

General Board

14th November 1862

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

3624 Read Minutes of Meeting on 7th inst. the same were confirmed.

3625 Read Minutes of Meeting of Paris Committee on 12th inst.

3626 Read Minutes of Meeting of Accounts and Finance Committee on 13th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

3627 *Horses S.W. District - Mr. Parker's statement re Horses at Cochin's*

Read Minutes of Meeting of Works Stores and Traffic Committee on 13th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted. Mr. Parker stated in reference to Minute No. 1543 that he had been informed by Mr. Cochin that the horses would be properly cared for and housed at night, that he was so overburdened with horses that he was compelled to send them to any place he could get.

3628 Read Statement of Provender purchased and Horses sold during week ending 9th inst. It appeared therefrom that the Company possessed 6918 horses at that time, that the number owned by them at the corresponding period of 1861 was 6407, that during the week none were purchased - that the purchases in the corresponding week of 1861 were 10 for £ 255, that 33 Carcases were sold for £ 61,, 10,, 0, and 5 living horses for £ 17,, 15,, 0, that 3290 qrs. [quarters] of Oats at £ 1,, 1,, 7 ½, 154 qrs of Beans at £ 2,, 3,, 3, 157 ¾ loads of Hay and Clover at £ 3,, 17,, 3 ½, and 137 ¼ loads of Straw at £ 1,, 13,, 9 ¼ were purchased, that the prices in the corresponding week of 1861 were for Oats proportionate to their weight £ 1,, 3,, 7, for Hay and Clover £ 4,, 8,, 3 ¼, and for Straw £ 1,, 11,, 9, yielding by comparison a difference in favor [favour] of the current year equal to £ 325 on the average weekly consumption of the Company.

3629 *Highbury Yard - letters from Mess. Wilson and Carter – re Min. 3615*

Read letter dated 10th inst. from Mess. Wilson and Carter in reference to Minute No. 3615 of last Meeting, stating that the case had been misrepresented against them, that the suspicious horse was in the first instance placed by Mr. Ashton in a box, whence a horse suffering from glanders had the previous day been sent to the slaughterer and which had not been since cleaned out, and that they did have it placed in a separate corner stall in a stable with other horses but away from them until a clean box could be procured.

3630 *Mr Bennett's suggestion re issue of tickets to Shareholders - not expedient to adopt*

Read letters dated 5th, 7th and 11th inst. from Mr. John Bennett, of 3 Moore Lane, a holder of 200 shares, recommending that tickets for payment of Omnibus fares to the balance of about 10 per cent. on the paid up Capital of the Company should be given to each Shareholder of the Company by way of bonus. Resolved that in the opinion of the Board such an arrangement could not be made without injustice to the Shareholders of the Company who are not resident in London and who constitute about nine tenths of the Company as such tickets would be of little value to them whereas to those resident in London the bonus would be equivalent to a preferential dividend of 10 per cent.

3631 *Saloon Co. v. Chadwick - offer to withdraw - Mr Chadwick's costs to be paid by Coy. conditionally*

Read letter dated 12th inst. from Mess. Wilkinson and Co with copies of letters from Mr. Ashurst and from Mess. Flux and Argles to Mr. Ashurst suggesting that instead of the suit Metropolitan Saloon Omnibus Company v. Chadwick (a suit in Chancery to compel Mr Chadwick to sign the agreement to refer in the Arbitration) being carried into Court for decision it should be withdrawn and each party should pay their own costs - the signature if obtained being rendered useless by the late Award of the Arbitrator – Mess. Wilkinson and Co advising that the offer should be accepted as the defendant had security for £100 only in the event of gaining the cause, whereas if it were tried out the costs would be about £200 - £100 being already incurred - so that there could be nothing gained by prosecuting the suit, but risk would be incurred of losing and having all costs to pay (see Minutes Nos. 2419 and 2434 of 31

May and 7 June 1861 respectively). Resolved that subject to Mr. Chadwick agreeing to abstain from proceeding against the Members of the Saloon Company for malicious prosecution, and abiding by the Award generally, Mess. Ashworth's Bill of Costs be paid by the Company.

3632 *Mr Bathgate's pass - not renewed*

Read letter dated 11th inst. from Mr. Bathgate asking renewal of his free pass by the Kennington and Camden Town omnibuses (vide Minute No. 2969, 31 January 1862) Resolved that the privilege be not renewed.

3633 *Holmes v. Falconer - verdict for plaintiff*

In reference to Minute No. 3622 of last Meeting the Secretary reported that in the action Holmes v. Falconer the plaintiff had gained a verdict for £50 and that the Company's contribution to expence [expence] would not therefore be required.

3634 *Hooker's claim - settled*

Read letter dated 12th inst. from Mess. Wilkinson and Co stating that they had settled the claim of Mr Hooker for £100 and £18 the costs of his solicitor - the same was approved. (vide Minute No. 3607 of 31st October)

3635 *Kremser's claim – Secretary to arrange as best he can*

Read letter dated 1st inst. from Mary Anne Kremser, 23 New Church Street Bermondsey claiming compensation for the fracture of her Son's leg by a pump falling from a truck which he was drawing in Leadenhall Street on 21st October - read report from Mr. Edwards thereon from which it appeared that the Omnibus No. 6156 did not as alleged by the boy strike or approach the truck within some feet, that the Conductor seeing the boy fall got down and assisted him into a Doctor's shop, not supposing that any attempt would be made to fix the blame on the Omnibus, but therefore no evidence was obtained at the time - the Secretary stated that the boy declared that the omnibus struck the wheel of the truck and knocked the pump off, and that it was said that a bystander who took the Number of the Omnibus was prepared to prove it - that the boy was still in Guy's Hospital. Resolved that the Secretary be authorised to settle the matter on the best terms he can make.

3636 *Horse Statement for October submitted*

The Secretary submitted Monthly Statement of the condition of Horse Stock showing the following per centage results, viz.

	1862	1861
Sick on 1st November	2.25	3.60
Deaths in October	1.52	1.56
Sales in October	0.62	0.99

[Signed] F John Law