

1888 August 21<sup>st</sup>

Directors' Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> August 1888 5 P.M. at 7 Water Street, Yokohama

Present: Mr.Dodds (Chair), Mr.Grosser, Mr.Talbot, Mr.Baehr

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

➤ Title Deeds

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Mr. Talbot stated that the Title Deeds of the Company's property were still in the name of himself and Mr. Abbott, and with regard to the transfer of them to the Company it was suggested that Mr. Kirkwood or Mr. Keir should be applied to in order to have a proper conveyance of the property made in the Company's favour.

➤ Water

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Mr. Grosser stated that he had again consulted with the Brewer who said that it was impossible to use the pond water for washing cellars &c, so that the large consumption of brewing water would have to continue.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Mitsuhashi asking for further information as to the probability of getting a supply from the water works, and Mr. Dodds mentioned that he would take an opportunity of speaking to Mr. Mitsuhashi on the subject.

➤ Export Duty on Beer

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It was mentioned that an Export Duty of five per cent had been charged

by the Customs Authorities on all beer so far exported to China, but considering that the Government appeared anxious to encourage the export of products it was considered probable that, on the matter being properly represented, the tax would be stopped and refunded. Mr. Talbot took a note of the matter.

➤ New Shares

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Mr. Talbot, having recently returned from Shanghai, stated that when he left that place the Company's shares were quoted at \$140.-, and in view of this it was arranged that he should request Captain Walker to sell at the best possible price as many of his shares as he could dispose of up to sixty four, that being the number of new shares not yet applied for, the same to be made good to him out of the new shares at the rate of \$120., and any difference in price to go to the Company.

➤ Transfer of Shares

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A duly executed Transfer of five shares numbered 22/26 by Mr. D. Fraser in favour of Mr. I. R. Michael of Shanghai was submitted and approved of, and the name of the latter gentleman was ordered to be entered in the register of Shareholders.

➤ American Malt

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A letter from Walsh Hall & Co was read, stating that, according to order, they would receive by next steamer from San Francisco 2000 lbs of Malt, and quoting the price as 2 cts per lb for the ground or rolled and 1.90 cts for the

whole.

➤ Agency for Tientsin G.C.F. Rodatz, cancelled

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The Secretary reported that he had received a verbal application from Mr. G.C.F. Rodatz for an Agency at Tientsin, and he was instructed to inform that gentleman that agencies for the north of China would be deferred for the present.

The meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

J. Donaldson

James Dodds

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Chairman