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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
20th September 1872.

No. 131. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 5th August 1872, No. 19:—

I have the honour to forward the accompanying report and statements received from the Vice-President of the Cochin Municipality on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act during the year 1871-72.

2. The statement called for in G. O., dated 4th May 1872, No. 627, is also enclosed.

3. Taxes were collected for eleven months of the year from all sources excepting tolls.

4. The total receipts during the year, as per Statement No. I., were Rupees 9,980-6-11.

5. It will be seen from the Demand, Collection and Balance Statement that a sum of Rupees 327-5-7, including arrears, remained to be collected on the 31st March 1872, of which Rupees 154-5-3 have been collected since the close of the year.

6. Expenditure. Grant I.—Under the head "New Works" a sum of Rupees 129-7-4 was spent in constructing two small roads, building eight privy boxes, and a covered drain. A sum of Rupees 1,496-13-5 was expended in repairing roads and lanes, and Rupees 50-13-6 for latrines and privy boxes.

7. Grant II.—Under the head "Education" nothing was spent during the year under review. It is explained by the Vice-President that the result grant schools were not examined, and that the sums, therefore, allotted to this object were not utilized.

8. Grant III.—The Commissioners have paid Rupees 500, the amount of contribution provided in the budget for the dispensary, as per G. O., dated 31st March 1871, No. 436. Rupees 110 were expended on the salary of a vaccinator entertained by the Municipality.

Rupees 75-3-1 were spent for registration of births and deaths.

Rupees 1,387-14-6 were expended for the wages of conservancy establishment. It will be seen from the Vice-President's report that particular attention has been paid to keep the town clean, and that the result was satisfactory.

The total expenditure under Grant III. was Rupees 2,073-1-7.

9. Grant IV.—Rupees 787-8-7 were spent for lighting the town, watering streets, and other miscellaneous purposes, including Rupees 78 for taking the census.

10. Grant V.—Rupees 1,493-9-0 were expended on establishment and miscellaneous charges.

11. The working of the Municipality in Cochin is, in my opinion, successful.

The conditions of the place are favourable for the working of such an institution, the town being exceedingly compact, occupying a narrow strip of land between the sea and backwater.

The houses are built in streets, and conservancy in such cases becomes an absolute necessity and a tangible benefit. A great part of the population are Europeans and Eurasians, and of the Natives of the class to be reached by taxation

the majority have from close contact with Europeans thrown off the prejudices with which Natives regard measures adopted for order, cleanliness, and health.

The Municipal administration is conducted in a business-like manner and with every regard to economy and the feelings of the people, and is, I should say, popular.

Annual Report of the Cochin Municipality for the year 1871-72.

In submitting statements of receipts and disbursements of the Cochin Municipality for eleven months ending 31st March 1872, together with the statement called for in G. O., No. 627, dated 4th May 1872, the Commissioners beg to make the following report on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act No. III. of 1871 (Madras) during the past official year.

2. Receipts.—The net collection of taxes, &c., during the eleven months of the year under review, was Rupees 9,481-0-11. This is exclusive of last year's cash balance, Rupees 429-9-3, and also the balance, Rupees 69-12-9, due to the Municipality by Government on account of State contribution. In comparing the actual receipt of the different items of revenue with the sum expected to be raised under each head, it will be seen that the collections, excepting from one source,* have exceeded by Rupees 746-0-11 the amount estimated for in the budget.†

* Tax on carriages and animals.

† Rupees 8,735.

3. There was a balance of Rupees 327-5-7‡ to be recovered at the end of the year, which amount has been reduced, up to the time of the preparation of this report, to Rupees 172-15-10. The cause of the tax on carriages and animals falling short§ of the sum estimated for the Commissioners attribute to the removal of many of the dogs from the town to the Cochin Rajah's territory, and to several of them having been destroyed within the municipal limits, by their owners, to evade payment of the tax on them.

‡ Tax on houses and lands ... ... Rs. 238 A. 2 P. 11
Tax on trades 89 2 8

§ Rupees 99-8-0.

4. The taxes have been collected with comparative facility, and in no case was there any reasonable complaint preferred to the Commissioners that the imposition was heavy. There was only one case of distraint to recover the small sum of Rupees 2-10-3.

5. As regards the feelings of the townspeople towards the institution, the Commissioners, from their own personal acquaintance with many of the townspeople, and from the information they have been able to gather from others, have no hesitation to state their belief that the people view the working of the Municipal Act with no ill-feelings, and that they do not consider the tax heavy in comparison with the benefits they derive in the improvement and cleanliness of the town, the daily removal of rubbish from houses, and the improved sanitation and healthiness of the place.

6. There is no toll collection in Cochin. This source of income is lost to this Municipality, owing to the peculiar and isolated position of the place with reference to the neighbouring territories, most of the articles of traffic being brought to Cochin by boats.

7. Expenditure.—The amount expended under the head of "New Works" is Rs. 129-7-4,‖ viz., Rupees 24-1-0 for constructing a road across the green between the tower and river roads; Rupees 36-3-5 for opening a road behind the Protestant Parsonage which is in course of construction; Rupees 65-3-0 for constructing eight privy boxes; and Rupees 3-15-11 for constructing a small covered drain across the tower road.

‖ Estimate Rupees 250.

8. Repairs.—Rupees 1,547-10-11¶ were expended for repairs, of which sum Rupees 1,496-13-5 were spent for re-metalling Amaravady and dispensary main roads and for metalling several lanes at Calvetty, and Rupees 50-13-6 for repairing latrines and privy boxes.

¶ Estimate Rupees 2,270.

9. Education.—Although provision has been made for grants to the several existing schools within the town, and also for the establishment of an elementary school, the Commissioners regret to say that none of the schools have been examined during the year under report by the Inspector of the Division, although he was asked to do so; neither have the Commissioners themselves established an elementary school, as several schools of this description are now in existence in Cochin; hence the allotment* was left untouched. The Commissioners were, however, of opinion that what is much required in the place is a *middle-class* school, and they propose addressing Government shortly on the subject.

* Rupees 1,410.

10. Sanitation and Medical Services.—Under this head Rupees 2,073-1-7† were expended as follows:—

For the dispensary Rupees 500‡ as a contribution. No steps were taken to assume charge of this institution during the year. The Commissioners are, therefore, unable, for want of sufficient information, to make any report thereon, as required in G. O., No. 209, dated 2nd March 1872. The report of the Committee of the Civil Dispensary for 1871, and the one for the official year 1871-72 by the Civil Surgeon, have already been forwarded to Government, in which all particulars relating to this institution are fully given.

† Estimate Rupees 2,230.

‡ Estimate Rupees 500.

11. Vaccination.—Rupees 110§ were paid as salary to the vaccinator. The number of persons operated upon was 490. Of this number 254 cases have proved successful, 120 unsuccessful, 60 doubtful, and 56 unknown.

§ Estimate Rupees 110.

12. Registration‖ of Births and Deaths.—A sum of Rupees 75-3-1 was paid towards the salary of the Registrar¶ and for stationery.** The number of births registered during the year under review was 481†† and of deaths 349‡‡.

‖ Estimate Rupees 120.

¶ At 10 Rupees per month Rupees 74-3-1.

** Rupee 1.

†† Ratio per 1000, 35·5.

‡‡ 42 of fever, 19 bowel-complaints, 3 injuries, and 285 other causes. Ratio per 1,000, 25·8.

13. Conservancy.—Rupees 1,387-14-6§§ were expended in cleaning the town and entertaining a Nuisance Inspector for two months at 25 Rupees per mensem. The Inspector's salary was not provided for in the budget, but the charge was met from savings from the sum allotted to this account. Particular attention has been given to the cleanliness and sanitation of the town. Carts were regularly sent round to carry away all filth and sweepings from houses as well as from places provided for the deposit of such filth and rubbish. Drains were occasionally cleared out, and the streets swept as often as was found necessary. All the privy boxes and latrines were kept clean; the soil from the privy boxes is removed and thrown into the sea daily.

§§ Estimate Rupees 1,500.

14. To these preventive measures having been carried out in a thorough and efficient manner, and to the diffusion of vaccination among the people, the absence of diseases of an epidemic and dangerous character may chiefly be attributed. The general health of the place was good, and but two cases of small-pox and a few of chicken-pox, all of a mild character, occurred during the year. In the beginning of March last a species of fever called "Dengue Fever" made its appearance in Cochin. Several persons were said to have been attacked with the disease, but none of the cases proved dangerous or fatal.

15. Miscellaneous.—Under this head Rupees 787-8-7‖‖ were expended for the following purposes, viz., Rupees 499-7-8 for lighting the town, Rupees 118-4-7 for watering streets, Rupees 89-12-4 for planting and fencing avenues, Rupees 2 for killing six poisonous snakes, and Rupees 78 for taking census within the municipal limits. It will be observed that, under the item of Census, a sum of Rupees 18 was spent in excess of the amount of the budget.¶¶ This was owing to a few more hands having been required to carry out the work according to an efficient plan recommended by the Collector of Malabar.

‖‖ Estimate Rupees 1,000.

¶¶ Rupees 60.

16. Supervision and Management.—Under this head Rupees 1,493-9-0*** were expended as follows:—Rupees 1,199 for establishment, Rupees 109 for a Clerk in the President's Office at Calicut, and postages, printing, and stationery, and Rupees 185 for the rent of a building and remuneration to an Auditor.

*** Estimate Rupees 1,507.

17. The Commissioners selected Mr. Jules Regnaud to audit the municipal accounts of the year, and his report* thereon is herewith submitted in original.

* Dated 27th May 1872.

From the Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Cochin, to the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin, dated Cochin, 27th May 1872.

I have the honour to inform you that I have this day completed auditing the accounts of the Municipality for the eleven months of the official year ending 31st March 1872, and to submit, for the information of the Commissioners, the following report thereon :—

1. The books examined are the various Registers, the Cash-book, Ledger, and the Bank Pass-book. The entries in all of these I have found, after a careful comparison, to agree perfectly with the vouchers which are filed in good order.

2. The balance of taxes remaining to be realized from 1st April last is Rupees 238-2-11 on houses and lands, and Rupees 89-2-8 on trades.

3. The cash balance on the 31st March is Rupees 3,949-1-6.

4. In conclusion I must say that all accounts which have been laid before me are correct, and the mode in which they are kept is plain and satisfactory ; and further I have much pleasure in expressing my sense of satisfaction towards the Manager, Mr. DeCosta, who has promptly assisted me in my task.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1872, No. 1254.

The receipts of the Cochin Municipality for the year 1871-72, together with the balance in hand, amounted to Rupees 9,980-6-11, and the expenditure to Rupees 6,031-5-5, leaving a balance of Rupees 3,949-1-6 to be carried forward to the next year. A detailed abstract of the receipts and expenditure is shown in the margin.

RECEIPTS.

		Rs.	A.	P.
Current—				
Rate on houses, &c.		3,922	8	0
Tax on arts		2,595	6	8
Tax on carriages, &c.		221	8	0
Registration of carts		123	13	4
Licensed fees		220	0	6
Fines		101	14	0
		7,185	2	0
Arrears—				
Rate on houses		337	11	11
Tax on arts		180	0	0
		7,702	13	11
Vypeen Ferry rent		1,180	0	0
Miscellaneous		667	15	9
Balance brought forward		429	9	3
Total		9,980	6	11

EXPENDITURE—

New Works	120	7	4
Repairs	11,647	10	1
Dispensary	500	0	0
Vaccination	110	0	0
Registration of births and deaths	75	3	1
Conservancy	1,387	14	6
Miscellaneous	787	8	7
Supervision and management	1,493	9	0
	6,031	5	5
Balance	3,949	1	6
Total	9,980	6	11

2. The gross receipts exceeded the estimate by Rupees 1,245-6-11, while the expenditure fell short by Rupees 2,703. Out of a total demand of Rupees 7,613, only Rupees 327 remained uncollected at the end of the year, and this amount had been reduced to Rupees 173 by the end of May. The largest item of expenditure is Rupees 1,548 under the head of "Repairs," of which Rupees 1,497 were spent on roads. On conservancy there was an outlay of Rupees 1,388, and a contribution of Rupees 500 was made to the Civil Dispensary. Something was done during the year towards promoting vaccination, registration of births and deaths, lighting, watering the streets, planting avenues, &c., and altogether the working of the Act appears to have been very satisfactory.

3. No disbursement was made under the head of "Education," the Inspector of the Division having failed to examine the schools, though asked to do so. No school was established during the year by the Commissioners, but they have come to the conclusion that a middle-class school is most wanted in the town, and intend addressing Government separately on the matter.

4. The Auditor gives a very favourable report of the way in which the accounts are kept, and the returns accompanying the report appear to have been correctly prepared. Statement II.-A, however, has not been submitted.

5. With reference to G. O., dated 4th May 1872, No. 627, the Commissioners have no hesitation in stating their belief that the people view the working of the Act with no ill-feelings, and do not consider the tax heavy in comparison with the benefits they derive. As pointed out by the President, the conditions of the place are favourable for the working of a Municipality.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin.
,, 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, Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

Cost of 1872 Statistics.
FINANCIAL.
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Cochin,
&c., &c., &c.
Dated September, 20th
1873.
C. O., 20th September 1873, No. 1134.
SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 181-192.
Forwarding the returns on the working of the Cochin Municipality for 1872.

Malabar Presidency Office

No. 89 Calicut 5th August 1873

From,

A. MacGregor Esqr.
President of the Municipal Commission
Cochin

To,

The Honorable R. A. Ellis C. S.
Chief Secretary to Government
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Sir,

I have the honour to forward the accompanying report and statements received from the Vice President of the Cochin Municipality on the working of the Town Improvement Act during the year 1872-73.

2. The statement called for in Government Order dated 6th May 1873 No. 627 is also enclosed.

3. Taxes were collected for 11 months of the year from all sources excepting tolls.

4. The total receipts during the year

Rs. 9980-6-11.

5. It will be seen from the Demand, Collection & Balance statement that a sum of Rs. 327-8-7 viz. closing arrears remained to be collected on the 31st March 1932 of which Rs. 154-8-9 have been collected since the close of the year.

6. Under the head "New works" a sum of Rs. 29-7-6 was spent on One thousand two small roads building 8 privy bozes, and a Concrete drain. A sum of Rs. 1491-12-6 was expended on repairing roads & bunds and Rs. 80-13-6 for latrines and privy bozes.

7. Under the head "Education" Rs. Grant a sum was spent during the year under review. It is explained by the Vice President that the result from Schools were not encouraged and that the sums therefore allotted to this object were not utilized.

The Commissioners have Grant in

passed Rs. 800/- the amount for Contribution provided in the Budget for the Diffusion of Vaccine Order dated 31st March 1932 Rs. 1030/- were expended on the salary of a vaccinator entertained by the Municipality.

Rs. 78-3-1 were spent for repairs of Wells and Boats.

Rs. 1387-12-6 were expended for the wages of Conservancy Establishment. It will be seen from the Vice President's report that for the whole year there were found to be Seven cholera cases and that the result was satisfactory.

The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 2031-1-7.

Grant 12. Rs. 1631-9- were spent for lighting the Town, watering streets & other Municipal purposes, for fees on checking Rs. 98-4- for taxing the Cattle.

Grant 13. Rs. 4193-9- were expended for Establishment and Miscellaneous charges.

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The conditions of the place are favourable for the working of such an institution the town being exceedingly compact, occupying a narrow strip of land between the sea and backwater.

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Your most Obdt Servant

A Macfayden

President

The working of the Municipality

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From,

The President of the
Municipal Commission
Cochin

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund

Dated 5th August 1872

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Submitting the Annual
Report of the Cochin
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Mr McWatters

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Annual Report for the Co
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Statement

Statement of receipts
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Cincinnati,
May 31, 1872.

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Office of Public Works
Dublin
13th May 1872

No. 13

H. Doyle Esqre
Free Resident
Glencorpaz Commissioners
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Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day Completed the testing the Accounts of the Glencorpaz for the Eleven months of the official year ending 31st March 1872 and to submit for the Information of the Commissioners the following report thereon.

1. The books examined are the various registers the Cash book, Ledger & the Bank pass Book - The entries in all of these, I have found, after a careful Comparison, to agree perfectly with the Vouchers to which are filed in good order.

2. The balance of taxes remaining to be realized from 1st April Last is £238. 2. 11 on Income & Canada, and £89. 2. 8. on Grades.

3. The Cash balance on the 31st March is £3949. 1. 6

4. In Conclusion, I must say, that the Accounts which have been laid before me are Correct and the mode in which they are kept is perfect & Satisfactory

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List of Commissioners for the Town of Cochin.

1. Surgeon William Doyle M.D.
2. Captain John William Maiden
3. Mr. Mark Anthony Flatel
4. Mr. Benedict Frank

5. Mr. George Brunton
6. Mr. John Rohde
7. Mr. Adolphus Spitteler
8. Mr. Hormusjee Festonjee
9. Opendra Shetty Ganapathy
10. Pulikelakath Mahmed Markar
11. Parambatha Kundi Kunhamed

Non-Official

Hormusjee
President

Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commissioners, Cochin, dated 5th August 1872, No. 19.

Order thereon dated 20th Sept 1872 No 1252

Receipts		
Current		
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Tax on Arts	2,595-6-8	
Tax on carriages &c	221-8-0	
Registration of carts	123-13-4	
License fees	220-0-0	
Fines	111-14-0	
	7,185-2-0	
Arrears		
Rate on houses	337-11-11	
Tax on Arts	180-0-0	
	7,702-13-11	
Vypeen Ferry Rent	1,180-0-0	
Miscellaneous	667-15-9	
Balance brought forward	429-9-3	
Rs	9,980-6-11	

Read

The receipts of the Cochin Municipality for the year 1871-72, together with the balance in hand, amounted to Rs 9,980-6-11, and the expenditure to Rs 6031-5-5, leaving a balance of Rs 3,949-1-6 to be carried forward to next year. A detailed abstract of the receipts and Expenditure is shown in the margin.

2. The gross receipts exceeded the estimate by Rs

Expenditure

Rs 1265-6-11 while the expenditure fell short by Rs 2703. Out of a total demand of Rs 7,615, only Rs 327 remained uncollected at the end of the year and this amount had been reduced to Rs 178 by the end of May. The largest item of Expenditure is Rs 1,548 under the head of Repairs of which Rs 1497 were spent on roads. The Conservancy there was an outlay of Rs 1388 and a contribution of Rs 500 was made to the Local Dispensary. Something was done during the year towards promoting Vaccination, Registration of Births and Deaths, Lighting, Watering &c.

Expenditure

	Rs	as	p
New Works	129	7	4
Repairs	1,547	10	11
Dispensary	500	0	0
Vaccination	110	0	0
Registration of births & deaths	75	3	1
Conservancy	1,387	14	6
Miscellaneous	787	8	7
Superintendence & management	1,693	9	0
	6,031	5	5
Balance	3,949	1	6
Rs	9,980	6	11

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3. No disbursement was made under the head of Education, the Inspector of the Division having failed to examine the schools though asked to do so. No school was established during the year by the Commissioners but they have come to the conclusion that a middle class school is much wanted in the town, and intend addressing Government separately on the matter.

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To The Secretariat Council
" Board of Revenue 15
" Revenue Department 11
" Public Works Department 21
" Insp.r General of Police 5
" Insp.r Genl. Indn. Medl. Depart.t
" Sanitary Commissioner 6
" Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretariat General
" President of the Local Fund Board, Madras.

Govt. of {187} Madras.

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To

The Secy. Financial Commr.
Coorg

Dated 20
Recd. } 187, No. 257

Nos. 131-132.

Forwarding the report on the working of the Coorg Forest Department for 1871-72.