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No. 134. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commissions, Kistna District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Masulipatam, 15th August 1872, No. 2153 :—

In forwarding the Masulipatam Municipal Report for the present year, I have the honour, in reply to the G. O., 4th May 1872, No. 627, to state that the inhabitants of the town are taxed highly, and that consequently the Municipality is not by any means looked upon with complacency by them.

2. The complaints are that of high taxation; that the roads are made not for them, but for the richer persons of the station, for they do not want them having no bandies; that the drainage is not improved; that they should be forced to use latrines; and that the water supply is not continuous.

3. The Commissioners have not money enough to make all the improvements that are wanted. First of all the town, which was a very flourishing one before the cyclone when it was a garrison town, and the port, one that was more frequented than it now is, has become a sort of second-rate place. It is badly situate being in a flat sandy plain, very difficult and expensive for road-making or drainage, and it is very straggling.

4. The European station is at one end and far removed from the town, and the chief roads, which used to be kept in order by the prisoners by whom, I believe, they were made, are three running from the European Cantonment to and through the Native town, and four or five crossroads joining them. When the Municipality took them over, it was found that no money could be spared for the construction of new roads in place of the many sandy thoroughfares and lanes in the Native town; so those in existence have always wisely, I think, been kept up. Roads from want in the district of any decent material for metalling are very expensive to keep even in fair order. It would be useless to attempt the drainage of the sandy flat with the money that could be spared for the purpose; at present coolies clear out the side ditches before and during the rains, and this is all the drainage that has been done.

5. The latrines are not anywhere in favour; were they, there are not sufficient, or anything like it, for the people. We have but six (three male and three female) for a population of 36,287. I hope to induce the Commissioners to build three more this year; but the accommodation there will be inadequate; at present the only persons punished for nuisance in the town are those who will sit down within the sight of the roads or in the town lanes.

6. The charge of the dispensary on the Municipality is not popular. The ratepayers for the most part make no use of it, or when they do avail themselves of the services of the Surgeon, or his Assistant, it is after they have first given the Native Doctor an opportunity to fail in healing them.

7. The tolls here do not in the slightest degree interfere with traffic; nearly all the goods that come into the town do so on canal boats.

8. As the Commissioners say, the good-water supply is the only thing that the people like and the lighting. The former cannot be made continuous except by a separate channel from a point a long way up the canal, or by a system of tanks in which two months' supply could be stored; for the Kistna is so dirty a river, and brings down so much deposit, that it is absolutely necessary the chan-

nels be cleared out year by year. The necessity for this continuity of supply (we could not possibly get the money wanted for the expensive schemes proposed) appears to be diminishing each year. The water, which lies within a foot or two of the surface of the ground everywhere about the town, is fast losing the brackishness which was one of the consequences of the cyclone; and I have every reason to believe it will disappear in a few years, when all this outcry will cease.

9. Unpopular though it be, I think most certainly that the Municipality has done, and is now doing, much to the town that the people would miss very much indeed were it to collapse.

10. Concerning the Guntoor Municipalty, I have the honour to enclose the Vice-President's report, together with a letter from one of the Commissioners, and the usual reports.

11. The Commissioners note the loss they have sustained in being deprived of the very valuable services of their late Vice-President, and they attribute the paucity of expenditure in the year, partly to his being incapacitated for work from the illness that prostrated him before his death, partly to an accident which happened to their working Overseer, also in part to the nature of the chief work to be done—the deepening a tank which, of course, can only be carried on in the dry weather.

12. The Commissioners note that the water supply to the town is their first thought, and that the making of roads is nothing when compared with this more important work. I fear that the town will have to trust to their rainfed tanks entirely. Water cannot be brought from any of the Kistna channels within four miles of Guntoor except at great expense, and that and a steam engine to raise it to the necessary level in the town would more than swallow up their present resources.

13. The Commissioners remark that they have, in May and June, been authorizing the collection of tolls at three-fourths instead of half rates. This refers to the present year and not the year under report, during which year the Commissioners kept them under their own control, being unable to get a reasonable bid for them, and they made more by them than the estimate. On the other hand fees fell short of their estimate by Rupees 500. The Vice-President promises to get from the Local Fund Board their share of contribution to the Municipal Hospital.

14. The Commissioners promise to open four new schools, and I have recently had a proposal to expend some surplus hospital funds on building huts attached to the hospital for caste patients, but the scheme is not yet worked out.

15. The health of the town has been good; but, in his sanitary report, Mr. Tyrrell notes one or two things which the Vice-President will be requested to lay before the Board with a view to their being remedied.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Masulipatam, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 25th June 1872, No. 50.

I have the honour, at the request of the Municipal Commissioners of Masulipatam, to submit, for transmission to Government, their annual report on the

operations of the Towns' Improvement Act during the past official year, together with the Tabular Statements I. and II. in the forms prescribed by Government in their Order, dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646.

2. A health report furnished by the Zillah Surgeon, a report on the affairs of the Civil Dispensary recently transferred to the Municipality, kindly furnished by the same Officer, and a report drawn up by the Auditor, Mr. Clarke of the Bank, who examined into the accounts, are enclosed, as also the statement showing the incidence of taxation required in G. O., dated 4th May 1872, No. 627.

3. The balance at the commencement of the year in the hands of the Commissioners was Rupees 2,870-8-7. The receipts, during the year, from the marginally-noted sources, amounted to Rupees 20,256-4-9, making the assets available for expenditure Rupees 23,126-13-4.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Rates and taxes	17,250	13	7
2. Contributions from Local Fund	1,000	0	0
3. Miscellaneous	1,525	0	9
4. Advance recovered	480	6	5
Total ...	20,256	4	9

4. The demand on account of house-rate, current and arrears, amounted to Rupees 5,675-8-6. Out of this, Rupees 4,476-5-5 have been realized during the year, leaving an uncollected balance of Rupees 1,199-3-1. Of this, Rupees 250 are deemed irrecoverable, and the rest is in course of recovery.

5. The sanctioned budget having been received late in the year, there was a consequent delay in the issue of the bills for the collection of the taxes; hence the large arrears at the end of the year.

6. This rate, which was levied at 7½ per cent. during the year, for eleven months in the year, amounted to Rupees 4,855 against Rupees 4,306 in the previous year, at six per cent. for the whole year.

7. There was a balance of Rupees 1,274-13-0 to be collected at the beginning of the year on account of professional-tax, and the arrear collections amounted to Rupees 121, leaving an uncollected balance of nearly Rupees 1,153-13-0, the greater portion of which is the irrecoverable accumulations of previous years. The propriety of striking them off as such is under consideration. Out of a current demand on this account of Rupees 5,586-2-8, levied at the maximum rates of the schedule, Rupees 4,290-4-0 were collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,271-10-8 due partly to the late period at which the sanctioned budget was received, and partly to the collection of this tax being more difficult under the new Act.

8. The tolls were leased out during the year for Rupees 7,550, the actual collections amounting to Rupees 6,266 against Rupees 6,541 in the previous year. Adverting to G. O. of 4th May 1872, No. 672, I am requested to explain that tolls were levied at half the rates mentioned in the schedule; but having been leased out, it is not possible to give a full statistics. The tolls would appear to be chiefly levied on carts drawn by bullocks and on bullocks and asses when laden with packs. The canals being open for nearly ten months in the year, large quantities of goods enter the town in the transit boats which are not liable to municipal-tax. Carriage by canal is so easy compared with the difficulty of conveyance by road that the tolls are not likely to pay very much for the present.

9. It has been brought to the knowledge of individual Commissioners that the toll collectors occasionally levy tolls on carts leaving the municipal limits, and that the payment is made by the unwitting bandymen. This is, of course, forbidden but, as no complaints have ever been made about it, the Commissioners have not stirred in the matter further.

10. From the situation of the town it is not possible to establish toll-gates at all the places where entrance can be made into the limits. In dry weather cross country is as good as a metalled road for country carts or pack of bullocks.

11. The other items do not call for special remarks.

12. A sum of Rupees 1,000 was received from the Local Fund Board as their contribution towards the maintenance of the Civil Dispensary.

13. The amount of contribution, Rupees 1,226-1-1, due from Government on account of the past year, was drawn and credited to Miscellaneous. Contributions paid by some of the townspeople for the extension of good-water conduits, Rupees 217-2-0, and a balance of Cyclone Relief Fund, Rupees 81-13-8, remitted by the Collector, are also shown under this head.

14. The total expenditure amounted to Rupees 21,816-7-9, as shown below:—

		RS.	A.	P.
Grant	I. Public Works	10,475	5	8
,,	II., Education	716	10	9
,,	III., Sanitation and Medical Services	6,302	14	8
,,	IV., Miscellaneous Municipal purposes...	2,178	12	5
,,	V., Supervision and management...	2,066	7	3
Refunds other than of current taxes		76	5	0
	Total ...	21,816	7	9

15. *Grant I.*—The details of expenditure under this grant are shown in the margin. The outlay incurred on Communications, under the head of "New Works," was chiefly on Main Road, Sadak's Road, Noble's Road, which run parallel to one another from one end of the town to the other.

	RS.	A.	P.
New Works.			
Communications	6,344	10	6
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ...	2,617	13	11
Repairs.			
Communications	410	0	4
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ...	125	14	7
Establishment	944	6	4
Tools and Plant	32	8	0
Total ...	10,475	5	8

16. The traffic on the first of these roads is very great, and the road is constantly damaged by the train of bandies laden with salt passing over it during the greater part of the year. With the exception of nearly a mile the entire length of the road has been re-constructed, and a sufficient depth of metal has been laid on the top. The Noble's Road has been completed, as also the Sadack's Road. Nearly 1,300 Rupees were incurred on the two cross-roads, but they are not completed. Two small tunnels were constructed, and Rupees 410-0-4, shown under the head of "Repairs," was expended in the maintenance of existing roads.

17. The expenditure on Sanitary and Miscellaneous works amounted to Rupees 2,743-12-6. The outlay on New Works was chiefly on account of the extension of good-water conduits in different parts of the town at a cost of Rupees 2,475, a

greater part of which was incurred in laying down pipes along the main road. The substitution of earthenware for masonry conduits has enabled the Commissioners to supply half the town with clear drinking water.

18. This is one of the rare municipal objects of expenditure really appreciated by the townspeople; and the Commissioners regret that, notwithstanding the hardship entailed on them by having the Kistna water supply cut off just at a season when it is most wanted, and when the disappointment is most keenly felt, was prominently brought to the notice of Government in their annual report for the previous year, nothing has apparently been done yet by the Department of Public Works to secure to the town a continuous supply, and that at this very moment there is great dissatisfaction in the town owing to the supply having failed from the last two months. It would be a great boon if arrangements could be made to secure the unfailing supply of this one of the very first necessaries of life.

19. The expenditure under the head of "Repairs" was chiefly for the repairs of latrines.

20. *Grant II.*—The Commissioners have not yet established any schools of their own. Two branch schools having been opened by the Hindoo School Committee—one at Ingudur chiefly for the instruction of the Mussulman youths, and the other at Buttiahpetta for Hindoos and Mahomedans generally—a grant-in-aid has been allowed to these institutions. The amount so paid during the year under report was Rupees 512-2-9. Copies of reports by the Deputy Inspector of Schools on the state of these schools are appended, and they show that the schools are getting on well. A sum of Rupees 54-8-0 was also paid to a school under the results' system. The contribution of Rupees 100, paid to Local Fund Board for the Educational Inspecting Agency, is shown under this grant.

21. *Grant III.*—The expenditure under this grant was Rupees 6,302-14-8, as shown below:—

		RS.	A.	P.
1.	Hospital and Dispensaries	1,369	8	2
2.	Vaccination	159	8	0
3.	Registration of Births and Deaths...	220	0	0
4.	Conservancy	4,553	14	6
	Total ...	6,302	14	8

22. The aggregate expenditure incurred at the dispensary does not appear from these statements, which show only the amount remitted to the Treasury in adjustments of the charges paid from it and the value of bills cashed. The Commissioners have adopted steps for incorporating the dispensary transactions in future with the municipal accounts.

23. The Zillah Surgeon's report on the affairs of the dispensary shows that there was a decrease in the number of cases treated, as below, as compared with the previous year:—

	1871.	1870.	Increase.	Decrease.
Native out-patients	2,039	2,695	...	656
In-patients	89	79	10	...
European out-patients	45	114	...	69
In-patients	1	8	...	7

24. The Zillah Surgeon does not account for this decrease.

The Sanitary Commissioner, who lately visited the dispensary in this town, deprecates the present site as being inconveniently distant from the pettah, and suggests its removal into the town. The Commissioners have resolved to postpone the subject until the estimates for the improvement of the building, as suggested by the Deputy Inspector-General, shall be ready. They are, however, of opinion that the present site is admirably adapted for in-patients, being exposed to the sea-breeze and free from the bustle of the town, and that it would suffice if one or two rooms could be provided for a dispensary in the town, where out-patients could attend and drugs be purchased, and the dispensary be placed in charge of a Hospital Assistant working under the control and supervision of the Zillah Surgeon.

25. In consideration of the taxes levied, the Commissioners proposed some time ago to the Zillah Surgeon that medicines should be sold at prime cost to all persons applying for them, and that favourable rates should be allowed to subscribers. The Commissioners understand that the Zillah Surgeon awaits the instructions of the Inspector-General before giving effect to their wishes. The Commissioners are of opinion that they should be represented on the Dispensary Committee as the institution is chiefly supported by them.

	Rs.
Successful	689
Unsuccessful	87
Unknown	8
Total ...	784

26. The cost of vaccination amounted to Rupees 159-8-0. The results are shown in the margin.

27. The cost of registration of births and deaths was Rupees 220. The law now makes a report of these occurrences compulsory, and a few cases of default have been prosecuted. The subjoined is a statement of births and deaths reported during the year :—

Deaths.	
Cholera	9
Small-pox	72
Fever	122
Bowel Complaints	35
Suicide	1
Accidents	8
All other causes	458
	705

Births.
728
728

28. The charges in the Conservancy Department amounted to Rupees 4,553-14-6, out of which Rupees 3,657-10-5 represents the cost of supervising establishment and scavengering agency. A sum of Rupees 519-10-10 expended in removing the silt in the drain is also shown under this head. Prickly-pear to some extent was removed at a cost of Rupees 207-9-8, which, together with other sundry charges, amounting in all to Rupees 376-9-3, is shown under Contingencies.

29. *Grant IV.*—Charges incurred for various miscellaneous purposes are shown under this grant. The town was regularly lit during the year at a cost of Rupees 470-5-5, and twenty-one new lamp-posts, at a cost of Rupees 339-14-3, have also been put up. The maintenance of avenues and plantations involved an expenditure of Rupees 54. The supply of Kistna water having failed during the hot weather, Rupees 240 were advanced to the Executive Engineer to bale out water from the canal into the conduits. Though the supply was prolonged for about a fortnight, it was not continuous as already observed. The Commissioners regret that the usual contribution of Rupees 1,364 payable to Government was not paid during the year owing to insufficiency of funds. It will be paid shortly. The census operations have been successfully performed at a cost of Rupees 354-. 11, a moiety of which has since been refunded by the Collector. The result of the operations shows a population of 36,203.

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10th October 1872.

30. The charges under Grant V. on account of supervision and management do not call for any remarks.

31. The balance remaining in the Treasury was Rupees 1,310-5-7.

32. From the foregoing paragraphs, and the explanatory statements submitted with this report, may be gathered an idea of how the institution is working—a point on which Government in their Order dated 4th May 1872, No. 627, desire some information. This Municipality comprises an area of 2851 acres, and contains a population of 36,203. Compared with other Municipalities it is more extensive, more populous—two circumstances entailing heavy expenditure upon the Commissioners and rendering the task of conservancy more difficult. The damage by the cyclone of 1864, from the effects of which it has not fully recovered, the gradual deterioration of the port, and the consequent depression of trade render great caution and leniency necessary in working the provisions of the Act. Nevertheless, the maximum rate of taxation has been reached in the professional and house taxes. The assessments of the house-rate are under revision, and if by this a larger revenue than is now realized can be brought to demand, the Commissioners have it in their contemplation to apply for the sanction of Government for a reduction in the rate.

33. The schedule for the levy of tax on arts, trades, and professions does not seem to have been well drawn up, and is, therefore, calculated to cause much discontent. People are more discontented because others are left untaxed than that they themselves are taxed. While the gradation is gradual from Class V. downwards, the gaps between the classes above this limit being large preclude the Commissioners from the exercise of their discretion in suiting the assessments to the circumstances of the assessees, so that there are certain professions which can only be taxed either too low or too high. Take, for instance, a money lender. He can be taxed Rupees 50 under Class II., and Rupees 25 under Class III., as a sowcar; or only Rupees 6 under Class V. as a pawnbroker. He is omitted entirely in Class IV. Similarly, neither Commission Agents nor Auctioneers can be taxed less than Rupees 25 under Class III. Merchants can only be taxed Rupees 25 or more under Classes III. and II., or so low as Rupees 6 under Class V., but they cannot be taxed under Class IV. Persons holding salaried appointments are the only ones that can be taxed under Class VII., it is difficult to say why. There are oil-presses in numbers in the town; but to tax the owners under Class III. would be to ruin them altogether.

34. Then, on the other hand, the rule requiring that, in assessing the rates under Classes I., II., III., and IV., the gross annual rental should be the basis of taxation necessitates a vast number of men being taxed under the discretionary

power vested in the Commissioners for the taxation of trades, &c., in Class V., who would, if proper provision was made in the preceding classes, be taxed according to their means, and in equal proportion with others who happen to be named and come within those classes. This arises from the value of house property and importance of sites not being so great here as in other places. Payment of taxes before the commencement of the year according to Section 58 of the Act alone gives the taxpayer a right of paying his tax in two instalments; but, as the lists under Section 61 are not ready for publication until after the opening of the new year and the receipt of the sanctioned budget, the tax-payer is unable to avail himself of this indulgence. These defects of the law account in no small degree for the unpopularity of the measure. A large class of persons, Inamdars and others carrying on profession beyond the municipal limits, but enjoying all its advantages, are also exempted, as also the teachers in all the schools in Bunder that are not Government schools, &c. The Income-tax Act mulcting the ratepayers simultaneously with the municipal assessments, people in their ignorance to distinguish the source and object of these two species of imposts stand in bewilderment and wonder what double taxation, for they take it to be such, can mean.

35. Having thus indicated the feelings of the people in the matter of municipal taxation, let us now see how they relish the municipal improvements. The lion's share of municipal receipts are allotted for communications. Owing to the difficulty and expensiveness of road-making, no more than a few of the most important roads can be constructed and kept in good order. Few of the townspeople being in a position to drive or willing to exchange their palanquins for carriages, the majority of the people, save a few public officials, merchants, and owners of hack-carts, really do not care for roads, and are inclined to believe that they are made for the favoured few; but drains are not so unpopular. As already observed, owing to the wide area over which the town is scattered, scavengering operations cannot be carried on to public satisfaction at the expense that is now being incurred; more carts are wanted. The use of dust boxes is not fully appreciated. Men of the old school take them for nuisances near their houses. People are generally opposed to latrines as calculated to outrage decency and give rise to unhealthiness. Those who can afford to walk some distance prefer going to the swamps beyond the ken of the public eye, and they are not then prosecuted.

36. The only objects of municipal expenditure appreciated by the people are the good-water supply of the town and the lighting as already stated; the conduits have been laid down on many of the public roads, but a great many more require to be added. Voluntary contributions in part payment of the expenses have been often realized, but the cup of happiness is not without its bitter drop, and that, I need scarcely observe, is the precarious nature of the supply. The general exclamation is, "Why don't the Commissioners, who take from us so much money, do something to give us water in the hot weather." There are about sixty-one lamp-posts in the town, all of them regularly lit every night except ten nights a month, when it is unnecessary.

37. On the whole the Commissioners do not believe that this Municipality is as hateful to the people as most Municipalities are taken to be, owing to the single redeeming feature, viz., its good-water supply, precarious as it is.

From E. R. CLARKE, Esq., Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Masulipatam, to the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Masulipatam, dated Masulipatam, 11th May 1872.

With reference to a letter from you, dated 5th March 1872, No. 292, I have the honour to inform you that I have gone through the accounts of 1871-72, and found that they have been very regularly and carefully kept, and that great attention has been shown in the drawing up of the annual accounts, every item being supported by its legitimate voucher. Further, I have examined several registers, &c., which likewise have been well and neatly kept.

The balance at the beginning of the year was Rupees 2,870-8-7, and the receipts during the year from all sources amount to Rupees 20,256-4-9, as shown in the annexed statement, both aggregating to Rupees 23,126-13-4 against the estimated amount of Rupees 26,775.

	Rs.
Estimate of receipts ...	24,775
Balance	2,000
Total ...	26,775

The annexed statement will show all the details of the receipts.

The tolls were leased out for twelve months realizing Rupees 7,550. Deducting Rupees 631 paid last year, a balance of Rupees 6,919 was left standing at the commencement of the year; Rupees 6,266 were collected during the year; and Rupees 653 is still to be collected from the Contractor.

The house-tax demand, for the year 1871-72, was Rupees 4,855-1-4, and collections during the period amount to Rupees 3,903-12-9 including excess collection, Annas 6 and Pies 5, leaving a balance of Rupees 951-11-0 at the close of the year. The arrears at the commencement of the year amount to Rupees 820-7-2, out of which Rupees 572-15-7, including excess collection (Pies 6) have been recovered. The total balance of both arrears and current aggregate Rupees 1,199-3-1, as shown in the margin.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1866-67 ...	2	11	6
1867-68 ...	16	9	0
1868-69 ...	8	6	0
1869-70 ...	103	0	0
1870-71 ...	116	13	7
1871-72 ...	951	11	0
Total ...	1,199	3	1

The following are the details of the collections on vehicles and animals during the year :—

	1st half-year. No.	1st half-year. Amount. Rs.	A.	P.	2nd half-year (five months). No.	2nd half-year (five months). Amount. Rs.	A.	P.
Four-wheeled carriages.	9	40	8	0	4	15	0	0
Two-wheeled ,, ...	20	60	0	0	15	37	8	0
Horse	11	49	8	0	8	30	0	0
Poneys under 13 hands.	14	21	0	0	15	18	12	0
Do. ,, 11 hands.	4	2	0	0	5	2	1	4
Bullocks	512	256	0	0	419	174	9	4
Donkeys	314	78	8	0	297	61	14	0
Dogs	8	2	0	0	11	2	4	8
		509	8	0		342	1	4

One hundred and forty-three carts were registered during the first half-year at Rupees 2 each, making Rupees 286. The second half-year (containing only five months) ninety-nine carts were registered at the rate of Rupees 1-10-8 each, making Rupees 165, both aggregating Rupees 451.

The demand for the profession-tax was Rupees 5,586-2-8, and the collections made during the year Rupees 4,317, including excess collection and remission, &c., Rupees 26-12-0, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,271-10-8. The arrears at the commencement of the year was Rupees 1,274-13-0, out of which Rupees 121 were collected during the year. The total balance of both current and arrears aggregating Rupees 2,425-7-8, as shown in the margin, is to be recovered under this head in the year. Of the

	Rs.	A.	P.
Of 1866-67 ...	51	0	0
,, 1867-68 ...	97	5	0
,, 1868-69 ...	92	8	0
,, 1869-70 ...	288	0	0
,, 1870-71 ...	625	0	0
,, 1871-72 ...	1,271	10	8
Total ...	2,425	7	8

total receipts, viz., Rupees 23,126-13-4, Rupees 21,816-7-9 were expended under the different items, as specified in the abstract herein enclosed, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,310-5-7 at the close of the year.

In conclusion, I need hardly add that K. Appa Row, the Accountant, has afforded me invaluable assistance in auditing these accounts.

From the Zillah Surgeon, Masulipatam, to the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Masulipatam, dated Masulipatam, 14th May 1872, No. 46.

I have the honour to forward, for the information of the Commissioners, extracts of Inspection Reports sent to me by the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, with instructions to report, on 1st July next, what progress has been made in remedying the defects, and also to report the results of the recommendation made by the Deputy Inspector-General in his Annual Inspection Reports of the Civil Dispensary, a copy of which was sent to you.

EXTRACT from the Annual Inspection Report of the Police Hospital, Masulipatam, for 1871-72, dated 24th January 1872.

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Paragraph 9. The dead-room should not be in the hospital. That room should be divided by a brick partition into a bath-room and dry-earth latrine for feeble men. The stronger men should continue to go to the latrine at a distance from the hospital. A dead-room 15' × 15' × 17' should be built at a distance from the hospital. It would serve for the reception of dead bodies from the Police Hospital and for bodies sent in by the Police for examination. I have brought this to the notice of the President of the Civil Dispensary Committee.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. DUFF, Surgeon-Major,
for *Secretary, Inspector-General,*
Indian Medical Department,
Presidency and Northern Division.

EXTRACT from the Annual Inspection Report of the Civil Dispensary at Masulipatam by the Deputy Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency and Northern Districts, dated 22nd January 1872.

Paragraph 8. The roads through the pettahs have unlined open drains on each side; water does not stagnate in them, but there are many water-pits about the town, and these are said to exhale offensive odours in hot weather. These small tanks or water-pits are mostly excavations made to obtain earth to form raised platforms for houses; and water being within a very few feet of the surface, all over the vast plain on which the town stands, these tanks or ponds are always nearly full; efficient drainage is impossible owing to the soil being so little above sea level. No suggestions can be offered for the improvement of the conservancy of the town.

Though fœcal matter is not visible in and round the town, the ground must be foul, as there were a large number of cases of acute diarrhœa, a large proportion of which were fatal in the latter half of 1870.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. BIDIE, M.B., Surgeon,
Secretary, Inspector-General, I. M. D.

No. 2106.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

The 1871-72 Annual Inspection Reports have shown that, in several towns, dead bodies are taken to the Civil Dispensaries for request for *post-mortem* examination.

2. If such practices be followed in any town in your range, advise the Medical Officer to represent to the Municipality the desirability of their discontinuance, as, of all others, the practices alluded to most severely affect the popularity of hospitals.

(By order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th April 1872.

(Signed) G. BIDIE, M.B., Surgeon,
Secretary to Inspector-General, I. M. D.

Sanitary Report of the Town of Masulipatam, for the year 1871-72, *from* 1*st April* 1871 *to* 31*st March* 1872.

The population of the town of Masulipatam is 36,203. There were 705 deaths reported during the year, of which 384 were males and 321 females.

The causes of deaths were as follow :—

Cholera	9
Small-pox	72
Fever	122
Bowel Complaints...	35
Suicide	1
Accidents	8
All other causes	458
Total ...	705

No epidemic of cholera prevailed in the town; but it was very prevalent in the district during July, August, September, and October. Small-pox is at present prevalent in the town. The number of attacks is not known, but only five deaths were reported in February and three in March. Vaccination is carried out by the Municipal Vaccinator; the number operated on during the year was—

Successful	689
Unsuccessful	87
Unknown	8
Total ...	784

2. The births registered during the year amount to nearly double the number of the previous year, being 728, while only 366 were recorded for 1870-71.

3. The conservancy of the town is carried out by the Municipality. There are six public latrines; dry earth is used in them, and also Macdougall's powder; they are cleaned twice daily, and the soil removed to a distance and buried.

4. There is still a large amount of the prickly-pear growing in all parts of the station; this was as much as possible cleared away by the convicts placed at the disposal of the Municipality; but, during the last few months, the number of prisoners in jail has been too small to furnish gangs for this purpose.

5. Water is brought from the Kistna Canal and stored in a large reservoir in the centre of the town, from which it is distributed by under-ground channels to all parts of the town. Several new reservoirs have been constructed during the year. The water is wholesome and generally abundant, but it has been getting somewhat scanty during the last month owing to the canals being closed at this station.

Several persons have been punished by the Municipal Sub-Magistrate for offering unwholesome articles of food for sale.

6. Among other works twenty-one lamp-posts have been erected during the year, and several metalled roads constructed.

"Remarks" on the dispensary building by the Sanitary Commissioner is attached.

MASULIPATAM,
1*st April* 1872.

(Signed) T. CROUDACE, Surgeon,
Zillah Surgeon.

Extract from Visitors' Book.

Inspected the dispensary building today. It is much in need of repair. Originally a private bungalow, it appears to me singularly ill-adapted for purposes of a hospital both as regards its position and internal arrangements.

As regards position the building lies completely outside the town between the town and the sea, so that persons requiring medical assistance have an inconvenient and unnecessary distance to travel. Its situation is open to the sea-breeze, and this is so far an advantage to the few sick who are treated as in-patients, but it is quite out of the question that the dispensary can do much good to the common class of persons who prefers to attend as out-patients, while it occupies so inconvenient a position. The dispensary building should undoubtedly occupy a central position within the town so as to be ready of access by day and night. My advice to the Municipality is to establish the dispensary within the town whenever the funds at their disposal will admit. The attendance of out-patients in proportion to the population of the town is singularly scanty, and I attribute this, in a measure, to the inconvenient position of the dispensary. The building is kept clear, and the comfort of the in-patients is studied. No women were under treatment.

MASULIPATAM,
12*th February* 1872.

(Signed) W. R. CORNISH,
Sanitary Commissioner.

The subjoned is the Financial Statement for the 1871 :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Balance in hand on 1st January 1871			
Floating (or arrears)	2,154	11	0
Invested	110	12	0
From Government	1,704	11	0
,, European medicines ...	792	0	0
,, interest of funds deposited in the Government Savings' Bank	700	0	0
,, European subscription and donation	...	...	...
,, Native do. do. ...	335	0	0
,, sale of medicines to persons not entitled to gratuitous issue	623	8	0
,, rent of the building or Police Hospital compound.	76	12	11
,, charity box	190	0	0
,, sale of old boxes	44	10	0
	8	0	0
	6,740	0	11
Deductions.			
Floating 110 12 0			
Invested 1,704 11 0			
	1,815	7	0
Total income ...	4,924	9	11
Total expenditure ...	3,010	6	2
Balance ...	1,914	3	9

	RS.	A.	P.
1st Class Hospital Assistant's pay from 1st January to 31st December 1871	720	0	0
By servants' wages	596	0	0
Peon's pay defrayed from Government	72	0	0
European medicine from Medical Stores	700	0	0
Do. do. purchased.	25	4	1
Country do. do. ...	32	5	4
Half-yearly supplies	136	11	1
Dieting sick	266	15	5
Wines and Spirits	140	0	0
Repairs and whitewashings ...	45	1	4
Perishable articles	174	0	11
Bedding and clothing	11	0	0
Sundries	72	0	0
Service stamps	19	0	0
Total ...	3,010	6	2

Five cases of severe illness in sepoys on sick leave or furlough leave still to be treated in this dispensary incurring an addition to the expenses of the institution. The Meteorological Observatory appears to work well, but the wind vane is still unfixed. I beg to state that 1st Class Hospital Assistant W. Venkataswamy Naidoo is zealous and attentive to his duties ; he is always at his post, and gives entire satisfaction.

MASULIPATAM,
June 1872.

(Signed) T. CROUDACE,
Surgeon.

Annual Report of the Civil Dispensary, Masulipatam, for the year ending 31*st December* 1871.

Having arrived here so recently as October last, I am unable to state anything from personal experience as to the state of the weather during the previous part of the year, but it is stated to have been good. Since I have been here the weather has been cool and pleasant and is still so, as sea-breeze is blowing daily. The rain-fall during the past year has been less than in 1870 by eight inches twelve cents. The south-west monsoon commenced on the 3rd July, and the north-east monsoon set in on the 7th November. The maximum reading of thermometer was recorded May 3rd, 1871, at 104, and the minimum 68 on the 1st January 1871.

2. The Municipality works well. The Vice-President, Captain Richardson, is indefatigable in his exertions to keep the town and station clean, and in carrying out an efficient system of conservancy. There have been a few cases of small-pox in the town, but the health of the inhabitants is said to have been on the whole good. There has been no epidemic in the town or station, but cholera has prevailed to some extent during the months of July, August, September, and October in the taluqs of Bezorah, Nandigama, Avenigadda, Gudivada, and Jaggayyapett. A Hospital Assistant, attached to the Collector's Department, was sent out to Jaggayyapett in the month of October with a supply of medicines ; he reported that he treated twenty-seven cases with seven deaths ; during the period he was there one of the Missionaries of the Church Mission Society died from cholera, at the village Lingagiri, in the Jaggayyapett Taluq.

3. The number of cases treated during the year has been much less than the previous year.

	Admitted in 1871.	Admitted in 1870.	Increase.	Decrease.
Native out-patients,	2039	695	...	656
,, in-patients,	89	79	10	...
European out-patients,	45	114	...	69
,, in-patients,	1	8	...	7

The diseases most prevalent during the year were fevers, rheumatism, stomach and bowel-complaints, and skin diseases. There were two deaths, one an old man who died from asthma, and one from general dropsy was brought in a greatly debilitated state and died in three days after admission. The operations performed during the year were as follow :—

1 amputation of leg for asteosarcoma.
1 ,, of arm for gangrene and compound fracture.
1 re-section of elbow (compounded dislocation).
3 extract of cataract.

4. The sum of Rupees 1,277 has been received from the Municipal Commission and Local Fund Board from private subscription and sale of medicines ; and the amount in Government Savings' Bank is Rupees 2,154. The funds have sufficed to defray the current expenses, but without the private subscription there would have been a deficiency.

5. Cases of severe illness in sepoys on sick leave or furlough have still to be treated in the dispensary, incurring an addition to the expenses of the institution.

6. The Meteorological Observatory appears to work well, but the wind vane is still unfixed.

7. I beg to state that 1st Class Hospital Assistant W. Venkataswamy Naidoo is zealous and attentive to his duties ; he is always at his post, and gives entire satisfaction.

MASULIPATAM,
1*st January* 1872.

(Signed) T. CROUDACE,
Surgeon.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Guntoor, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Kistna District, dated Guntoor, 5th July 1872, No. 28.

I have the honour to submit the annual report on the working of the Municipality of the town of Guntoor and of the dispensary there, together with the statements of the actual revenues and receipts for the year 1871-72, furnished by the Auditor, Mr. Leckler, Accountant of the Bank of Madras, and his report thereon, and together also with the returns called for by Government on the 4th May, with a memorandum written by N. Raghavalu Naidoo Garoo, one of the Commissioners who volunteered to write his opinions on the working of the Municipality in accordance with that order, and together with the annual medical report on the dispensary by the Civil Surgeon, Mr. Tyrrell, and a sanitary report by the same gentleman on the general health of the people of the town.

2. The year commenced on the 1st of May 1871, and ended on the 31st March 1872, and comprised only eleven months.

3. During this period, the Commissioners had deeply to regret the loss they sustained in the death of Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. Bird, who had been for several years the Vice-President. He took the greatest interest in the welfare of the Municipality, and was equally regretted by all classes of the community. He continued his exertions in the office which he held until his strength had quite failed, when he was compelled to send his resignation to Government, which being accepted he vacated the chair on the 9th August, and, in doing so, he put on record a letter to the Commissioners with the very useful object of detailing the works and improvements which had been and were being carried on in the town during the time that he had held the office of Vice-President. This letter, I have no doubt, will be read with interest by Government, as it describes better than I could do the improvements which have been carried out with the limited funds at the disposal of the Commissioners during the last few years.

4. Colonel Bird having thus given up charge of the office on the 9th August died only a few days after, that is on the 8th September.

5. Mr. Wilson then took charge, but was shortly afterwards compelled to take sick leave.

6. I had charge during the remaining months of the official year, but busines prevented me from residing in the town during those months, so that the last budget on which Government passed Order, No. 688, on the 28th May last, was prepared in my absence.

7. I may mention that the Commissioners, as a mark of their sincere regret and sorrow at their loss of Colonel Bird, altered the name of the new pettah, which had arisen under his auspices, from "Sungadigunta" to "Bird's pettah," by which name it is now known.

8. In sending the estimates for the current year the sum of Rupees 7,000 was entered as being the anticipated balance on the 31st March last. How this amount was arrived at I do not know, but I believe that the estimates were not prepared with care by the Manager, A. Lakshamandoss.

9. He is now absent at Madras on privilege leave, so I cannot say why this sum was entered.

10. The real balance at that date amounted to Rupees 13,506, as will be seen by the enclosed account. I must, therefore, endeavour to explain how it happens that so large a balance was allowed to accumulate.

11. Of this sum Rupees 5,495 was in hand at the beginning of the year under report. The fund received this year Rupees 2,151 by the sale to Government of the Police Station-house which had been built by the Commissioners a few years ago. The tolls were collected at three-quarter rates, and produced a sum larger by more than Rupees 3,000 than the sum estimated, and Rupees 403 previously overpaid for Police were recovered, added to all which the works proposed not only were not carried out as they might have been in proportion to the increased receipts, but were probably less pushed on than usual owing, first, to the illness of the Vice-President, who himself gave directions about them; and, secondly, to an accident which happened to the Works Overseer, who was severely wounded in the thigh by a buffalo at the very time of the year when he was most wanted; and, thirdly, to the nature of the works. The principal work is the deepening the Black Tank and the construction of a filter therein with a view to cleanse the water which it is intended to carry through pipes into two deep reservoirs of great capacity in the town. But this work being at the lowest level of the bed, can only be carried on when the tank is quite dry, and as it was not dry up to the end of the official year the work could not go on. Since that time the Overseer has done as much as possible, but as I write the work has again been stopped by the fall of the monsoon, and little can be done there till the bed again becomes dry.

12. From your letter printed with the Proceedings of Government, dated 28th May last, I see that you remarked on the very small amount entered in the budget for the making and repair of roads, which elsewhere form the principal objects of municipal expenditure, and Government added Rupees 1,000 to the grant for that purpose.

13. I had nothing to do with assigning the allotments, but would remark that it must be taken into consideration that roads are not the principal want in Guntoor, although they may be in most other towns. Our principal want is an improved supply of water; for this very year water has been obtainable only with difficulty and in small quantities, the difficulty having been greater than usual owing to the failure of the last north-east monsoon.

14. The inhabitants generally are very anxious to obtain an improved supply of water as will be seen in the memorandum written by one of the Commissioners, which I enclose.

15. On the other hand roads are comparatively of less importance because the soil on which the town stands is red gravel, on which a common track will form a moderate road for ten months in the year at least. Besides the main highway passes through the town made long ago as an imperial road, and just here it happens to be in pretty good condition owing to its passing over the red soil. The Commissioner complains that the two great tanks have not yet been filled with water. That, however, is simply the result of there being no adequate source of supply.

16. There is no supply but mere local drainage. The tanks can only now be improved as far as possible. I believe the Irrigation Department have plans for

making a channel which would pass within a moderate distance from Guntoor. If such a channel should eventually be cut it may be that the levels would admit of a supply being admitted into the Guntoor tanks, but I have no information on this point.

17. The rates on houses exceeded the estimates last year by Rupees 222. As directed by Government, the Commissioners are taking steps to revise the house-tax, and I expect the report of a Committee in a few days.

18. The tax on arts produced Rupees 4,721, being nearly Rupees 600 beyond the estimates. This list has also, of course, been revised in the current year, but I have reason to believe, after hearing some appeals which were presented at the last meeting, that some persons have been overtaxed, and that the list must receive further revision.

19. The taxes on vehicles and on the registration of carts on the other hand both decreased. I attribute this to the neglect of the Manager to see to the prosecution of defaulters under the Act.

20. The tolls which were estimated only at Rupees 7,333 produced in fact Rupees 10,503-8-3, which has considerably increased the balance and provided funds available for new works.

21. In their Order, dated 28th May, the Government directed that the farming system should be reverted to, and the collection of tolls at half rates should be sold.

22. Before receiving this Order the Commissioners had sold the tolls at three-quarter rates, and they have since receiving it come to an agreement with the same Contractor for collection at half rates.

23. Your report to Government on this subject was made on the careless estimates which were sent in. The Commissioners were gainers by having taken the collection of tolls into their own hands, as will appear by the fact that Rupees 10,500 were collected in eleven months. The Commissioners had been compelled to take that course as no fair bid was made. They only sold the contract lately at the sum which they were realizing net.

24. The sum realized as fees under bye-laws, &c., was Rupees 375 much in excess of the estimate, but I hear that this results from the altered form of account as some fees were entered as miscellaneous last year.

25. The amount entered as fines is Rupees 190; but the estimate was Rupees 733. I do not know why this sum was estimated, but perhaps the expected transfer of pound fines was reckoned as a sum under that heading has been since received. No entry is made of the contribution from the Local Fund Board to the expenses of the dispensary because the exact cost of that institution could not be calculated until the expiration of the year. I will divide the cost and obtain sanction of the Board for payment of their share to the Municipality in one sum. This will be carried to the current year's account, and I should think the same will be the best course next year.

26. The expenditure, Grant I., was short mainly under the head of "Sanitary New Works," the cause of which I have explained.

27. No sum was sanctioned for Municipal Schools in the year under report. In accordance with the recommendation of Government, the Commissioners are making arrangements with the Deputy Inspector of Schools to open four new

school in this current year, and are glad that Government have increased the present estimate for schools.

28. I visited the hospital recently and found everything in very good order and clean.

29. The Civil Surgeon complains that corpses are brought to the place for dissection from distant places, and considers this to be a nuisance. I will send to you Mr. Tyrrell's letter on the subject, so that it may be decided whether a dead-house can be built at the public expense.

30. Mr. Tyrrell in his sanitary report suggests that the Mahomedan burial-ground and the goldsmiths' burial-ground should be closed at once. Last year he suggested that the Protestant and Roman Catholic burial-grounds should be closed and new places provided outside the town. All such things are not easily to be done. The people object to any change as a rule. The late Dr. Wither selected some years ago a place which he considered the best for the deposit of municipal refuse. I learn from several Commissioners that this was an old burning and burial ground. It is outside the town in a very suitable place. They complain that another ground has become very necessary to replace it, as the feelings of the people are hurt by the deposit of filth in their only burial-ground. By inquiry from the Munsif I hear that there is no vacant ground anywhere near, so that a new site cannot be had without purchase. More caution should be used in these matters.

31. A burial-ground for Native Christians was enclosed with a wall within the year.

32. It will be observed that the Auditor entered Rupees 2,151-12-0, cost of Police Station, under sixth heading as a contribution from Local Funds, but it ought to be entered under second heading as a contribution from Government.

33. I had intended to amend the Auditor's account in red-ink, as the Auditor is now absent from Guntoor, by filling up the actual receipts and disbursements of the Guntoor Dispensary from 28th November, when it was transferred to the Municipality under the proper headings. I find myself unable to do so as the sum of Rupees 618-12-0 was transmitted to your office on the 16th February last. This was on account of salaries, &c., disbursed, I presume, during the then current year. If so, I doubt whether the payment was correct, as the dispensary was only transferred to the Municipality by notification in the Gazette on the 28th November last. I have not received a copy of G. O., No. 755, dated 7th December 1871, so that I cannot now refer to it.

34. The Auditor's accounts are, therefore, transmitted without alteration; but I subjoin a memorandum of current expenditure at the dispensary, furnished by the Civil Surgeon, showing that Rupees 306-7-0 were paid from Municipal Funds for current expenses, beside salaries of the Hospital Assistant and Peon, amounting to Rupees 66.

35 If, from these data, you will inform me what, in your opinion, should be the amount of the total contribution towards the dispensary, I will obtain sanction for the refund to the Municipality of one-half the sum by the Local Fund Board.

36. The Civil Surgeon states that he is the only remaining member of the Dispensary Committee, Mr. Swinton having left Guntoor, and Colonel Bird having died. I do not think that any Committee is necessary now that the institution is placed under the charge of the Commissioners.

37. Since the Municipal Act was introduced in Guntoor much good has been done by it, more especially in the way of conservancy, and I believe that its working has always been rather favoured by popular opinion than otherwise. The town is very closely built, and was a few years ago much visited by cholera. During the past few years that disease has very rarely appeared, and it may be hoped that a regular conservancy will keep it from re-appearing.

38. A considerable sum is raised here as tolls, but the Commissioners do not think that they have any effect upon the traffic in cotton and oil seeds. No instances of oppression or irregularity by toll collectors have come to notice.

39. Of the sum of Rupees 717-1-0 entered in G. O., No. 1515, dated 6th October 1871, as having been advanced for stores, I am informed that Rupees 555-14-0 were recovered in the way of materials in the past year.

From Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. BIRD, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Guntoor, to the Municipal Commissioners, Guntoor, dated Guntoor, 9th August 1871.

At a recent meeting I informed the Commissioners that it was with regret that I had, on account of my health, found it necessary once more to tender my resignation of the post of Vice-President of the Municipal Commission. Mr. Boswell has accepted my resignation, and Mr. Wilson has been appointed to the vacant post.

Before vacating the chair I should like to go over the works and improvements which the Commissioners have carried out in the last three years during my tenure of office. When I was first appointed Vice-President there seemed an overpouring amount of work which ought to be done for the people, but above every thing it was evident to the Commissioners that the improvement of the water supply was the first thing which should be taken in hand. At that time it was known that a large sum of money had been subscribed by the townspeople supplemented by a Government grant for repairing the Red and Black Tanks, and this money having been placed at the disposal of the Commissioners the Red Tank repairs were commenced in April 1869. In that year, and in 1870, the work was completed to the centre and southern portions of the tank, and the bed of the tank deepened to an uniform depth of 1½ yards, thus giving simple supply of water in the hot season of the current year. Regarding the northern portion the Commissioners resolved, instead of deepening the bed of the tank, to considerably enlarge a reservoir already existing, which, when completed, will store a la rge supply of water.

At present not much has been done to the Black Tank, but it is the intention of the Commissioners, during the next cold weather, after storing the water in the second reservoir, to draw off the water of the tank and prosecute the repairs vigorously.

In the year 1869, the Commissioners constructed a short masonry conduit between the Black Tank and K. Jaganathum Puntulu's reservoir which he had given over to them. This reservoir, capable of holding upwards of 22,000 cubic yards of water, was filled from the tank, and the boon which it proved to the people during the hot seasons of 1870-71 is beyond description. Seeing, then, the success of the work, the Commissioners resolved to construct a conduit between the same tank and a large reservoir in the immediate vicinity of the Taluq Cutcherry. This was a great work, and involved a great deal of excavation. The total length of the conduit exceeds 900 yards, and portions of it are some sixteen feet below the surface of the ground. The work has been

completed, but the final success will not be ascertained until after the rainy season has passed. To each of these a filtering conduit is about to be constructed (as soon as materials can be got together) in order to improve the quality of the water.

Such, then, are the works connected with the water supply which have been carried out by the Municipal Commissioners during the last three years. Next as to the improvements in the town, the Commissioners can point out to the portion of the ground of about 1¾ acres situated in Sungadigunta. This consisted of a series of old gravel-pits full of stagnant, putrid water used for all sorts of disgusting purposes. On the application of the Municipal Commissioners, the Government were pleased to give the ground over to them for building purposes. It was accordingly divided into suitable lots, and, instead of having the filthy place we had before, we have now a small pettah of tiled houses, which is indeed a vast improvement.

For other works of utility and ornament, the Commissioners can point to their buildings, Municipal Office, and Police Station house, the bell-tower, also to the number of avenue trees which have been planted, some fifty or so of them being mangoe trees which will be a source of profit hereafter. Such, then, are some of the works carried out during the last three years.

In conclusion, it only remains for me to thank the Commissioners, one and all, for the ever ready support they have invariably given me in my endeavours to conduct the administration of municipal affairs for the good of the people and improvement of the town.

I will now bid you farewell and will resign the chair to Mr. Wilson, than whom, I am confident, the Municipality could not have a better Vice-President.

MEMORANDUM.

Municipalities are nowadays no doubt very desirable on sanitary as well as on political grounds, for it attempts to preserve the health of the people that live in crowded towns, and trains its chief inhabitants in the self-government of their country.

In Guntoor, its tendency has certainly been towards preventing the breaking or the spreading of cholera or other serious epidemics, but its people do not appreciate its effects. If cholera broke out, they say, it did through the wrath of God. If it did not that it was so owing to their fortune. It is no doubt ultimately true, but they ought to understand that the immediate cause of the creation or extinction of these epidemics can be the existence or non-existence of the uncleared daily accumulated filth in their town. Under a Municipal Act, besides the removal of filth, there are many other actual wants of the people which will have to be attended to. For this purpose certain restraints are placed upon them. In Guntoor, the restrictions they are subjected to are far more than their visible comforts effected under their municipal institution. For taxes, for their comforts being less than their restrictions, and for some other reasons, the feelings of the people of Guntoor are, as far as I know, quite against the institution. No doubt the taxes are heavy now. We cannot say people complain of the Municipality being a curse to them because of taxation, for it is their nature to hate taxes, for we do not hear of the ryots crying similarly for their Land-tax. The Salt-tax, the Abkarry-tax, too, I believe, have never created so much disaffection in the minds of the people as the recent Municipal, License, and Stamp taxes. So it must be because they actually feel the heaviness that they dislike the Municipality on the score of taxes. The levying of the Imperial License-tax in a Municipality makes the municipal burden more felt and disliked. It may not be out of place to remark here that a certain considerable ratepayer in this town, when he had a reply from me that Municipalities are not established to be shortly abolished as he wished, said to me in a great despairing heart indeed that the Circar, meaning the British Raj, hitherto fed and fattened the people like sheep, but now they are quartering them as if it were for consumption. This man's heart at the time (not the man generally, for his burdens are not so heavy, in my opinion, as they are in his) was an object of great pity to me. I appeased the

man's heart by a few smooth words, such as that the Circar's object is not to crush the people at all; it is only to raise them; but if the means they resort to now for that end is really unsuited to the present circumstances, they will no doubt abandon it, and it will never, like its immediate predecessor, the Mussulmen Raj, entertain the object of crushing. So much for taxes.

For people's dislike, I said their second reason had been that their comforts are not sufficiently attended to. I think it is true to a certain extent. It lies in the matter of privies and water works. The present privies are too far for the people that live in the centre of the town, and their accommodation, too, is not such as is consistent with people's ideas of shame or bashfulness and decency. I mean people do not like sitting together so near each other as they do now in our latrines, and exposed to one another's view.

As for water works they, too, are not adequate to the wants of the people. It is nearly six years, I believe, ever since the Municipal Act came into force in this town, but not yet are the Black and the Red Tanks so improved as to contain sufficient water throughout the whole year. And if, on any one day, any part of the town catches fire, which is a common occurrence here, there is no means devised to put it down at once.

Some other reasons I said had created dislike in the hearts of the people. It is the clashing of the toties and the pariahs with the higher classes; but in this we can conciliate the people so long as that is done under the Act, and without the motive of levelling all caste distinctions, for which the day is not yet quite near.

The toll collection I do not think has affected commerce in this town.

11*th June* 1872.

(Signed) N. RAGHAVULU,
Municipal Commissioner.

From C. G. LECHLER, Esq., Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Guntoor, to the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Guntoor, dated Guntoor, 4th June 1872.

With reference to copy, forwarded me, of letter, No. 1306, from the President of the Municipal Commission, Guntoor, appointing me Auditor of the accounts of this Municipality, I have now the honour to submit my report.

1. I have carefully gone through the books, have checked the different registers with the Telegu Cash Account, and found the sums correctly entered. I also checked each item of expenditure, and found it duly supported by a voucher.

2. I am satisfied with the way the books are kept; but would suggest that a separate column in the register of receipts should be reserved for the arrear collections, so that the total of the day's receipts, which is shown in the last column, may agree with the actual amount collected during the day. The arrear collections are now simply totalled and added as separate sums at foot of the ordinary collections. I would also suggest that the amounts collected from the public on account of dispensary should be credited in the accounts of the Municipality. My reason for this is that as at present the *balance*, being difference between amount expended and amount collected, is only drawn from the Municipality, so that I was unable to particularize the sums drawn under the different heads required by Government. If this plan is adopted the headings required can easily be filled up by referring to the bills tendered.

3. It will be seen that the year under audit opened with a balance of Rupees 5,495-2-2, and closed with a balance to credit of Rupees 13,506-13-1, showing an actual increase of receipts over expenditure of Rupees 8,011-10-11. This is mainly due to the increased rate, being three-fourths of schedule rates being collected as tolls, and also cost of Police Station-house purchased by Government.

4. I shall now proceed to enter a little more fully into the different items of expenditure.

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10th October 1872.

Grant I., New Works, Sanitary and Miscellaneous (c).—Under this head appear the following:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Native Christian Burial Ground	208	7	1
Toll-gate houses	112	11	9
Bell tower	50	0	0
Latrines	390	5	9
Filters	32	2	6
Total ...	793	11	1

Grant I., Repairs, Sanitary and Miscellaneous (c).—The following comprise the total:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Latrines	66	8	1
Toll-gate houses	26	10	6
Repairing Buddy's well	234	3	9
Miscellaneous buildings	28	12	2
Black Tank	275	5	3
Red ,, ...	96	7	0
Wells...	44	4	6
Total ...	772	3	3

Grant I., Establishment (3), constituting works' supervision, pay of Overseer, Maistry, and Peon.

Grant III.—1, *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—Out of the sum of Rupees 684-12-0 Rupees 618-12-0 was sent Deputy Collector per Collector's letter, No. 185, and G. O., 7th December 1871, No. 755, being salaries of Hospital Assistant and Peon.

Two sums of Rupees 66 each, being salaries of Hospital Assistant and Peon for February and March, will be shown in next year's accounts, as these sums were paid in the month of April.

Grant IV.—1, *Lighting.*—In contingencies I have included a sum of Rupees 347, being cost of lamp-posts.

Grant V.—1, *Office.*—Salaries of establishment for March will be included in next year's accounts, as the sum was not drawn till the beginning of April.

(c.) *Taking Census.*—Of this sum of Rupees 87-5-10 a moiety will have to be recovered from Government.

Advances Recoverable, being stamps on filing suits in District Munsif's Court.

Referring to the receipts, it appears that cattle trespass fines, or surplus pound fund, was not collected till after closing of the accounts; it will, therefore, be collected in arrears during 1872-73.

A sum of Rupees 243-8-6, tolls collected in April after closing books, will be shown in next year's accounts. The tolls were collected departmentally for the second half of the year; two-thirds of the dispensary expenses are to be recovered from the Local Fund Circle; this will appear in next year's transactions.

A sum of Rupees 3-12-2, house-tax, will be collected next year, and Rupees 6-14-2, remissions on account of house-tax, will also be shown next year.

The sum of Annas 1-10 written off as irrecoverable was not collected, but remitted at the meeting of Commissioners held on 29th November 1871.

In conclusion, I would beg to state that I have had to hurry off this report in consequence of my being ordered to proceed to Cocanada, but I cannot close without bringing to your notice that

I have received some assistance in checking the accounts from the Manager, so long as he was here; and also from the 4th Clerk, who assisted me considerably with the Telegu portion of the work. The Accountant, I am sorry to say, impeded rather than assisted me. From the first day I have not asked him to assist me because of the very impudent way in which he then gave the information I asked. I would bring this to your notice as his conduct has been a great drawback and hinderance to me; and so that he may be taught in future not to annoy and hinder the Auditor.

Sanitary Report of Guntoor Town.

Public Health.—It is gratifying to be able to record that the inhabitants of this town enjoyed very good health during the past official year.

From a statement furnished by the Registrar of Births and Deaths I find that there were 248 deaths out of a population of 17,085, and which, therefore, gives a mortality of 14·51 per mille.

This death-rate is somewhat in excess of that of the official year ending 30th April 1871, but it must be remembered that the death and population returns were not then properly kept or accurately ascertained.

During the same period 311 births were registered, showing a birth-rate of 18·20 per thousand.

Small-pox and fevers prevailed to a slight extent in different parts of the town.

Vaccination is not practised as largely as I should wish to see it done. The Municipal Vaccinator does his best, but he meets with a determined opposition from the people. It is difficult to keep up the supply of lymph, as they are not willing to have any abstracted from the vesicles, imagining that the operation of removing it hurts the children.

I have often had to assist the Vaccinator and have succeeded where he failed, but I must attribute my partial success to the fact that they wanted to please me or obtain my favour. I have invariably given the children a little present of money for the purchase of sweetmeats. I would again state that the only way of diffusing the blessings of vaccination among the masses is by making it compulsory.

Water supply.—The water supply was abundant and of good quality.

The water of the Black Tank was analysed by the Chemical Examiner, who reported that it was "an excellent soft water, but requiring filtration. The volatile matter is considerable but is vegetable, and will be removed to a great extent by filtration."

The Commissioners should see to the preservation of the water of this tank, the bed of which, after the drying up of the water, was converted into a latrine by the Natives who resorted to it instead of going to the latrine, not 200 yards to the east of it. The Police ought to have put a stop to this nuisance, and directed the people to the latrine alluded to. I would recommend that all municipal wells and reservoirs be numbered and registered, and those the water of which is solely used for drinking should be marked "drinking water," and no person should be allowed to bathe or wash clothes on their pavements or near them.

A few wells should be set apart for the last-named purposes. Many of the good-water wells require to be attended to as recommended in my last report.

Bazaars have throughout the year been supplied with very good provisions.

The vegetables and fruit that were sold were good and wholesome.

As I detected the butchers, on two or three occasions, of selling meat of a very wretched quality and livers that contained hydatid cysts, I suggested that the carcass and offal of every animal should, before being exposed for sale, be examined by the Market Inspector. This suggestion was at once adopted by the Commissioners, and I am glad to state that since then the meat sold has been very good; and in support of this statement, I may mention that Dr. Blacklock,

Deputy Inspector-General, during his inspection of this station, told me that he never tasted better meat in this country.

The Market Inspector, 1st Class Hospital Assistant P. Soobbiah Naidoo, No. 345, I beg to state deserves the thanks of the Municipality for the very satisfactory and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties.

A good slaughter-house, and a market (wherein meat, fish, vegetables, and fruit may be sold) are much wanted, and I would remark that the Commissioners would be conferring a great boon on the people at large by having works of such utility erected as soon as funds are available.

Cesspools will in time become a great nuisance in the town, and the sooner the Municipality prevent the building of fresh ones the better.

It would be highly advisable to have those already in use filled up, as they contain instead of house-washings, filth, and muck of every imaginable kind, and the stench which emanates therefrom of a morning is simply unbearable.

They cannot be, and are not, satisfactorily cleaned out, and hence fermentation of the contained putrid matters is going on more or less constantly.

The Sanitary Commissioner of Madras was of opinion that this town would be the better without them, and requested me to advise the Commissioners to have them filled up.

Prickly-pear.—Dr. Wither, the first Vice-President of this Municipality, after much trouble and considerable expense, had this plant eradicated, but it is springing up in various parts of the town and forms the hedging of many compounds.

It will again become as great a nuisance as it once was, and I would, therefore, advise the Commissioners to have it extirpated and buried.

Burial Grounds.—I have been informed that dead bodies are entered in the goldsmiths' burial-ground, which is situated in Sungadigunta immediately to the east of the Madras road.

The Mahomedan burial-ground also in Sungadigunta is near a populous neighbourhood. I would suggest that they be closed at once on sanitary grounds, and the plot of ground near the Native Christian Cemetery, which belongs to the Municipality, be apportioned as burial-grounds for the Mahomedans and goldsmiths of this town.

Conservancy.—The conservancy arrangements were satisfactory, and the streets were kept very clean.

The municipal latrines were kept as clean as can be expected, but the dry-earth system was not satisfactorily carried out in them; the Natives who resort to them doggedly refuse to adopt it.

The urinals were also kept clean, but the earth in them should be removed, and fresh added, daily. They should also be tarred freely. The private latrines were not attended to in the same satisfactory manner, and I would, therefore, recommend that the owners should be compelled to have them in a particularly clean state.

In conclusion, I may be permitted to state that the Conservancy Overseer, Mahommed Ismail, discharges his duties with much zeal and integrity, and is a hardworking servant of the Municipality.

GUNTOOR,
0th June 1872.

(Signed) S. M. TYRRELL, Assistant Surgeon,
Zillah Surgeon.

Annual Medical Report of the Civil Dispensary at Guntoor for 1871-72.

General Health.—The health of the public at large has been on the whole exceedingly satisfactory during the past year.

The principal diseases and conditions for which relief was sought were fevers, especially of the intermittent type, rheumatism, asthma, bronchitis, general dropsy, primary and secondary syphilis, itch, injuries, general debility, privation, mycetoma, dyspepsia, ear-ache, and conjunctivitis.

Cholera.—None.

Small-pox.—Small-pox of a mild character has been prevailing for the last month or two in different parts of the town.

Malarial Fevers.—The inhabitants did not suffer to any extent from fevers of this class.

General working of the Institution.—During the past year 115 in-door patients and 2396 out-door patients received treatment in this institution against 124 in and 2289 out patients in 1870-71.

The institution continues to maintain its popularity. Patients come to it from all parts of the district for treatment and advice. Many come hoping to have their ailments, of very long standing, cured by the first dose of medicine they receive from us, and if disappointed, as they cannot but be, return to their homes at once without giving the remedies prescribed a fair trial, although earnestly requested to attend or remain for a stated period as out or in patients.

It will, I fear, be a difficult task, and one of time, to disabuse them of such any absurd idea.

The estimates of the repairs to be executed in the hospital and its subsidiary buildings were passed by the Municipal Commissioners at the meeting held on the 13th March. The Municipal Works Overseer will be directed to commence operations as soon as possible. I beg to forward with this report a plan of the proposed single ward to be built for the accommodation of caste patients at an estimated cost of Rupees 174-1-8. It consists of a room (10·6 × 10·6 × 10·6) and a front and back verandah, the latter being divided into two compartments, to be used, respectively, as cookroom and latrine. The walls are to be of mud, and the roof tiled. The cubical capacity of the room is 1543 feet, and the superficial area 110 feet. It will be freely ventilated by doors and windows as well as by eave's ventilation.

Brahmin patients will not, I hear, cook their food in the small back room set apart for that purpose, if the toty enters the latrine.

I believe they would rather attend the general latrine than allow him to come near the cooking house.

The Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals requested the Commissioners to purchase a strip of ground to the east of the Hospital whereon to build certain wards, &c.

The owners of the land have not yet consented to sell it to the Municipality. The prices and conditions of sale they have demanded are very unreasonable and exorbitant, but I hope to induce the Commissioners to settle finally the purchase of it at the next meeting. None of the improvements recommended by that officer, viz., the building of a block of two wards for contagious diseases, of a lying-in ward, and of a house for the Hospital Assistant, can be taken in hand until the land in question is obtained either by purchase or acquisition. The Municipal Works Overseer has informed me that the building of leaf-mat huts with a thatched roof would cost more than mud huts with tiled roof, and that the former would be soon destroyed by white-ants.

I am sorry to say that, at present, there is no Committee of Management. When I took charge of the hospital in December 1870 the Committee consisted of the Session Judge, Mr. Swinton (now removed to Cuddalore), the late Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. Bird, and the Zillah Surgeon. I have searched the records of the institution in vain to obtain information as to the composition of the Committee. I am at a loss how to act in the matter.

But now that the Municipal and Local Fund Boards support it, I beg to know if a certain number of the Commissioners from each body could be elected to form themselves into a Committee, and if one of them, or the Zillah Surgeon should be the Secretary. I hope the Inspector-General will be pleased to issue orders on the subject as soon as possible.

Financial Condition.—I may, on financial grounds, predict a happy future for the dispensary, now that its maintenance is not solely dependent on the subscriptions of the residents. The Native subscriptions are again gradually falling off, but the European residents continue to subscribe as liberally as ever.

GUNTOOR,
1*st April* 1872.

(Signed) S. M. TYRRELL, Assistant Surgeon,
Zillah Surgeon.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1872, No. 1391.

With the letter above recorded, the President of the Kistna Municipalities submits the annual reports of the Commissioners of Masulipatam and Guntoor for the year 1871-72.

RECEIPTS.

Current—	RS.
Rate on houses	3,904
Tax on arts	4,293
Tax on vehicles	852
Registration of carts	451
Tolls	6,266
Fees	654
Fines	137
	16,557
Arrear taxes	694
Local Fund Board contribution to Hospitals	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,525
Advance recovered	480
Balance brought forward	2,871
Total	23,127

EXPENDITURE.

Public Works—	RS.
New Works	8,962
Repairs	536
Other items	977
	10,475
Education	717
Dispensary	1,370
Vaccination	160
Registration of births and deaths	220
Conservancy	4,554
Lighting	810
Miscellaneous	1,369
Supervision and management	2,066
Refunds	76
	21,817
Balance	1,310
Total	23,127

2. *Masulipatam.*—The receipts of the Masulipatam Municipality, according to the statements submitted with the annual report, amounted to Rupees 23,127, and the expenditure to Rupees 21,817, leaving a balance in hand of Rupees 1,310. The Government observe, however, that, in the present accounts, the opening balance is shown as Rupees 2,871, whereas in the report for the previous year the closing balance is given at Rupees 2,921. This discrepancy should have been explained. The last column of Statements I. and II. has not been filled up as directed, and no details are given (except in the body of the report) with reference to the entry of Rupees 1,443 under the head of "Miscellaneous (*h*)" in Statement I. The returns appear otherwise to be correctly prepared, and the Auditor reports very favourably on the state of the municipal accounts.

3. The collections from tolls amounted to only Rupees 6,266, the majority of goods imported into the town being brought in by canal. The Vice-President reports that instances of extortion on the part of toll collectors have been brought to the knowledge of individual members of the Commission, but that no action has been taken in the matter as no complaint has been made. The Government observe that it is not necessary for the Commissioners to await a formal complaint before endeavouring to remedy an abuse of this kind.

4. The outlay on new works amounted to Rupees 8,962, of which Rupees 6,345 were spent on communications, and the greater part of the remainder in laying down water-pipes along the main road. The attention of the Public Works Department is called to the Vice-President's remarks in paragraph 18 of the report with reference to the failure of the water supply for two months in the current year. There is, however, reason to hope that all difficulty in the matter may ere long be obviated by the well water recovering from the effects of the inundation of salt water in the cyclone storm of 1864.

5. The dispensary was transferred to the Municipality in the course of the year under review, but the necessary alterations in the accounts are only being made in the current year. The Government do not understand the Vice-President's remark that the Commissioners are of opinion that they should be represented in the Dispensary Committee. Since the transfer of the institution the management has devolved entirely upon the Commissioners except with reference to purely professional matters, such as the treatment of disease, &c. The Government will be glad to learn the final decision of the Commissioners with reference to Dr. Cornish's recommendation that the institution should be located within the town.

RECEIPTS.

Current—		Rs.
Rate on houses		2,056
Tax on arts		4,722
Tax on vehicles		770
Registration of carts		751
Tolls		10,503
Fees		396
Fines		191
		19,389
Arrears—		
Government contribution		376
Arrears of taxes		140
Government contribution for Police Station-house		2,152
Miscellaneous		314
Advance recovered		406
Balance brought forward		5,495
Total		28,272

EXPENDITURE.

Public Works—		Rs.
New Works		794
Repairs		1,727
Other items		572
		3,093
Education		276
Dispensary		960
Vaccination		100
Registration of births and deaths		127
Conservancy		5,688
Lighting		616
Miscellaneous		338
Supervision and management		3,565
Advance recoverable		2
		14,765
Balance		13,507
Total		28,272

6. *Guntoor.*—The marginal statement is an abstract of the receipts and expenditure of the Guntoor Municipality for 1871-72.

7. The receipts exceeded the expenditure by the large sum of Rupees 13,507. This is attributed to various causes, amongst which may be mentioned the illness and subsequent death of the late Vice-President, an accident which happened to the working Overseer, and the nature of the most expensive work, viz., the deepening of a tank, which could only be carried on in the dry weather.

8. The current demand on account of house rates and tax on arts amounted to Rupees 7,419, of which Rupees 6,778 were realized, and Rupees 182 remitted, leaving an uncollected balance of Rupees 459. Out of an arrear demand of Rupees 157, the remissions amounted to Rupees 21, and the remainder was collected.

9. In preparing Statement IV. the gross and not merely the *net* collections have been wrongly entered in column 2, the result being that, in the case of the arrears, a balance of Rupees 21 is entered, although the collections are shown as in excess of the demand. This appears to have escaped the notice of the Auditor.

10. For the reasons explained above, the expenditure on Public Works amounted to only Rupees 3,093 out of an allotment of Rupees 6,927. The attention of the President is called to the omission to forward the statements showing

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details of expenditure (II.-A, and II.-B). He is requested to transmit them without delay.

11. The dispensary has been transferred to the Municipality, and appears to be working well. The Government will be glad to hear of the adoption of some of the measures proposed by Mr. Tyrrell in his sanitary report.

12. The expenditure on lighting amounted to Rupees 616, and that on conservancy to Rupees 5,688, but no portion of the latter appears to have gone towards the cleansing of tanks, wells, and drains, which is perhaps the description of conservancy most thoroughly appreciated by the people.

13. From the President's covering letter, and the Commissioners' reports, it is evident that the Municipal Act has been the means of effecting great improvements to both Masulipatam and Guntoor, but the people do not consider the benefits commensurate with the hardship caused by the taxation and by some of the sanitary rules. Particular objection is taken to latrines in both Municipalities, and the Government would, therefore, strongly recommend the extension of the system of making the municipal establishment available for private scavenging, and the adoption of an improved form of latrine. An approved plan recently adopted at Coimbatore will shortly be circulated for inspection. Lighting and the supply of good water are benefits readily appreciated, and the Government are, therefore, glad to observe that both Municipalities are desirous of devoting a large proportion of their funds to these purposes.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Kistna District.
,, 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 Boards, Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

Result of the Examination of the Hindu Anglo Vernacular Branch School (Lower Class) at Nakudurru in the Municipality of Masulipatam inspected on the 25th December 1871.

Classes	Numbers on the rolls	Numbers present	English					Telugu					Arithmetic	Geography	History	Geometry	Algebra
			Dictation	Reading	explanation	Grammar	Translation	Dictation	Reading	explanation	Grammar						
Div III A & B.	15	13	Very good	Good	Very good	Fair	"	"	"	"	"		Very good	"	Pretty good	"	"
II	13	12	"	Pretty good	Good	"	Middling	"	"	"	"		Middling	"	"	"	"
Do I A & B.	39	32	Composed of more beginners reading the Alphabet.														

Deputy Inspectors Office
Kistna Dt. Masulipatam
the 3d of February 1872

(True Copy)

Masulipatam Municipal Office
June 1872

(True Copy)

Vice President &c.

(Signed) L Ramabrahmam
Deputy Inspector of Schools

(Signed) T Ramabrahmam
Dy Inspector of Schools

Govt. of {1872} Madras

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From

The PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,
Kistna District.

&c., &c.,

Dated October, 10th.

Read. Read.

G. O., 10th October 1872, No. 1391.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 134-135.

Reviewing the annual report on the work of the Masulipatam and Guntoor Municipal

Names of the Commissioners

Mr Henry John Stokes / official
" Edward Golightly Ricketts / Do
" James Smith / non official
" Frank Oliver / Do
" Jonathan Chadwick / official
Rajagopaladas Venkatrayaloo Nayadoo / Do
Venkatabalakrishna Chettyar / non offic
Sattaya Pillai / Do
Theagaraja Iranikam Pillai / official
Andapillai Chettyar / non offic
Combaconum Venkatasubbaya Iwayamboo aiyar / Do
Prince Venkatasami Rajah of Kamri / Do
Sheik Bawa Maluminjar / Do
Imma Khadar, Mohidin Saib Marakayar / Do

/signed/ W. A Cappell
Vice President

/True Copy/

D. McLachlan
Offg President

Account of the Civil Dispensary at Gunnoor from November 1871 to 31st March 1872

To Diet	183	4	6	European Subscription & Donation	179	"	"
" Perishable articles &c	102	12	6	Native Subscription	33	10	"
" Medicine purchased	22	4	2	Sale of Medicine	21	7	8
" Spirits and Wines	38	13	6	Charity box	5	"	"
" Receipt Stamps	"	6	"				
" Burial of In Patients	2	"	"		239	1	8
" Extra Cooly	11	9	"	"By the Municipality"	306	7	"
" Crumbies & Towels purchased	7	7	"				
" Dispensary Servant wages	17	"	"				
Total	545	8	8	Total	545	8	8

Gunnoor
28th June 1872.

Memo: this does not exactly tally with the above figures - [illegible]

Wm. N. Lyons Apothecary
Lillah Dingeon

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Two
From the Chairman
Municipal Commissioners
Nagapatam
To
The Chief Secretary
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Fort St. Geo.
Dated 20
Recd 3 September 1872
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List containing the
names of the Municipal
Commissioners
Officer
Last correct
7th Dn: 10 Oct-72.

Statement I. Revenues and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Town of Guntoor during the Official year 1871-72.

	1871-72. Detail of minor heads			1871-72. Totals of major heads					
	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P
1. Balance brought forward									
(a) Municipal Fund	5495	2	2				5300	-	-
(b) Endowments	-	-	-						
2. Assignts & Allotts by Government									
(a) Surplus Pound Fund	-	-	-				230	-	-
(b) Ferry Rents	-	-	-						
(c) Fishery Rents	-	-	-						
Govt Contribution for 4th quarter 1870-71	375	13	10	5871	-	-	1200	-	-
	Arrear.			Current					
3 Rates & Taxes &c-	Rs	A	P	Rs.	A	P			
(a) Rate on Horses &c (Section 40)	80	13	-	2055	12	4	1833	-	-
(b) Taxes on Arts &c (Section 57)	55	-	-	4728	14	8	4125	-	-
(c) Taxes on Vehicles &c (Section 63)	4	8	-	770	-	-	963	-	-
(d) Registration of Carts (Section 73)				751	4	-	825	-	-
(e) Tolls (Section 77)				10503	8	3	7333	-	-
(f) Fees (Sections 106-123 125-130-131-136 Bye Laws and Schedules)				375	2	8	183	-	-
Do. on demands (Sec 52)				20	12	-			
(g) Magisterial Fines (Section 17)				190	7	6	733	-	-
	140	5	-	19388	13	3	- - - -	19529	2 5
4 Fees in Schools & Training Institutions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward							25400	2	5

	1871-72 Detail of minor heads			1871-72 Totals of Major heads		
Brought forward	-	-	-	25400	2	5
5 Endowments & sundry Contrs & Donations						
(a) Hospitals						
(b) Charities	"	"	"			
(c) Educational	"	"	"			
(d) Miscellaneous	"	"	"			
6 Contributions from Local Funds	"	"	"			
(a) For Public Works						
Communications						
School buildings	"	"	"			
Cost of Police Station Houses	"	"	"			
(b) Educational	2151	12	"			
For training Schools						
do do do	"	"	"			
(c) Miscellaneous						
Hospitals						
do do do	"	"	"			
7 Miscellaneous	"	"	"	2157	12	-
(a) Rents of Municipal Markets						
(b) do fees in do Slaughter-houses	-	-	-			
(c) Sale of Sweepings (section 98)						
(d) Private Scavenging	138	9	-			
(e) Sale of materials Tools & Plant	"	"	"			
(f) Arrears	3	-	-			
Sale of vacant sites	9	6	4			
do of Bye laws	132	10	6			
Rent of Municipal Police huts	-	2	6			
	30	2	-	313	14	4
Carried forward				27865	12	9

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	1871-72 Detail of minor heads			1871-72 Totals of Major heads			
Brought forward				27865	12	9	
8 Advances recovered							
(a) Overpayment of Police maintenance 1870-71	403	1	10				
(b) Refund of amt unexpended in huts in Latrines	3	4	8				
(c)	"	"	"	406	6	6	
Total				28272	3	3	23275

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Note to Statement I.

1 House and land rates are levied at four per cent.
2 Taxes on Arts &c are levied at maximum schedule rates
3 Taxes on vehicles —— do —— do —— do ——
4 Carts are registered at 2/4 rate
5 Tolls are levied at —— do ——
6 License fees are at the rates sanctioned in G.O. 1488 of 1st November 1869.

Of 1919 was left standing at the commencement of the

Statement II Expenditure from the Municipal the Town of Guntoor for the Official year 1871-

	1871-72 Detail minor heads			1871-72 Totals major heads.		
	Rs	A.	P.	Rs	A.	P.
Grant I. (Public Works)						
1 New Works						
(a) Communications						
(b) Educational						
(c) Sanitary & Miscellaneous	793	11	1	793	11	1
2 Repairs						
(a) Communications	952	13	8			
(b) Educational	-	-	-			
(c) Sanitary & Miscellaneous	772	3	3	1727	-	11
3 Establishment	-	-	-	572	6	5
4 Tools & Plant & Contingencies	-	-	-			
5 Contributions to Local Funds	-	-	-			
(a) For	-	-	-			
(b) do do	-	-	-			
Total Grant I				3093	2	5
Grant II (Education)						
1 Training Schools						
(a) Establishment	-	-	-			
(b) Contingencies	-	-	-			
2 Municipal Schools						
(a) Establishment	-	-	-			
(b) Contingencies	-	-	-			
3 Salary Grants	-	-	-			
Carried forward						

	1871-72 Detail (minor heads)			1871-72 Totals (major heads)			39
Grant II (Education) (Concld.)							
4 Results Grants	276	-	-				500 - -
5 Contributions to Local Funds for Educational Inspectorate	-	-	-				
6 Miscellaneous							
Total Grant II				276	-	-	
Grant III Sanitation & Medl. Servs.							
1 Hospitals & Dispensaries							
(a) Establishment	684	12	-				1496 - -
(b) Medicines & Supplies	275	9	4				
(c) Diet of Patients							
(d) Sundries & Contingencies							
				960	5	4	
2 Vaccination							
(a) Establishment	100	-	-				110 - -
(b) Contingencies	-	-	-	100	-	-	
3 Registration of Births & Deaths							
(a) Establishment	115	-	-				110 - -
(b) Contingencies	12	4	11	127	4	11	
4 Conservancy							
(a) Establishment	519	-	6				5985 8 -
(b) Sanitary Service (Cost of Cons. & Carts &c)	4842	9	8				
(c) Cleansing of Tanks, Wells & drains	-	-	-				
(d) Contingencies	326	9	2	5688	3	4	
Total Grant III				6875	13	7	
Grant IV Miscell. Municl. purposes							
1 Lighting							
(a) Establishment	128	11	7				
(b) Contingencies	487	5	4	616	-	11	750 - -
Carried forward				616	-	11	

Rs 6919 was left standing at the commencement of

No. 2153.

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Kistna District Municipal
Presidents Office Masulipatam
15th August 1872

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From

G. D. Leman. Esquire,
President of the Municipalities
Kistna District.

To The Honorable R. S. Ellis. C.B.
Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

Sir,

In forwarding the Masulipatam Municipal Report for the present year, I have the honor in reply to the G.O. May 4th, 1872, No 627 to state -

that the inhabitants of the Town are taxed highly & that consequently the Municipality is not by any means looked upon with complacency by them.

2 The Complaints are, that of high taxation, that the roads are made, not for them, but for the richer persons of the station — for they do not want them having no bandies - that the drainage is not improved, that they should be forced to use latrines, & that the water supply is not Continuous.

3 The Commissioners have not money enough to make all the improvements that are wanted. First of all, the town - which was a very flourishing one before the Cyclone when it was a garrison town -

and the Port — one that was more frequented than it now is, — has become a sort of second rate place. It is badly situate being in a flat sandy plain, very difficult & expensive for road-making or drainage; & it is very straggling.

4 The European station is at one end & far removed from the town & the chief roads, which need to be kept in order, by the Prisoners by whom, I believe, they were made, are 3 running from the European Cantonment to & through the native town & four or five cross roads joining them. When the Municipality took them over it was found that no money could be spared for the construction of new roads in place of the many sandy thoroughfares & lanes in the native town; so those in exist have always — wisely, I think — been kept up. Roads from want in the district of any decent material for metalling are very expensive to keep even in fair order. It would be useless to attempt the drainage of the sandy flat with the money that could be spared for the purpose; at present coolies clear out the side ditches before & during the rains & this is all the drainage that has been done.

5 The latrines are not any where in favor; were they, there are not sufficient or any thing like it for the people. We have but 6 (3 male & 3 female) for a population of 36,287. I hope to induce the Commissioners to build 3 more this year, but the accommodation then will be inadequate: at present the only persons punished for nuisance in the town are those who will sit down within the sight of the roads or in the town lanes.

6 The charge of the Dispensary on the Municipality is not popular. The rate payers for the most part make no use of it; or when they do avail themselves of the services of the Surgeon or his Assistant, it is after they have first given the native Doctor an opportunity to fail in healing them.

7 The tolls here do not in the slightest degree interfere with traffic, nearly all the goods that come into the town do so on canal boats.

8 As the Commissioners say, the good water supply is the only thing that the people like and the lighting. The former cannot be made continuous except by a separate Channel from a point a long way up the Canal, or by a system of tanks in which two months supply could be stored, for the Kistna is so dirty a river & brings down so much deposit that it is absolutely necessary the Channels be cleared out year by year. The necessity for this continuity of supply (we could not possibly get the money wanted for the expensive schemes proposed) appears to be diminishing each year. The water which lies within a foot or two of the surface

of the ground every where about the town is fast losing the brackishness which was one of the consequences of the Cyclone; and I have every reason to believe it will disappear in a few years: when all this outcry will cease.

9 Unpopular though it be, I think most certainly that the Municipality has done & is now doing much for the town that the people would miss very much indeed were it to collapse.

10 Concerning the Guntur Municipality I have the honor to enclose the Vice Presidents' report together with a letter from one of the Commissioners & the usual reports.

11 The Commissioners note the loss they have sustained in being deprived of the very valuable services of their late Vice President and they attribute the paucity of expenditure in the year partly to his being incapacitated for work from the illness that prostrated him before his death, partly to an accident which happened to their working overseer; also in part to the nature of the chief work to be done, in the deepening a tank which of course can only be carried on in the dry weather.

12 The Commissioners note that the water supply to the Town is their first thought and that the working of roads is nothing when compared with this more important work.

I fear that the Town will have to trust to their raised tanks entirely - water cannot be brought from any of the Kistna Channels within 4 miles of Guntur except at great expense & that and a steam engine to raise it to the necessary level in the Town would more than swallow up their present resources.

13 The Commissioners remark that they have in May & June been authorizing the collection of Tolls at 3/4 instead of 1/2 rates: this refers to the present year and not the year under report during which year the Commissioners kept them under their own control being unable to get a reasonable bid for them, and they made more by them than the estimate. On the other hand fees fell short of their estimate by Rs 500. The Vice President promises to get from the Local Fund Board their share of Contribution to the Municipal Hospital.

14 The Commissioners promise to open 4 new schools, and I have recently had a proposal to expend some surplus Hospital Funds on building huts attached to the Hospital for caste patients; but the scheme is not yet worked out.

15 The Health of the Town has been good but in his sanitary report Mr. Tyrrell notes one or two things which the

Vice President will be requested to lay before the Board with a view to their being remedied.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

G. Washington

President

His Excellency Governor Spotswood

Masulipatam
11th May 1872

From

E R. Clarke Esquire
Auditor of the Municipal Accounts

To The Vice President
Municipal Commission.
Masulipatam

Sir

With reference to a letter from you dated 5th March 1872, No 692. I have the honor to inform you that I have gone through the Accounts of 1871-72, and found that they have been very regularly & carefully kept and that great attention has been shown in the drawing up of the Annual accounts; every item being supported by its legitimate vouchers. Further I have examined several registers &c which likewise have been well and neatly kept.

The balance at the beginning of the year was Rs 2879-87. and the receipts during the year from all sources amount to Rs 20,256-4-9 as shewn in the annexed Statement both aggregating to Rs 23126-13-4 against the estimated amount of Rs 26775-0-0

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Estimate of Rupees 24775-0-0
Balance 2000-0-0
26,775-0-0

The annexed Statement will shew all the details of the receipts.

The tolls were leased out for 12 months realizing Rs 7550. Deducting Rs 631 paid last year, a balance of Rs 6919 was left standing at the commencement of the year

Nairang 1872 Department
From the President
Kistna Municipalities
Dated 1541
To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fairweb Department, Madras
Dated 15th August 1872
Received 20th —
No: 2153
Encl: 10.
Rs 15,725
Submitting the Annual Report on the Municipalities for Fasli 1871-72.

Rs 6266. were collected during the year and Rs 653 is still to be collected from the contractor.

The house tax demand for the year 1871-72 was Rs 4855-1-4. and collections during the period amount to Rs 3903-12-9 including excess collection annas six & pies five, leaving a balance of Rs 951-11-0. The arrears at the Close of the year the commencement of the year amount to Rs 820-7-2 out of which 572-15-7 including excess collection (Rs 0-0-6) have been recovered. The total balance of both arrears & current aggregate Rs 1199-3-1 as shown in the Margin.

	Rs	As
1866-67	2	11-6
67-68	16	9-0
68-69	8	6-0
69-70	103	0-0
70-71	116	13-7
71-72	951	11-0
	1199	3-1

The following are the details of the Collections on Vehicles and animals during the year

	1st Half year No	1st Half year Amount Rs As	2nd Half year (5 months) No	2nd Half year (5 months) Amount Rs As
4 Wheels Carriage	9	40-8-0	4	15-0-0
2 Do Do	20	60-0-0	15	37-8-0
Horse	11	49-8-0	8	30-0-0
Poneys under 13 hands	14	21-0-0	15	18-12-0
Do Do 11 hands	4	2-0-0	3	2-1-4
Bullocks	512	256-0-0	419	174-9-4
Donkeys	314	78-8-0	297	61-14-0
Dogs	8	2-0-0	11	2-4-8
		509-8-0		342-1-4

One hundred & forty three Carts were registered during the 1st Half year @ Rs 2 each making Rs 286-0-0. The 2d Half year (Containing only 5 months) 99 Carts were registered at the rate of Rs 1-10-8 each making Rs 165-0-0 both aggregating Rs 451-

The Demand for the Professions tax was Rupees 5586-2-0 and the Collections made during the year Rs 4317-0-0, including excess collection remission Rs 26-12-0, leaving a balance of Rs 1271-10-8. The arrears at the commencement of the year was Rs 1274-13-0 out of which 121 were collected during the year the total balance of both current & arrears aggregating Rs 2425-7-8 as shown in the margin is to be recovered under this head in the year

	Rs	As
1866-67	51	5-0
67-68	97	8-0
68-69	92	8-0
69-70	288	0-0
70-71	825	8-0
71-72	1271	10-8
	2425	7-8

Of the total receipts viz Rs 23126-13-4, Rupees 21816-7-9 were expended under the different items as specified in the Abstract herein enclosed leaving a balance of Rs 1310-5-7 at the close of the year.

In conclusion I need hardly add that R AppaRow, the Accountant, has afforded me invaluable assistance in auditing these Accounts.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obdt Servant

(Signed) E. R Clarke

(True copy)

Mannlapatam
Municipal Office
25th June 1872

Accepted.
Vice President

Comp.
Manager

No 46

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From The Zillah Surgeon
Masulipatam

To
The Vice President Municipal Commission
Masulipatam

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Commissioners extracts of Inspection Reports, sent to me by the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department with instructions to report on 1st July next what progress has been made in remedying the defects, and also to report the results of the recommendation made by the Deputy Inspector General in his annual Inspection Report of the Civil Despensary; a copy of which was sent to you

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) J Cronsace
Surgeon
Zillah Surgeon

Masulipatam
14th May 1872

(True Copy)

Masulipatam
Mupl Office
25th June 1872

Vice President
M.C.

M Gemmill
Manager

Extract from the Annual Inspection Report of the Police Hospital, Masulipatam for 1871-72 dated 24th January 1872

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Para 9

The dead Room should not be in the Hospital. That room should be divided by a brick partition into a bath room & dry earth latrine for feeble men. The stronger men should continue to go to the latrine at a distance from the Hospital. A dead room 15' × 15' × 17' should be built at a distance from ~~from~~ the Hospital. It would serve for the reception of dead bodies from the Police Hospital & for bodies sent in by the Police for examination I have brought this to the notice of the President of the Civil Dispensary committee.

/True extract/

/Signed/ C. Duff.
Surgeon Major
for Secy. Supt. Genl. I. M. D.
Presidency & Northern Divns.

/True Extract/

/Signed/ T Crondace
Surgeon
Zillah Surgeon

/True Copy/

Masulipatam
Municipal Office
25th January 87

Vice President

Manager

Sanitary Report of the Town of Masulipatam for the years 1871-72 from 1st April 1871 to 31st March 1872

The population of the town of Masulipatam is 36,203.

There were 705 deaths reported during the years of which 384 were males and 321 females.

The causes of deaths as follows:—

Cholera	9
Small pox	72
Fevers	122
Bowel Complaints	35
Suicides	1
Accidents	8
All other causes	458
	705

No epidemic of Cholera prevailed in the Town, but it was very prevalent in the District during July August September & October. Small pox is at present prevalent in the Town. The number of attacks is not known, but only 5 deaths were reported in February & 3 in March. Vaccination is carried out by the Municipal Vaccinator: the number operated on during the year was

Successful	689
Unsuccessful	87
Unknown	8
	784

2 The births registered during the year amount to nearly double the number of the previous year being 728 while only 416 were registered for 1870-71

3 The Conservancy of the Town is carried out by the Municipality. There are 6 public latrines; dry earth is used in them, and also Macdougal's Powder: they are cleaned twice daily and the soil removed to a distance and buried.

4. There is still a large amount of the prickly pear growing in all parts of the station; this was as much as possible cleared away by the Convicts placed at the disposal of the Municipality; but during the last few months the number of prisoners in Jail has been too small to furnish gangs for this purpose.

5. Water is brought from the Buckingham Canal and stored in a large Reservoir in the centre of the Town, from which it is distributed by under-ground Channels to all parts of the town. Several new reservoirs have been constructed during the year. The water is wholesome and generally abundant, but it has been getting somewhat scanty during the last month owing to the canals being closed at this station.

Several persons have been punished by Municipal Sub-Magistrate for offering unwholesome articles of food for sale.

6. Among other works 21 tank sluices have been erected during the year and several metalled roads constructed.

"Remarks" on the Dispensary building by the Sanitary Commissioner is attached.

Masulipatam
1st April 1872

/Signed/ F Croudace
Surgeon
Zillah Surgeon

/True Copy/

Masulipatam
Municipal Office
25 June 1872

/Signed/ [illegible]
Vice President M.C.

/Signed/ W. Smith
Manager

Extracts from Visitors' book.

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Inspected the Dispensary building today. It is much in need of repairs. Originally a private bungalow, it appears to me singularly ill-adopted for purposes of a hospital, both as regards its position and internal arrangements.

As regards position the building lies completely outside the town, between the town & the sea, so that persons requiring medical assistance have an inconvenient and unnecessary distance to travel. Its situation is open to the sea breeze, and this is so for an advantage to the few sick who are treated as in-patients, but it is quite out of the question that the Dispensary can do much good to the common class of persons who prefer to attend as out patients, while it occupies so inconvenient a position. The dispensary building should undoubtedly occupy a central position within the town so as to be ready of access by day & night. My advice to the Municipality is to establish the dispensary within the town, whenever the funds at their disposal will admit. The attendance of out-patients in proportion to the population of the town, is singularly scanty, and I attribute this in a measure to the inconvenient position of the dispensary. The building is kept clean, and the comfort of the in-patient is studied. No women were under treatement.

Masulipatam
12th Febuary 1872

/Signed/ W.R. Cornish
Sanitary Commissioner

/True Copy/ /Signed/ F Croudace
Surgeon
Zillah Surgeon

/True Copy/

Masulipatam
Municipal Office
25th June 1872

/Signed/ W. Smith
Manager

/Signed/ [illegible]
Vice President M.C.

The Subjoined is the Financial Statement for the year 1871 -

	Rs	As	Ps
Balance in hand 1st January 1871	2154	11	-
Floating (or arrears)	110	12	"
Invested	1704	11	-
From Government	792	"	"
" European Medicine	700	"	-
" Interest of funds deposited in the Government Saving Bank	"	"	"
" European Subscription & donation	335	"	-
" Native do do	623	8	"
" Sale of Medicines to persons not entitled to gratuitous issue	76	12	11
" Rent of the building of Police Hospital Compound	190	"	"
" Charity Box	44	10	"
" Sale of old Bones	8	"	"
Deductions	6740	"	11
Floating 110-12-0			
Invested 1704-11-0	1815	7	-
Total Income	4924	9	11
Total Expenditure	3010	6	2
Balance	1914	3	9

1 Class Hospital Asst pay from 1st January to 31st December 1871	720	-	-
By Servant wages	596	-	-
Peon pay defrayed from Government	72	"	-
European Medicine from Med. stores	700	-	"
" do do purchased	25	4	1
Country do purchased	32	5	4
Half yearly supplies	136	11	1
Diet to Sick	266	15	5
Wines & Spirits	140	"	-
Repairs and white washings	45	1	4
Perishable articles	174	-	11
Bedding Clothing	11	"	-
Furniture	72	"	"
Service stamps	19	"	"
	3010	6	2

5 cases of severe illness in Sepoys on sick leave or Furlough have still to be treated in this dispensary incurring an addition to the expenses of the Institution. The Meteorological observatory appears to work well but the wind vane is still unfixed. I beg to state that 1st Class H. Asst V. Venkataswamy Naidu is Zealous & attentive to his duties he is always at his post & give entire satisfaction

Manager

Marudapalam
Municipal Office
Junction

/ True Copy /

Vice President Mc

(True Copy)
Signed T. Croudace
Surgeon

T. Croudace
Surgeon

Annual Report of the Civil Dispensary Masulipatam
for the year ending 31st December 1871

Having arrived here so recently as October last, I am unable to state any thing from personal experience as to the state of the weather during the previous part of the year, but it is stated to have been good. Since I have been here the weather has been cool and pleasant and is still so as sea-breeze is blowing daily. The rain-fall during the past year has been less than in 1870 by 8 inches 12 cent. The S. W. Monsoon commenced on the 3d July and the N. E. Monsoon set in on the 7th November. The maximum reading of thermometer was recorded May 23d 1871 at 104 and the minimum 68 on the 1st January 1871

The Municipality works well. The Vice President Captain Richardson, is indefatigable in his exertions to keep the town & station clean and in carrying out an efficient system of conservancy. There have been a few cases of small pox in the town, but the health of the inhabitants is said to have been on the whole good. There has been no epidemics in the town or station; but Cholera has prevailed to some extent during the months of July, August, September & October in the Talugs of Bezwada, Nandigama, Avenigadda, Gudivada, and Jaggayyapett. A Hospital Assistant attached to the Collectors Department was sent out to Jaggayyapett in the month of October with a supply of Medicines; he reported that he treated 27 cases with 7 deaths: during the period he was there one of the Missionaries of the Lutheran Mission Society died from Cholera at the village Lingagiri in the Jaggayyapett Talug.

The number of cases treated during the year has been much less than the previous year

	Admitted in 1871	Admitted in 1870	Increase	D
Native out-patients	2039	695	"	
" In "	89	79	10	
European out-patients	45	114	"	
" In "	1	8	"	

The diseases most prevalent during the year were Fevers, Rheumatism, Stomach & Bowel complaints and Skin diseases. There were two deaths, one an old man, who died from asthma and one from General Debility, was brought in a greatly debilitated state and died in 3 days after admission. The operations performed during the year were as follows:

1 Amputation of leg for osteosarcoma
1 " of arm for Gangrene & Compound fracture
1 Resection of elbow (Compounded dislocation.)
3 Extract of Cataract.
4 The sum of Rs. 1977 has been received from the Municipal Commission and Local Fund Board, from private subscription and sale of mesecenes, and the amount in Govent. Savings Bank is Rs. 2154 The funds have sufficed to defray the current expenses, but without the private subscription there would have been a deficiency.
5 Cases of severe illness in sepoys on sick leave or furlough have still to be treated in the Dispensary incurring an addition to the expenses of the institution
6 The Meteorological observatory appears to work well but the wind-vane is still unfixed.
7 I beg to state that 1st class Hospital Assistant V. Venkatasawmy is zelous & attentive to his duties, he is always at his post and gives entire satisfaction.

Masulipatam
1st January 1872

/ Signed / T. Herondeen
Surgeon

/ True Copy /
/ Signed / T. Herondeen
Surgeon
Gillah Surgeon

Masulipatam
21st May 1872

/ True Copy /

Masulipatam
Municipal Office
25th June 1872

Mr. Smith
Ch.

Vice President

Extract from the Annual Inspection Report of the Civil Dispensary at Masulipatam by the Deputy Inspector General Indian Medical Department. Residency & Northern Districts dated 22d January 1872

Para 8. The roads through the Pettahs have unlined open drains on each side; Water does not stagnate in them but there are many water pits about the Town, and these are said to exhale offensive odors in hot weather. These small tanks or water-pits are mostly excavations made to obtain earth to form raised plat forms for houses; & water being within a very few feet of the surface, all over the vast plain on which the Town stands, these tanks or ponds are always nearly full; efficient drainage is impossible, owing to the soil being so little above sea-level.

No suggestions can be offered for the improvement of the Conservancy of the Town.

Though faecal matter is not visible in & round the town, the ground must be foul, as there were a larger number of cases of acute diarrhoea a large proportion of which were fatal in the latter half of 1870

/ True Extract / Signed / Bidie M.D. Surgeon
Secretary Inspector General I. M. Department

/ True Copy /
/ Signed / T. Herondeen
Surgeon
Gillah Surgeon

/ True Copy /

Masulipatam
Municipal Office
25 June 1872

Mr. Smith
Manager

Vice President

No 2 106.

Circular

Memorandum

The 1871-72 Annual Inspection Reports have shown that in several towns dead bodies are taken to the Civil Dispensaries for request for post-Mortem Examination.

2 If such practices be followed in any town in your range, advise the Medical Officers to represent to the Municipality the desirability of their discontinuance, as, of all others, the practices alluded to, most severely, affect the popularity of Hospitals

By order
Signed Bidie M.D.
Surgeon Secretary to Inspector-General
Ind. D.

Office of Inspector General
Indian Medical Dept
Fort St. George 5th April
1872

Signed C Duff M.D.
Surgeon Major
for Dept Inspector General
Medical Department
Residency division

True Copy
Masulipatam
May 1872
Signed Flerondais
Surgeon
Civil Surgeon

True Copy

Masulipatam
Municipal Office
25th June 1872

Bidie M.D.
Vice President
M.C.

Wm Smith
Manager

No 28

5th July 1872.

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From

The Vice Presidents, Municipal
Commissions Guntoor.

To

The Presidents, Municipal
Commissions, Kristna district,
Masulipatam

Sirs.

I have the honor to submit the annual report on the working of the Municipality of the town of Guntoor and of the dispensary there, together with the statements of the actual revenues and receipts for the year 1871-72 furnished by the Auditor Mr Leckler accountant of the Bank of Madras and his report thereon, and together also with the returns called for by Government on the 4th May; with a memorandum written by N. Raghavulu Naidoo Garoo one of the Commissioners who volunteered to write his opinions on the working of the Municipality in accordance with that order, and together with

the annual medical Report on the dispens
by the Civil Surgeon Mr Tyrrell and a sa
report by the same gentleman on the gener
healtte of the people of the town.

The year Commenced on the 1st of May 187
ended on the 31st March 1872 and Compriseda
eleven Months.

During this period the Commissioners had de
to regret the loss they sustained in the dea
of Lieutenant Colonel J.C. Bird who had
for several years the Vice President. He too
the greatest interest in the welfare of the
Municipality and was equally regretted by
Classes of the Community. He Continued his ex
-tions in the Office which he held, until he
strength had quite failed, when he was
Compelled to send his resignation to Governme
which being accepted he vacated the Cha
on the 9th August, and in doing so he sp
on record a letter to the Commissioners with
very useful object of detailing the works an
Improvements which had been and were being
carried on in the town during the time that
had held the office of Vice President. Th
letter I have no doubt will be read with
terest by Government as it describes better
I could do the improvements which have be
carried out with the limited funds at the disp
of the Commissioners during the last few years.

Colonel Bird having thus given up Charge of
the Office on the 9th August, died only a few days
after, that is on the 8th September.

Mr Wilson then took Charge but was shortly after-
wards Compelled to take sick leave.

I had charge during the remaining months of
the official year but business prevented me from
residing in the town during those months so that
the last Budget on which Government passed
Order No 688 on the 28th May last was prepared
in my absence.

I may mention that the Commissioners as a mark
of their sincere regret and sorrow at their loss of
Colonel Bird altered the name of the new pettah
which had arisen under his auspices from "Tungadigum
-ta" to "Birds petta" by which name it is now known.

In sending the estimates for the current year the
sum of Rs 7000 was entered as being the anticipated
balance on the 31st March last. How this amount
was arrived at I do not know but I believe that
the estimates were not prepared with care by the
Manager A. Lakshamandass

He is now absent at Madras on privilege leave
so I Cannot say why this sum was entered.

The real balance at that date amounted to
Rs 13506 as will be seen by the enclosed

I must therefore endeavour to explain how it happe
that so large a balance was allowed to accumulate

Of this sum Rs 5495 was in hand at the
beginning of the year under report. The fund receives
this year Rs 2151 by the sale to Government
of the Police station house which had been
built by the Commissioners a few years ago.
The tolls were collected at three quarter rates
and produced a sum larger by more than
Rs 3000 than the sum estimated, and Rs 403
previously overpaid for Police were recovered,
added to all which the works not only were not
carried out in proportion to the increased receip
but were probably less pushed on than usual
owing first to the illness of the Vice President
who himself gave directions about these works, secon
= ly to an accident which happened to the works
Overseer who was severely wounded in the thigh
by a buffalo at the very time of year when he w
most wanted, and thirdly to the nature of the Work
The principal work is the deepening the Black Tan
and the Construction of a filter therein with a view
to cleanse the water which it is intended to car
through pipes into two deep reservoirs of great
capacity in the town. But this work being at t
lowest level of the bed can only be carried on
when the tank is quite dry and as it was not
dry upto the end of the Official year the work
could not go on. Since that time the Overseer has
done as much as possible, but as I write, the work
has again been stopped by the fall of the monsoon
and little can be done there till the bed again
becomes dry.

From your letter printed with the proceedings
of Government dated 28th May last I see that
you remarked on the very small amounts entered in
the Budgets for the making and repair of roads
which elsewhere from the principal objects of Munic
= cipal Expenditure and Government added Rs 1000
to the grant for that purpose.

I had nothing to do with assigning the allotments,
but would remark that it must be taken into
consideration that roads are not the principal
want in Guntoor although they may be in most
other towns. Our principal want is an improved
supply of water, for this very year water has been
obtainable only with difficulty and in small
quantities, the difficulty having been greater than
usual owing to the failure of the last north east
monsoon.

The inhabitants generally are very anxious to
obtain an improved supply of water as will be seen
in the memorandum written by one of the Commission
= ers, which I enclose.

was made. They only sold the contract lately at the sum which they were realizing next.

The sum realized as fees under Bye-laws &c was Rs 375 much is excess of the estimate, but I hear that this resields from the altered form of accounts as some fees were entered as miscellaneous last year.

The amount entered as fines is Rs 190. But the estimate was Rs 733. I do not know why this sum was estimated but perhaps the expected transfer of pound fines was reckoned as a sum under that heading has been since received No entry is made of the contribution from the Local Fund Board to the expenses of the dispensary because the exact cost of that institution could not be calculated until the expiration of the year. I will divide the costs and obtain sanction of the Board for payments of theer share to the Municipality in one sum. This will be carried to the current years accounts and I should think the same will be the best course next year.

The expenditure Grant I was short mainly under the head of sanitary new works the cause of which I have explained.

No sums was sanctioned for Municipal schools in the year under report. In accordance with the recommendation of Government the Commissioners are making arrangements with the Deputy Inspector of schools to open four new schools in this current year and are glad that Government have increased the present estimate for schools.

I visited the Hospital recently and found everything in very good order and clean.

The Civil Surgeon complains that corpses are brought to the place for dissection from distant places and considers this to be a nuisance. I will send to you Mr. Tyrell's letter on the subject so that it may be decided whether a dead house can be built at the public expense.

Mr. Tyrell in his sanitary report suggests that the Mahommedan burial ground and the goldsmith's burial ground should be closed at once. Last year he suggested that the Protestant and Roman Catholic burial grounds should be closed and new places provided outside the town. All such things are not easily to be done. The people object to any changes as a rule. The late Dr. Withers selected some years ago a place which he considered the best for the deposit of municipal refuse. I learn from several Commissioners that this was

an old burning and burial ground. It is outside the town in a very suitable place. They complain that another ground has become very necessary to replace it, as the feelings of the people are hurt by the deposits of filth in their only burial ground. By enquiry from the Munsif I hear that there is no vacant ground anywhere near, so that a new site cannot be had without purchase. More caution should be used in these matters.

A burial ground for native Christians was enclosed with a wall within the year.

It will be observed that the auditor enters Rs 2151-12-0 Cost of Police station under 6th heading as a contribution from Local funds, but it ought to be entered under 2d heading as a contribution from Government.

I had intended to amend the auditors accounts in red ink as the Auditor is now absent from Guntoor, by filling up the actual receipts and disbursements of the Guntoor dispensary from 28th November when it was transferred to the Municipality under the proper headings.

I find myself unable to do so as the sum of

Rs 618-12-0 was transmitted to your office on the 16th February last. This was an account of salaries &c. disbursed, I presume during the then current year. If so I doubt whether the payment was correct, as the dispensary was only transferred to the Municipality by Notification in the Gazette on the 28th November last. I have not received a copy of Government Order No. 755 dated 7th December 1871 so that I cannot now refer to it.

The Auditors accounts are therefore transmitted without alteration but I subjoin a memo of current Expenditure at the dispensary furnished by the Civil Surgeon shewing that Rs 306-7-0 were paid from Municipal funds for current Expenses besides salaries of the Hospital assistant and peon amounting to Rs 66-0-0.

If from these data you will inform me what in your opinion should be the amount of the Total Contribution towards the dispensary. I will obtain sanction for the refund to the Municipality of one half the sum by the Local Fund Board.

The Civil Surgeon states that he is the only remaining members of the Dispensary Committee,

Mr. Swinton having left Guntoor, and Colonel Bird having died - I do not think that any Committee is necessary, now that the institution is placed under the charge of the Commissioners.

Since the Municipal act was introduced in Guntoor much good has been done by it more especially in the way of Conservancy, and I believe that its working has always been rather favoured by popular opinion than otherwise. The town is very closely built and was a few years ago much visited by Cholera. During the past few years that disease has very rarely appeared and it may be hoped that a regular Conservancy will keep it from reappearing.

A considerable sum is raised here as tolls but the Commissioners do not think that they have any effect upon the traffic in cotton and oilseeds. No instances of oppression or irregularity by toll Collectors have come to notice.

Of the sum of Rs 717-1-10 entered in G O No 1515 dated 6th October 1871 as having been advanced for stores, I am informed that Rs 555 " 14 were recovered in the way of materials in the past year -

I have the honor to be Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
R Newman
Superintendent

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Gunnedah
9th August 1871

To

The Municipal Commissioners
Gunnedah

Gentlemen.

At a recent meeting I informed the Commissioners that it was with regret that I had an account of my health found it necessary once more to tender my resignation of the post of Vice President of the Municipal Commission. Mr Boswell has accepted my resignation and Mr Wilson has been appointed to the vacant post.

Before vacating the chair I should like to go over the works and improvements which the Commissioners have carried out in the last 3 years during my tenure of office. When I was first appointed Vice President there seemed an overpowering amount of work which ought to be done for the people but above every thing it was evident to the Commissioners that the improvement of the water supply was the first thing which should be taken in hands. At that time it was known that a large sum of money had been subscribed by the Town people supplemented by a Government Grant for repairing the Red & Black Banks and this money having been placed at the disposal of the Commissioners the Red bank repairs were Commenced in April 1869. In that year and in 1870 the work was Completed to the

To
The Worshipful the President
of the Municipal Commissioners
Gunnedah

Municipal

To
The President &c of the
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Victoria &c

Manilla Road

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Centre & southern portions of the Tank & the bed of the Tank deepened to an uniform depth of 1½ yard. thus giving simple supply of water in the hot season of the current year. Regarding the northern portion the Commissioners resolved instead of deepening the bed of the Tank to considerably enlarge a Reservoir already existing which when completed will store a large supply of water.

At present not much has been done to the Black Tank but it is the intention of the Commissioners during the next Cold weather after storing the water in the 2nd Reservoirs to draw off the water of the Tank and prosecute the repairs vigorously.

In the year 1869 the Commissioners Constructed a short masonry Conduit between the Black Tank & Kagganatham Pandaleis Reservoir which he had given over to them. This Reservoir capable of holding upwards of 22000 cubic yards of water was filled from the Tank and the boon which it proved to the people during the hot seasons of 1870-71 is beyond description. Seeing them the success of the work the Commissioners resolved to Construct a Conduit between the same Tank and a large Reservoir in the immediate vicinity of the Tolaig Ketcheri. This was a great work and involved a great deal of excavation. The total length of the Conduit exceeds 900 yards and portions of it are some 16 feet below the surface of the ground. The work has been Completed but the final sweeps will not be ascertained until after the rainy season has passed. To each of these a filtering Conduit

is about to be constructed (as soon as materials can be got together) in order to improve the quality of the water.

Such then are the works Connected with the water supply which have been carried out by the Municipal Commissioners during the last 3 years.

Next as to the improvements in the Town. the Commissioners can point out to the portion of the ground of about 1¾ acres situated in Triplicane. This Consisted of a serious of old gravel pits full of stagnant putrid water used for all sorts of disgusting purposes, on the application of the Municipal Commissioners. the Government were pleased to give the ground over to them for building purposes. It was accordingly divided into the suitable lots and instead of having the filthy place we had before we have now a small Pettah of tiled houses which is indeed a vast improvement.

For other works of utility and ornament the Commissioners can point to their buildings. Municipal office & Police station House. the Bell tower also to the number of avenue trees which have been planted. some fifty or so of them being mangoe trees which will be a source of profit hereafter such then are some of the works carried out during the last 3 years.

In Conclusion. it only remains for me to thank the Commissioners one and all for the ever ready support they have invariably

List of Commissioners on the Masulipatam Municipal Board as per Official Memo: No: 207 dated 31st July 1872. Financial Department.

1.	G. D. Leman Esquire, President	Official
2.	E. C. Johnson Esquire	Official
3.	Captain W. H. Hoskins	Official
4	Captain A. Smalley	Official
5.	Surgeon Thomas Croudace	Official
6.	Captain N. Richardson	Official
7.	J. E. Brearey Esquire	Non-Official
8.	K. Ramarow Pantulu Garu Vice-President	Official
9	Ds. Ramayya Pantulu Garu	Official
10	Revd: Ds. Ratnam Garu	Non-Official
11	C. Camasvara Dikshitulu Garu	Non-Official
12	T. Srinivasa Charyulu Garu	Non-Official
13	Mir Shu Savar Ali Saheb	Non-Official
14	S. Venkata subbarayudu Garu	Non-Official
15	Ds. Nagabhushanam Garu	Non-Official
16.	Avatipalli Venkataratnam Garu	Non-Official

G. D. Leman
President
Vizianagram Municipality

gives me in my endeavours to conduct the administration of Municipal affairs for the good of the people and improvement of the Town.

I will now bid you farewell & will resign the chair to Mr. Wilson than whom I am confident the Municipality could not have a better Vice President

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen.
Your most obedient servant

(Signed) Trevor C Bird Lieut & C.
Vice President

(True Copy)

M Newman
Vice President

Municipalities are nowadays no doubt
very desirable institutions as well as
political grounds for it attempts to preserve
the health of the people that live in crowded
towns and trains its chief inhabitants to in-
the self government of their country-
In fact its tendency has certainly
been towards preventing the ravages of
the spreading of Cholera or other dangerous epide-
mics but its people do not appreciate this
attempt of Cholera or not they say in fact
that it is the will of God and that
ultimately true but they might understand
that the disease be cause of the creation or
extinction of these species can be
the existence or non existence of the in-
dividuals daily occurring before their
eyes - Such a municipal act, besides
the removal of filth, there are many other
things required to the people which
will have to be attended to. For this purpose
certain restrictions to be placed upon them

In Gandow, the restrictions they are subject to are far more than their possible comforts effected under their municipal institution. for taxes for their comforts are less than their restrictions and for some other reasons the feelings of the people of Gandow are so far as I know quite against the institution. No doubt the taxes are heavy now. We cannot say people complain of the Municipality being a Curse to them because of taxation for it is their return that taxes. the Jyots cryed similarly for their land tax. the Salt tax the Abkary tax &c. I believe have never Created so much disaffection in the minds of the people as the recent Municipal Taxes and Chowkidary taxes. So it must be because they actually feel the heaviness that they dislike the Municipality on the score of taxes. Many of the Inferior Classes tax in a Municipality make the Municipality burden-

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more felt and disliked. It may not be out of place to remark here that a certain Consider the Rate Payer in this town when he had a reply from me that Municipalities are not established by the Circar meaning the British Rajj fathers fed and fostered the people like sheep but now they are going to rear them as bullocks for his board &c. are not to be in my opinion so they are in this respect an object of great pity to me. I appeased the mans heart by a few smooth words such as that the Circar object is not to crush the people at all but only to raise them but if the means they resort to now for the end is really unsuited to the present circumstances they will no doubt abandon it and it will never do to immediately

as to Contain sufficient water through out the whole year - And if on any one day, any part of the town catches which is a Common occurrence here, there is no means devised & put in down at once -

Some other reasons I said had created dislike in the hearts of people. It is the clashing of the Castes & the Pariahs with the higher Classes. but in this we can ameliorate the people. so long as that is done under the Act & in that the motive of levelling all caste distinctions for which the day is not yet quite near

The bill Collection I don't think has affected Commerce in this town.

11th June/77. [illegible]
M. Commissioner

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Guntoor 4th June 1872.

The Vice President
Municipal Commission
Guntoor.

Sir,

With reference to copy, forwarded me, of letter No 1306 from the President Municipal Commission Guntoor, appointing me Auditor of the accounts of this Municipality, I have now the honor to submit my report.
1. I have carefully gone through the Books, have checked the different Registers with the Telegu cash account, and found the sums correctly entered. I also checked each item of expenditure & found it duly supported by a voucher.
2. I am satisfied with the way the Books are kept, but would suggest that a separate column in the Register of Receipts should be reserved for the arrear collections, so that the total of the days receipts, which is shown in the last column, may agree with the actual amount collected during the day. The arrear collections are now simply totalled & added as separate sums at foot of the ordinary collections. I would also suggest that the amounts collected from the Public of a Dispensary should be credited in the accounts of the Municipality. My reason for this is that as at present, the balance, being difference between amount expended and amount collected, is only drawn from the Municipality; so that I was unable to particularize the sums drawn, under the different heads required by Government. If this plan is adopted the heading required can easily be filled up, by referring to the Bills tendered.

3. It will be seen that the year under audit opened with a balance of Rs 5495-2-2 against with a balance to credit of Rs 13,506-13-1 showing an actual increase of receipts over expenditure of Rs 8,011-10-11. This is mainly due to the increased rate, being 3/4 of schedule rates, being collected as Tolls & also cost of Police Station House purchased by Government.

4. I shall now proceed to enter a little more fully into the different items of Expenditure.

Grant I. New Works: Sanitary & Miscellaneous. (c)

Under this head appear the following.

Native Christian burial ground	Rs 208-7-1	
Toll Gate houses	" 112-11-9	
Bell Tower	" 50--	
Latrines	" 390-5-9	
Fillers	32-2-6	793-11-1.

Do Repairs — do — do —

The following comprize the total

Latrines	Rs 66-8-1	
Toll gate houses	" 26-10-6	
Repairing Buddyo well	234-3-9	
Miscellaneous buildings	" 28-12-2	
Black tank	" 275-5-3	
Red — do —	" 96-7--	
Wells	" 44-4-6	742-3-3.

Do: Establishment (3) constituting Works supervision: Pay of Overseer, Maistry & Peon.

Grant III Hospitals & Dispensaries.

Out of the sum of Rs 684-12--, Rs 618-12-- was sent Dy Coll. per Collectors letter 185 & Govt. Order 7th Decr. 1871 No 755. being salaries of Hospital Assistant & Peon.

Grant III / Hospitals & Dispensaries (Contd)

Two sums of Rs 66-- each being salaries of Hosp. Asst & Peon for Febry & March, will be shown in next years accounts, as these sums were paid in the Month of April.

Grant IV / Lighting.

In contingencies, I have included a sum of Rs 347-- being cost of lamp posts.

Grant V / Office

Salaries of Establishment for March will be included in next years accounts, as the sum was not drawn till the beginning of April.

(c) Taking census: Of this sum of Rs 87-5-10, a moiety will have to be recovered from Government.

Advances recoverable: Being stamps on filing suits in District Munsiffs Courts.

Referring to the Receipts, it appears that cattle trespass fines, or Surplus pound fund was not collected till after closing of the accounts, it will therefore be collected in arrears during 1872-73.

A sum of Rs 243-8-6 tolls collected in April after closing Booths will be shown in next years accounts: The Tolls were collected departmentally for the 2nd half of the year

2/3 of the Dispensary expenses are to be recovered from the Local Fund Circle, this will appear in next years transactions.

A sum of Rs 3-12-2 House tax will be collected next year & Rs 6-14-2 remissions on acct of do will also be shown next year.

The sum of Rs 0-1-10 written off as irrecoverable was not collected but remitted at meeting of Commissioners held on 29th November 1871.

In conclusion I would beg to state that I have had to hurry off this report in consequence of my being ordered to proceed to Cocanada, but I cannot close without bringing to your notice that I have received some assistance in checking the accounts from the Manager, so long as he was here; & also from the 4th. Clerk, who assisted me considerably with the Telegu portion of the work. The Accountant I am sorry to say impeded rather than assisted me. From the first day I have not asked him to assist me, because of the very impudent way in which he then gave the information I asked. I would bring this to your notice as his conduct has been a great drawback & hindrance to me; & so that he may be taught in future not to annoy & hinder the Auditor.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
C. V. Zeehler
Auditor.

Sanitary Report of Guntoor Town.

Public Health. It is gratifying to be able to record that the inhabitants of this town enjoyed very good health during the past Official Year.

From a statement furnished by the Registrar of births and deaths I find that there were 248 deaths out of a population of 17,085, and which therefore gives a mortality of 14·51 per mille.

This death rate is somewhat in excess of that of the Official year ending 30th April 1871, but it must be remembered that the death and population returns were not then properly kept or accurately ascertained.

During the same period 311 births were registered, showing a birth rate of 18·20 per thousand.

Small-pox and fevers prevailed to a slight extent in different parts of the town.

Vaccination. Is not practised as largely as I should wish to see it done. The Municipal Vaccinator does his best, but he meets with a determined opposition from the people. It is difficult to keep up the supply of lymph as they are not willing to have any abstracted from the vesicles, imagining that the operation of removing it hurts the Children.

I have often had to assist the Vaccinator and have succeeded where he failed, but I must attribute my partial success to the fact that they wanted to please me or obtain my favor.
I have invariably given the Children a little present of money for the purchase of sweet-meats.
I would again state that the only way of diffusing the blessings of vaccination among the masses is by making it Compulsory.

Water supply. The water supply was abundant and of good quality.
The water of the Black Tank was analysed by the Chemical examiner who reported that it was "an excellent soft water, but requiring filtration. The volatile matter is considerable but is vegetable and will be removed to a great extent by filtration."
The Commissioners should see to the preservation of the water of this tank, the bed of which, after the drying up of the water, was converted into a latrine by the natives who resorted to it, instead of going to the latrine, not 200 yards to the east of it. The Police ought to have put a stop to this nuisance and directed the people to the latrine alluded to.
I would recommend that all Municipal Wells and reservoirs be numbered & registered and those the water of which is solely used for drinking, should be marked "Drinking water"; & no person should be allowed to bathe or wash Clothes on their pavements

or near them.
A few wells should be set apart for the last named purposes. Many of the good water wells require to be attended to as recommended in my last report.

Bazaars. Have throughout the year been supplied with very good provisions.
The vegetables and fruit that were sold were good and wholesome.
As I detected the butchers, on two or three occasions, of selling meat of a very wretched quality and livers that Contained Hydatid Cysts, I suggested that the Carcass & offal of every animal, should, before being exposed for sale, be examined by the Market Inspector. This suggestion was at once adopted by the Commissioners & I am glad to state that since then the meat sold has been very good; and in support of this statement, I may mention that Dr. Blacklock, Deputy Inspector General, during his inspection of this station, told me that he never tasted better meat in this Country.
The Market Inspector 1st Class Hospital Assistant P. Sobhiah Naidu No 345, I beg to state, deserves the thanks of the Municipality for the very satisfactory and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties.

A good slaughter house, and a market (wherein meat, fish, vegetables and fruit may be sold.) are much wanted & I would remark that the Commissioners would be conferring a great boon on the people at large by having works of such utility erected as soon as funds are available.

Cess-pools. Will in time become a great nuisance in the town and the sooner the Municipality prevent the building of fresh ones the better.

It would be highly advisable to have those already in use filled up as they contain instead of house washings, filth and muck of every imaginable kind and the stench which emanates therefrom is simply unbearable.

They cannot be, and are not, satisfactorily cleaned out and hence fermentation of the contained putrid matters is going on more or less Constantly.

The Sanitary Commissioner of Madras was of opinion that this town would be the better without them & requested me to advise the Commissioners to have them filled up.

Prickly Pears. Dr. Bidie, the first Vice President of this Municipality, after much trouble and Considerable expense, had this plant eradicated, but it is springing up in various parts of the town and forms the hedging of many Compounds.

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It will again become as great a nuisance as it once was, and I would therefore advise the Commissioners to have it extirpated and buried.

Burial grounds. I have been informed that dead bodies are interred in the goldsmiths burial ground which is situated in Sungadiguta immediately to the east of the Madras Road.

The Mahomedan burial ground also in Sungadiguta is near a populous neighborhood. I would suggest that the two closed stone, ow sanitary grounds, and the plot of ground, near the native Christian cemetery, which belongs to the Municipality be appropriated as burial grounds for the Mahomedans and Goldsmiths of this town.

Conservancy. The Conservancy arrangements were satisfactory and the streets were kept very clean.

The Municipal latrines were kept as clean as can be expected, but the dry earth system was not satisfactorily carried out, in them. The natives who resort to them doggedly refuse to adopt it.

The urinals were also kept clean, but the earth in them should be removed, and fresh added, daily. They should also be tarred freely.

The private latrines were not attended to

in the same satisfactory manner & and I would therefore recommend that the owners should be Compelled to have them in a particularly Clean state.

In conclusion, I may be permitted to state that the Conservancy overseer, Mahommed Ismail, discharges his duties, with much zeal and integrity, and is a hard working servant of the Municipality.

Gentoor, 10th June 1872.

Wm. Wyllie Assist Surgeon
Willab Surgeon

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Annual Medical Report of the Civil Dispensary at Guntoor for 1871/72

General Health. The health of the public at large has been on the whole exceedingly satisfactory during the past year.

The principal diseases and Conditions for which relief was sought were fevers especially of the intermittent type, Rheumatism, Asthma, Bronchitis, General dropsy; primary & secondary syphilis, itch, injuries, general debility, privation, mycetoma, dyspepsia, toothache, conjunctivitis.

Cholera. None.

Small pox. Small pox of a mild character has been prevailing for the last month or two in different parts of the town.

Malarial fevers. The inhabitants did not suffer to any extent from fevers of this class.

General working of the institution. During the past year, 115 indoor patients and 2396 out door patients received treatment in this institution against 124 in 124 and 2289 out patients in 1870/71.

The institution continues to maintain its popularity. Patients come to it from all parts of the district for treatment and advice. Many come hoping to have their ailments, of

fevers

very long standing, Cured by the first dose of medicine they receive from us; and if disappointed, as they cannot but be, return to their homes at once without giving the prescribed remedies a fair trial altho earnestly requested to attend or remain for a stated period as out or in patients.

It will I fear be a difficult task and one of time, to disabuse them of such an absurd idea.

The estimates of the repairs to be executed in the Hospital and its subsidiary buildings were passed by the Municipal Commissioners at the meeting held on the 13th of March. The Municipal Works Overseer will be directed [illegible] operations as possible.

I beg to forward with this report a plan of the proposed single ward to be built for the accommodation of Caste patients, at an estimated Cost of Rs. 174-1-8. It Consists of a room (10·6 × 10·6 × 10·6) and a front and back verandah, the latter being divided into two Compartments, to be used, respectively, as Cook room and latrine. The walls are to be of mud and the roof tiled. The Cubical Capacity of the room is 1543' and the superficial area 110'. It will be freely ventilated by doors and windows as well as by eaves ventilation.

Brahmin patients will not I hear, Cook their food in the small back room set apart for that purpose, if the Sahyan enters the latrine.

I believe they would rather attend the general latrine than allow him to come near the Cooking house.

The Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals requested the Commissioners to purchase a strip of ground to the east of the Hospital whereon to build certain wards, &c.

The owners of the land have not yet Consented to sell it to the Municipality. The prices and Conditions of sale, they have demanded, are very unreasonable and exorbitant, but I hope to induce the Commissioners to settle finally the purchase of it at the next meeting.

Some of the improvements recommended by that officer, namely, the building of a block of two wards for Contagious diseases, of a lying-in-ward, and of a house for the Hospital Assistant, Can be taken in hand until the land in question is obtained, either by purchase or acquisition. The Municipal Works Overseer has informed me that the building of bej mat huts with a thatched roof, would Cost more than mud huts with tiled roof and that the former would be soon destroyed by white ants.

I am sorry to say that at present there is no Committee of Management. When I took Charge of the Hospital in December 1870, the

the Committee consisted of the Session-
Judge Mr. Swinton, (now removed to Caddalore)
the late Lieutenant Col. S. C. Bird, and
the Zillah Surgeon. I have searched the
records of the institution in vain to obtain
information as to the Composition of the
Committee. I am at a loss how to act in
the matter.

But now that the Municipal and Local
Fund Boards support it, I beg to know if a
certain number of the Commissioners from
each body could be elected to form themselves
into a Committee and if one of them or the
Zillah Surgeon should be the Secretary.
I hope the Inspector General will be
pleased to issue orders on the subject as soon
as possible.

Financial Condition. I may, on financial
grounds, predict a happy future for the
dispensary now that its maintenance is not
solely dependant on the subscriptions of the
residents. The Native subscriptions are
again gradually falling off; but the
European residents continue to subscribe
as liberally as ever.

Guntoor
1st April 1872

Lt. S. Sh. Lyrell Apt Surgeon
Zillah Surgeon

True Copy
Wm. [illegible] Apt Surgeon
Zillah Surgeon

Guntoor
25th May 1872

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The owners of the land have not yet consented to sell it to the Municipality. The prices and Conditions of sale, they have demanded, are very unreasonable and exorbitant, but I hope to induce the Commissioners to settle finally, the purchase of it at the next meeting.

Some of the improvements recommended by that officer, namely, the building of a block of two wards for Contagious diseases, of a lying-in-ward, and of a house for the Hospital Assistant, can be taken in hand until the land in question is obtained either by purchase or acquisition. The Municipal Works Overseer has informed me that the building of leaf mat huts with a thatched roof, would cost more than mud huts with tiled roof and that the former would be soon destroyed by white ants. I am sorry to say that at present there is no Committee of Management. When I took Charge of the Hospital in December 1870, the

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commissioners, in the Kistna District, dated 15th August 1872, No. 2153.

A/A.

Order thereon of dated 10 Oct/72 No. 1391.

Receipts

	Rs.
Current Taxes	
Taxes on Houses	3,904
Tax on Arts	4,293
Tax on Vehicles	852
Regn. of carts	451
Tolls	6,266
Fees	654
Fines	137
	16,557
Arrear Taxes	694
Local Fund Board Contribution to Hospitals	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,525
Advance recovered	480
Balance brought ford.	2,871
Rs.	23127

With the letter ~~dated~~ the President of the Kistna Municipalities submits the annual reports of the Commissioners of Masulipatam and Guntoor for the year 1871-72.

2. Masulipatam. The receipts of the Masulipatam Municipality according to the

the statements submitted with the annual report, amounted to Rs 23,127, and the expenditure to Rs 21,817, leaving a balance in hand of Rs 1310. The Jt. observe however that in the present accounts the opening balance is shown as Rupees 2871, whereas in the report for the previous year, the closing balance is given at Rs 2921. This discrepancy should have been explained. The last column of Statements I and II has not been filled up as directed, and no details are given (except in the body of the report) with reference to the entry of Rs

Expenditure

	Rs
Public Works	
New Works —	8,962
Repairs —	536
Other items —	977
	10,475
Education —	717
Dispensary —	1,370
Vaccination —	160
Registration of births & deaths —	220
Conservancy —	4,554
Lighting —	810
Miscellaneous —	1,369
Supervision & management	2,066
Refunds —	76
	21,817
Balance	1,310
Rs	23,127

Rupees 1443 under the head of "Miscellaneous (2)" in Statement I. The Returns appear otherwise to be correctly prepared, and the Auditor reports very favorably on the state of the Municipal accounts.

3. The collections from Tolls only amounted to Rs 6266, the majority of goods imported into the town being brought in by canal. The Vice President reports that instances of extortion on the part of Toll Collectors have been brought to the knowledge of individual members of the Commission but that no action has been taken in the matter

matter as no complaint has been made. The Govt. ~~do not think that~~ is not of opinion it necessary for the Commissioners to await a formal complaint before endeavouring to remedy an abuse of this kind.

4. The outlay on New Works amounted to Rs 8962 of which Rs 6345 were spent on communications, and the greater part of the remainder in laying down water pipes along the main road. The attention of the Public Works Department is called to the Vice President's remarks in para 18 of the report with reference to the failure of the Water Supply for two months in the current year. There is

is however reason to hope that all difficulty in the matter may ere long be obviated by the well ~~water completely securing from the effects which followed as a result of the inundation of salt water in the~~ Cyclone of 6th

5. The Dispensary was transferred to the Municipality in the course of the year under review, but the necessary alterations in the accounts are only being made in the current year. The Govt do not understand the Vice President's remark that the Commissioners are of opinion that they should be represented in the Dispensary Committee. Since the transfer of the institution the management has devolved entirely

entirely upon the Commissioners except with reference to purely professional matters such as the treatment of disease &c. The Govt will be glad to learn the final decision of the Commissioners with reference to Dr Cornish's recommendation that the ~~building~~ institution should be located within the town.

6. Jaffnatown. The marginal statement is an abstract of the receipts and expenditure of the Jaffna Municipality ~~as shown in the returns rendered in the annual report~~ for 1871-72.

7. The receipts exceeded the expenditure by the large

Receipts

Current.		Rs
Rate on houses	—	2,056
Tax on arts	—	4,722
Tax on Vehicles	—	770
Regn. of Carts	—	751
Tolls	—	10,503
Fees	—	396
Fines	—	191
		19,389
Arrears		
Govt Contribution	—	376
Arrears of taxes	—	140
Govt Contribution for Police Station House	—	2,152
Miscellaneous.	—	314
Advance recovered	—	406
Balance brought forward	—	5,495
		28,272

Expenditure

Public Works		Rs
New Works	—	794
Repairs	—	1,727
Other items	—	572
		3,093
Education	—	276
Dispensary	—	960
Vaccination	—	100
Regn of births & deaths	—	127
Conservancy	—	5,688
Lighting	—	616
Miscellaneous	—	338
Supervision & management	—	3,565
Advance recoverable	—	2
		14,765
Balance		13,507
Rs		28,272

large sum of Rs 13,507. This is attributed to various causes, amongst which may be mentioned the illness and subsequent death of the late Vice President, an accident which happened to the working overseer, and the nature of the most expensive work, namely, the deepening of a tank, which could only be carried on in the dry weather.

7. The current demand on account of House rates and Tax on Arts, amounted to Rs 7419 of which Rs 6778 were realized, and Rs 182 remitted, leaving an uncollected balance of Rs 459. Out of an arrear demand of Rs 157, the remissions

remittances amounted to Rs 21 and the remainder was collected.

8. In preparing statement III. the gross, and not merely the net collections have been wrongly entered in Column 2, the result being that in the case of the arrears a balance of Rs 21 is entered, although the collections are shown as in excess of the demand. This appears to have escaped the notice of the Auditor.

9. For the reasons explained above, the expenditure on Public Works only amounted to Rs 3093 out of an allotment of Rs 6927. The attention of the President is called to the omission to forward

forward the statements showing details of expenditure (III A and III B). He is requested to transmit them without delay.

10. The Dispensary has been transferred to the Municipality and appears to be working well. The Govt will be glad to learn of the adoption of some of the measures proposed by Mr Tyrrell in his sanitary report.

11. The expenditure on Lighting amounted to Rs 616 and that on Conservancy to Rs 5688, but no portion of the latter appears to have gone towards the cleansing of tanks, wells and drains, which is perhaps the ~~duty~~ discipline of Conservancy must

most thoroughly appreciated by the people.

12. From the President's covering letter and the Commissioners' reports, it is evident that the Municipal Act has been the means of effecting great improvements both to Masulipatam and Guntoor but the people do not consider the benefits commensurate with the hardship caused by the taxation, and by some of the sanitary rules. Particular objection is taken to latrines in both Municipalities and the Govt would therefore strongly recommend the extension

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of the system of making the Municipal establishment available for private scavenging and the adoption of an improved form of latrine. The very good plan recently adopted at Coimbatore will shortly be circulated for inspection. Lighting and the supply of good water appear to be equally appreciated and the Government are therefore glad to observe that both Municipalities are desirous of devoting a large proportion of their funds to these purposes.

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