No. 57. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Srirungum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Srirungum, 28th August 1872, No. 35 :—

I have the honour to submit the following report on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act (Madras Act III. of 1871) in the town of Srirungum for the official year 1871-72.

2. Introduced for the first time on the 1st day of November 1871, the Act was in operation for five months only during the year. The valuation of houses and other preliminaries were, with the aid of a small establishment entertained as a temporary measure, commenced a month previous to the introduction of the Act, and the bills were issued at the beginning of December 1871, but the collections were tardy ; the inhabitants being quite opposed to the measure, the Commissioners were unwilling to put at once the provisions of the Act in force in order to enforce payment of the taxes, and they have, by application and patience, eventually overcome the difficulty. It was only in cases of extreme obstinacy that notices and warrants were issued.

3. The collections amounted to Rupees 1,937-5-0 as follow :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Tax on houses, lands, &c.	1,388	12	0
Tax on arts, &c.	416	6	0
Fees under Section 123...	17	4	0
Fees under Section 153	38	0	0
Fees under Schedule A	1	9	0
Magisterial fines under Section 17	75	6	0
Total ...	1,937	5	0

4. The tax on vehicles, animals, and carts was not levied during the year pending the final settlement of the question of the hardship complained of by the inhabitants at their having to pay both license and registration fees to their own Municipality and tolls to the Trichinopoly Commission on entering the limits of that town.—*Vide* G. Os., dated the 17th January 1872, No. 84, and 25th July 1872, No. 974.

5. The under-mentioned abstract exhibits the Demand, Collection, and Balance :—

Items.	Demand.			Collection.			Balance on the 1st April 1872.			Subsequent collections.			Balance on the 1st August 1872.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Tax on houses and lands, &c.	2,604	10	0	1,388	12	0	1,215	14	0	1,091	10	0	124	4	0
Tax on arts, &c. ...	782	14	0	416	6	0	366	8	0	240	4	0	126	4	0
Fees under Section 123	20	4	0	17	4	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	...	...	...
Fees under bye-laws ...	38	0	0	38	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fees under Schedule A.	1	9	0	1	9	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Magisterial fines ...	75	6	0	75	6	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	3,522	11	0	1,937	5	0	1,585	6	0	1,334	14	0	250	8	0

6. The balance of Rupees 124 under "Tax on houses, &c.," arises chiefly from the disputed ownership of the property assessed. As soon as the petitions pending before this office regarding them are disposed of, the amounts will be realized or remitted.

7. With regard to arrears under "Taxes on arts, &c.," the Commissioners have just for the first time sanctioned a few prosecutions, and the consequences thereof will, it is believed, deter other defaulters from withholding their payments any longer.

8. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 1,323-15-6, as specified below :—

		RS.	A.	P.
Grant I.—Public Works.				
	New Works.—Constructing dust-bins and a surface masonry drain	136	0	6
	Repairs.—Establishment of coolies for keeping the streets and roads in repair	152	4	2
		288	4	8
Grant III.—Establishment—Nuisance Inspector and Peons		166	7	5
	Wages of rubbish carts	488	12	8
		655	4	1
Grant V.—Office Establishment		170	11	9
	Contingencies including stationery, painting numbers on houses, charges for printing forms, and office furniture, &c.	165	3	11
	Commission to bill collectors on the result system, at 4 per cent. of the collections...	38	10	1
		374	9	9
Refunds of taxes made on appeals		5	13	0
Grand Total ...		1,323	15	6

9. The cash balance at the close of the year was Rupees 613-5-6, and this sum, together with the proceeds of the current year 1872-73, is being utilized in providing the town with further dust-bins, lights, surface drains, and latrines.

10. A vaccinator was appointed, his remuneration being paid on the result system at 2 Annas for every successful case inspected and reported on by Commissioners. The progress made during the period under report is anything but satisfactory, the number of successful cases being only thirty-six—a number far too small in proportion to the population. The vaccinator has since been dismissed for certain irregularities, and the Commissioners hope to be able to show better results in the report of 1872-73. No pains are being spared by the Commissioners in inducing the people to avail themselves of the benefits of this valuable prophylactic.

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10th September 1872.

11. No expenditure was incurred on roads within the Municipality, the Local Fund Board having promised to transfer them to the Commissioners from the beginning of 1873-74.

12. There was, likewise, no expenditure under the head of "Education" during the year. The Anglo-Vernacular School at Kondiampattai was transferred to this department from the 1st August 1872. The Commissioners are fully prepared to devote their best attention to this important subject as funds become available for the purpose.

13. The health of the town was, during the five months reported on, good. The annual gathering on account of the Srirungum feast was unusually large.

14. There was no epidemic. The expenses of the arrangement made on the occasion were, as a special case, borne by Government; the Municipality being then in its infancy, had collected only a very small amount of taxes.

15. The closing of cess-pools, the introduction of dry-earth and sewage systems, and the establishment of a dispensary and hospital, have long been the great desiderata, considerable outlay being required for the accomplishment of these important objects.

16. On a suggestion made to the townspeople that, with an annual maintenance allowance of Rupees 600 from local contributions, an attempt could be made for the establishment of a small dispensary and hospital, the Government being requested to grant medical establishment and medicine gratis, the principal inhabitants held a meeting, the trustees of the pagoda consented to pay Rupees 300 a year from the funds of the institution, and the Commissioners, on application, expressed their willingness to contribute an equal sum from the municipal funds; the Commissioners now learn that the Inspector-General of Hospitals has been requested to move the Government on the subject with his recommendation, the result of which remains to be known.

17. The audit of the accounts has been deferred until the close of 1872-73, when it is to be conducted along with the accounts of that year.—*Vide* G. O., No. 972, dated the 25th July 1872.

18. The statement of receipts and charges is herewith forwarded.

19. The statement called for in G. O., No. 627, dated 4th May 1872, and the complete list of Commissioners on the Municipal Board, with the information "official" or "non-official," noted against each name, are also herein enclosed.

20. In so early a stage of the Municipality, the Commissioners consider that it will be premature to suppose that the good feeling of the townspeople has been secured.

21. When, however, the projects adverted to in paragraph 15 have been carried out, and the minor improvements projected, and now in progress, are completed, the Commissioners are of opinion that the inhabitants cannot but help fully appreciating the benefits of the institution.

22. This Municipality has no tolls.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1872, No. 1197.

The President of the Srirungum Municipality submits a report on the working of the Municipality for the five months of the year 1871-72, during which the Act was in operation in that town.

Receipts—			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs. A. P.
Rates on houses			1,388	12	0	
Tax on arts			416	6	0	
			1,805	2	0	
Deduct refunds			5	13	0	
Total rates and taxes ...						1,799 5 0
Fees						56 13 0
Fines						75 6 0
Total receipts ...						1,931 8 0
Expenditure—						
Public Works...						288 4 8
Conservancy						655 4 1
Supervision and management						374 9 9
						1,318 2 6
Balance ...						613 5 6
Total ...						1,931 8 0

2. The receipts, according to the accounts, amounted to Rupees 1,937-5-0 and the expenditure to Rupees 1,323-15-6, leaving a balance of Rupees 613-5-6. In entering the collections, however, it appears that the instructions contained in paragraph 2, G. O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646, have been lost sight of, and the gross proceeds of taxes entered instead of the net proceeds after deduction of refunds. In paragraph 8 of the report the entry in the accounts of Rupees 5-13-0 under the head "Refund other than of current taxes" is also shown to be in reality a refund of taxes on appeal. In the marginal statement the corrected items are shown. The correction does not affect the balance.

3. The late date on which the Act was introduced necessarily made it impossible to realize the total demand within the year, and, in consequence, the arrears at the end of March amounted to Rupees 1,585-6-0. No Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement in the prescribed form is submitted, but a statement showing the operations up to date is embodied in the report, from which it appears that, by the end of July, the arrears had been reduced to Rupees 250-8-0 out of a demand of Rupees 3,522-11-0, and even this balance would have been lower had it not been for the difficulty of settling disputes regarding the ownership of houses. A few prosecutions have been instituted with reference to the tax on arts.

4. The principal item of expenditure is Rupees 655-4-1 under the head of "Conservancy," the Commissioners having wisely directed their attention in the first instance to that important object of the Act. The expenditure of Rupees 136-0-6 under the head of "New Works" is also for conservancy purposes, viz., the construction of dust-bins and drains.

5. A commencement is reported to have been made in vaccination, but no expenditure under that head appears in the accounts.

6. The transfer of the roads from the Local Fund Board is to be made only at the beginning of the year 1873-74, hence the absence of expenditure under that head. The Government are glad to learn that the Commissioners are prepared to promote education in the Municipality as soon as funds are available.

7. The annual festival passed off without any mishap, although the attendance was unusually large. As the Municipality was then in its infancy, the sanitary expenses were defrayed by Government.

8. With regard to the establishment of a dispensary, the Commissioners and the Pagoda Trustees have each agreed to give Rupees 300 a year, and the Inspector-General of Hospitals has been addressed on the subject.

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10th September 1872.

9. Considering the short period during which the Municipality has been in working, the report must be considered decidedly satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Srirungum.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Inspector-General of Police.
,, Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Accountant-General.
,, President of the Local Fund Boards, Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of [1872] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Srirangam,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 10th.

Read.

G. O., 10th September 1872, No. 1197.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 57-58.

Reviewing the report on the working of the Srirangam Municipality for the five months of the year 1871-72, during which the Act was in operation in that town.

1871-72

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Statement I Revenues and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Town of Srirangam during the official year 1871-72

	Details of Minor heads	Totals of Major heads
1— Balance brought forward		" " "
(a) Municipal Fund	" " "	
(b) Endowments	" " "	" " "
2— Assignments & Allotments by Govt.		" " "
(a) Surplus Pound Fund	" " "	
(b) Ferry Rents	" " "	
(c) Fishery Rents	" " "	
(d) Other	" " "	

	Arrear	Current	
3— Rates and Taxes &c.			1937 5 "
(a) Rates on houses &c. (Section 40)	" " "	388 12 "	
(b) Taxes on Carts &c. (Section 57)	" " "	416 " "	
(c) Taxes on Vehicles &c. (Section 63)	" " "	" " "	
(d) Registration of Carts (Section 73)	" " "	" " "	
(e) Tolls (Section 74)	" " "	" " "	
(f) Fees (Section 106)	" " "	" " "	
Do (Section 123)	" " "	17 4 "	
Do (Section 125)	" " "	" " "	
Do (Section 130)	" " "	" " "	
Do (Section 131)	" " "	" " "	
Do (Section 136)	" " "	" " "	
Do (Byelaws)	" " "	38 " "	
Do (Schedule A)	" " "	1 2 9 "	
(g) Magisterial Fines (Section 17)	" " "	75 " "	
4— Fees in Schools and Training Institutions			
		Rs.	1937 5 "

Statement I Revenue and Receipts of the Municipal Fund (Continued)

	1871-72 Details of Minor heads	Totals of Major heads
	Rs	1937 5 -
5 Endowments and Sundry Contributions & donations		" " "
(a) Hospitals	" " "	
(b) Charities	" " "	
(c) Educational	" " "	
(d) Miscellaneous	" " "	
6 Contribution from Local Funds		" " "
(a) For Public Works	" " "	
Communications	" " "	
School buildings	" " "	
(b) Education &c	" " "	
For training Schools	" " "	
(c) Miscellaneous	" " "	
Hospitals	" " "	
7 Miscellaneous		" " "
(a) Rents of Municipal Markets	" " "	
(b) Rents & Fees in Municipal Slaughter houses	" " "	
(c) Sale of Sweepings (Section 98)	" " "	
(d) Private Scavenging	" " "	
(e) Sales of Materials and Tools and Plant	" " "	
(f) Arrears	" " "	
(g) Grazing rents	" " "	
8 Advances Recovered		" " "
(a)	" " "	
(b)	" " "	
(c)	" " "	
Total		1937 5 -

Notes to Statement I

1 House and Land Rates are levied at 5 per Cent on the Annual Rent

2 Taxes on Arts &c are at the following rates. Maximum Rates Schedule B

3 Taxes on Vehicles are levied at the following rates. None

4 Cesses are regulated at the following rates. None

5 Tolls are levied at the following rates. None

6 License fees are at the Rates Sanctioned in Government Order No 66 dated 16th January 1867. Vide G.O. No: 667 dated the 22nd May 1872

Exd: D

J. H. Cunningham
President

No. 4

Enclosure in a letter No. 35 dated 28th August 1872 from the President of the Municipal Commission of Srirangam to the Chief Secretary to Government

Statement called for in G.O. No. 627 dated 4th May 1872 for the official year 1871-72

In 7L-9 Sept/72 No 1197

No. 1

Enclosure in a letter No. 35 dated 28th August 1872 from the President of the Municipal Commission of Srirangam to the Chief Secretary to Government

Statement of Receipts of the Municipal Fund during the official year 1871-72

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1871-72

Municipality of Srirangam

Population as per Census of 1871 - 17,599

Area Comprised within the Municipal limits 6 Square Miles

House & Land Rates assessed for 1871-72

- Dwelling & other houses — No. 3,208 — Amount Rs 1,915-12 "
- Shops (Separately assessed) — No. 205 — Amount Rs 103-5 "
- Lands — No. 534 — Amount Rs 585-8 " — Area 2,535 Acres
- Per Centage rate adopted — Houses Rs 5 — " " — Lands Rs 5 — " "

Taxes on Arts &c.

- Class I — No. — Amount Rs — " "
- Class II — No. 1 — Amount Rs 20-13 "
- Class III — No. 10 — Amount Rs 104-6 "
- Class IV — No. 40 — Amount Rs 200 — " "
- Class V — No. 45 — Amount Rs 112-8 "
- Class VI — No. 111 — Amount Rs 138-12 "
- Class VII — No. 1 — Amount Rs " — 13 — "
- Class VIII — No. 470 — Amount Rs 205-10 "

Licenses on Carriages and Animals Schedule C Items

- 1 Rs — "
- 2 Rs — "
- 3 " — "
- 4 " — "
- 5 " — "
- 6 " — "
- 7 " — "
- 8 " — "
- 9 " — "
- 10 " — "
- 11 " — "

Extra cases not classified, Notice issued by the Inspector

Carts Registered — No. " — Amount Rs " — " — " —

License fees under Act & Bylaws — No. of Licenses 37 — Amount Rs 38 — " — " —

Collection of Taxes

House Taxes
- No. of Demand Notices Served 55 —
- No. of Distress warrants issued "
- No. of Distraints made — "
- Amount Recovered Rs. 1 — 9 — " —

Other Taxes
- No. of Prosecutions — " —
- Amount involved Rs — " — " — " —
- Amount recovered on Acct. of tax Rs " — " — "
- Amount recovered by way of penalty Rs " — " —

J. W. Cunningham
President

Asst. Engr.

The Complete List of Commissioners
on the Municipal Board of Trincomalee for 1871-2

1 ___ President _____

2 ___ Srí Paráwara Sethawana Bhattarakar Hon Offic

3 ___ H. ___ Veneat Row Vice President ___ Offic

4 ___ T. ___ Rámachandra Row ___ Comm. Hon Offic

5 ___ S. ___ Rámachandra Row ___ " ___ Offic

6 ___ H. ___ Rangaswámi Iyengár ___ " ___ Hon Offic

7 ___ P. ___ Kristnier _____ " ___ Offic

8 ___ B. ___ Harri Row _____ " ___ Hon Offic

9 ___ T. S. ___ Rámánjulu ___ " ___ Offic

10 ___ V. ___ Sámi Iyengár _____ " ___ Hon Offic

11 ___ V. ___ Coopoo Row _____ " ___ Hon Offic

Secy

J. B. Pennington
President

No 3

G.O. No. 1678 dt 28 Aug 1872

Letter No 35 dt 28 Augt 1872 from the President of the Municipality of Conjeeveram to the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Presidt, Sperungum Municy. Dated 28 Augt 1872 No 35

Order thereon. of Octac 10 Sept 1872 No 1497.

The President of the Sperungum Municipality submits a report on the working of the Municipality for the five months of the year 1871/72, during which the Act has been in operation in that town.

2 The receipts, according to the accounts, amounted to Rs 1937-5-" and the expenditure to Rs 1323-15-6, leaving a balance of Rs 613-5-6. In entering the collections, however, it appears that the instructions contained in para 2, G.O. dated 28 Augt 1871, No 1646, have been lost sight of, and the gross proceeds of taxes entered instead

Receipts

Rates on houses	1355-12-"	
Tax on Arts	416-6-"	
	1805-2-"	
Deduct refunds	5-13-"	
Total patl. taxes		1799-5-"
Fees		56-13-"
Fines		75-6-"
Total receipts		1931-8-"

Expenditure

Public Works	288-4-5	
Conservancy	655-4-1	
Supervision & Management	374-9-9	
	1318-2-6	
Balance	613-5-6	
	1931-8-"	

To the Collector of Chingleput

The Commissioner of the Municipal Board of Sriperumbudur during the Official Year 1871-72

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instead of the net proceeds
after deduction of refunds.
In para 8 of the report, the
entry in the accounts of
Rs 5-13-0 under the head
"Refund thro' them of current
taxes" is also shewn to be in
reality a refund of taxes
on appeal. In the marginal
statement, the corrected
items are shewn. The correction
does not affect the balance
3. The late date on which
the Act was introduced neces-
-sarily made it impossible
to realize the total demand
within the year, and in
consequence, the arrears
at the end of March
amounted to Rs 1585-6-0 vide
Demand Collection & Balance
statement in the prescribed
form is submitted, but a
statement shewing the
operations up to date is
embodied in the report,
from which it appears that
by the end of July, the
arrears had been reduced
to Rs 250-8-0, out of a
Demand

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demand of Rs 3522-11-0.
And even this balance
would have been lower, had
it not been for the difficulty
of settling disputes regarding
the ownership of lands.
A few prosecutions have
been instituted and to reference
to the tax in arts.
4. The principal items
of expenditure is Rs 655-4-1
under the head of Conservancy
the Commissioners having
wisely directed their at-
-tention in the first
instance to that important
object of the Act. The ex-
-penditure of Rs 136-0-6
under the head of Drainage
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and drains
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9- Considering the short period during which the Municipality has been in working, the report must be considered decidedly satisfactory-

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Inspector General of Police 6
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Sanitary Commr. 6
Director of Public Instn. 7
Accountt General. 6
President Local Fund Bds. 6
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The Presd.t Munl. Commr.
Srirangam
&c.

Dated Sept.r 10
Recd. } 1872, No. 1197.

Nos. 57. 58.

Reviewing the report on the working of the Srirangam Municipality for the five months of the year 1871-72 during which the act was in operation in that Town.

M.R.O. 1—77,006—8-6-37.

(1) Number of pages 24

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