointed Superintendent of I. W. Depot:- salary [[illegible]] – Francis Junr. Salary increased

Mr Moseley – gratuity of 20 guineas for extra services

Read report dated 26th inst. from Mr Moseley in reference to the arrangements at Irongate Wharf Paddington, describing the system of operation under the supervision of Mr Richardson, and advising that he be appointed as Superintendent of the Depot. Resolved that Mr Richardson be appointed as proposed at a salary after the rate of £ 150 per annum from 1st January last. Resolved also that the salary of Francis the assistant clerk in the office be increased from the rate of £ 20 to £ 30 per annum. Resolved also that a gratuity of twenty guineas be given to Mr Moseley for his special services in rearranging the business of the Depot in question.

4584 *Loan (Bank of London) draft surrender of Mortgage terms submitted*

Mr Martelli having kindly prepared draft surrender of mortgage terms in the leaseholds mortgaged to the Bank of London for securing £ 30,000 and interest in 1859 now paid off, submitted the same, and it was ordered that it be submitted to the Solicitors of the Bank for approval and when finally settled should be endorsed on the mortgage deed and the seal of the Company affixed, and the execution by the Trustees of the Bank obtained.

[Signed] F. John Law