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No. 105. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Salem, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Salem, 26th February 1872, No. 230:—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Government Proceedings, No. 1601, dated 23rd October last, passing orders on the annual report of the Salem Municipality.

2. The receipts and disbursements of deposits have been erroneously included in the accounts by the auditor; they have now been struck out, and the necessary corrections made. The balance at the commencement of the year has also been reduced to Rupees 10,277-7-2, the original balance being Rupees 10,660-8-6, and not Rupees 10,667-8-6. The expenditure of Rupees 2-15-0 on account of pounds has been struck off on both sides of the account.

3. The recovery of Rupees 4,775-4-8 is the amount expended by the Municipality on some of the local fund roads lying just outside of the municipal limits. These repairs were executed from December 1869 to March 1870. It would appear that the Road Establishment of the Municipality had completed all the road-work within the town; and the late Mr. Pochin, not wishing to dismiss the coolies and maistries (who were all trained men), for fear of not being able to procure the same men again, employed them on the local fund roads lying outside the town; but, for some reason or other, which I have not been able to ascertain, the establishment was paid out of municipal instead of local funds, and subsequently recovered. The whole expenditure incurred by the Municipality on account of these local fund roads was included in the expenditure "on repairs" in 1869-70. This will, however, not affect the State contribution, as it was calculated on the receipts during this year— *vide* paragraph 6 of G. O., dated 6th September 1870, No. 1118.

4. The wrong classifications of items have been corrected in the accounts, as pointed out in paragraph 3 of the Government Proceedings under reference.

5. The payments by the Municipality towards the maintenance of the Police have been made in arrears, and not in advance. This will be seen from the enclosed bill of the Superintendent of Police, which shows that a payment of Rupees 82-10-4 is still to be made to the Police. A sum of Rupees 496-0-10 was paid to the Police by the Commissioners in May last of the current year for the maintenance of the Police for April last; this will, of course, be adjusted in the accounts during the current year.

6. No payment was made by the Commissioners for station-rent, &c., as accommodation was found for the Town Police in the building occupied by the Town Sub-Magistrate, which is municipal property.

7. The sum of Rupees 2,603-3-8, *plus* Rupees 1-15-6, being the difference between the sum of Rupees 82-10-4 and Rupees 80-10-10 shown in the revised and old bills received from the Superintendent of Police, has been adjusted in the accounts by being credited to Government.

8. There is no claim to be preferred by the Commissioners under G. O., 3rd May 1871, No. 583, as nothing was expended from municipal funds on the erection of permanent buildings for the use of the Police since the introduction of Act X. of 1865.

9. In conclusion, I would remark that the irregularities referred to in paragraph 7 of the Proceedings under reply, and reported on by the Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, have all been carefully attended to, and the system of accounts has been thoroughly revised and the necessary Demand, Collection, and Balance Statements and Progress Reports introduced from the current official year.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1872, No. 287.

The actual cost of the Police for April 1871 should have been stated. Three-fourths of the amount, including contingencies, &c., should be charged to the Commissioners in the accounts of the current year.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Salem.
,, Inspector-General of Police.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Salem,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 11*th.*

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 11th March 1872, *No.* 287.

MARCH.
Nos. 105-106.

Passing orders on the explanation submitted by the President on certain items connected with the annual report of the Salem Municipality for 1870-71.

Annual Statement of the actual receipts and Charges on account of the Police of the Sessions for the Year ending 30th April 1871

Date of	Payments made by the Municipality into the Treasury on account of Police as per receipts of the Treasury Officer	Amount			Total	Actual Expenditure incurred on account of Municipal Police	Amount			Total		
	For the month of	1870	497	1	1	Pay & allowances for	April 1870	570	8	11		
	do	June	"	496	"	10	do	May		559	"	"
	do	July		219	8	8	do	June		540	"	"
	do	August		"	"	"	do	July		528	12	11
	do	September		992	1	8	do	August		539	"	"
	do	October		496	"	10	do	September		558	"	"
	do	November		496	"	10	do	October		571	"	"
	do	December		496	"	10	do	November		569	"	"
	do	January	1871	496	"	10	do	December		588	"	6
	do	February		496	"	10	do	January	1871	588	"	6
	do	March		496	"	10	do	February		568	15	6
	do	April		496	"	10	do	March		569	1	7
											6717	6 6
							Clothing & accoutrements for 3 Head Cons			40	3	6
							do 4 Dft Cons			49	8	"
							do 47 Constables			576	15	7
											666	11 1
							Contingt			335	13	11
											335	13 11
	Total amount of Police by the Municipality into the Treasury				5707	5 4	Deduct amount of Contingt payable by Govt				7719	15 6
							Balance			"	1929	15 10
							Total actual charge payable by the Municipality			"	5789	15 8
										"	82	10 4

Office of the Superintendent of Police
Salem District
Salem 18th January 1872

Ranks	Sanctioned Strength.	Actual Strength employed
Inspector	12	12
European Head Constable	3	3
Native Head Constable	36	18
Detail do	18	560
Constables	564	660

Superintendent of Police

Fwd 1872 Sept.

From
The President
Municipal Commission
Salem
№ 230

d. 26 } February 1872.
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№ 371

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Affording explanations on certain items connected with the Annual Report of the Salem Municipality.

With an order

Proc: 28th October 1871. №: 131-132. Pub.
" 6th September 1870 - - 4-6. do.
" 3d May 1871 - - - 19-21. do.

11th March 1872 №: 287.

The actions of the municipal authorities of Salem in closing the accounts of the Courts in the counties of Essex & Middlesex for the year 1871.

Supt. St. C. Salem.
Bill of Public Accounts Fwd.

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