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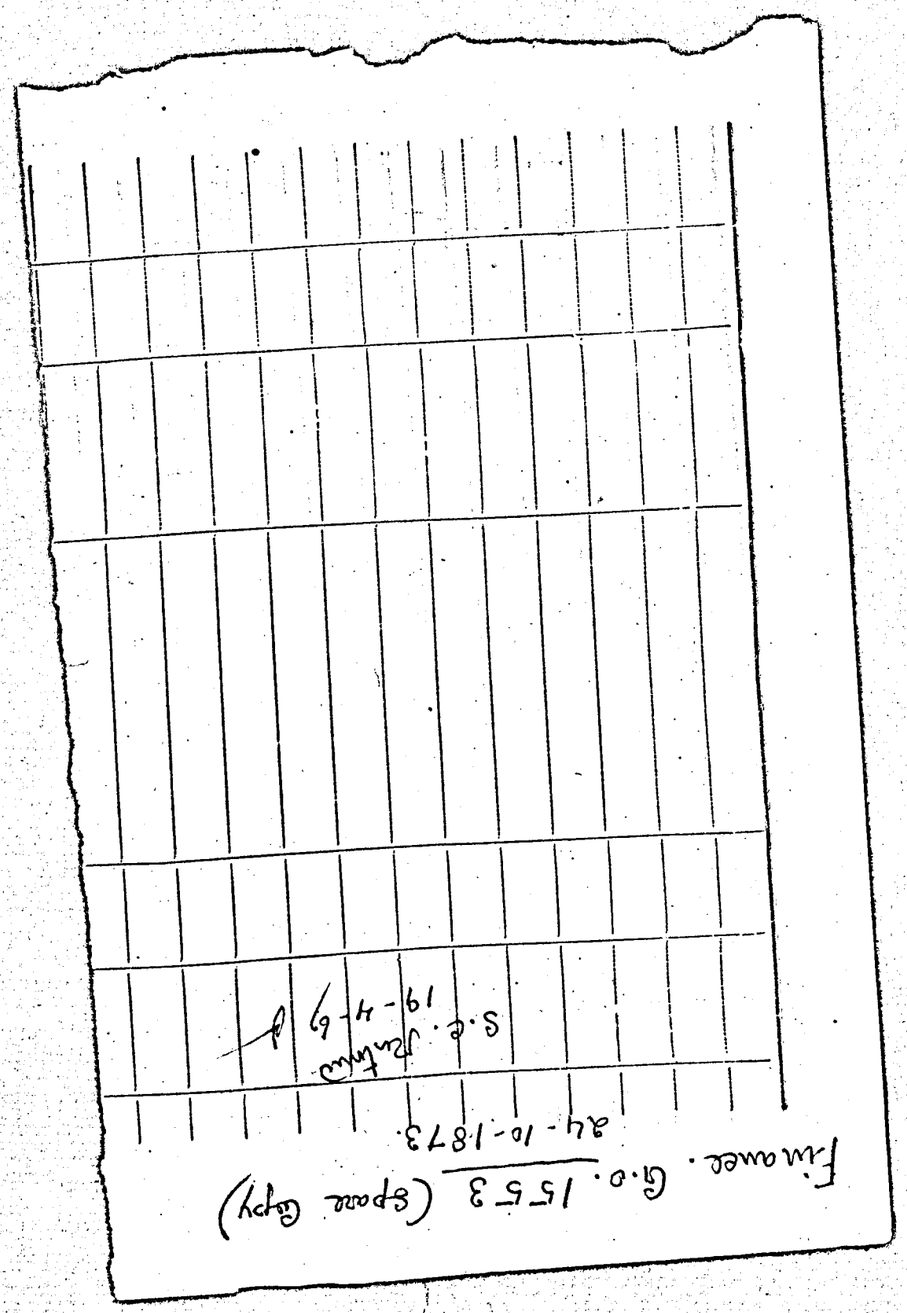
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No. 220. Read the following letter from H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary, he Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St orge, dated Bellary, 27th September 1873, No. 63:—

I have the honour to submit the acco current of the receipts and disburse-ments of the Municipality at Adoni during 2-73, the estimates for which period received the sanction of Government in th Order of 17th April 1872, No. 519.

2. The Vice-President had miscalcula the opening balance on the 1st April 1872. His estimate of Rupees 73 was rais to Rupees 310 when Government reviewed it in their order above quoted, bu e actual balance amounted to Rupees 1,658-1-2.

3. Similarly, the receipts under 3*a* 3*b* were underrated, but this arose from a misapprehension in taking the actu eleven months only (owing to the arrangement consequent on the opening he official year in April in lieu of May as before) as the basis of the year. falling off under "Fees" is due to an evasion of the tax by the owners of anima ispensing with them. The increase under "Magisterial Fines" is due to the ri us enforcement of the bye-law against nuisances.

4. The other items do not call for l remark, except that, owing to the miscalculations, the actuals realized twent per cent. above the estimate. This is owing to some items of receipt whic e not anticipated at the time the estimate was under preparation, such, for ce, as the annual subscription of 100 Rupees from Messrs. Dymes and Co., who a large Cotton Press at Adoni and many servants employed in connexion w t. With regard to the interest on the funded capital referred to in paragra of the Government Order, the Vice-President remarks that a moiety only was eived during the year under report. Yet, as it so happens, the aggregate rece under all heads, together with the previous year's balance, exceeded the estin by Rupees 3,487-1-4. In connexion with the receipts, it is worthy of remark th e funded capital has in no way been touched, the collections being sufficient for rdinary charges of the Municipality.

5. The sum of Rupees 5,000 was p ed in the estimate on account of "New Works," it being the intention of the missioners to widen the Main Bazaar Street between the Police Station-house a e north end of the town; but this, owing to the heavy compensation which th ers of buildings which had to be removed demanded, had to be abando The Commissioners, therefore, diverted the allotment to the completion other main street from the Great Mosque to the Gooty Road, which was ma ut the previous year.

6. The necessity for this improvem s beyond question when the dark alleys and the intricate lanes of the town loni are taken into consideration. There is much scope for improvement in th pect. This and the construction of a set of stone-walled latrines for females, which the estimate provided only 1,000 Rupees, cost more than the diverted al ent, and, from the representation of the Vice-President, there is still a balance Rupees 2,600 due on this account.

The sum of Rupees 282-15-3 under "Sanitary and Miscellaneous" was spent in repairing the mud-walled latrines.

7. Under "Grant II., Educati n," a charge of Rupees 711-11-5 has been incurred on account of education. The Municipality hitherto supported two schools in separate parts of the town. These have now been united and located in the old Taluq Cutcherry which was han ed over to the Municipality by Government in their Order of 26th August 1872. T e union, however, appears to have operated prejudicially, for the attendance has fal n from 350 to 207. This the Vice President attributes to an inefficient educational aff, and to the want of effectual supervision on the part of the Deputy Inspector of chools. The Deputy Inspector of Schools has doubtless a large area to travel ov annually, and much could be effected by the Commissioners supplying what is deficient in the Educational Inspectorate. The falling off in the attendance is, I th nk, due to the greater distance which some of the scholars have to go to the presen school building. The attention, however, of the Inspector of Schools will be draw to the matter of the pial schools; although there are many in existence, yet but on has reached the standard to entitle it to a results grant.

8. The Civil Dispensary, which i now under the management of the Commis- sioners, appears to work well, 4,089 out- atients having been treated during the year under report. This large number i ludes the dengue patients, that disease having visited the Municipality. It is a matter of congratulation that there was no cholera.

9. Vaccination does not as yet a ear to commend itself to the masses. The Vice-President remarks that the preser e of a Commissioner with the vaccinator appears to add some weight to the caus It must, however, be remarked that it is only of late that the Municipality have conded the cause of vaccination, and there is no doubt that success will eventuall attend their efforts. There were 1,032 operations, of which 875, or eighty-four per cent., were successful.

10. Much attention appears to be aid to the conservancy of the town. A staff of scavengers is entertained by the Mu cipality, which reimburses itself by a small subscription being levied from the to -people. The lighting of the town is also well carried out.

11. The Auditor's report accor ies. The Vice-President, in promising to remedy the defects therein pointed ou xplains the item of 8 Rupees, for which no credit is said to be afforded in the a unts, to be the deposit of the scavengers, whose accounts have been kept separa .

12. The survey of the town is i progress, the Superintendent being engaged thereon.

13. I would, in conclusion, poi out that the allotments as particularized in the margin of paragraph 5 of the Pro edings of the Madras Government, No. 519, dated 17th April 1872, have not bee correctly quoted by the Vice-President in the column of the accounts headed ' Budget Allotment." His attention has been called thereto, and the correct figures ave been substituted in this office.

From V. DORASWAMY IYER, Vice-President, J. H. MASTER, Esq., President, Municipal Commission, Adoni, dated Adoni, 18t une 1873, No. 23.

I beg to enclose the statement of receipts and d ursements of the Municipal Fund for the official year 1872-73.

2. The receipts under "3*a*, 3*b*, House and T le Tax," have been incorrectly estimated, taking as basis the collections of eleven months of the evious year, and hence their excess over the estimates.

The fall in the bullock license is due to a numb of owners of the animals, dispensing with them, being unwilling to pay the tax. The prosecuti under the municipal bye-laws have been less numerous than was anticipated, and the estima of the previous year, 1871-72, under this head, would have been more near the mark. The Ma terial fines were nearly double the estimate, owing to more numerous prosecutions for nuisance and failure of paying the trade and animal tax than was expected.

The current receipts under "Hospital" are t ggregate of the interest on the funded capital of the dispensary, exhibited in Column 4 of tatement I.-A, and of the yearly subscription of Rupees 100 by the Dymes Company, togeth ith the sale proceeds of medicines. The interest for the latter half of the year was not yet n. Under the head "7*a*, Miscellaneous," the receipt of Rupees 110 (which was the annual ren two pieces of municipal grounds situated on the Main Bazaar Street, well adapted for a mutton arket) and the sale proceeds of unserviceable tools, under "7*e*," were unexpected items at the me of framing the budget.

3. The Statement I.-A exhibits in Column 2 the ded capital of the dispensary in Government Papers and in the Savings' Bank, which is left touched, the current charges being met from the current receipts and from Local Fund contri ons, supplemented by municipal money, to he extent shown in Column 12 as *minus* balance

4. The aggregate receipts under all heads in S ment I., together with the previous year's balance, exceeded the estimates by Rupees 3,487-1-4

5. At the time of submission of the estimates as contemplated that the Main Bazaar Street between the the Police Station-house and the h end of the town should be widened, by taking over numerous obstructing and crookedly-bu hops and providing ample masonry side-drains, the cost of which, owing to unprofessional ce, was very much underrated at 4,500 Rupees; but when an actual estimate was made e the taking of the work in hand, the compensation alone seemed to cost more than double t sum, and hence it was thought advisable to divert the allotment under Grant I. in Statement I the completion of another main street from the Great Mosque to the Gooty Road that was laid e previous year, and to the construction of three masonry tunnels across it, as also to the compl of a set of stone-walled female latrines, for which an inadequate provision of only Rupees 1,0 as entered in the budget. The latrines and the road above alluded to were only partly paid fo hin the year, owing to the Contractor's delay i completing the work, which was, however, don er the close of the year.

The bill due to them on these accounts will be abou apees 2,600, which, with the expended money of the grant during the year, aggregate the allot t in the budget. Other items of expenditure under "Grant I." call for no remark, as they, m or less, approximate the estimate. The sum of Rupees 282 in Column 2 under "Repairs" pent in restoring the portions of the existing mud-walled latrines which came down for the .

6. *Grant II.*—The two Municipal Schools, which e in the previous year allowed to remain in different parts of the town as pial schools, were amal ted into one during the year and located in the old Taluq Cutcherry building handed over to th nicipality by the Government in their Proceedings, dated 26th August 1872. This is not no ell attended by the boys as before. I attribute the falling off in the number, from 350 at the f March 1872 to 207 in April 1873, to the inefficiency of the teachers, whom I find unable to rt instruction so well as the trained

teachers, and also to the ineffectual super ision of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, who, to do justice to an important school like this, o ght to make it his duty to visit it and instruct the teachers as often as he passes Adoni. Onl y one of the pial schools in the Municipality received the results grant, although a number of the are in existence.

7. *Grant III.*—The dispensary was ansferred during the year to the management of the Municipality. The enclosed is the H pital Assistant's report on its working during the past calendar year. The number of out-p tients seems to have been far more than that of the previous year. The outbreak of dengue s the chief cause. The Hospital Assistant spared no pains during its continuance in mo ng about the town and visiting large numbers of patients at their doors. This disease seldo proved mortal, except on the young and the infirm old who were unable to withstand the sever y of the attack. The small-pox setting in simul- taneously with it brought on 209 deaths. The ordinary fever, the causes of which are unaccounted by the Hospital Assistant, was hore mortal than the small-pox. Carbolic acid was widely distributed both from the Taluq Cutc erry and the Municipal Office, where a supply was kept in readiness to issue to all the dengue-stric en houses, which is believed to have in some degree arrested the progress of the disease. T sanitation of the town was very thoroughly and scrupulously attended to during the outbr k. The prevalence of other diseases is not note- worthy. In the early part of the year vacci tion was not satisfactorily progressing, owing partly to the vaccinator's neglect on the plea tha he was unable to obtain lymph, and partly to the obstinacy of the parents of children in sub itting them to the operation. The Commissioners were themselves obliged to move into the own in company with the vaccinator, impressing on the people the advantage and benefits of t vaccination. The rewards offered, however liberal, were not found so inducive as the actual p sence of a Commissioner. I regret that people are yet quite ignorant of the benefits of vacci tion. In spite of these obstacles, 1,032 cases were operated during the year, of which 875 pro l successful. The Hospital Assistant in charge of the dispensary goes out with the vaccinator to rtify to the correctness of the return. Owing to the various difficulties experienced, the budget ount for the results system was not fully spent.

Registration of deaths and births w well attended to. The conservancy establishment worked very satisfactorily throughout the ye . Both public and private latrines are daily cleaned, and the filth is carted far out of the town f burial. The people submit with greatest willingness to the voluntary taxation on their private ivies, seeing the immense advantages they derive therefrom in return for the small subsc tion, varying from 2 to 8 Annas a privy, a-month, in proportion to the means of the owne and the number resorting to it. As usual, the streets are cleaned by a set of scavengers, a d the sweepings are removed by the dust-cart and on the back of buffaloes. Twenty-nine dus -boxes were added this year. The principal drinking wells were cleaned and silted out.

8. *Grant IV.*—With the money sa d out of the lighting charges, twenty-three iron lamp- posts and as many lanterns were ordere from the Napier Foundry after the close of the year. The avenue trees are in excellent conditio

9. *Grant V.*—A saving of about R ees 400 under "Office Establishment" was made from the office of the Superintendent having be long vacant.

10. The Commissioners in general ve begun to take more interest in the working of the Municipality than in any previous year.

11. The accounts of the year have en audited by M. Vittal Rao, the Sub-Assistant of the Revenue Survey Party, and one uncon ted with the Commission, and the enclosed is his certi- ficate.

12. I beg to add that the survey o he town has been commenced by the new Superinten- dent, Mr. S. Johnson, who, I hope, will main to complete it to the satisfaction of the Commis- sioners.

From M. VITTAL RAO, Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Adoni, to V. DORASWAMY IYER, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni, dated Adoni, 18th June 1873.

With reference to docket, No. 27, dated 5th April 1873, from the President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni, to your address, appointing me an Auditor of Accounts of your Commission for the year 1872-73, I have the honour to inform that I have gone carefully through all the accounts for the year ending 31st March 1873, and found them carefully prepared and regularly kept. Every item of charge is supported by a proper voucher, with the exception of the following :—

1. It has been usual to collect 1 Rupee a 1 Anna for the registration of every two-bullock cart, but, on the 16th December 1872, 1 R ee was collected, and the additional 1 Anna for the tin ticket does not seem to have been coll ed, and no proper reason is assigned for so doing.

2. In the Conservancy Inspector's Diary, da 14th September 1872, the Vice-President sanctions a forfeiture of 16 Rupees, being deposits wo run-away toties, but in the cash-book on that date I see only 8 Rupees as having been recei d, and I never met with another item of Rupees 8, even on the subsequent dates or months, , therefore, I am unable to say what became of it.

3. I have also to point out some minor defect the entries in the account :—

(*a.*) Date of payment for the establishment uld correspond with the date entered in the cash-book.

(*b.*) The vouchers must be consecutively nu ered, and some of them bear no signature of the paying Commissioner.

(*c.*) Corrections and alterations, in many b s, of the figures are not at all initialled by the Superintendent or the party altering them ; this most objectionable.

4. The difference of Rupees 5-3-10* not bein credited in the cash-book as an item of receipt u r "Dispensary," it is presumed that this s has been credited to the dispensary funded capital out of the Municipal Fund.

* *Vide* remark shown in Statement I.

5. The cash-book does not seem to have been c l up daily ; this, too, is most objectionable. Lastly, I beg to suggest that a list of all the b s in office should be kept to facilitate the reference for monthly and annual Auditors.

The year opened with a balance of Rupees 1, 3-1-2, and the total receipts from different sources (including the receipts, Rupees 4,404-15-11 owards the Civil Dispensary) amounted to Rupees 19,952-0-1, making in all Rupees 21,610-1 and the total expenditure during the year is Rupees 11,060-9-4, leaving a balance of Rupees 10, 9-7-11 on the last day of March 1873, the particulars of which are as follows :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
In the Taluq Treasury, excluding the deposits, Rupees 1,217-7-3, not shown in the cash-book	5,441	11	4
In Government Papers.	4,000	0	0
In the Savings' Bank at Bellary	404	15	11
Advanced to Mr. deClosets at Madras for i n lamp-posts ...	400	0	0
Collections from 25th to 31st March 187 in the hands of the Commissioner not remitted to the Tr asury	89	3	7
Advanced to Superintendent for the construc or of conservancy carts...	120	0	0
In shape of books purchased for Municipal Schools	60	2	0
Advance made to Superintendent for whitewashing houses, &c.	15	1	6
In the hands of Purveyor for dieting patients	15	0	0
Advanced to Wudda Nagabhoyee for slabs.	3	0	0
In the hands of the Superintendent for contingent expenses ...	0	5	7
Total ...	10,549	7	11

No. 221. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1873, No. 1553.

With his letter above recorded, the President of the Adoni Municipality submits the annual report for the year 1872-73. The estimates and actuals are compared in the annexed statement :—

RECEIPTS.

	Estimate.	Actu
	RS.	R
Balance brought forward ...	...	1, 8
Rate on houses, &c.	4,000	4,[illegible] 2
Tax on arts, &c.	4,000	4,[illegible] 7
Tax on vehicles	1,800	1,6 3
Registration of carts ...	500	5
Tolls	2,800	2,8 5
Fees	300	5
Fines	200	4
Endowments	350	1 3
Contribution from Local Funds	850	5
Miscellaneous	30	2 4
Total ...	14,830	17,1

CHARGES.

	Estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works	5,000	2,939
Repairs	300	459
Other items	220	13
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools	760	712
Results Grants	200	40
Contribution to Local Funds for Inspection ...	50	138
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	1,200	1,086
Vaccination	360	208
Registration of births and deaths	120	120
Conservancy	2,850	2,710
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	1,000	583
Other items	250	214
Grant V.—		
Office	2,210	1,807
Miscellaneous	...	7
Refunds	...	25
Balance	310	6,129
Erroneous over-payment to the funded capital of the dispensary	...	5
Total ...	14,830	17,195

2. The increase under "Rates on Houses" and "Tax on Arts, &c.," is explained to be owing to the figures for the yea 1871-72, which consisted of eleven months only, having been taken as the basis of calculation. The falling off under "Fees" is reported by the President to be owi g to the owners of animals dispensing with them. The Government do not understand why dispensing with animals should affect the revenue from "Fees," and a reference to the Vice-President's report does not give much assistance, as the tax is there spoken of as the "bullock license." Explanation is requested on the subject. An impost which has the effect reported requires careful consideration. The Government are glad to observe from Statement IV. that the outstanding balances are very trifling.

3. In the statement of expenditure submitted by the Commissioners the grand total is not shown, and the funded capital of the dispensary is erroneously included as a balance. The floating balance only should appear in Statements I. and II., and the funded capital be shown in Column 2, Statement I.-A. The short expenditure on Public Works is only apparent, as Rupees 2,600 were due to Contractors when the year closed, and the balance is proportionately unduly

enhanced. The hospital report referred to as not been forwarded to Government, but from the Vice-President's report it is clear that the institution worked well throughout the year. The Governm regret to hear of the falling off in the attendance at the school, and note tha he President is not in accord with the Vice-President in attributing it to the nt of effectual supervision on the part of the Deputy Inspector of Schools. falling off in the efficiency of the school may be attributable to want of su vision, &c., but scarcely so great a falling off as 40·8 per cent. in one year in attendance, while an obvious cause exists in the concentration of two schools in one in a situation which must be necessarily less convenient to many of the pils. It is clear that public convenience has been traversed by the local arrang ents adopted by the Municipality, and while homely facilities for instructing ildren have been withdrawn, little or nothing has been effected in raising t efficiency of the pial schools, on which the children have doubtless been i easingly thrown. Only one pial school receives any aid from the rates, w h are contributed equally by those using them (at their own additional cost) the failing central and subsidized school.

4. The Government desire to receive early report on the matter from the President.

5. After allowing for the Rupees 2,60 due for Public Works at the close of the year, the unexpended balance amou d to Rupees 3,529, or twenty per cent. of the receipts. This is probably owi n great part to the receipts having exceeded the estimate by Rupees 3,487, b teps might have been taken for its utilization within the year. The general working of the Act appears to have been otherwise satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, President of the Local Fund Boards, Bellary District.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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To

The PRESIDENT of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Adoni.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 24th.

Read.

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OCTOBER.
Nos. 220-221.

Adoni Municipality.—The annual report on the working of this Municipality for the year 1872-73, reviewed.