

General Board

17th April 1862

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

[3177]Read Minutes of Meeting on 11th inst. the same were confirmed.

[3178]*Horses – information to Paris Directors*

Tolls - misconception by Paris Directors

Read Minutes of Meeting of the Paris Committee on 16th Inst. Resolved in reference thereto that the Paris Directors be informed that various causes operate in reference to the price of horses, such as the character of the markets, and of the work required - that the Board have the subject under consideration, but that they feel that scarcity of funds has a strong influence on the question - that Minutes No. 32 and 33 of Special Committee do not convey the state of things supposed by the Paris Committee, as the agreement between the Company and the Contractor on the Trust was for the sum paid by the Company, which was nevertheless less than the full amount of the toll allowed by Law - that the £300 applied only to the Kent Road Gate and not to that at the Dover Road - that the Board have no power to recover any part of the amount - that in reference to Mr Sheldon's claim for expenses incurred for removal to the District over which he was placed as Managing Director, the Board made the best arrangement possible under the circumstances in order to secure his retirement. That in the opinion of the Board it is not expedient to incur so heavy a tax as £360 per annum for the purpose of securing quotation on the Paris Bourse of the Shares of the Company. Resolved also that copy of the Advertisement and Specification for the contract for advertising in Omnibuses be sent to the Paris Directors as requested and that a gratuity of £25 be given to M. Etiviant, subject to the approval of the Paris Committee.

[3179] Read Minutes of Works and Stores Committee on 13th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

[3180]*Minute No. 893 adopted [[illegible]]*

Law Charges – Note of £750 to be offered to Messrs Wilkinson & Co.

Read Minutes of Meeting of Accounts and Finance Committee on 17th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted subject in reference to Minute No. [[illegible]] to the concurrence of the Paris Committee, and it was Resolved that an offer of a Bill at five months for £ 750 be made to Messrs Wilkinson and Co in settlement of the claim of £ 893,, 9,, 10.

3181 Read Minutes of Meeting of Traffic Committee on 17th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

3182 Read Statement of Horses and Provender purchased and Horses sold during week ending 13th inst. It appeared therefrom that the Company possessed [[illegible]] horses at that time - that the number owned by them at the corresponding period of 1861 was 6457, that during the week 8 were purchased for £ 227, that the purchases in the corresponding week of 1861 were 5 for £ 1477, that 12 carcasses were sold for £ 21,, 17,, 6 and 10 living horses for £45, that 1400 qrs [quarters] of Oats at £ 1,, 2, 1 ³/₄ , 228 loads of Mixture at £ 4,, 4,, 10 and 123 ³/₄ loads of Straw at £ 1,, 16,, 8 were purchased, that the prices in the corresponding week of 1861 were for Oats proportionate to their weight £[[illegible]], for Mixture £4,, 8,, 0, for Straw £ 1,, 14,, 10, yielding by comparison a difference in favor [favour] of the current year equal to £327 on the average weekly consumption of the Company.

[3183]*[[illegible]]

In reference to Minute No. 3167 of last Meeting and Minute No. 544 of Works and Stores Committee on 15th inst., the draft Specification for the Contract for Advertising in Omnibuses was again considered; certain alterations were made therein and the Secretary was further instructed to prepare a specification for Advertising on the outside of the Omnibuses on or by the side rails.

[3184] *Gamble's Yard – [[illegible]]*

Engrossed Counterpart of Lease from Charles Gamble to the Company of premises in Holywell Street Westminster, was submitted and the Common Seal of the Company was ordered to be attached thereto.

[3185]*Mr Levy - Court to be moved against - Mess. Wilkinson and Co to state cost*

Read letter dated 15th Inst. from Mess. Wilkinson stating the grounds on which they recommended that the Court should be moved against Mr Levy, the Attorney in the cause Saint Albyn v. the Company with a view to his being struck off the Rolls - the Secretary stated that as an answer thereto was needed on 15th inst. he had consulted the Chairman and Mr McNamara whom only of the members of the Board he had an opportunity of seeing on the subject, and that by their authority he had instructed Messrs. Wilkinson and Co to proceed - the same was approved, and it was Ordered that the Secretary be instructed to inquire what the cost of the motion would amount to.

[3186]*[[illegible]]*

The Secretary reported that Hyde, the poor man to whom the Company had given £2 (vide Minute No. 3101 of 28th ult.) had left the Hospital and had called on him begging further assistance as he was still very lame and unable to do any kind of work. Resolved that a further donation of £2 be made to Hyde with the understanding that no further relief can be given.

Signed F John Law

[Note by transcriber – margin notes and Minute numbers have been affected by water damage]