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No. 96. From the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 20th June 1872, No. 29.

I have the honour to forward an annual report of the Civil Dispensary and Seamen's Hospital at Cocanada for 1871-72, as furnished by the Civil Surgeon here.

Concise Annual Report of the Civil Dispensary and Seamen's Hospital, Cocanada, for the year 1871-72.

The hot season of the year under review was milder than usual, but lasted longer than is common. The cold weather set in late in the year, and the weather continued hot up to the end of November. Rain fell in the month of May, which is said to be unusual, and the north-east monsoon almost entirely failed; 30·47 inches of rain fell in Cocanada during the year 1871-72. The public health on the whole has been good.

2. Owing to the extensive irrigation works in this district a large extent of it is independent of the natural rain-fall, and the crops have been abundant, and provisions moderate in price. But is probable that this district which, during the past year, has been able to export a large quantity of grain, would have suffered equally with Ganjam and Vizagapatam, had it not been for this system of artificial irrigation.

3. The prevailing diseases have been malarial fevers, rheumatism, and small-pox.

4. A few cases of cholera have been reported from Ellore and Yernagoodiam Taluqs, but the disease has not been epidemic.

5. Small-pox is always more or less prevalent in this district, and appears to be more common in the irrigated taluqs than in the dry lands. Vaccination is very imperfectly carried out, and there can be no doubt that the prevalence of the disease is, in a great measure, due to this cause. Small-pox prevails most in the cold season.

6. Malarial fever is one of the chief causes of mortality in this district, but I attribute the mortality to the system of treatment adopted by the natives rather than to the fever itself. Fever is most prevalent during the months of November and December, and is coincident with the setting in of the north-east monsoon. The disease abates as soon as the weather becomes warmer.

7. The Dispensary and Seamen's Hospital are practically one institution: a room in the former is set aside for the use of sick sailors. The following tables will show the number of admissions during the past year as compared with the previous one:—

Civil Dispensary.

Years.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.
1870-71	128	1,974	2,102
1871-72	202	2,515	2,717

Seamen's Hospital.

Years.	Admissions.
1870-71	33
1871-72	41

8. The financial condition of the Civil Dispensary and Seamen's Hospital is satisfactory, and the receipts exceed the expenditure; at the present time there is invested a sum of Rupees 4,264-15-3, of which Rupees 2,700 are in Government paper, and the remainder in the Government Savings' Bank.

COCANADA,
1st April 1872.

(Signed) W. E. WRIGHT,
Civil Surgeon, Cocanada.

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No. 88.

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I have the honour to forward the Annual Report of the working of the Towns' Improvement Act III. of 1871 in the Cocanada Municipality.

2. The new Act came into force on the 1st May 1871, and consequently the year which ended 31st March 1872 constituted of only 11 months. The collection of taxes was made only for this period.

3. Revenue and Expenditure.—The entire receipts from all sources during the year under review have been Rupees 18,837-12-7, and the disbursements Rupees 18,021-7-2, showing a balance of Rupees 816-5-5. This balance is merely incidental, and did not accrue from excess of receipts over expenditure. The Bank was closed at the latter end of March, and that month's disbursements were left unadjusted, and were carried to the current year's account, as well as the balance now shown.

In the expenditure there are a few items which call for remark here. The sum of Rupees 980-15-3 was refunded to Government on account of Government contribution over-drawn in 1870-71. The expenditure on the Police lines amounted to Rupees 1,386-10-8, which has been partly re-paid, and Rupees 750 was an advance made on account of a covered drain to lead drinking water from Robertson's Canal into Jagannathapuram, which will be completed during the current year. In all, a sum of Rupees 2,367-9-11 has not been expended for purposes specified in Section 20, paragraphs I., II., and III. of the Act.

4. House-tax.—The collections actually realized under this head have been in excess of the preceding year by Rupees 769-7-1. The number of houses assessed was 2,757, against which assessments 564 appeals were preferred. Of these appeals 165 were rejected as no *valid* objection was made to the valuation and assessment, 183 appellants were exempted on the ground of poverty, and 216 assessments reduced to a lower rate. In most cases the assessment was readily paid, and only 334 demand-notices were issued, which realized Rupees 75-11-10, and no warrants were necessary, and none were issued.

5. Professional-tax.—The entire collection received under this tax amounts to Rupees 5,863-11-6, showing an excess of Rupees 777-6-3 over that of last year. The number of persons taxed is 3,157 out of a census-population of 17,528. There were 302 appeals against the tax; of these 145 were rejected as there were no valid reasons shown for redress, 105 appellants were exempted on the ground that they were not exercising any trade or calling, and 45 were reduced to a lower class. The tax for the most part was quietly collected, and coercive measures were had recourse to only in 115 cases, which realized as penalties Rupees 222-1-4.

6. Tolls.—The amount of tolls collected is Rupees 2,600, exhibiting an excess over the preceding year of Rupees 465. The collection of tolls is leased out or put up for public competition at the beginning of every official year, and contractors are bound down by an agreement subject to the provisions of the Act.

Throughout the year there have been no complaints made to the Commissioners of oppression or any attempt at extorting excess of payment beyond the prescribed rates. The Commissioners, therefore, think they have reason to conclude that the tolls are readily paid and peacefully collected.

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20th July 1872.

7. Taxes on Vehicles.—The sum collected under this tax is Rupees 566-11-0, which is in excess over the preceding year by Rupees 12-11-0.

8. Wharf Tolls.—These tolls, like those on carts and animals, are leased out annually to contractors. The sum collected in the year under notice is Rupees 379-8-0, which shows a decrease of Rupees 76-13-5 under that of last year. These wharfs are used for landing and shipping goods, principally those which are brought from the interior.

9. Cart-stand.—In previous years there was no cart-stand established. The amount realized in the year under review was Rupees 233-5-4. This is also leased out.

10. Miscellaneous Receipts.—These consist of departmental fines, sale of manure, of trees, and other minor receipts, and have realized Rupees 404-1-8, being less than the previous year's collections by Rupees 192-1-8.

11. The other items of revenue are small and demand no particular notice in this place. A short comparative statement is annexed to this report setting forth the different heads in detail.

12. Roads.—Existing roads have been maintained in good order, and no less than 3,538 yards of new roads have been undertaken and completed, intersecting the town in various populous and convenient parts. The kunker which is brought from Samulcottah being of an inferior and undurable quality, the Commissioners have resolved to obtain all the granite stone-ballast from the ships resorting to the port, and converting it into metal to macadamize the roads even at a higher cost at the beginning, as being the most economical in the end.

13. Latrines.—Five new latrines have been undertaken and completed. Two more are in process of construction on the dry-earth system which will be completed during the current year. This system is for the first time to be introduced into this town. The habits of the natives of this coast, the Commissioners think, are opposed to the requirements of the dry-earth system. Their habit of carrying water with them wherever they go—a habit sanctioned by immemorial usage—is entirely opposed to the benefits of this system, in which the absence of all moisture in the latrines is the primary element essential to success.

14. Drains and Culverts.—Four culverts and four small drains have been built in several parts of the town. While under this head the Commissioners would notice the subject of drainage of the town. The situation of Cocanada offers some obstacles to a system of efficient drainage (which it does not yet possess). The flatness and low elevation of its site, when compared with the rise and fall of the tides, present some difficulties in grappling with this question. Notwithstanding this natural disadvantage of ground, it possesses the neutralizing influence of having a tidal stream passing through the centre of the town, to carry off all the impurities that are washed into it to the sea.

15. New Wells.—In consequence of a long drought, and this combined with the ordinary supply from the canals being stopped, owing to the locks undergoing repairs, the want of drinkable water was seriously felt by the people. No less than thirty-four new permanent ring-wells were opened out, and two large masonry wells, which were filled up, have been restored.

16. New Works.—These consist of new roads, culverts, short drains, latrines, new wells to obtain drinking water, &c., and the sum of Rupees 5,193-10-9 has been expended in executing these works.

17. Repairs.—The principal cost under this has been in repairing the roads and the Civil Dispensary, &c., &c., and an outlay of Rupees 3,489-0-8 has been incurred for these purposes.

18. Water Supply.—The town is supplied principally from the canals. The water is led into tanks through partly open and partly covered drains. This question is now engaging the earnest attention of the Commissioners, who fully recognize the necessity of giving the town a purer and more copious supply of drinking water. The Municipal revenue being small and the wants of the town great and growing, judgment and prudence are necessary in dealing with the finances before any extensive works are taken on hand. The Commissioners have recently undertaken to erect a substantial covered drain, consisting of solid masonry work of 900 yards, to lead the water from Robertson's Canal into the tanks in Jaganathapuram. This work will involve an expenditure of Rupees 3,000.

19. Schools.—During the year a new elementary school has been opened in old Cocanada, and a grant assigned to it in accordance to its requirements. There are now three schools under Municipal grants.

20. Municipal Office.—The Municipal business was hitherto transacted in the Collector's Cutcherry, but during the year under notice a house was engaged and the office is now established in a central position, adding much to the convenience of the Commissioners as well as the public. The efforts of the Commissioners will be directed towards the building of a new Municipal Office, and thus save the present high rental which they are obliged to meet.

21. Police Huts.—The new Police huts have been completed and transferred over to the Police authorities. These huts are built in two long ranges, consisting of 29 separate rooms.

22. Market.—A proper market has long been felt to be a desideratum. The Commissioners purpose to fill up a putrid and stagnant tank in the centre of the town, which is a nuisance at present, and erecting on the reclaimed land a market place. This is a work which, if accomplished, even at some expense, would prove reproductive, and be a source of permanent and legitimate income to the Municipality, and unquestionably prove a great convenience to the town, and bring the daily necessaries of life, as to their qualities, under inspection.

23. Civil Dispensary.—The Civil Dispensary has been transferred over to the Municipality so very recently that its working has barely come under the notice of the Commissioners. Some repairs have been made to the building and some are still in process, but nothing of a nature to call for remark in this review. A new dead-house is under construction.

24. Vaccination.—There is a permanent vaccinator employed by the Municipality, but when small-pox showed itself in March last a second vaccinator was temporarily taken on, and he is still retained. The vaccine reports of this town are not satisfactory, but the vaccinators are not always to blame, as the still existing dislike to vaccination offers obstacles to the extensive performance of their duties.

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25. Registration of Births and Deaths.—A register has been opened to record these statistics. As this provision of the Act is entirely new, printed notices in English and the Vernacular under Sections 92, 93, and 94 of the Act have been widely circulated amongst the people, and also posted up in all conspicuous parts of the town. But this law being only recently introduced, the obligations imposed by it are not as yet generally understood, especially amongst the poorer classes. There appears even amongst the intelligent portion of the Native community an unwillingness to record the births and deaths of their households.

26. Lighting.—The old lamp-posts having been originally very crudely made of jungle-wood are to be superseded by posts of cast-iron and teak-tops, and 100 of these have been purchased. New lanterns of an improved kind are also to be introduced to burn kerosine instead of cocoanut-oil.

27. Sanitation and Conservancy.—The streets of the town are daily attended to, swept, and kept clean. The street and house-rubbish are carried away daily in carts. The tanks, wells, and drains are periodically cleaned, and a sum of Rupees 2,875-14-0 has been disbursed to maintain the cleanliness of the town. It is the intention of the Commissioners to introduce dust-boxes to be fixed in the streets, and thereby maintain a more efficient state of cleanliness.

28. Health of the Town.—The town has been comparatively free from diseases of a contagious or infectious nature, excepting small-pox which made its appearance in March last, and its ravages were very limited, and were confined to natives, and the general health of the town has not been disturbed to any recognized extent. The number of deaths registered from July 1871 to March 1872 has been 78, and the number of births for the same period was 92. This shows a rate of 5·56 deaths and 6·56 births per thousand per annum, which is not reliable. There must be some imperfection in the arrangements.

29. The Commissioners would conclude this report by recording their opinion that, upon the whole, the new Act has worked smoothly, and no spirit of opposition has been manifested against its requirements. The Commissioners are not unmindful that much has yet to be done, but time and resources are needed to place the town in a perfect state of sanitation and order and efficiently carry out all the provisions of the Act.

Audit.—The accounts have been audited and the certificate granted by the Auditor is hereto annexed :—

"I herewith certify that I have examined the Cocanada Municipal Accounts for the official year ending 31st March 1872, and that I have found them correct; all entries are in order and duly supported by vouchers."

Dated Cocanada, 7th June 1872.

The usual accounts are herewith forwarded in the prescribed forms, and the statements called for in the Government Order dated 4th May 1872, No. 627, are also forwarded.

Cocanada,
27th June 1872.

(Signed) W. S. FOSTER,
President.

No. 98.

ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1872, No. 918.

The statements submitted with the above annual report on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act in Cocanada for 1871-72 have, with one or two exceptions, been carefully prepared. The balance brought forward differs slightly from the balance exhibited in the annual report for 1870-71, and paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report do not appear to correspond with the Statement of Receipts No. I. The remark in paragraph 3, in reference to the sum of Rupees 1,386-10-8 said to have been expended on the construction of Police lines, and partly re-paid, is not understood. Nothing in the shape of a refund under this head is shown in any of the accounts.

2. The total receipts during the year were Rupees 18,837-12-7, or upwards of Rupees 2,500 more than the budget-estimate. The principal increase, it is observed, was under the head of tolls, which were leased on contract at the commencement of the official year. The collections throughout the year were good, as under the head Current there was a balance of only Rupees 1,658-14-3, and the arrears were collected in full.

3. The total expenditure is entered at Rupees 18,021-7-2, which would leave a balance of Rupees 816-5-5; but the Government observe that no disbursements were made for the month of March owing to the Bank being closed, and the probability is, therefore, that if the payments for the last month of the year had been included in Statement II., there would have been no balance, or at the most a very small one.

4. The report shows that the Commissioners gave much attention to conservancy during the year. Five latrines were completed and two were in course of construction. Thirty-four new permanent ring-wells were opened and two old masonry-wells restored. With reference to the remarks contained in paragraph 13 of the report, the Government observe that the habits of the natives of Cocanada do not differ from those of other natives, and they do not see how they can be opposed to the "requirements of the dry-earth system" if the latrines are properly designed.

5. The Government are glad to observe that the health of the town was good throughout the year. The report on vaccination is not very satisfactory, and the registration of births and deaths is as yet far from perfect. The Commissioners should give attention to these important subjects.

6. The Civil Dispensary and Seamen's Hospital, which are practically one institution, were only recently transferred to the Cocanada Municipality. The report on their working has accordingly been submitted separately by the Civil Surgeon. The numbers of in-patients and out-patients are on the increase, there having been in all 2717 in 1871-72 against 2012 in 1870-71. The financial condition is satisfactory; the receipts exceed the expenditure, and there is a sum of

Rupees 4,264-15-3 invested partly in Government paper and partly in the Government Savings' Bank.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To

The PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Cocanada,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 20th.

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G. O., 20th July 1872, No. 918.

JULY.
Nos. 96—98.

Passing orders on the working of the Cocanada Municipality and Civil Dispensary and Seamen's Hospital during 1871-72.

No 29. Ganjam District
Collectors Office Camp
20th June 1872

From

W. Foster Esquire
Ag Collector

To

The Honorable R.S. Ellis C.B.
Chief Secretary to Government
of Fort St George

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Dated Cocanada 7th June 1872.

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Cocanada Municipal Office 27th June 1872

W Foster
President

1871-72

Return of Vaccination for the Official Year ending 31st March 1872.

Under 1 Year of age

Station	Name	Primary Vaccination: European & East Indian, Males	European & East Indian, Females	Hindoos, Males	Hindoos, Females	Mahomedans, Males	Mahomedans, Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Other Castes, Males	Other Castes, Females	General Total, Males	General Total, Females	Result: Successful	Unsuccessful	Unknown	Re-vaccination Results: Successful	Unsuccessful	Unknown
Town of Cocanada	Kunnaneni Balakristamah	5	2	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	5	7	1	2	"	"	"
	Total	5	2	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	5	7	1	2	"	"	"

Above one Year of age

Station	Name	Primary Vaccinations: European & East Indian, Males	European & East Indian, Females	Hindoos, Males	Hindoos, Females	Mahomedans, Males	Mahomedans, Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Other Castes, Males	Other Castes, Females	General Total, Males	General Total, Females	Result: Successful	Unsuccessful	Unknown	Revaccination Results: Successful	Unsuccessful	Unknown
Town of Cocanada	Kunnaneni Balakristamah	1	3	253	87	2	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	256	92	159	85	104	15	5	5
	Total	1	3	253	87	2	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	256	92	159	85	104	15	5	5

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Nominal roll.

Rank	Names	Date of appointment	Amount of Salary sanctioned by Government Rs.	A.	P.	Amount of pay drawn Rs.	A.	P.	Successful	Unsuccessful	Unknown	Total	Remarks
Vaccinator	Kunnaneni Balakristnammah	7th June 1871	10	"	"	98	"	"	181	91	111	383	" "
	Total		10	"	"	98	"	"	181	91	111	383	

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Abstract of Work

Stations	Names.	Total number examined	Successful	Unsuccessful	Unknown	Remarks.
Municipal Town of Locanda	Annamalai Balakrishnamma	383	181	91	111	
	Total	383	181	91	111	

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Secretary

Secretary for the
Official Year
1871-72.

1871-72.

Municipality of ——— Cocanada

Population as per Census of 1871 ——— 17,528

Area comprised within Municipal limits, Acres 2,176

House and Land rates assessed for 1871-72

Dwelling & other houses	No		2574	
	Amount	Rs	5022-4-9	
Shops	No		None	
	Amount	Rs	Nil	
Lands	No		34	
	Amount	Rs	69-8-0	
	Area	Acres	140	
			5091-12-9	
Percentage rate adopted	Houses	Rs	5-0-0	
	Lands	Rs	5-0-0	

Taxes on Arts & Gds

Class I	No		1
	Amount	Rs	91-10-8
Class II	No		20
	Amount	Rs	904-0-3
Class III	No		26
	Amount	Rs	589-12-2
Class IV	No		96
	Amount	Rs	1036-0-0
Class V	No		316
	Amount	Rs	1758-0-0
Class VI	No		766
	Amount	Rs	2106-4-0
Class VII	No		166
	Amount	Rs	304-0-0
Class VIII	No		146
	Amount	Rs	133-6-10
			6422-1-11

Licenses on Carriages and Animals Schedule C. Items

½ R		7-6-8
1 R		82-9-4
2 Rs		"-"-"
3 Rs		58-12-0
4 Rs		"-"-"
5 Rs		"-"-"
6 Rs		45-0-0
7 Rs		"-"-"
8 Rs		"-"-"
9 Rs		372-15-0
10 Rs		"-"-"
11 Rs		"-"-"
		569-11-0

Carts registered ——— No 63 — Amount Rs 126-10-8

License fees under Act and Bye-laws — No of Licenses 68 — Amount Rs 574-13-4

Collection of Taxes

House Tax	No of Demand Notices served	334
	No of Distress Warrants issued	None
	No of Distraints made	None
Other Taxes	No of Prosecutions	115
	Amount involved	Rs 222-1-4
	Amount recovered on account of Tax	"-"-"
	Amount recovered by way of Penalty	Rs 222-1-4

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President

Concise Annual Report
of the Civil Dispensary and Seamen's Hospital Cocanada for the year 1871/72.

1. The hot season of the year, under review was milder than usual, but lasted longer than is common. The cold weather set in late in the year, and the weather continued hot up to the end of November. Rain fell in the months of May which is said to be unusual, and the North East Monsoon almost entirely failed. 30.47 inches of rain fell in Cocanada during the year 1871-72. The public health on the whole has been good.

2. Owing to the extensive irrigation works in this District a large extent of it is independent of the natural rain fall, and the crops have been abundant, and provisions moderate in price. But it is probable that this district which during the past year has been able to export a large quantity of grain would have suffered equally with Ganjam and Vizagapatam had it not been for this system of artificial irrigation.

3. The prevailing diseases have been malarial fevers, rheumatism and small pox.

4. A few cases of Cholera have been reported from Ellore, and Yanamagordiam talugs but the disease has not been epidemic.

5. Small pox is always more or less prevalent in this district; and appears to be more common in the irrigated talugs than in the dry lands. Vaccination is very imperfectly carried out; and there can be no doubt that the

the prevalence of the disease is in a great measure due to this cause. Small-pox prevails most in the cold season.

6. Malarial fever is one of the chief causes of mortality in this district, but I attribute the mortality to the system of treatment adopted by the natives rather than to the fever itself. Fever is most prevalent during the months of November and December, and is coincident with the setting in of the North East Monsoon. The disease abates as soon as the weather becomes warmer.

7. The Dispensary, and Seamen's Hospital are practically one institution; a room in the former is set aside for the use of sick sailors. The following tables will show the number of admissions during the past year as compared with the previous one.

— Civil Dispensary. —

Years	In Patients	Out Patients	Total.
1870/71	128	1974	2102
1871/72	202	2515	2717

— Seamen's Hospital. —

Years	Admissions
1870 - 1871	33
1871 - 1872	46

8. The financial condition of the Civil Dispensary, and Seamen's Hospital is satisfactory, and the receipts exceed the expenditure; at the present time there is invested a sum of Rupees 4,264, 15, 3. of which Rupees 2,700-0-0 are in Government paper, and the remainder in the Government Savings Bank.

(Signed) W.E. Wright.

Cocanada — Civil Surgeon
1st April 1872. — Cocanada.

(True Copy)

W.E. Wright
Civil Surgeon
Cocanada

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery Dt. dated 20 June 1872, No 29. Presdt. of the Munic. Comm. Cocanada --- 27 ---- 88.

Order thereon of Govt. dated 20 July 1872. No 918.

The statements submitted with the above Annual Report on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act in Cocanada for 1871-72, have, with one or two exceptions, been carefully prepared. The balance brought forward differs slightly from the balance exhibited in the annual report for 1870-71, and paras 9 and 10 of the report do not appear to correspond with the

Statement

Statement of Receipts No I.

~~It is not clearly understood~~ The Remarks in ~~what the purport of~~ para 3 ~~is~~ in reference to the sum of Rs 1386-10-8 said to have been expended on the construction of Police lines, and partly repaid. ~~is not understood~~ Nothing in the shape of a refund under this head is shewn in any of the accounts.

2. The total receipts during the year were Rupees 18,837-12-7 or upwards of Rs 2500 more than the budget estimate. The principal increase it is observed was under the head of tolls which were leased on contract at the commencement of the official year. The collections throughout the year were good, as under the head Current there was (only) a balance of Rs 165-8-14-3 and the arrears were collected in

in full.

3. The total expenditure entered at Rs 18,021-7-2 would leave a balance of Rs 816-5-5; but the Government observe that no disbursements were made for the month of March owing to the Bank being closed, and the probability is therefore that if the payments for the last month of the year had been included in Statement II, there would have been no balance or at the most a very small one.

4. The report shews that the Commissioners ~~directed their earnest~~ attention to Conservancy during the year. Five latrines were completed and two were in

in course of construction, and thirty four new permanent ring wells were opened, and two old masonry wells restored. With reference to the remarks contained in para 13 of the reports, the Government observe that the habits of the natives of Cocanada do not differ from those of other natives and they do not see how they can be opposed to the "requirements of the dry earth system" if the latrines are properly designed.

5. The Govt are glad to observe that the health of the Town was good throughout the year. The report on vaccination is not very satisfactory and the Registration of births and deaths is as yet far from perfect. The Commissioners should direct their attention to these important subjects.

6. The Civil Dispensary and Seamen's Hospital which are practically one institution were only recently transferred to the Cocanada Municipality. The report on their working has accordingly been submitted separately by the Civil Surgeon. The numbers of in-patients and out-patients are on the increase, there having been in all 2717 in 1871-72 against 2012 in 1870-71. The financial condition is satisfactory; the receipts exceed the expenditure and there is a surplus of Rs 4264-15-3 invested partly

partly in Government
papers and partly in the
Government Savings Bank.

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The Respt. of the Hon'ble
Comm. of Canada.

Public Works Dept. 1
Revenue Dept. 11
Board of Revenue 111
Accountant General 5
Sanitary Comm.rs 6
Insp.r Gen.l I. M. Dept.s 6
Director of Public Instr.n 7
President of the Local Fund
Board. Godavery Dt. 6

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Financial

To
The Asst. Commr.
Cocanada.
&c.

Dated Feb. 20
Recd. 2 } 1872, No. 918.

Nos. 96. 98.

Papers ordered on the working of the Cocanada Municipality & Civil Dispensary and Lunatic Hospital during 1871-72.

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