

General Board

17th July 1863

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

4084 Read Minutes of Meeting on 10th inst. the same were confirmed.

4085 *Colas and Vergnol's actions - remittance to Paris to liquidate costs.*

Read Minutes of Meeting of Paris Committee on 15th inst. Ordered that the sum of £ 35 be sent to the Paris Office to liquidate the Balance of Costs in the actions of Colas and Vergnol (vide Minutes Nos. 3405 and 3716 of 11th July 1862 and 9th January respectively)

4086 Read Minutes of Meeting of Accounts and Finance Committee on 16th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

4087 Read Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee on 16th inst. the same were confirmed and adopted.

4088 Read Statement of Horses and Provender purchased and Horses sold during week ending 14th inst. It appeared therefrom that the Company possessed 6593 horses at that time, that the number owned by them at the corresponding period of 1862 was 6839, that during the week 15 were purchased for £ 375, that the purchases in the corresponding week of 1862 were 48 for £ 1195., that 21 Carcases were sold for £ 38,, 10,, 0, and 10 living horses for £ 31,, 15,, 0, that 4120 qrs. [quarters] of Oats (37 ½ lbs [pounds weight]) at £ 0,, 19,, 1, 96 ¼ loads of Hay and Clover at £ 4,, 1,, 7 and 160 ¾ loads of Straw at £ 1,, 11,, 7 ¼ were purchased, that the prices in the corresponding week of 1862 were for Oats proportionate to their weight £ 1,, 2,, 8 ½ , for Hay and Clover £4,, 6,, 10, and for Straw £ 2,, 0,, 7, yielding by comparison a difference in favour of the current year equal to £622 on the average weekly consumption of the Company.

4089 *Seats reservation.- Mr Aldridge's question re use of two seats*

Read letters dated 13th and 15th inst. from Mr Aldridge of South Square, Grays Inn raising the question whether a passenger desiring to have the use of two seats for himself and paying for them can legally retain them against another passenger desirous of taking the unused seat. Resolved that Mr Aldridge be informed that in the opinion of the Board a passenger paying for two seats can reserve them although he requires the use of one only.

4090 *City Traffic Bill – clauses affecting Coy. – Sir J. Shelley's intended motion*

Copy of the London City Traffic Regulation Bill as amended in Committee of the House of Commons was placed on the table. Attention was directed to the following clauses as affecting the Company –

3 - giving the Court of Aldermen power to “regulate the several “routes to be followed, and particular streets or portions of streets “to be used by all or any of the omnibuses.”

5.- Authorising a penalty of not exceeding 40/- for every offence.

7 Authorising imprisonment in default of payment.

8.9.10. Directing that regulations proposed to be made shall be published and copies delivered if required on payment of one penny, one month prior to submission to one of Her Majesty's principal Secretarys of State, and that they shall not be put in force until one month after approval by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary's of State.

Read letter dated 14th inst. from Mr Bradfield stating that Sir J. Shelley intended to move that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

4091 *Mdm Varlacher's application for duplicate Certificate - granted*

The Secretary submitted application in prescribed form by Madame Varlacher for the issue of a duplicate certificate of 16 shares Nos. 146044 to 146059 registered in the name of M Louise Brum deceased on the ground that the said certificate had been lost - documents proving the title of Madame Varlacher to the shares in question were also submitted. Ordered that a duplicate certificate be issued.

4092 *"Albert" Stables Notting Hill - Landlord will pay £ 5 towards Ventilating.*

In reference to Minute No. 2196 of Executive Committee of 25th ult. the Secretary reported that Mr Chapman the Landlord of the "Albert" Stables at Notting Hill had called on him and agreed to pay £5 towards the expence [expense] of ventilating them. Mr Tosh's estimate of the cost being £ 7,, 10,, 0. Resolved that the offer be accepted.

4093 *Haine's application. - £ 2 allowed as a donation.*

Read Memorial from Samuel Haines a Cab proprietor in Hackney whose horse was killed on 14th inst. by running against one of the Company's omnibuses in Hackney, asking the Company to grant him some pecuniary assistance. Resolved that a donation of £ 2 be given to Haines.

4094 *Shoeing and Infirmary departments: Highbury - re removal or appointment of Staff.- authority vested in Mr Ashton*

Mr Ashton having attended and represented to the Board that a misapprehension appeared to exist as to the officer having authority of removal or appointment of the men employed at the Shoeing Forges and Infirmary at Highbury it was Resolved that Mr. Wilson be informed that the sole authority in such matter is vested in Mr Ashton.

4095 *Bails - all new ones to be double*

Ordered that in future all new Bails supplied for use in the Company's Stables be double bails.

4096 Mr Trulock attended and handed in lists and samples of Oats purchased and delivered since the Meeting of the Executive Committee on 9th inst.

[Signed] F. John Law