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No. 18. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Srirungum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Srirungum, 7th December 1872, No. 25:—

I have the honour to submit the accompanying extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Srirungum.

2. The Commissioners claim to be exempted from paying the expenses attending the sanitary arrangements made on the occasion of the annual feasts at Srirungum, on the ground that the expenditure they take exception to is incurred for the exclusive benefit of the people arriving from without the limits of the town, and even from without the district, and that the limited assets of their Municipality can hardly afford to defray this extraneous charge without detriment to the most beneficial and important works of improvement, projected as well as in progress, for the benefit of the taxpayers.

3. The reasons assigned by the Commissioners in support of their claim seem to me to be well-founded, and I beg, accordingly, to commend their application for the favourable consideration and orders of Government.

4. As the feast begins on the 31st instant, I shall feel obliged by your obtaining and communicating to me the early orders of Government on the subject.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Srirungum at a Meeting held on the 22nd November 1872.

9. On a reference to the detailed accounts of expenditure incurred during the last three years on account of the sanitary and medical arrangements made on the occasion of the annual feast at Srirungum, the Commissioners observe that almost the whole expenditure incurred is, as shown in the margin, for the construction of a large number of temporary latrines and scavengering for the *sole* and *exclusive use* of the pilgrims pouring in, not only from within the district, but from other parts of India, and that no portion of this sum is laid out on any of the works calculated to improve the condition of the taxpayers, whose requirements are as amply provided for as the means at the disposal of the Commissioners would permit. The Commissioners doubt, therefore, whether the expenses in question constitute a legitimate charge on their limited municipal funds :—

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Materials purchased for latrines ..	137	12	0	227	3	6	291	9	3
Hire for constructing latrines ...	108	15	0	92	4	0	86	3	6
Scavengering	322	4	0	220	6	0	261	8	0
Hospital expenses	69	9	0	51	9	4	5	10	6
Sundries	16	6	10	...	...	...	6	9	0
Total ...	665	6	10	600	10	10	656	8	3
Deduct sale proceeds of materials..	45	0	0	70	0	0	96	0	0
Net expenditure	620	6	10	530	10	10	560	8	3

(*a.*) The Commissioners do not, for a moment, mean to ignore or violate the rules of hospitality towards their pilgrim visitors, but they only doubt whether, with an enormous scale of projects before them for the drainage and conservancy of the town, and with (comparatively) very limited means to provide for them, they can at all afford to bear this extraneous charge.

(*b.*) In their Proceedings, dated the 1st November 1871, the Commissioners promised to bear the expenses of the festival from the current year, but, on reconsideration, are of opinion that the offer was premature, and that the town cannot justly be charged with any such extraordinary expenditure.

(*c.*) The expenditure in question is incurred, as above stated, for the exclusive benefit of people from without the limits of the town, and even from without the district, and the Commissioners, therefore, are of opinion that the Government which is charged with the protection of the country generally, the Local Fund Board which is in charge of the district, and the Srirungum Pagoda which benefits by the offerings made by pilgrims, should share the whole expense, or at least contribute mainly towards it. The expenses incurrred by similar arrangements made during the annual feast at Humpi, in the Collectorate of Bellary, are borne by the Local Fund Board of that circle.

(*d.*) The trustees of the Pagoda would, the Commissioners apprehend, demur to paying any portion of this charge on the ground that their expenditure on the feast has been, from time immemorial, defrayed from the income derived from pilgrims, and that they have lately agreed to contribute 300 Rupees a year towards the maintenance of the proposed dispensary and hospital.

(*e.*) The Commissioners resolve, therefore, to request the President to move the Government in view to the Municipality being exempted either wholly or in part (as the wisdom of Government may determine) from the expenditure in question. The gathering on the last occasion was 70,000, nearly four times the population of the town, and the net amount spent was Rupees 560.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
President.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1873, No. 13.

The Government cannot admit the force of the plea that the sanitary arrangements at the annual festival at Srirungum are for the exclusive benefit of people from without the limits of the town. The inhabitants are as much gainers as the visitors by the prevention of sickness, especially of an epidemic nature, and it is only in the case of a gathering which brings no profit to the town that a Municipality can argue with justice that it should not be held liable for a portion of the cost of the necessary sanitary arrangements. Srirungum, however, may be said to owe its existence to the shrine, and the cessation of the annual pilgrimages would seriously affect its resources and property if not ruin it. The Local Fund Circle and the Pagoda are, however, also interested in the matter, and the Government, therefore, request the Collector to ascertain and report the contribution for the purpose which may be procurable from each of those sources.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Srirungum.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Sirangam Municipal Commissioner's Office

7th December 1872.

No. 25.

From,

The President

Sirangam Municipal Commissioners

Pichinsoly

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Sriranguam.

Dated January, 6th.

Read.

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

Vizianagram Municipal Commissioner's Office.
11th December 1872.

J. B. Pennington
President.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Trichinopoly Srirangam Municipal Commissioners office.

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From The President
Srirangam Municipal Commission
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To The Chief Secretary to
Govt. Fort St. George

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Dated 7th December
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J. S. Remington
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The Presd. of the
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