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No. 198. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Palmanair, 23rd August 1872, No. 40 :—

In continuation of my letter of the 15th instant, No. 39, I have the honour to submit, herewith, the accompanying copy of the annual report,* with audited accounts received from the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission of Wallajahpett, for the official year 1871-72.

2. I have no remarks to offer, as the report speaks for itself, beyond observing that the Municipality is satisfactorily and steadily managed, and that the Commissioners work harmoniously for the advancement of the Municipality in their charge.

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* Dated 19th August 1872, No. 77.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, North Arcot, dated Wallajahpett, 19th August 1872, No. 77.

The accounts of the Municipality having been audited by Mr. Antonio and found correct, I have the honour to forward Statements 1, 2, 3, and 4 for the year 1871-72, as required by Government in their Proceedings in the Public Department, dated 28th October 1871, No. 170.

Receipts and Disbursements.—The amount collected during the year, inclusive of balance brought forward from last account, is Rupees 9,231-12-1. This is exclusive of deposits from contractors and appellants which does not fall under the head of Receipts proper. The amount expended is Rupees 9,136-4-2, leaving a balance of Rupees 95-7-11 in favour of the Municipality, or inclusive of deposits Rupees 987-9-3.

Population.—The final census of the town was taken during the year ; the population is 12,047, which, compared with last census (10,993), shows an increase of 1054.

The number of deaths during the year has been 314, and that of births 350.

Health.—The health of the town during the year has been remarkably good; it has been totally free from cholera. This favourable circumstance is doubtless attributable, in a great measure, to the cleanliness of the town and to the supply of pure water. Just at the time of the unhealthy season the most stringent measures had been adopted for the removal of the sweepings, &c., that were sec[illegible]in the backyards of houses for compost.

(*b.*) *Vaccination.*—One hundred and ninety-three persons were vaccinated during the year and all the operations proved successful. In order to the extensive propagation of vaccination, the Commissioners have ordered the vaccinator to attend at the Ranipett Dispensary as often as possible, and to vaccinate, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Scudder, in medical charge of the institution, such persons as are willing to submit to the operation.

NEW WORKS AND REPAIRS—(*a.*) *Roads and Streets.*—The Imperial Trunk Road was put under thorough repair ; the other roads were slightly repaired. A very narrow lane which formed a dangerous communication between Chozaveram Cawder Saib's Street and Smith's Street was blocked up, there being a proper road close by.

(*b.*) *Ponds and Wells.*—Venayaga Chetty's, Agambaraswara Swamy's, and Royajee's ponds, and one well in the market, were repaired. Silt was removed from Venayaga Chetty's and Agambaraswara Swamy's ponds. The feeder to the latter was also put in thorough repair. As passengers were in the habit of bathing and of washing clothes in the drinking water ponds, known as Agambaraswara Swamy's and Tandai Chelinga Cuppee Chetty guntas, it was found necessary to depute a peon to put a stop to it. Two ruined and useless wells were filled up in Chetty and Peruma Moodelly's Street.

(*c.*) *Drains.*—Nine drains across roads and eleven lineal yards of side-drain along the north side of the Great Western Road were constructed during the year.

(*d.*) *Latrines.*—Two are in course of construction in the centre of the town near the market.

(*e.*) *Markets.*—The market was completed during the year and arrangements made for letting the stalls from May 1872.

(*f.*) *Dust-boxes.*—One hundred were constructed and the same number repaired during the year.

(*g.*) *Miscellaneous.*—One lamp-post was put up in the new market.

Two thousand one hundred and eighty-one square yards of land were cleared of prickly-pear during the year.

As suggested by Mr. Robinson, when on a visit to this Municipality during the year, a plot of ground, overgrown with prickly-pear and other noxious vegetation, interspersed with pits used as latrine at the north-east of the town approximate to the railway approach road, was bought, cleared, filled up, and fenced in, to be eventually converted into a park.

Conservancy.—It was found by experience that five scavengers' carts were amply sufficient for the cleaning of the town, provided the working of them were placed under the immediate supervision of proper maistries; the complement was, therefore, reduced from six to five, and the saving affected by the reduction absorbed in the employment of a maistry for each division. This arrangement worked well, and in practice it proved to be better than the old system. During the year the cleaning of the town for the ensuing year (1872-73) was given on contract at a rate favourable to the Municipality, allowing the contractor to enjoy the collected sweepings, and giving him a sum of Rupees 650 annually as a remuneration. By getting the work done on contract, it is expected that an annual saving of about Rupees 400 will be effected in the expenditure under the head.

Towns Improvement Act.—With reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 4th May last, No. 627, in the Financial Department, the Commissioners beg to forward a statement in the form therein called for, and to report that the feeling of the townspeople in general and of the traders in particular regarding the working of the Act is not very favourable, notwithstanding the many benefits they enjoy under it. This is not out of any want of appreciation on the part of the intelligent portion of the community of the value of sanitary improvements, but because of their having to pay two different taxes on trades and professions (one in the shape of an Income-tax and the other in the shape of a municipal trade-tax) just at a time, too, when the trade is not half as good as that of many other municipal towns, which, comparatively speaking, may well be said to be flourishing. As stated in my letter of the 19th July 1872, No. 72, cotton and betel-nut formed the chief trade prior to the extension of the railway to Bellary and Bangalore; the town had then been used by the merchants of these places as a central emporium for the export of the two commodities in question to Madras, Pondicherry, Vellore, and other towns. Now that the railway has changed the course, Wallajahpett has ceased to be a mart for the sale of cotton and betel-nut, and as a necessary consequence business has been reduced to a very low state. In order, however, to accommodate taxation to the state of trade in the town, and to lighten the pressure, it would be better if, as a special case, Government were pleased to exempt it from the operation of one of the Acts at least, say the Income-tax Act.

As to the effect of tolls on the traffic of the country, the Commissioners are of opinion that the levy of it has, to a certain extent, impeded the free import of grain into the town. To evade tolls cultivators for the most part carry their produce for sale to Arcot, which is situated at the short distance of three miles from Wallajahpett and is free from municipal taxation, and the inhabitants of Wallajahpett are at times driven to the disagreeable necessity of looking to that town for cheap supplies, while the traders in their town have to suffer from scanty imports and loss of customers. To prevent a non-municipal town from being benefitted at the expense of a municipal town, and to preserve the equilibrium as far as prices of grain are concerned, it is very desirable that all towns of importance, not situated at a respectable distance from a Municipality, should be

brought under the operation of the Act. No instances of oppression or irregularity on the part of toll collectors have been brought to notice during the year.

House rates.—In view to make a thorough revision of the house-tax assessment for the ensuing year, returns were called for from house-owners under Section 46.

No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1872, No. 1300.

An abstract is given in the margin of the receipts and expenditure of the Wallajahpett Municipality during the year 1871-72, as shown in Statements I. and II. accompanying the annual report. In these accounts the opening balance is given at Rupees 1,134, while it is shown as Rupees 745 in G. O., dated 10th January 1872, No. 28.

RECEIPTS.	RS.
Current—	
House rate	539
Tax on arts	1,985
Tax on vehicles, &c.	197
Registration of carts	417
Tolls	3,249
Fees	187
Fines	3
	6,577
Arrears of taxes	1,072
Government contribution for trunk road ...	225
School fees	17
Miscellaneous	207
Balance brought forward	1,134
Total ...	9,232
EXPENDITURE.	
Public Works—	
New Works	1,408
Repairs	701
Establishment	89
Education	411
Vaccination	110
Registration of births and deaths	114
Conservancy	1,930
Lighting	339
Market	2,036
Miscellaneous	561
Supervision and management	1,437
	9,136
Balance ...	96
Total ...	9,232

2. The current collections under "Taxes on Arts" are shown in Statement I. as Rupees 1,985, and in Statement IV. as Rupees 2,287. The column provided for estimates in Statements I. and II. has not been filled up. In Statement II. the expenditure on New Works is entered at Rupees 1,408, while in Statement II-A it is shown at Rupees 2,367. It is also to be noted that items 3 and 4 under Grant V. should have appeared under Grant IV., Miscellaneous.

3. The Commissioners have omitted to forward the Auditor's report, and the Government are unable to form any opinion as to the actual state of the collections until the discrepancies above mentioned have been explained.

4. It is gratifying to observe from the report that the Municipality is keeping up its reputation for steady and satisfactory progress, and the Government trust that the conservancy of the town will continue to be thoroughly carried out under the contract system newly introduced.

5. With reference to G. O., dated 4th May 1872, No. 627, the Commissioners report that the feeling of the townspeople is not very favourable to the Act, and attribute it to the imposition of the tax on arts simultaneously with the Income-tax. The Government will be glad to consider any proposals that may suggest themselves to the Commissioners for raising sufficient funds for the improvement of the town without having recourse to this particular impost, but it is improbable that the Income-tax can really affect the bulk of the municipal tax-payers.

6. Tolls are considered to have impeded the traffic owing to traders preferring to take their goods to the neighbouring town of Arcot, which is free from municipal taxation. The Collector of North Arcot is requested to state his opinion

as to the expediency or otherwise of introducing Act III. of 1871 into that town also.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of North Arcot.
- ,, 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, North Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The Acting Collector of
North Arcot,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 30th.

Read. Enl.

G. O., 30th September 1872, No. 1300.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 198-199.

Reviewing the report on the working of the Wallajahpett Municipality for 1871-72.

Statement II Revenue and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Town of Wallajapett during the official 1871-72.

	Arrears	Current	Detail of minor Heads	Total of major Heads
1 Balance brought forward				
(a) Municipal Fund			„ „	1133 15 7
2 Assignments & Allotments by Government				
(a) From Imperial Funds for Trunk Road			225 „ „	225 „ „
3 Rates & Taxes				
(a) Rates on Houses &c.	416 4 1	538 4 4	954 15 5	
(b) Taxes on Arts &c.	656 2 „	1985 4 „	2641 6 „	
(c) Do on Vehicles	„ „ „	33 „ „	33 „ „	
(d) Registration of Carts	„ „ „	416 8 „	416 8 „	
(e) Tolls	„ „ „	3249 „ 5	3249 „ 5	
(f) Warrant fees	„ „ „	47 10 „	118 10 „	
(g) Notice	„ „ „	„ „ „	„ „ „	
(h) Magisterial fines	„ „ „	2 2 „	2 2 „	
(i) Farming of Cart Stands ✗	„ „ „	69 „ „	69 „ „	
(j) Taxes on Animals	„ „ „	164 3 4	164 3 4	7649 7 2
4 Fees on Schools & Training Institutions	1072	6577	„ „ „	16 12 4
5 Endowments & Sundry Contributions & Donations			„ „ „	„ „ „
6 Contributions from Local Funds			„ „ „	„ „ „
7 Miscellaneous				
Sale of Towns Sweepings			167 „ „	
Do of Wood			38 9 „	
Do of Grass			1 „ „	206 9 „
8 Advances Recovered			„ „ „	„ „ „

Total Receipts Rupees 9231 [illegible]

(signed) C. Venkatakistna [illegible]
Vice President

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President [illegible]

Statement II Expenditure from the Municipal Funds of the Town of Wadwan for the Official year 1871-72 (9)

	Detail of minor Heads	Total of major Heads
Grant I (Public Works)		
1 New Works		
(a) Communications	.. ..	
(b) Educational	.. ..	
(c) Sanitary & miscellaneous	1404 9 6	1408
2 Repairs		
(a) Communications	677 13 ..	
(b) Educational	.. ..	
(c) Sanitary & miscellaneous	23 8 ..	701
3 Establishment	89	
4 Tools plants & Contingencies	.. .. ..	89
5 Contributions to Local Funds	.. ..	
Total grant I	.. ..	2197 46
Grant II Education		
1 Training Schools	.. ..	
2 Municipal Schools		
(a) Establishment	100 7 9	
(b) Contingencies	98 12 4	
3 Salary Grants	.. ..	
4 Results Grants	212	
5 Contributions to Local Funds for Educational Inspectors	.. ..	
Miscellaneous	.. ..	
Total Grant II	.. ..	411 ~~4~~
Carried forward	.. ..	2609 2 7

Statement II Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Wallajapett during the official year 1871-72 (continued)

	Detail of minor Heads	Total of major Heads
Brought forward	"	" " 2609 27
Grant III Sanitation & Medical Services		
1 Hospitals & Dispensaries	"	" "
2 Vaccination		
(a) Establishment	110 " "	110
3 Registrations of Births & Deaths		
(a) Establishment	114 2 1	114
4 Conservancy		
(a) Establishment	749 9 4	
(b) Sanitary service Contract hire of Cart bulls	686 10 "	
(c) Cleansing Tanks Wells & Ponds	99 5 "	
(d) Contingencies	1 14 "	
(e) Removing Prickly pear	135 4 6	
(f) Deporting Monkies	200 " "	
(g) Purchase of land for Madders huts	56 " "	1930
Total Grant III	"	" " 215[illegible]
Grant IV Miscellaneous Municipal Expenses		
1 Lighting		
(a) By Contract	327 4 "	
(b) Contingencies (balance paid for ~~put~~ putting up lamp posts)	10 5 "	339
2 Market	2035 11 9	2036
3 Choultries	"	" "
4 Watering Streets & Planting Avenues		
(a) Establishment	189 7 6	
(b) Contingencies (Purchase of lands at Sholinghur Gate for parks)	94 6 "	561
Total Grant III	"	" " ~~2659 23~~ 2936
Carried forward	"	" " 7422 1 9

Statement II Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Wallajapett during the official year 1871-72 (Continued)

	Detail Minor Heads	Total of Major Heads
Brought forward	"	" " 7422 1 9
Grant V Supervision & Management		
1 Office		
(a) Establishment	1024 11 7	
(b) Contingencies (including Postage & Stationery)	81 1 9	
2 Miscellaneous		
(a) Office rent	55 " "	
(b) Printing Charges	136 6 5	
(c) Temporary Establishment	90 1 6	
(d) Auditor for auditing a/cs of 1870-71	50 " "	
3 Executive		
X (a) Police for April paid in May 1871	184 6 8	
4 Sundries		
X (a) Expenses incurred in Law Suit No 4 of 1871 recoverable	79 14 6	
X (b) Do — on account of taking Census	12 8 "	
Total Grant V	"	" " ~~1744 2~~ 1437
Total Expenditure Rupees		9136 4
Balance		96
		9232

(Signed) C. Venkatakistna Row

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President Mun: Comm:

In a letter from the Collector of North Arcot to the Chief Secretary to Govt 23 Aug 6/72 No 140.

Wallajapett

Statement II A. Detailed Statement for Expenditure on Public Works estimated to cost Rs 100 or upwards –

Part I New works.

No	Project	Amount of Estimate	Actual expenditure	Expenditure in 1871/72	Remar
(a)	Communication				
1 (y)	Drains across roads			331 7 5	
2	Market			2035 11 9	
	Total			2367 3 2	
(b)	Educational				
(c)	Sanitary & Miscellaneous				
	Total				

Part II Repairs

No	Project	Final	Remark
(a)	Communications		
1	Road repairs	677 13 0	
(b)	Educational		
(c)	Sanitary & Miscellaneous		
	Total	677 13 0 ✓	

(Sigd) C. Venkatakistnam
Vice President

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Statement II B Detail of Municipal Establishm

	No.	salary of each individual	salaries per annum	
Grant I Public Works				
Overseers	..	.. ..	.. .. ..	
Mistries	1	10 ..	89	
Road Coolies	..	.. ..	.. .. ..	
Total	..	.. ..	89 ..	89
Grant II Education				
1 Training Schools	..	.. ..	.. .. ..	
2 Municipal Schools				
Masters	2	12/5 .. 3	100 79	100
Grant III Sanitation & Medical Service				
1 Hospitals and Dispensaries	..	.. ..	.. .. ..	
2 Vaccination				
Vaccinator	1	10 ..	110 ..	11
3 Registration				
Registrars	2	7/5 .. 3	114 21	11
4 Conservancy				
Nuisance Inspector	1	10 ..	110 ..	
Maistries	5	4 ..	153 66	
Scavengers	12	4 ..	446 210	
Peons	1	4 ..	40 ..	
Total	..	.. ..	749 94	74
Grant IV Miscellaneous Municipal purposes.				
1 Lighting	..	.. ..	.. .. ..	
2 Markets	..	.. ..	.. .. ..	
3 Choultries	..	.. ..	.. .. ..	
4 Watering streets and Planting avenues				
Gardeners	5	4 ..	139 76	13
Carried forward				13

In a letter from the Collector of North Arcot
to the Chief Secretary
to Govt. of 23 Aug.
1840 -

Statement 11 B Detail of Municipal Establishment (Continued)

	N°	Salary per mensem	Salaries per annum	Totals Rupees
Brought forward				1352 10 8
Grant V Supervision & Management				
1 Office				
1 Manager	1	35 " "	375 " "	
Clerk	1	12 8 "	133 1	
Tax Collectors	2	12 8 " 10 " "	243 13 10	
Gomastahs	1	12 8 "	136 10 8	
Peons	2	5 " "	110 " "	
Cunica Villay (Bailiff)	1	6 " "	66 " "	
		" "	1024 11 7	1024 11 7
2 Miscellaneous		" "	" " "	
Total Rupees				2377 6 3

(Signed) C. Venkatakistna Row
Vice President

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Acting President

In a letter from the Ag
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No 40.

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Statement III – Municipality of Wallajapet
Abstract of Deposit Account for the Official year 1871/72.

	Balance brought forward	50	..	..	Balance on hand	872	1 4
Deposits by	Appellants	301	9	4			
	By Contractors						
do	" Tolls Contractors	437	8	0			
do	" Cart Stand do	8	0	0			
do	" Street lamp lighting do	25	0	0			
do	" Town Sweeping do	50	0	0			
do	" as Security by Municipal Servants	..	..	..			
	Total Rupees	872	1	4	Total Rupees	872	1 4

(Sd.) C. Venkatasubba Naidu
Vice President

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Letter from the Acting Collector North Arcot to the Chief Secy. to Govt. dated [illegible] 1872 No. 40

11/10/72

Statement IV. Municipality of Wallajapett. Demand Collection and Balance Statement for 1871-72

— Current —

	Demand Assessed	Collected	Remitted on appeal or otherwise	Written off as irrecoverable	Total Columns 1. 2. 3.	Balance on the 31 March 1872	Collected up to 15 August 1872	Irrecoverable	Balance
Rates on houses &c.	1202 11 ..	538 4 4	..	..	538 11 4	663 6 7	579 7 ..	11 2 6	72 13 1
Tax on Arts Professions &c.	2512 10 8	2286 13 4	*66	17 6 8	2370 4 ..	142 6 8	53 5 4	65 1 4	24 .. ..
do on Vehicles	33	33	..	..	33	..	..	..	..
Registration of Carts	416 8 ..	416 8 ..	..	..	416 8	..	..	..	..
Tolls	3574	3249 .. 5	324 14 7	..	3573 15 ..	1	..	..	1
Warrant Fees	118 10 ..	118 10 ..	..	..	118 10	..	..	..	..
Notice do	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Magisterial fines	2 12 ..	2 12 ..	..	..	2 12	..	..	..	..
Forming of Cart Stand X	69	69	..	..	69	..	..	..	..
Tax on animals	164 3 4	164 3 4	..	..	164 3 4 X	..	..	..	..
Total	8092 13 11	6878 10 5	390 14 7	17 6 8	7286 15 8	805 14 3	632 12 4	76 3 1	96 14 1

Arrears.

	1 Balance of old demand	2 arrears of previous years	3 Total demand	4 Collected	5 Remitted	6 Written off	7 Total 4 5 6	8 Balance	9 Collected up to 15 August 1872	10 Irrecoverable	11 Balance
Rates on Houses &c.	272 .. 5	414 9 3	686 9 8	484 4	..	..	416 4	270 5 7	27 6 1	16 2 9	*226 12 9
Tax on Arts &c.	140 8 ..	787 10 ..	928 2 ..	656 2 ..	184	17 8 ..	857 10 ..	60 8 ..	12 8 ..	21 12 ..	26 4 ..
do on Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Registration of Carts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Warrant Fees	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Notice do	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Magisterial Fines	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Forming of Cart Stand	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tax on Animals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tolls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	412 8 5	1202 2 3	1614 11 8	1072 6 1	184	17 8 ..	1273 14 ..	330 13 7	39 14 1	37 14 7	253 .. ..

* This includes a sum of Rs 194-6-6 due by Azuz Dowla Bahadoor, a resident [illegible] accounts soon after the disposal ~~disposal~~ of an application said to have been made by him to Government claiming exemption from Municipal Tax on the score of the house having been purchased by him as a freehold at the sale of the late Nabob's property in 1860/61.

(Signed) C. Venkatakistna Mudliar
Vice President

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Resident [illegible] Commissioner

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Statement as per Form in Proceeding of Government Financial Department dated 4th May 1872

— Municipality of Wallajahpett 1871-72
Population as per Census of 1871 - 12047.
Area Comprised within Municipal limits acres 827

			Rs A P
House and Land rates assessed for 1872 - 73	Dwelling & other houses	No. 2529	
		Amount	1029 7 4
	Shops.	No. 534	
		Amount	500 11 ..
	Lands	No. 381	
		Amount	30 6 2
		Area..	
	Per centage rate adopted	Houses	7 ..
		Lands	
Taxes on Arts &c.	Class I		
	Class II	No. 3	
		Amount	127 8 ..
	Class III	No. 25	
		Amount	572 11 8
	Class IV	No. 47	
		Amount	512 ..
	Class V	No. 102	
		Amount	561 ..
	Class VI	No. 77	
		Amount	192 8
			1975 14 8

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Licenses on carriages & Animals Schedule C items	1 Rupee		164	3	4
	2 Rupees		"	"	"
	3 Rupees		"	"	"
	4 Rupees		"	"	"
	5 Rs.		"	"	"
	6 Rs.		31	"	"
	7 Rs.		"	"	"
	8 Rs.		"	"	"
	9 Rs.		"	"	"
	10 Rs.		"	"	"
	11 Rs.		"	"	"
Carts registered	No. 445				
	Amount		414	"	"
License fees under Act and Bye-laws			"	"	"
Collection of taxes	House Tax	No. of Demand Notices served 607			
		No. of Distress warrant issued 207			
		No. of Destraints made 25			
		Amount recovered	12	5	10
	Other Taxes	No. of Prosecutions 48			
		Amount involved	71	4	"
		Amount recovered on account of Tax	37	5	4
		Amount recovered by way of Penalty	13	"	"

Kalliyapett
Munl Comi Office
19th August 1872

(Signed) C. Venkatakistna Mudali
Vice President

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No 77.

Wallajapett
Municipal Commissioner's Office
19th August 1872.

To.

W. S. Whiteside Esqr
President of the Wallajapett Municipal
Commission North Arcot

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G.O. 30 Sept/72 No 1960

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Fd 1679/72

The number of deaths during the year has been 314 and that of births 350.

Health. The health of the Town during the year has been remarkably good, it has been totally free from Cholera. This favorable circumstance is doubtless attributable in a great measure to the cleanliness of the Town and to the supply of pure water. Just at the time of the unhealthy season the most stringent measures had been adopted for the removal of the sweepings &c. that were secured in the back yards of houses for compost.

(b) **Vaccination** One hundred and ninety three persons were vaccinated during the year and all the operations proved successful. In order to the extensive propogation of Vaccination, the Commissioners have ordered the Vaccinator to attend at the Ranipett Dispensary as often as possible, and to Vaccinate, under the direction of the Revd. Dr. Scudder in Medical charge of the Institution, such persons as are willing to submit to the operation.

New Works and Repairs.

(a) **Roads and Streets** The Imperial Trunk Road was put under thorough repair; the other roads were slightly repaired. A very narrow Lane which formed a dangerous communication between Chozaveram Cawder Sail Street and Smiths Street was blocked up, there being a proper road close by.

(b) **Ponds and Wells.** Vanayaga Chetty's, Agambaraswara Swamy's, and Royajee's ponds, and one well in the market, were repaired. Silt was removed from Venayaga Chetty's and Agambaraswara Swamy's ponds. The feeder to the latter was also put in thorough repair. As passengers were in the habit of bathing and of washing clothes in the drinking water ponds, known as Agambaraswara Swamy's and Sandai Chelinga Cuppee Chetty's guntas it was found necessary to depute a peon to put a stop to it. Two ruined and useless wells were filled up in Chetty and Peruma Moodeley's Street.

(c) **Drains** Nine drains across roads and 11 lineal yards of side drain along the North side of the Great Western Road, were constructed during the year.

(d) **Latrines** Two are in course of construction in the Centre of the Town near the Market.

(e) **Markets.** The market was completed during the year and arrangements made for letting the Stalls from May 1872.

(f) **Dust-boxes.** One hundred were constructed and the same number repaired during the year.

(g) **Miscellaneous.** One lamp post was put up in the new market.

Two thousand one hundred and eighty one Square yards of land were cleared of prickly pear during the year.

As suggested by Mr Robinson when on a visit to this Municipality during the year, a plot of ground, over grown with Prickly pear and other noxious vegetation, interspersed with pits used as latrine at the North east of the Town approximate to the Railway approach road, was bought, cleared, filled up and fenced in, to be eventually converted into a Park.

Conservancy. It was found by experience that 5 Scavenger's carts were amply sufficient for the cleaning of the Town, provided the working of them were placed under the immediate supervision of proper Maistries; the Complement was therefore reduced

reduced

reduced from 6 to 5, and the saving affected by the reduction absorbed in the employment of a maistry for each Division. This arrangement worked well and in practice it proved to be better than the old system. During the year the cleaning of the Town for the ensuing year (1872-73) was given on Contract, at a rate favorable to the Municipality: allowing the Contractor to enjoy the collected Sweepings and giving him a sum of Rupees 650, annually as a remuneration. By getting the work done on Contract, it is expected, that an annual saving of about Rupees 400 will be effected in the expenditure under the head.

Towns Improvement Act. With reference to Proceedings of Government dated 4th May last, No 627, in the Financial Department, the Commissioners beg to forward a statement in the form therein called for and to report that the feeling of the Town's people in general and of the traders in particular regarding the working of the Act is not very favorable, notwithstanding the many benefits they enjoy under it. This is not out of any want of appre-

-ciation on the part of the intelligent portion of the community of the value of Sanitary improvements, but because of their having to pay 2 different taxes on Trades and professions (one in the shape of an Income Tax and the other in the shape of a Municipal Trade tax) just at a time too when the trade is not half as good as that of many other Municipal Towns which comparatively speaking may well be said to be flourishing. As stated in my letter of the 19th July 1872, No 72, Cotton and betel nut formed the chief trade, prior to the extension of the Railway to Bellary and Bangalore, the town had then been used by the Merchants of these places as a Central Emporium for the export of the 2 commodities in question to Madras, Pondicherry, Vellore and other Towns. Now that the Railway has changed the course, Wallajapetta has ceased to be a mart for the sale of Cotton & Betel Nut, and as a necessary consequence business has been reduced to a very low state. In order, however, to accommodate taxation to the state of Trade in the Town, and to lighten the pressure, it would be better, if as a special case, Government were pleased to exempt it from the operation of one of the Acts at least, say the Income Tax Act.

As to the effect of Tolls on the traffic of the Country, the Commissioners are of opinion that the levy of it has, to a certain extent, impeded the free import of grain into the Town. To evade tolls, cultivators for the most part, carry their produce for sale to Arcot which is situated at the short distance of 3 miles from Wallajapetta and is free from Municipal taxation, and the inhabitants of Wallajapett are at times driven to the disagreeable necessity of looking to that town for cheap supplies, while the traders in their town have to suffer from scanty imports and loss of customers. To prevent a Non-Municipal town from being benefitted at the expense of a Municipal town, and to preserve the equilibrium as far as prices of grain are concerned, it is very desirable that all towns of importance, not situated at a respectable distance from a Municipality, should be brought under the operation of the Act. No instances of oppression or no irregularity on the part of Toll Collectors have been brought to notice during the year.

House rates. In view to make a thorough revision of the House Tax assessment for the ensuing year returns were called for from House owners under section 46.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) C. Venkatakistna Mudr
Vice President

(True Copy)

President Muni: Commr.

Entd. J.H.L.

To a letter from the Acty Collector of North Arcot to the Chief Secretary to Govt. D/23 Aug (G) 2440.

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List of Commissioners of the Wallajapett Municipality

Conjeveram Venkatakistna Mudliar
Wallajapett Veeraperumal Mudliar
Vanpu Chettyar Narraina Chettyar
Chedalavada Seetaramier
Odundy Soobbaroyer
Wallajapet Annasamy Mudliar
Hakkim Bahadur Hussain Saib
"Non Official" Members

Kistnasamy Iyer - Tahsildar
Madras Lutchmiah Naidu Police Inspector
Sevdangolam Parthasarady Iyengar Supervisor D.P.W.
"Official" Members

Mr Supervisor J. H. Stephens Officer in executive charge of the change
Sattu Veeraraghava Iyengar - Head Master
Hiramangalam V. Parasurama Iyer - Asst Master
Hakkim Nannamea Saib Non Official
Proposed Official Members

Approved 20 Aug 72

Wallajapett
Municl Commrs Office
19th August 1872

(Signed) C. Venkatakistna Mudliar
Vice President

(True Copy)

President Mun: Comm.

Entd. J.H.L.

No. 40

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Palmaner 23rd August 1872.

(32)

From

W. S. Whiteside Esquire
Actg Collector of North Arcot.

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis C. B.
Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 15th Instant No. 39, I have the honor to submit herewith the accompanying copy of the annual report with audited accounts received from the Vice President of the Municipal Commission of Wallajapet for the Official year 1871-72.

Dated 19th August 1872 No 77.

I have no remarks to offer as the report speaks for itself beyond observing that the Municipality is satisfactorily and steadily managed, and that the Commissioners work harmoniously for the advancement of the Municipality in their Charge.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
W. Whiteside
Actg Collector.

Wallajapet

In a letter from the Actg
Collector of North Arcot
to the Chief Secretary
to Govt. 23 Aug 72
No 40.

Pro: 30 Sept 72 No 1300

Fin. Dept 1872

From

THE Ag. COLLECTOR OF

North Arcot

To The Chief Secretary to Government

Dated 23rd August 1872

Despatched 2 September

Received 5 "

No. 40

ENCLOSURES 8.

Subject.

Submits copy of the annual report No. 77 of 17 Aug. with audited accounts of the Wallajapett Mun. Comm. for the official year 1871-72.

G.O. 30th Sept /72 No. 198

No. 1360 of 30th Sept 1872

No. 16/7/4

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Ag. Collector of North Arcot dated 23rd August 1872, No. 40.

A/A. Order thereon of dated 30th Sept 1872 — No. 1360

Receipts

Current	Rs
House Rate	539
Tax on Arts	1,985
Tax on Vehicles &c.	197
Registration of Carts	417
Tolls	3,249
Fees	187
Fines	3
	6,577
Arrears of taxes	1,072
Govt. Contribution for Trunk Road	225
School Fees	17
Miscellaneous	207
Balance brought forwd.	1,134
	Rs 9,232

Expenditure

An abstract is given in the margin of the receipts and Expenditure of the Wallajahpett Municipality during the year 1871-72 as shown in Statements I and II accompanying the annual report. In these accounts the opening balance is given at Rs 1134 while it is shown as Rs 745 in G. O. dated 10th January 1872 No. 28.

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2. The current collections under Taxes on Acts are shown in Statement I as Rs 1985, and in Statement IV as Rs 2287. The column provided for estimates in Statements I and II, has not been filled up. In Statement II the expenditure on New Works is entered at Rs 1408, while in Statement II A it is shown at Rs 2367. It is also to be noted that items 3 and 4 under grant V should have appeared under grant IV Miscellaneous.

Expenditure

	Rs
Public Works	
New Works	1,408
Repairs	701
Establishment	89
Education	411
Vaccination	110
Regn of births & deaths	114
Conservancy	1,930
Lighting	339
Market	2,036
Miscellaneous	561
Supervision & Management	1,437
	9,136
Balance	96
Rs	9,232

3. The Commissioners have omitted to forward the Auditor's report, and the Government are unable to form any opinion as to the actual state of th
collections until the di
discrepancies above mentione
have been explained.

4. It is gratifying to
observe from the report th
the Municipality is keeping
up its reputation for stead
and satisfactory progress,
and the Govt trust tha
the Conservancy of the t
will continue to be thoroughly
carried out under the contract
system newly introduced.

5. With reference to G.O.
dated 4th May 1870, No 627,
the Commissioners report
that the feeling of the
townspeople is not very fa
vorable to the Act and

attribute

attribute it to the imposition of the Tax on Arts simultaneously with the House Tax. The Government will be glad to consider any proposals that may suggest themselves to the Commissioners for raising sufficient funds for the improvement of the Town without having recourse to this particular impost but it is improbable that the Income Tax can really affect the bulk of the Municipal tax payers.

6. Tolls are considered to have impeded the traffic owing to traders preferring to take their goods to the neighbouring town of Arcot which is free from Municipal taxation. The Collector of North Arcot is requested to state his opinion as to the

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the expediency or otherw
of introducing Act III of
1871 into that town als

To
The Ag. Collector of
North Arcot.
Board of Revenue.
Revenue Dept.
Public Works Dept.
Insp. Genl. of Police
Insp. Genl. I. M. Dept.
Sanitary Commr.
Director of P. Instn.
Accountant General
President of the Local
Fund Boards. N. Arcot

24.6.07

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

Financial

To

The Ag. Collector of North Arcot.

Dated Sept. 30 } 1872, No. 1302
Recd.

Nos. 193 - 199.

Reviewing the report on the working of the Wallajapett Municipality for 1871-72.