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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
23rd November 1872.

No. 75. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 7th November 1872, No. 2128:—

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, Public Department, dated 11th September 1872, No. 1035, forwarding for report an extract from the *Sathiavartamani* for August, I have the honour to state that I wished to inspect the Dindigul roads before replying; but arrears of business, increased by the prevalence of dengue fever, have hitherto prevented my leaving Madura. Such inspection is also unnecessary, for I know that the state of the roads and the town is much the same as it was when I was last at Dindigul. I, therefore, beg to submit the Vice-President's answer, dated 29th September 1872, No. 59, with the remark that the important statements made in the newspaper are untrue with the exception of the last sentence. It is doubtless true that in Dindigul and other small Municipalities the most energetic member does nearly all the work. Government have appointed the best men available as members of the Commission, and at present it is not in the power of Government to secure a better representation of the townspeople.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Dindigul, to the Acting Collector of Madura, dated Dindigul, 29th September 1872, No. 59.

I have the honour to submit the report called for in your foot-note to G. O., No. 1035, dated 11th September 1872, Public Department.

2. I am glad to say that it is the case that a market and slaughter-house have been erected at Dindigul. It is also the case that the Commissioners have lately determined on erecting a certain number of street-lamps and ordered a supply from Madras in August last. They have not been erected before, because in a small town like this it was thought better to do without luxuries until it was certain that they could be afforded.

3. I go about the town a good deal, and have not found that the "by-roads remain full of ruts and pitfalls, dangerous to foot-passengers and cattle;" nor have I noticed that "heaps of rubbish are suffered to lie about doors, and are not removed for days." On the contrary, I think the streets very fairly level and fit for traffic and clean. Many lanes require improvement, which is being gradually proceeded with, but things cannot be done quickly in such a Municipality as Dindigul, where almost everything comes to a standstill the moment the Vice-President leaves the place on other business.

4. The old rubbish-boxes are no doubt in bad order. This is because the Commissioners have not been able to determine of what material to rebuild them instead of brick and chunam. Experiments in different kinds of stone dust-boxes are being tried.

5. I may be a bad judge of roads, but my opinion is that the public roads in Dindigul are in very good order. You have seen them yourself, Sir, and I think will agree with me.

6. I do not know of a single house taken up for municipal purposes which is left unroofed to shelter (?) and affords lurking room for the evil-disposed.

7. So far as I can remember (*i. e.*, for 4½ years) the President never yet attended a meeting of the Municipal Commissioners, except once in 1870, when I myself had the honour to occupy that position. Probably, however, by *President* the newspaper correspondent means *Vice-President*. If so, he is correct in saying that the Vice-President does frequently attend meetings, and, with the other gentlemen who also do so (they are not many I admit, but Dindigul is a small place, and persons fit for the position of Municipal Commissioners few) passes resolutions and orders which, it is hoped, are for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the place.

8. I regret that I am obliged to write in such general terms, but I know no other way of replying to so extremely indefinite a complaint as that contained in the last sentence of the paragraph on which I am called on to report.

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1872, No. 1552.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of 1872 Madras.

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Recording letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, forwarding a report from the Vice-President of the Dindigul Municipality with reference to certain remarks contained in the *Sathiavartamani* for August respecting the state of the roads in that Municipality.

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Your most Obedt Servt

W. M. Duke
Ag Collector

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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From
The Actg Collector of Madura
To
The Chief Secretary to Govt
Madras

Dated 9th November 1872
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No 2128
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Acting has the honor to submit a report the Vice President of the Road in the Dindigul Principality and the Municipality for the Vice President's information in the matter

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
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Actg Collr

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