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No. 72. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddapah, 13th September 1872, No. 68 :—

I have the honour to forward the annual report of the Cuddapah Municipality for 1871-72, together with the statements required by Government in their Orders, dated October 28th, 1871, No. 1646, and dated May 4th, 1872, No. 627.

"The Towns' Improvement Act appears to me to have worked very well. It is difficult to obtain an opinion from an apathetic people who have never been accustomed to do anything for themselves. They accept the Municipality as a Government institution, and think no more about it. The Native Commissioners take considerable interest in the affairs of the town, and devote a large portion of their time to municipal work. As far as I can make out the inhabitants are not opposed to the Act, though they probably still think they would get on quite as well without it."

*Annual Report of the Cuddapah Municipality for the year* 1871-72.

Statements I., II., III., and IV. show respectively the new works and improvements carried out, the charges incurred, and the sums received during the year as required by Government in their Proceedings, dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646, Public Department.

2. The balance at the credit of the Municipality, at the commencement of the year, was Rupees 461-4-1. The receipts current and arrears, during the year, from the various sources detailed in Statement I., amounted to Rupees [illegible],277-4-9. The decrease under the head of "Receipts" on account of "Rates on Houses" and "Taxes on Arts," as compared with the Budget Estimate, was owing to the late period at which bills for the year under review were issued. At the close of the year there was a balance of Rupees 3,671-4-0 on the former head, and Rupees 815-12-0 on the latter. These balances have been since collected, and an amount of Rupees 252-14-0 on account of "Rates on houses," and Rupees 102-8-0 on account of "Tax on Arts," has been struck out as irrecoverable.

The expenditure during the year amounted to Rupees 17,048-9-9, as particularized in Statement II.

The outlay incurred upon Grant I. was Rupees 6,384-2-6. The details are distinctly shown in Statement II.-A. Results grants, amounting to Rupees 147-4-0, have been paid to different schoolmasters in the town on the certifying memoranda passed by the Director of Public Instruction.

Another item of Rupees 50 in Grant II. is payment made as grants to ten pial schoolmasters within the town. This was only paid for a month and afterwards discontinued. Rupees 6,651-1-8 have been expended on Grant III., "Sanitation and Medical Services," out of which Rupees 1,600 have been remitted to the Treasury on account of the expenditure of the Civil Dispensary. The cost of conservancy operations was Rupees 4,702-1-8. The town is fairly lighted at a cost of Rupees 622-0-7. Planting avenues has cost Rupees 683-5-0. Cart-hire for visiting cholera patients, and the construction of chunam kilns, were charges incurred in the preceding year, but payment was paid in this year. The final enumeration of the census took place on the 15th November 1871. The total number of the

population was found to be 16,445. On account of the census Rupees 230-2-0 have been expended. The other items need no comment. There was a balance of Rupees 2,939-15-1 inclusive of deposits at the close of the year. Every attention has been paid to the cleanliness and sanitation of the town. Carts regularly go round and carry away the filth and rubbish from houses as well as from places provided for the deposit of the same. The drains and streets are daily swept and kept very clean. The general health of the town has been good, and there has been a comparative absence of epidemics during the past year. The Commissioners consider that the measures they have adopted and the improvements made are satisfactory to the people in general as well as to themselves. Three hundred and fourteen persons have been vaccinated during the year, of which 237 cases were successful; and to promote vaccination it was lately decided that a small pecuniary payment be made to those who voluntarily offer themselves for vaccination. The Commissioners have opened birth and death registers in their office since the commencement of the year. Six hundred and thirteen deaths were reported from the following causes:—

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| Cholera | 27 |
| Small-pox | 30 |
| Fever | 388 |
| Bowel complaints | 30 |
| Injuries | 11 |
| All other causes | 127 |
| Total | 613 |

Five hundred and four births were recorded. Of course this must be incorrect, but it is a most difficult matter to get the people to report births.

Appended also is a statement in the form prescribed in G. O., dated 4th May 1872, No. 627. The Commissioners have experienced no opposition to their operations. The trifling amount received on account of fines and distraining fees shows to how small an extent the penal provisions of the Act have been put in force. Tolls have been let out on contract, and no complaints have ever been brought to the notice of the Commissioners or to the Magistrates of any oppression or irregularity on the part of the contractors or the toll collectors employed by them.

The accounts have been audited by the Head Accountant of the Collector's Department, whose report is appended.

(Signed) W. D. HORSLEY,
*President.*

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From the Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Cuddapah, to the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah, dated Cuddapah, 5th September 1872.

With reference to your letter, No. 35, dated 4th July 1872, to the Treasury Deputy Collector, communicated to me by the latter, I have the honour to inform you that I have examined accounts for the year 1871-72, which I found quite correct.

2. Amongst the cheques issued by the Vice-President in the year under review, five cheques, dated 15th August 1871, do not bear his signature; the Manager explains the cause of this omission



A sum of Rupees 1,600 was remitted to the Treasury on account of the Dispensary, but no information is supplied with reference to the working of that institution.

5. With reference to G. O., dated 4th May 1872, No. 627, the Government are glad to learn that the Commissioners have experienced no opposition to their operations.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
*Chief Secretary.*

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

Exd. J. Wright.

by an oversight, which I have every reason to believe to be true on his part in not having taken the Vice-President's signature, who at the time happened to be on circuit, but payments have been made on the strength of the bills passed by the Vice-President; with this exception I find the ledger, cash-book, and statements of receipts and disbursements to be correct.

3. With the assistance of the Manager I was able to compare the receipts and disbursements in the cash-book with their proper vouchers passed by the Vice-President, and they tally in every respect.

4. I beg to add that I have no suggestions to offer for improving the present system in which the accounts are kept.

5. The statements are herewith forwarded countersigned by me in proof of their correctness.

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No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1872, No. 1352.

From the statements accompanying the annual report of the Cuddapah Municipality, it appears that the receipts for the year amounted to Rupees 19,738, and the expenditure to Rupees 17,049, leaving a balance on hand at the close of the year of Rupees 2,689.

| RECEIPTS. | | |
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| *Current Taxes*— | | RS. |
| Rate on houses | | 2,438 |
| Tax on arts | | 3,493 |
| Tax on vehicles | | 788 |
| Registration of carts | | 461 |
| Tolls | | 6,700 |
| Fees | | 21 |
| Fines | | 66 |
| | | 13,967 |
| *Arrear Taxes*— | | |
| Rate on houses | | 1,077 |
| Tax on arts | | 255 |
| | | 15,299 |
| Miscellaneous | | 3,943 |
| Advances recovered | | 35 |
| Balance brought forward | | 461 |
| Total | | 19,738 |

| EXPENDITURE. | |
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| *Public Works*— | RS. |
| New Works | 1,226 |
| Repairs | 5,008 |
| Other items | 151 |
| Education | 197 |
| Dispensary | 1,600 |
| Vaccination | 110 |
| Registration of births and deaths | 242 |
| Conservancy | 4,702 |
| Lighting | 622 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,420 |
| Supervision and management | 1,771 |
| | 17,049 |
| Balance | 2,689 |
| Total | 19,738 |

2. In Statement II. the Auditor's fee should have appeared as a charge against Supervision and Management. The necessary correction has been made in the marginal abstract. The President will explain the duties of the Overseer whose pay appears under Grant V. (Supervision and Management). As an ordinary rule, an Overseer's pay forms a charge against Grant I. (Public Works), or Grant III. (Sanitation and Medical Services).

3. From Statement IV. it appears that, at the end of the year, the uncollected balance was forty per cent. of the current demand. The arrear demand amounted to Rupees 2,036, of which Rupees 1,332 were collected, and the remainder remitted or written off as irrecoverable.

4. The Auditor's report shows that the municipal accounts are very well kept. The expenditure on New Works amounted to Rupees 1,226, of which Rupees 1,096 were spent on Sanitary and Miscellaneous works, while under Repairs Rupees 3,105 out of Rupees 5,008 were expended on Communications. The conservancy and lighting of the town were well-attended to, while something was done towards vaccination, registration of births and deaths, and education.