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No. 12. Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Sydapet, 6th October 1873, No. 68 :—

I have the honour to forward the report of the Commissioners on the working of the Conjeveram Municipality for 1872-73, accompanied by the annual financial statements, &c., detailed in the margin, and to state that the delay in the submission of the same was caused by the death of the Vice-President, the late Tahsildar, his temporary successor being new to the work.

1. Annual Financial Statements.
2. Abstract Statement of Births and Deaths.
3. Return of Vaccination.
4. Report regarding the working of the Civil Dispensary.
5. Statement called for in G.O., dated 12th June 1873, No. 822, Finl. Dept.
6. List of Commissioners.
7. Auditor's Report.

2. It will be observed from the statement noted below that the balance under House and Trade Taxes, together with the amounts assessed for the year under those heads, aggregate Rupees 16,574. Of this, the large sum of Rupees 12,695 was realized owing to the exertions of the late Vice-President, and Rupees 1,646 were written off the accounts. Of the balance the Commissioners have remitted Rupees 168 on the ground of poverty, &c., which course I request the Government will sanction :—

Items.	Demand.			Collection.		Written off.	Total of Columns 5 to 7.	Balance.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
House-tax.	1,443 13 8	7,333 12 4	8,776 10 0	884 5 0	6,469 8 8	250 9 3	7,604 7 4	1,172 3 8
Trade-tax.	2,566 8 0	5,231 0 0	7,797 8 0	651 8 0	789 8 0	1,395 5 4	6,736 5 4	1,061 2 8
Total...	4,010 5 8	12,563 12 4	16,574 2 0	1,435 13 0	11,259 0 8	1,645 15 0	14,340 12 8	2,233 5 4

3. It appears from paragraph 7 of the report that bills are issued for the collection of the Profession-tax, instead of parties having their names registered and taking out certificates after payment, as required by Section 58 of the Act. This course is illegal. As, however, the year is far advanced, and the tax will cease with it,* I do not think that any action is necessary.

* G.O., Public Department, No. 393, dated 22nd March 1873.

4. The Commissioners seem to be desirous that the tax should continue, as they think that its abolition will lead to House-tax and Tolls being eventually raised from their present rates to supply funds. Such enhancement is, of course, out of the question, but I would not on this account advocate the retention of the Trade-tax. We have a large balance at our credit, but even if we cannot do all we wish at once, waiting and effecting improvements gradually is better than increase of taxation.

5. The subject of avoiding the double levy of tolls, both at Dawal and Conjeveram, was considered by the Local and Municipal Boards of this District, and the result reported by Mr. Irvine in his letter, No. 44, dated 21st May last.

6. It is to be regretted that, out of an allotment of Rupees 27,690 for Communications, only Rupees 7,091 were utilized. I personally impressed on the Commissioners the necessity for pushing on the sanctioned estimates, but the causes for the non-expenditure of the difference have been unavoidable, and are fully explained in the report. It is nevertheless gratifying that much has been done towards giving the town the benefit of metalled roads.

7. No progress has been made towards restoring the Lalakal, either during the year under report or in this year up to date, as the surveys and levels have not been completed. The District Engineer, who, it will be recollected, was not satisfied with Mr. Ottmann's survey and levels, has been requested to expedite the revised estimate.

8. Notwithstanding efforts made to spread vaccination, which are apparent from the large increase in the number of persons operated upon, small-pox was prevalent in the town, as well as elsewhere in the district, and proved fatal in eighty-two cases. As regards other epidemics, the sanitary precautions carried out appear to have been successful.

9. The dispensary building, the construction of which had been entrusted to the Department of Public Works, has been making very slow progress. I have pointed out to the District Engineer the inconvenience felt from want of proper accommodation, and urged its speedy completion.

10. The registration of births and deaths has been unsatisfactory, and this became more so when the number of Registrars was reduced to one in the late revision of establishment, and I, therefore, shortly afterwards reappointed a second Registrar with instructions to *itinerate* and register all cases coming to notice. The result of this arrangement has been, as remarked by the Sanitary Commissioner in his return for May 1873, that "a great improvement has taken place in registration.

11. The conservancy and lighting, too, of the town have been satisfactory, although much remains to be done. The place requires further lighting, and this point will be attended to in the next year's budget.

12. The establishment has been, as the Government are aware, revised; but I am not decided as to its sufficiency or otherwise, as the Vice-President, who was requested to report on its working, died suddenly. I consider, however, that a further revision, slightly increasing it, may be necessary, which will be done when the new Vice-President has acquired some experience of the details of work devolving on it.

13. The Auditor's report reveals still, as will be seen, some laxity and irregularity in the conduct of business. These have been pointed out to the Commissioners, with my remarks, for their future guidance.

14. With reference to paragraph 1, G.O., dated 4th May 1872, I have no remarks to add to those in my last report.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
4th November 1873.

From T. RUTHNA MOODELLY, Acting Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, dated Conjeveram, 13th September 1873, No. 87.

I have the honour to submit the usual administration report on the working of the Conjeveram Municipality during the year 1872-73, with its accompaniments, including a copy of the annual report of the Civil Dispensary furnished by the Native Surgeon in charge, and the statement called for in G.O., dated 12th June 1873, No. 822, exhibiting the incidence of each of the taxes in the town.

2. The tenure of office of the Commissioners not having expired, they continued to remain on the roll during the year. The number of meetings held by them is twenty-six, the average attendance being six. Four members on the Board having left the town their seats fell vacant, of which one was filled up by the appointment of C. Sundara Row to the office of Vice-President.

3. Throughout the year the Commissioners have had at several of their meetings the advice and assistance of the Sub-Collector, who is an ex-officio member, and of the President. The President who visited the town in October and remained a week also spent much time in January and February, when he had sufficient opportunities of watching and directing the various works in progress. He further proposed and personally superintended the introduction of kerosine lamps, whereby the lighting of the town was much improved to the great satisfaction of the people.

4. The taxes authorized for collection by G.O., dated 29th April 1872, No. 578, have been the same as heretofore, viz., a five per cent. rate on the annual rental of houses; a tax on trades and professions; tolls at half the schedule rates; taxes on carriages, &c., as per Schedule C; and registration and license fees on carts and animals.

5. RECEIPTS.—The receipts from the several sources of revenue of the Municipality amounted to Rupees 21,821-13-7, which, with the opening balance of Rupees 17,640-2-9 at the commencement of the year, aggregated a sum of Rupees 39,462-0-4 at the disposal of the Municipality.

6. The assessment under Trade and House-tax underwent the usual annual revision—a work which accounts for the tardy collection of these taxes in the earlier months of the year.

7. *Trade-tax.*—Next to the house-tax this is the most fruitful source of revenue, yielding Rupees 5,341, which is collected from the ratepayers in the usual way, and not as enjoined in Section 58 of the Act, as the Commissioners have not deemed it expedient to introduce a change in the existing mode of collecting the tax.

8. *House-tax.*—Of all the means at the disposal of the Commissioners the tax under this head produces the largest income, amounting to Rupees 7,353-13-8, derived from a five per cent. rate on houses. The incidence of this tax is already heavy, and I do not think that a further enhancement of it will be borne by the people. Then, again, the tolls at half the schedule rates are already high enough, and any further increase of them will have an injurious effect on traffic. Under these circumstances, the professional tax is the mainstay of the Commissioners, and will have to be chiefly depended upon to meet their large and increasing expenditure.

9. *Tolls.*—The right of collecting this tax was farmed out as heretofore, and a sum of Rupees 5,160 was realized from the proceeds. This is the third principal source of income of the Municipality, and it is gratifying to have to record that the abuses complained of in paragraph 12 of last year's report were almost unknown during the year under review, although a great falling off in the handy traffic had been reported owing to the state of the roads and rains during the repeated heavy bursts of rain in the course of the year. While on this subject, I would bring to the notice of the President the question of the Dawal Toll on Trunk Road No. 3, which still remains unsettled by the Local Fund Boards of the District.

10. The income derived from the other sources of revenue enumerated in paragraph 4 amounts to Rupees 1,894-14-5. The receipts under each of the heads included in it have risen

above those of the previous year, except the warrant fees and temporary erections. The former has fallen off considerably, viz., to the extent of Rupees 475, as there was no necessity for employing coercive measures for collecting the tax as in 1871-72, when an enormous outstanding arrear had to be realized under G.O., dated 29th June 1871, No. 944.

There is a decrease by one-fourth under "Collections for temporary erections." This is an uncertain resource which fluctuates considerably.

The sale of trees has realized Rupees 111, a large receipt, which is due to a great number of avenue trees having been blown down and uprooted during the cyclone of 2nd May 1872.

11. *Other Receipts.*—The Local Fund Board of Chingleput contributed Rupees 1,460 against Rupees 1,800 in the previous year towards the maintenance of the Civil Dispensary. The small landed endowment of the dispensary has yielded nothing, as the estate was leased out only at the close of the year. It is expected to yield a small revenue in the current year.

The last item of receipt that requires mention is the Government contribution of Rupees 654 towards the Lalakal project for supplying the town with fresh water.

12. EXPENDITURE.—The purposes for which the municipal income were spent during the year are detailed below, showing a total outlay of Rupees 25,061-7-8, which includes a recoverable advance of Rupees 10 for contingent charges to the office.

13. *Grant* I.—Under the head of "New Works" fair progress was made in roadmaking during the year. The four roads enumerated in paragraph 24 of last year's report having been completed, viz., 438 yards, the large Rajaveethee was put in hand, and a length of 1516 yards was constructed. The amount of the latter work may appear small, but if we take into consideration that this main road is half as much* in thickness as the four roads above, and two-and-a-half times broader, the actual value of the main road amounts to 4548 lineal yards. Add to this the metalling of the four roads, already alluded to, we have a total of 6123 yards, or 3½ miles, although the actual length covered by the metal is only 1954 lineal yards. In addition to this the low, sandy, river-like bed of the whole of the main road was raised by earthwork, varying from a quarter to three-quarters of a yard in thickness from Peria Conjeveram to the Little Conjeveram car-stand, previous to laying metal, a work which was unnecessary in the previous year on the feeders to the main road. Further, one-and-a-half yard of clay siding was thrown on each side of the road as a support to the metal.

* NOTE.—Half as thick again in metalling.

Under "Masonry Works" one bridge was widened and five culverts and a street pavement were constructed at a total cost of Rupees 520-4-0. The budgeted amount for roads is Rupees 17,110, of which Rupees 8,050, or nearly half represents the value of the work actually executed in the year, although the payments up to 31st March 1873 amount to only Rupees 6,121-2-2.

The year under review was an exceptional one. There was a severe storm in May, which was followed by unusually heavy rains for several months. The quarries and the roads leading to them were long under water, and the country was flooded everywhere; labour was scarce, and carts could not be obtained. Under these circumstances the municipal operations came to a standstill and were only resumed whenever the weather permitted. This accounts for the allotment for roads not having been utilized to its full extent.

14. The expenditure under "Sanitary and Miscellaneous" was incurred on account of the construction of twelve refuse carts, at a cost of Rupees 937, and resurvey of the Lalakal, amounting to Rupees 106, the balance of Rupees 6-13-0 being due to the construction of a dust-bin.

The most important work sanctioned under this head, viz., the Lalakal Project for the supply of pure water to the town, could not be taken in hand, pending survey and preparation of the plans and estimates for the work by the Department of Public Works.

15. *Repairs.*—The charges incurred under this item were due to the upkeep of the metalled roads; the repairs of streets damaged during the heavy rains; the digging of temporary drains for letting out the flood water from certain parts of the 2nd and 3rd Divisions; emergent repairs to the

Civil Dispensary shed, which was partly unroofed and otherwise damaged by the cyclone of 2nd May 1872; the restoration of latrines; the repair of the refuse carts; and the erection of the old ruined wall in the compound of the Municipal Office.

The provision for Public Works Establishment in the budget was entered at Rupees 840, out of which there has been a saving effected by Rupees 196-9-10, owing to the revision of establishment in December 1872 under sanction granted in G.O., dated 29th May 1872, No. 699. The establishment, as it now stands, is exhibited in the statement. Nearly the whole of the charges against "Tools and Plant and Contingencies" was incurred on account of part payment, viz., Rupees 90, for the construction of a roller with frame for our roads.

16. *Grant* II.—The entries under the appropriate heads of this grant in the statement speak for themselves. The last bill for results' grant could not be complied with during the year, as the balance of previous payments out of the allotment was insufficient to meet the demand in full.

17. *Grant* III.—The Civil Dispensary at Conjeveram, which is now invested in the Commissioners, is duly growing in importance. Its usefulness is being widely felt, and people from the town and adjoining talugs resort to it in large numbers for relief. Its increasing utility is sufficiently evidenced by the large number of the in and out patients treated during the year, as shown in the margin. It is unnecessary to enter into particulars relating to the working of this institution, as the accompanying report of the medical officer in charge affords all needful information. It is gratifying to observe that, during the official year under review, the town enjoyed a total immunity from epidemic cholera. But small-pox has been more or less prevalent, and was the cause of death in eighty-two cases, chiefly amongst those unprotected by vaccination, up to 31st March 1873. The town was fortunately spared an epidemic invasion by dengue; a few scattered attacks, however, occurred amongst those who had returned from a visit to some dengue-stricken locality, but without manifesting any tendency to spread. A few cases of hooping cough and measles were also reported during the year.

	In.	Out.
1871	135	8,804.
1872	189	10,766.

18. *Dispensary Building.*—The shed in which the Civil Hospital is located suffered a considerable damage during the storm of 2nd May, and the repairs consequent thereon were promptly met by the Commissioners. But the Board regret to observe that considerable inconvenience is being experienced by the sick, owing to the slow progress which the new dispensary building is making. They trust, however, that the Contractor will push on the work more vigorously, so as to enable them to move the dispensary from the shed, which is fast going out of repair.

19. *Vaccination.*—The statement of the vaccinator's work appended shows 770 operations, of which 627, or 81·43 per cent. were reported to have been successfully performed. The medical officer of the dispensary continues to supervise the work of the vaccinator as heretofore. The pay of the vaccinator was reduced in common with the rest of the establishments; hence the saving of Rupees 15 under this head.

20. *Vital Statistics.*—There were two Registrars of Births and Deaths maintained till November, when the number was reduced to one. Their record exhibits 608 births and 583 deaths, or 17 of the former and 16·6 of the latter per thousand of the population. These results are not satisfactory, but the Commissioners hope to be able to show better work for the future.

21. *Conservancy.*—The strength of the scavenging force has continued to be the same as before, but the salary of the Nuisance Inspector was reduced from Rupees 20 to Rupees 7 per mensem. The municipal box-carts, twelve in number, having been completed in the early part of the year, they were brought into use, supplemented by five hired carts to keep up the usual number of seventeen, the supply of bullocks being obtained by contract at a certain tender rate. The whole is worked by a body of thirty-four sweepers. There are five latrines which are looked

after by two ferries. This department continues to maintain its character for efficiency. The charges for hired bullocks for use on the heavy carts of the Municipality have exceeded the budget allotment by Rupees 213-4-10.

22. *Festivals.*—The usual contribution for the sanitary arrangements during the two important festivals, has cost the Municipality Rupees 632. For a detailed account of the May festival, *vide* Proceedings of Government, Public Department, dated 3rd August 1872. The weather on the occasion was pleasant; the water-supply abundant; the attendance was large; no cholera or sickness of any kind prevailed in the town; the car's movements was slow, interrupted, and laborious on the metalled road; and a few men and women, who were more or less squeezed in the crowd on the third day of the festival, were promptly attended to and escaped with their lives. Out of the contingent charges under this head Rupees 20 were expended on the destruction of dogs.

23. *Grant* IV.—The most important feature in connexion with the lighting of the town is the introduction of kerosine lamps in the latter part of the year. This measure and the yearly addition to the cast-iron posts have given the people great satisfaction. The cost of the kerosine lamps, Rupees 347, and the outlay on lamp-oil, red-wood posts, and iron frames, &c., make up the gross total against Contingencies.

24. *Avenue.*—No extension of the avenue trees nor addition to the watermen was made in the year under report.

25. *Census.*—The balance of charges incurred on account of the Census of 1871 was disbursed this year, amounting to Rupees 8.

26. *Grant* V.—The Office Establishment had continued on its former footing till November last, when it was remodelled by the President under G.O., dated 29th May 1872, *No. 699*. Statement II-B exhibits, in detail, the nature of the revision and the scale of pay of each servant in the in and out door departments of the Municipality, whereby a saving of Rupees 1,240 per annum has been effected. It was soon found that the registration of births and deaths had fallen back considerably, and on the matter being brought to notice the President sanctioned the restoration of the two Registrars, each on a salary of Rupees 7 per mensem. The Commissioners would take this opportunity to represent, for the favourable consideration of the President, that the pay of the Bill Collectors, Nuisance Inspectors, and the Public Works Overseer appears to be inadequate, but they reserve their recommendation till the submission of the next year's budget.

27. In the Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement that accompanies the report will be seen a sum of Rupees 167-0-0 under "Remission," which the Commissioners have been obliged to grant, from time to time, on the ground of poverty of the ratepayers concerned, and for unoccupied houses. The sanction of Government is solicited for writing off this amount in the accounts.

28. The inaccuracy pointed out in paragraph 2 of the Order of Government in the last annual report arose from an oversight to insert the rent of the office, viz., Rupees 29-5-4, under "Grant V," although the amount was included in the gross total under that head.

29. The balance of Rupees 14,400 in hand at the close of the year is made up by unexpended allotment under "Roads," viz. Rupees 10,000, Lakdai Rupees 3,000, and Sundries Rupees 1,220.

ABSTRACT STATEMENT of Births in the Municipality of Conjeveram for the Official year 1872-73.

Total Population of the Municipality.—35,396. Name of the Municipality.—Conjeveram. Population—Hindoos, Mahomedans, and Christians—*all*. Total—35,396. Total Births—Hindoos, 317 males and 282 females; Mahomedans, 1 male and 3 females; and Christians—*nil*. Total—603. Rates per 1000 calculated on totals—17.

STATEMENT of Deaths in the Municipality of Conjeveram for the Official year 1872-73.

Total Population of Conjeveram.—35,396.

Name of the Municipality.—CONJEVERAM.

Class.	Christians			2	
	Mahomedans			8	
	Hindoos			578	
	Other classes			...	
Causes of Death.	Cholera—Males			1	
	Females			...	
	Small-pox—Males			44	
	Females			38	
	Fevers—Males			72	
	Females			99	
	Bowel-complaints—Males			120	
	Females			80	
	Injuries.	Suicide—Males		1	
		Females		2	
		Accidents—Males		4	
		Females		1	
		Snake bite or killed by wild beasts—Males		...	
		Females		1	
	All other causes—Males			72	
	Females			53	
	Total deaths in unit of area—Males			314	
	Females			274	
	Total			588	
Age at the time of Death.	Born dead			8	
	Not exceeding one year			161	
	One to six years			152	
	Six to twelve years			18	
	Twelve to twenty years			27	
	Twenty to thirty ,,			42	
	Thirty to forty ,,			35	
	Forty to fifty ,,			56	
	Fifty to sixty ,,			39	
	Exceeding sixty ,,			90	

RETURN of Vaccination for the Official year 1872-73.

Name of the Municipality.—CONJEVERAM.

Vaccinator's Name.—B. Baboo.

Under one year of age.	Primary Vaccination.	European and East Indian.	Males	...
			Females	...
		Hindoos	Males	32
			Females	33
		Mahomedans.	Males	...
			Females	2
		Other castes...	Males	...
			Females	...
		General total..	Males	32
			Females	35
		Result	Successful	64
			Unsuccessful	3
			Unknown	...
	Re-vaccination ...			*nil.*
Above one year of age.	Primary Vaccination.	European and East Indian.	Males	...
			Females	...
		Hindoos	Males	435
			Females	249
		Mahomedans..	Males	11
			Females	8
		Other castes...	Males	...
			Females	...
		General total..	Males	446
			Females	257
		Result	Successful	562
			Unsuccessful	107
			Unknown	33
	Re-vaccination.	Result...	Successful	1
			Unsuccessful	...
			Unknown	...

CONJEVERAM,
13*th September* 1873.

(Signed) T. RUTHNA MOODELLY,
Acting Vice-President.

From P. BUNGARIAH, Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Conjeveram, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, dated Sydapet, 4th September 1873.

Agreeably to your orders, I respectfully beg to lay before you a brief but detailed account of the result of my audit of the accounts of the Municipality for the year 1872-73.

2. The total collection of the year under review is Rupees 24,821-13-7 including the balance on the 1st April 1872; it amounts to Rupees 30,462-0-4, while the charges connected therewith are Rupees 25,061-7-8, leaving a balance of Rupees 14,400-8-8 in favour of the Municipality on the 1st April 1873.

House-tax.	
Trade-tax.	

3. The rates of assessment fixed and entered in the several registers marginally noted have been duly calculated and found to be correct.

4. The House-tax Register has not been attested either by the Vice-President or by any of the Commissioners as should have been done. The former being in charge of the office should have signed it in proof of the correctness of the same.

5. The balance of the previous years marginally detailed cannot correctly be traced, no payment of entries having been made against each item in the Registers of House and Trade Taxes for those years. This could have been obviated if the Commissioners had taken the trouble of inspecting the registers and ordered the office establishment to attend to it.

1867-68.
1868-69.
1869-70.
1870-71.

6. The balances of 1871-72 and 1872-73, under the heads "House" and "Trade taxes," as shown below, remain to be realized in 1873-74 :—

	House-tax.			Trade-tax.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1872-73	863	3	8	441	8	0
1871-72	111	0	0	104	0	0
Total ...	974	3	8	545	8	0

7. On payment of the prescribed fee licenses were granted for carriages and animals, and for registration of carts and vehicles without springs. The counterfoils of licenses were preserved and compared with the registers. The fees collected were carried to credit in the accounts.

8. In the course of examination I have noted that in some of the licenses, as well as registers, the numbers have been altered on the figures themselves. This course would not only cause confusion but look clumsy, and I beg to suggest that, in future, when mistakes occur they should be crossed with a pen in red-ink, and the correct figures entered against them.

9. Mr. Croic, the Acting Sub-Collector, on his careful examination of the bills of house and trade taxes on account of large arrears uncollected, has sent in a statement to the Vice-President showing the amount "Irrecoverable" and "Recoverable." The sum exhibited under the former head was recommended by the President to Government for remission, and sanctioned by Government in their Order dated 29th May 1872, No. 699, and written off the accounts in 1872-73. A portion of the amount under the latter head was also written off the accounts of the same year. If the Commissioners had subsequently ascertained that it was irrecoverable their best course would, in my opinion, have been to have intimated the same to you and obtained the sanction of Government. The course pursued by them without the permission of Government seems to me unwarrantable.

	Irrecoverable.	Recoverable.
	Rs.	Rs.
House-tax	251	375
Trade-tax	1,595	586

10. The tolls leviable for entering carriages, animals, and carts within the municipal limits have been rented out by public auction for the year 1872-73.

11. No particular form appears to have been adopted for granting licenses for temporary erections; but a form of receipt was granted to individuals for fees collected from them for the said purpose, and counterfoils are maintained.

12. I beg to enclose a form of license to be used for temporary erections, and if you approve of the same, I request you will be pleased to ask the Commissioners to adopt it.

13. Counterfoils of receipts issued on account of other miscellaneous items have been secured, and each item of receipt has been duly carried to credit in the cash-book.

14. The collections from the several sources have been entered under their proper heads in the cash-book and remitted to the Treasury.

15. A sum of Rupees 1-12-0, being the amount of house-tax of the year 1869-70, was omitted to be included in the demand of that year. This mistake appears to have been subsequently found out and rectified in the year 1872-73, as the amount has, I perceive, been blended with the balance outstanding uncollected on the 1st April 1872.

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4th November 1873.

16. I beg to state that the Commissioners should have either included the amount in the current demand with explanation in the remark column of the statement, or have shown it under "Extra Revenue." If they found any difficulty in the matter they should have sought your instructions on the subject.

17. Every item of charge has been supported by vouchers.

18. A sum of Rupees 20 was advanced to the Police Department for killing dogs, but no detailed bill of actual charges incurred was furnished by the Police. Probably the Commissioners have not asked for the same.

19. In examining the bills in support of the charge for constructing roads, &c., I observe that the rates and the quantity of the work executed far exceed those entered in the estimates.

20. An estimate* for constructing the road at Big Conjeveram has been framed by Mr. Ottmann, late Sub-Engineer of the Public Works Department of the Chingleput District, and has been countersigned by you.

* Rupees 7,960.

21. On the nomination of an Overseer in the Municipality for the superintendence of Public Works connected with that institution, Mr. Ottmann requested the Commissioners to have a revised estimate carefully prepared for the road in question through their Overseer recently employed, and to submit the same to him for his approval, the one prepared by him having been roughly estimated. Upon this the Commissioners ordered their Overseer to prepare the necessary estimate, which he did, dividing it into five sections and involving an amount exceeding† that estimated by Mr. Ottmann. These estimates do not appear to have been sent by the Commissioners to Mr. Ottmann as required for his approval, nor have they obtained your sanction as prescribed in your Proceedings, dated 25th September 1871, No. 103.

† Rupees 11,336.

22. I take this opportunity to bring to your notice that, in some instances, only one bill is presented for payment for executing works estimated separately.

23. No receipt stamp has been affixed to a receipt granted for Rupees 29-0-3 by the toll-gate contractor for closing extra toll-gates. This omission has been pointed out.

24. In one of your Proceedings to the Vice-President‡ you have clearly and distinctly laid down that works after completion should be examined by a professional officer, and payment made to the Contractor according to the valuation certificate granted by him. I regret to say that the Commissioners have totally failed to carry out your instructions laid down for their guidance.

‡ No. 125, dated 16th November 1871.

25. A work "for repairing the approaches of tramway crossings at the toll-gates" has been estimated, and the rate for turfing was entered at 4 Pies per square yard, but in the bills presented for payment by the Contractor the rate exhibited for turfing is in excess by 2 Pies of that charged in the estimate. The Commissioners, however, have paid only a portion of the amount of the bills.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount of the bill	109	4	8
Amount paid by the Commissioners	95	0	0

26. In order to secure the correct payment of the bills presented by Contractors, I shall, with your permission, beg to suggest your instructing the Commissioners to send in future all bills for examination to some professional officer that may be named by you, and on receipt of his valuation certificate to order the payment to the Contractor. This may be done by the Public Works Range Officer of the Chingleput Range of the Chingleput District, but it is probable that he will not undertake the additional work unless authorized by Government.

27. Bills for Rupees 301-0-6 for constructing culverts at Shaik Pettah Road were presented by the Contractor, but the Commissioners have paid Rupees 301-2-4, being 1 Anna and 10 Pies in excess. The difference should be recovered by the Commissioners from the Contractor and credited to the Municipal Fund in the accounts.

28. A sum of Rupees 70, being 1 Rupee in excess of the estimate, has been placed at the disposal of the Native Surgeon attached to the dispensary at Conjeveram for repairing the

hospital shed damaged by the storm in April 1872. The amount has been simply acknowledged to have been received by him, but no detailed bill for actual charges incurred has as yet been sent by that officer.

29. In cheques exceeding Rupees 20 issued by the Commissioners on the Taluq Treasury a 1 Anna Receipt Stamp has been affixed to each. When payments are made to Government and receipts granted to the Municipality these should in like manner be also stamped. On this point I feel doubtful, and leave the question for *your decision*.

30. A receipt for Rupees 543 was taken from a Contractor for two different purposes, Rupees 263 for completing a road at Little Conjeveram, and Rupees 280 for refunding the amount deposited by him for the due fulfilment of his contract. Strictly speaking two separate receipts, duly stamped for each item, should have been taken from the Contractor instead of one.

31. A final bill for Rupees 890-10-0 for constructing a road called Tillan Road (Mungal Mundapam) was submitted by the Contractor, and on account of this Rupees 790-10-0 were debited to the proper head in the accounts for 1871-72 and 1872-73, as detailed in the margin. Rupees 100 advanced and exhibited under "Advances" in 1871-72 was not adjusted in the accounts for 1872-73.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1871-72	650	0	0
1872-73	140	10	0
Total ...	790	10	0

32. In Section 11 of the Act of 1871, it is provided that all contracts exceeding 20 Rupees should be in writing; but I regret to say that, in many respects, the Commissioners appear to have totally disregarded the course prescribed in the section above referred to.

33. Persons exercising their arts, professions, and trades in the town of Conjeveram have not registered their names in the Office of the Municipal Commissioners and obtained certificates on payment of the registration fees required in Section 58 of Act III. of 1871.

34. If the Commissioners, had brought into force the section above referred to, they could have avoided preparing bills and sending them for collection through bill collectors, and thus relieving them from work.

35. The cheques issued by the Municipality on the Taluq Treasury at Conjeveram have been consecutively numbered from the commencement of the said institution instead of an annual series of numbers being given separately.

Statement I.
Do. II.
Do. III.

36. I have pointed out all other minor defects in person.

37. In conclusion, I beg to submit several statements of receipts and charges for 1872-73.

Annual Report upon the Civil Dispensary, Conjeveram, for the Year 1872.

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
Remained on the 31st December 1871	10	81
Admitted since	189	10,766
Total treated	199	10,847
Discharged	175	10,756
Died	10	12
Remaining 31st December 1872	14	79
Average daily sick	14¼	83½

It is gratifying to have to report, year after year, that the Civil Dispensary at Conjeveram continues to be a well-appreciated charity for the relief of the suffering poor over a large area comprising not only the cusbah and the taluq of Conjeveram, but also the contiguous portions of other taluqs.

2. In the early years of its existence the institution had fallen into a precarious state from want of sufficient funds for its maintenance consequent on the withdrawal of the Government support. Then succeeded a period when, with great difficulty and perseverance, money was obtained

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from subscriptions for the dispensary building now under construction with the Government moiety, and a monthly maintenance grant of Rupees 30, which was afterwards raised to Rupees 100 on the suggestion of Lord Napier, was passed by the Municipality for diets and other charges. The last and the most important era in its history dates with the Acts III. and IV. of 1871, by which its permanence in every respect was fully secured.

3. There has been a considerable increase in the numbers treated both in the in-door and out-door departments. The admissions under the former amount to 189 against 135 in the year previous, whilst the out-patients muster so much as 10,766 against 8804 in 1871, showing an increase of fifty-four in the one and 1962 in the other, respectively. The increase of out-patients to threefold since 1870 is a sufficient proof that the benefits of the charity are being widely appreciated. The average daily number of sick of both classes of patients has been 14¼ in and 83½ out, whilst the deaths were ten and twelve, respectively.

4. *In-patients.*—The total number of patients that received in-door treatment during the year is 189, of which number only three dieted themselves. The chief causes of the mortality have been fever one, diarrhœa and dysentery four, bronchitis one, ulcer one, tertiary syphilis one, variola one, and accident one. The deaths in most cases were due to diseases which had been aggravated by poverty and rendered obstinate by neglect of early treatment. The principal forms of diseases that presented themselves for aid have been pretty nearly the same as in former years.

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12. *Out-patients.*—The total number of admissions in this department, as has been already stated, amounts to 10,766 during the year, the largest number of sick being in June and September, viz., 1105 and 1078, respectively.

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17. *Cholera.*—In my report for the year 1871, I had brought to notice the outbreak of cholera in a particular portion of the town, which it was imported by the returning pilgrims from a holy shrine in the North Arcot District. As an extension of this epidemic a few scattered cases continued to occur till the first week of February 1872. A separate report, as required by the rules of the Department, has been submitted on the cessation of the outbreak. The disease was of a mild type, and the only treatment that was employed was acetic acid, which had a beneficial effect aided by local sanitary measures. The total number of attacks from the commencement is twenty-seven, of which ten proved fatal, including five cases which were reported after death or in a dying state.

18. *Small-pox.*—Small-pox broke out in the first quarter of the year, prevailed pretty largely in the second and third quarters, and declined towards the close of the year. It was confined to certain streets only both in Little and Big Conjeveram, and the greatest number of attacks appears to have occurred amongst those who had been unprotected by vaccination. The total number of deaths registered at the Municipal Office is 104. The operation of vaccination is as heretofore conducted by the Municipal Vaccinator, whose work is from time to time supervised by me. In the month of November four children, who had been operated on by the vaccinator, suffered very severely from unhealthy inflammation in their arms, followed by sloughing and deep ulcers, with or without constitutional disturbance, all due very likely to the introduction of purulent matter in place of genuine lymph. I have since taken the precaution to prevent the use of spurious lymph, and obtained genuine supplies from the District Superintendent of Vaccine. Vaccination could not be carried on at the dispensary for want of subjects, but I have now taken steps to procure cases, or make the Dresser to go about in the town to vaccinate children in their houses.

19. *Dengue.*—It is gratifying to report that this town was not visited by dengue in an epidemic form, although there had been free intercourse with Madras and Vellore, and I venture to think that the disease will not attack the station, now that it has almost disappeared in those towns with which Conjeveram has a free inter-communication. According to report a few solitary instances of dengue, about fifteen to twenty, between the 15th October and 15th November, did occur, but these were invariably confined to those who had paid a visit to Madras or other dengue-

stricken locality and had returned with the poison in their system ready to burst forth within a few days of their arrival, or with the disease actually on them in one or other of its stages. The disease did not spread to others in the town, and none of those who had been attacked were either seen or treated by me as medical aid was not sought for. At Wallajahbad dengue was reported to have prevailed pretty largely about the time of its occurrence at Conjeveram. There is a large bandy traffic from that place to Madras, from which latter the bandymen are said to have imported the fever.

20. *Hooping Cough.*—The hooping cough of the year previous gradually died away about the middle of the year under report.

21. *Measles.*—There were but very few cases of measles.

22. *Building.*—I regret to have to bring to the notice of the Inspector-General that much inconvenience is still being experienced from want of proper accommodation for the patients in the dispensary hut, which although put in proper repair since the storm of May has begun to leak again on the setting in of the north-east monsoons. The discomfort to out-patients, too, can be readily imagined, as, in the absence of a waiting-room, they have to remain for hours outside the dispensary shed, exposed to rain, wet, damp, and cold, more especially as, during the year under report, the wet days were too many. All this is due to the great delay in completing the new dispensary building, which was taken in hand by the Department of Public Works towards the end of 1871. During the progress of the work there have been much delay and frequent interruptions on behalf of the Contractor, and the work is now completely suspended. The two detached wards and privies are nearly finished; and, as the Commissioners have addressed the Range Officer with a view to the early completion of the long delayed work, I trust that the construction of the main building will be resumed early in January of this year.

23. As provided for by Acts III. and IV. of 1871, the dispensary continues to be solely supported by the Conjeveram Municipality and the Chingleput Local Fund Board, the former contributing two-thirds and the latter one-third of the entire expenses of the institution, including the salary and allowance of the Native Surgeon in charge and the pay of the third-class Hospital Assistant, who has been attached to the dispensary since August last. The sanction of Government having been obtained for the addition of this officer to the dispensary establishment, provision was accordingly made in the Municipal Budget of the town. The members of both the contributing Boards look upon the salaries of the medical staff of the charity as charges that do not appropriately fall on their funds, and they entertain a hope that the Government will relieve them of this burden. As stated in last year's report the Municipal Commissioners are the Trustees of this charity under Section 15 of the Towns' Improvement Act.

24. The institution has no funded capital, nor does it receive any support from private subscriptions. It has some landed endowments which are now leased out, the annual value of such lease being about Rupees 30.

25. The sanitary well-being of the town has been entrusted with a Municipal Corporation since 1866 under the Towns' Improvement Act, and the labour of this body, under the Presidentship of the Collector of the District, have proved successful. The streets are regularly swept, and the rubbish from the houses are received by the conservancy carts and removed to appointed depôts in the most convenient parts of the suburbs of the town. The recommendation of the Sanitary Commissioner, not to use the river bank and the vicinity of wells, tanks, and springs for casting rubbish, has been adopted by the Commissioners. There are five large latrines, and their number will be increased as soon as suitable sites are obtained. The conservancy of the town is well-cared for, and the state of the streets in respect of cleanliness has always secured the approbation of European and Native gentlemen who visited the town. Within the past two years metalled roads, which had been unknown in Conjeveram, have come into existence in the room of huge sandy streets to walk or drive upon, which had been a task of no small amount of trouble and labour. It is hoped that, before the close of the present official year, a continuous road will be established between the Little and Great Conjeveram.

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26. The storm of 2nd May last raged as violently here as at Madras, but beyond a great number of trees which were uprooted and blown down no further damage to property or loss of life ensued. The dispensary cottage being situated on an elevated and open ground suffered some damage for the repair of which the Municipality contributed Rupees 70. The annual festival was close at hand, and the storm had a highly beneficial effect on the state of the weather. The tanks received an abundant supply of pure water, and the streets, bylanes, and backyards had a thorough cleansing, and the atmosphere rendered pure and healthy.

27. Under these favourable circumstances, the May festival which followed soon after was largely attended by people from all parts of the country, and as in the year previous the public health remained undisturbed, not a single case of cholera having occurred. On the third or the Garoodavootsavam day, which is the most important day during the festival, about six individuals were trampled upon by the crowd at the gobrum during the rush that takes place to obtain the first glimpse of the idol as it emerges from the temple. They were at once placed under medical treatment and soon rallied. No further accident occurred since till the end of the festival, except considerable delay in the car returning to its stand, which took three days to complete its circuit. The usual sanitary arrangements on the occasion were adopted with success under the orders and superintendence of the Sub-Collector of the District. They consisted as heretofore of street conservancy; a sufficient number of large and small latrines for the deposit of the night-soil; their burial in deep pits outside the municipal limits; restriction of water for drinking and bathing purposes; watering of streets; and a large addition to the Town Police Force for the preservation of order and prevention and detection of crime. The minor festivals of the town also passed off without any outbreak of epidemic cholera or other diseases.

28. The year under review was a remarkable one for the well-known storm of 2nd May, and the unusual fall of heavy rains such as had not been witnessed for the past thirty or forty years. The storm itself, unattended as it was with the disasters that befel other places, proved a blessing in a sanitary and economical point of view, and the seasonable rains thereafter encouraged extensive agricultural operations, which recalled to the mind of the ryot the golden times of the past; but unfortunately these hopes of the bright future were partly blighted as the year drew to a close. The north-east monsoon set in rather late, but then it was a continuous downpour in the third and fourth weeks of November, and the tanks filled and refilled and breached; paddy-fields, channels, nullahs, rivers, roads, streets, some houses and their compounds, the tanks in the town, the compounds of temples and their tanks, and the railway compound were one and all alarmingly flooded more than once. The Railway, the Telegraph, the Post Office, and all other means of communication with the north, east, and south simultaneously came to a standstill at one time. In the town itself the communication with the 3rd Municipal Division and a portion of the 2nd was once entirely interrupted by the flood which had converted the intervening road and watercourses into an unfordable river. Some old walls and houses have fallen, and the backyards of low-lying houses, more especially those of the 3rd Division, were under several feet of water. The Commissioners have cut out temporary drains for the discharge of the accumulated water wherever they were found necessary, and in course of time permanent drainage channels and better means of communication will no doubt be provided.

29. As already stated in another part of the report, a third-class Hospital Assistant, R. Gooroosawmy, No. 899, was appointed in the course of the year to assist the medical officer of the dispensary. He is zealous and attentive to the patients, and has discharged his duties to my satisfaction and that of the people.

30. I certify that the orders respecting the custody of poisonous drugs, issued by the Principal Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, dated 23rd January 1863, are fully carried out.

CONJEVERAM,
1*st January* 1873.

(Signed) T. RUTHNUM MOODELLY,
Native-Surgeon.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT exhibiting the working of the Civil Dispensary, Conjeveram, for the year 1872-73.

In-patients, 189.
Out-patients, 10,766.

	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand on 1st April 1872.	66	15	9	Medical Officer's salary and allowance	2,893	8	9
Invested fund				Medical subordinate's salary, &c.	202	8	5
Received from Government				Value of medical stores	484	11	4
Interest of vested funds				Servants' pay	485	15	0
European donations and subscriptions				Half-yearly supplies			
Native donations and subscriptions				Annual supplies	59	6	1
By municipal contribution	4,850	12	6	Dieting sick	494	6	9
By sale of medicines, &c.	5	7	9	Country medicines	90	15	1
				European medicines purchased	99	5	0
				Spirits and Wines	6	2	3
				Lighting charges	19	13	0
				Postage	7	15	0
				Miscellaneous	26	7	5
				Repairs	75	6	0
					4,886	13	3
				Balance in hand on 1st April 1873.	36	13	2
Total	4,923	3	3	Total	4,923	3	3

CONJEVERAM,
13th *September* 1873.

(Signed) T. RUTHNUM MOODELLY,
Native-Surgeon.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1873, No. 1614.

With his letter above recorded the President of the Conjeveram Municipality submits the annual report for the year 1872-73. The estimated receipts and expenditure are compared with the actuals in the annexed table :—

Receipts.	Estimate.	Actuals.	Charges.	Estimate.	Actuals.
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Balance brought forward	17,670	17,640	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government	890	672	New Works	23,690	7,691
Rate on Houses, &c.	9,810	7,354	Repairs	600	613
Tax on Arts, &c.	5,000	5,341	Other items	940	742
Tax on Vehicles	1,000	833	Grant II.—		
Registration of Carts	500	527	Training Schools		
Tolls	5,000	5,160	Municipal do.		
Fees	500	274	Salary Grants		
Fines	100	57	Results' do.	1,000	977
Endowments, &c.			Contribution to Local Funds for Inspection	150	150
Contribution from Local Funds	1,400	1,400	Grant III.—		
Miscellaneous	400	201	Hospitals	4,790	4,781
Refunds of Advances		3	Vaccination	180	167
			Registration of Births and Deaths	240	216
			Conservancy	6,250	5,952
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	1,180	1,091
			Other miscellaneous purposes	250	166
			Grant V.—		
			Office	2,400	2,000
			Miscellaneous	400	506
			Advances recoverable		10
			Balance	820	14,400
Total	42,890	39,462	Total	42,890	39,462

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2. The receipts from house-tax fell short of the estimate by Rupees 2,456. No explanation is submitted, but it appears that there is an outstanding balance of Rupees 1,106 and that Rupees 251 were written off as irrecoverable. Against an estimate of Rupees 5,900 the "Tax on Arts, &c.," realized Rupees 5,341 with an outstanding balance of Rupees 959. The application made by the President for sanction to write off a sum of Rupees 168, remitted on account of poverty, is unnecessary, as the Commissioners themselves have the necessary powers under Section 38 of the Act. It is observed that the Commissioners would prefer a continuance of the "Tax on Arts, &c." to an increase in the rates of any of the other taxes, but the Government trust with the President that neither will be necessary and that the annual expenditure may be economized by spreading the cost of permanent improvements over a period of years.

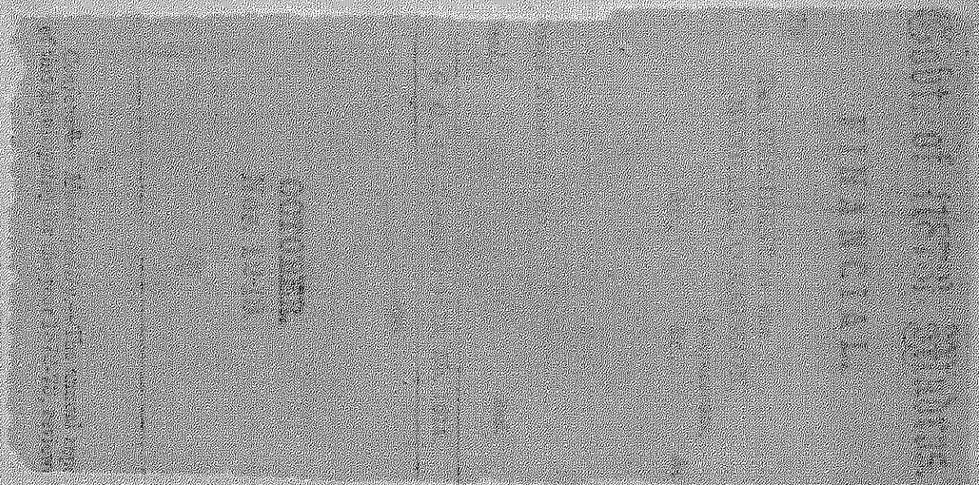
3. The expenditure on "New Works" amounted to Rupees 7,691 against an estimate of Rupees 23,690, the reason of the decrease being that the preliminary surveys and plans for the Lalakal Project were not satisfactorily completed so as to admit of the commencement of operations within the year, and the quarries being under water for a protracted period owing to the exceptional floods prevented the full utilization of the large allotment for metalling roads. The educational operations of the year are very briefly alluded to in the report, but from the amount disbursed as results' grants, Rupees 977, it may be inferred that that system is working satisfactorily within the town. The report on the Civil Dispensary is very gratifying, the in-patients having increased by 54 and the out-patients by 1962, the total number treated being 189 of the former and 10,766 of the latter. The attention of the Public Works Department is called to the slow progress made in the construction of the dispensary building, which is urgently required. Vaccination, lighting, conservancy, and other miscellaneous objects of the Municipal Act appear to have been satisfactorily carried out but call for little or no remark in detail. The large unexpended balance is a consequence of the short outlay on public works above referred to. The balance of last year, however, has been reduced by Rupees 3,240.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.



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From The President of the Conyngham Municipality

To The Chief Secretary to Government 1873

Date 6th Sept 1873
Rec'd 8th October 1873
(9 Sec.)
No. 68

Subject

Submitting the Annual Report on the working of the Conyngham Municipality for 1872-73

Statement of Deaths in the Municipality of Conjeveram for the ~~month of~~ Official year 1872-73

1	2	3	4				5																				6										
			Class.				Cause of Death.																				Age at the time of Death.										
							Cholera.		Small-pox.		Fevers.		Bowel complaints.		Injuries.								All other causes.		Total deaths in unit of area.										
															Suicide.		Wounds.		Accident.		Snake bite or killed by wild beasts.														
Total population of Conjeveram.	Name of the Municipality.	Population of the Divisions from which Returns were received whether blank or with entries.	Christians.	Mahomedans.	Hindus.	Other Classes.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Born dead.	Not exceeding 1 year.	1 to 6.	6 to 12.	12 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	Exceeding 60.
35396	Conjeveram	"	2	8	578	"	1	"	44	38	72	93	120	80	1	2	"	"	4	1	"	1	72	53	314	274	588	8	16	82	18	27	42	35	36	39	90

Municipal Council's Office
Conjeveram.
18th October 1873

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1878

M Mathews
President

Sitharamaiah
Acting Vice President

Monthly Return of Vaccination for the Month of September year 1872-73

Name of the Municipality.	Vaccinator's Name.	Under 1 year of age.																Above 1 year of age.																Remarks.
		Primary Vaccination.										Re-vaccination.						Primary Vaccination.										Re-vaccination.						
		European and East-Indian.		Hindus.		Mahomedans.		Other castes.		General Total.		Result.			Result.			European and East Indian.		Hindus.		Mahomedans.		Other castes.		General Total.		Result.			Result.			
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.	
Conjeveram	T. Tirukoo	-	-	32	33	-	2	-	-	32	35	64	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	438	349	11	8	-	-	449	357	812	197	33	1	2	-	

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13th October 1873.

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President.

Vice-President.

Municipal Treasurer.

Finance Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
President of the Corporation
of Coimbatore, dated 6th October
1873 No. 68

Bills & Returns. Advanced to 1873
1873. No. 1862

Submits his Budget estimate
for 1874-75, the Proceedings of
the Corporation thereon, the
Accounts & Estimates
for the years 1872-73, 1873-74
and 1874-75, the Civil
Surgeon's report on the water
supply and the Municipal Engineer's
report on the proposed Drainage
scheme.

Receipts	Estimate	Actuals
Balance brought forward	17,670	17,670
Fees realized by Municipality	870	872
Taxes on Houses & Lands	9,810	7,554
Taxes on Trades & Callings	5,900	5,341
Taxes on Vehicles	1000	833
Registration of Deeds	800	827
Tolls	5000	5,160
Fees	300	274
Fines	100	57
Endowments & Fees	"	"
Contributions from Local Funds	1400	1,400
Miscellaneous	120	201
Refunds & Drawbacks	"	3
Total	42,170	39,462

Expenditure

Charges.	Estimate	Actuals
Grant I		
Establishment	23,690	7,691
Stationery	600	613
Other Charges	960	742
Grant II		
Training Schools	"	"
Municipal Schools	"	"
Salary Grants	"	"
Rewards	1000	977
Contribution to Local Funds for Inspection	150	150
Grant III		
Hospitals	4790	4781
Vaccination	180	187
Registration of Births and Deaths	240	216
Conservancy	6250	5952
Grant IV		
Lighting	1180	1091
Other Miscellaneous charges	250	166
Grant V		
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Miscellaneous	400	376
Advances recoverable	"	10
Balance	820	
Total	42890	14,405
		29462

~~The large expenditure~~
~~balance was satisfactorily~~
~~explained in the statement~~
~~for the year 1892-93. The~~
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~~fell short of the estimate~~
~~by~~

Rs. 1000 was credited as an opening balance for the current year (1894-95) but the actuals show an opening balance of Rs. 1180. Explain this discrepancy.

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call for little or no
remark in detail. The
large unexpended balance
is a consequence of the
shortstay on
Public Works above
referred to. The
balance of last
year however has

been

been Reduced by Cheques
3240.

No.
1 The President of the Municipal Commissioners 6
" " Board of Revenue 6
" " Revenue Department 6
" " Public Works Department 6
" " Inspector General of Police Sanitary Medical Department 6
" " Sanitary Commissioner 3
" " Director of Public Instruction 7
" " Accountant General 6
" " Presidents of the Local Fund Boards Chingleput 6

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Govt. of [illegible] 1873 Madras.

To

The Accountant General
Public Works Department
Fort St. George.

Dated 4th May 1874.
Recd. 1874, No. 1114.

Nos. 12-13.

Commissioner, Provincial Roads
Inspector General of Public Works
Financial Statement for 1872-73, revised.

Statement I. Revenue and Receipts of the Provincial Fund of the Town of Conjeeveram during the official year 1872-73

	1872-73 Detail of minor heads	1872-73 Total of major heads	Budget Estimate
1 Income from Provincial Fund			
(a) Assigned from Provincial Fund	17640 2 9		
(b) Endowments	" " "	17640 2 9	8880 " "
2 Assignments and Allotments by Govt.			
(a) Markets (Local Funds)	18 1 6		
(b) Ferry Rents	" " "		
(c) Fishery Rents	" " "		
(d) Grant in aid from Government for Local Roads Channel	654 " "	672 1 6	890 " "
3 Rates and Taxes &c.			
(a) Land Assessment (Rs 40)	804 5 "	4689 8 8	7353 13 8
(b) Do (Rs 57)	538 8 "	4709 8 "	5341 " "
(c) Do (Rs 63)	" " "	833 " "	833 " "
(d) Registration (Rs 73)	" " "	527 4 "	527 4 "
(e) Do (Rs 77)	459 2 8	4720 13 4	5180 " "
(f) Fees on Sections (52 & 136)			
Bye laws & Rules	" " "	274 4 "	274 4 "
(g) Miscellaneous Items	" " "	56 12 "	56 12 "
4 Fees for Rules and Regulations			
5 Endowments and Sundry Credits			
Total Carried forward		37858 5 11	

Arrears Current

Carried forward

Statement 1 A.

Endowments entrusted to the Municipal Commissioners under Section 13 & 16 for the Official year 1872-73.

Name of Institution	Amount of Endowment Capital	Balance, 1st January 1872	Deduct on Account of Endowment Fund	Add Interest on Endowment Capital for the current year	Deduct Expenditure for the current year	Balance, 31st December 1872	Add Interest on Endowment Capital for the current year	Total Amount of Endowment Capital	Amount of Endowment Capital invested in Government Securities	Amount of Endowment Capital invested in Municipal Securities	Amount of Endowment Capital invested in Bank Deposits	Balance	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Conservancy Contribution	-	-	-	-	1400	-	1400	1780-12-4	-	1750-12-6	-		

Municipal Comm.rs Office
Conservancy
18th September 1872

Comm.rs

Chairman
&
Vice President.

Statement H

Expenditures from the Principal Fund of the Town of Cheyenne for the Official year 1872-73.

	1872	73					Budget Estimate.
	Budget Estimate.			Total Expenditures.			
Grant I Public Works.							
1. New Works							
(a) Commencement	6611	6	2				
(b) Education	-	-	-				
(c) Sanitary & Incidentals	1869	18	-	7691	3	2	
2. Repairs							
(a) Commencement	6189	79					
(b) Educational							
(c) Sanitary and Incidentals	139	8	8				
(d) Buildings	23	7	10	612	8	8	
3 Contingent	663	6	2	663	6	2	
4 Interest & Contingencies	98	9	-	98	9	-	
5 Contributions to Local Funds	-	-	-				
Total Grant I.	-	-	-	9065	10	7	25230 -
Grant II Education							
1 Primary Schools							
(a) Establishment	-	-	-				
(b) Contingencies							
2 Secondary Schools							
(a) Establishment	-	-	-				
(b) Contingencies	-	-	-				
3 Salary Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4 Public Grants	976	12	-	976	12	-	
Carried forward	-	-	-	976	12	-	

	Details of Original Heads	Totals of Original Heads	Budget Estimate
Grant II Continued			
Brought forward			
5 Contribution to Local Funds for Educational & Inspectoral	150		
6 Miscellaneous	12		
Total Grant II			
Grant III Sanitary & Medical			
1 Hospitals & Infirmaries			
(a) Establishment	3065 5 2		
(b) Medicines & Applies	484 11 4		
(c) Diet & Cooking	1300 " "		
(d) Laundries & Fuel	20 17 "		
Vaccination			
(a) Establishment	185 " "		
(b) Contingencies	6 " "		
3 Cholera			
(a) Establishment	3021 5 "		
(b) Contingencies	166 8 "		
4 Lunatic Asylums	2253 6 "		
5 Quarantine	837 " "		
(a) Establishment	" " "		
(b) Contingencies	215 10 8		
6 Miscellaneous	" " "		
Total Grant III	8 9		

	Details of Original Heads	Totals of Original Heads	Budget Estimate
Grant IV Miscellaneous			
Police			
Establishment	240 " "		
Contingencies	850 10 10	1090 10 10	
Jails			
Establishment	" " "		
Contingencies	" " "		
Education			
Establishments	" " "		
Contingencies	" " "		
Medical Establishments	" " "		
Contingencies	" " "		
Printing & Stationery	13 18 9	157 18 9	
Miscellaneous & Unclassified Services	8 " "	8 " "	
Pensions			
Allowances		1256 10 7	1430 " "
Total Grant IV			
Grant V Superannuation Allowances & Pensions			
Police			
Establishment	875 11 6		
Contingencies	171 9 4	7000 4 10	
Jails			
Establishment	" " "		
Contingencies	150 " "		
Education	108 12 "		
Medical	199 18 6		
Civil Charges	18 " "		
Saint George Gazette	29 " 8	505 9 9	
Miscellaneous Public Services			
Total Grant V		2505 14 7	2800 " "

Carried forward 1877 78

Statement B) Continued

	1872-73. Estimate of Income.	Estimate of Expenditure.	Budget Estimate.
Advances recoverable	10 - -	10 - -	
Grand Total Expenditure		25067 7 8	
Balances			
(a) Principal Fund		14400 8 8	
(b) Endowment			

Municipal Commissioners Office
Colombo
15th September 1873

Secretary

Vice Chairman

Countersigned
Chairman

Statement of Receipts for 1872-73 compared with Estimate for 1873-74 and Actual Receipts for 1871-72

Municipal Commissioners Office
Colombo
15th September 1873

Secretary

Vice Chairman

Countersigned
Chairman

Account	Actual Receipts 1871-72	Estimate 1872-73	Actual Receipts to 31st March 1873	Estimate 1873-74
Rates	16456	16500	12742	16500
Carried forward	16456			
Pettah Rates	1512			
Slaughter House Rents	1954			
Pettah Slaughter House Rents	351			
Cart Tax	2465			
Pettah Cart Tax	1925			
Pettah Conservancy Rates	1974			
Pettah Conservancy Rents	1958			
Pettah Road Rates	900			
Pettah Road Rents	1925			
Pettah Conservancy Fees	1974			
Pettah Road Fees	1958			
Pettah Slaughter House Fees	351			
Pettah Cart Tax Fees	2465			
Pettah Rates Fees	1512			
Slaughter House Fees	1954			
Cart Tax Fees	2465			
Rates Fees	16456			
Carried forward	16456			

Part II

Repairs

No.	Project	Grade	Remarks
a)	Communications		
1	Repairs of streets	215 - 3	
2	Repair of Roads	234 7 6	
	Total	449 7 9	
(b)	Educational	- - -	
(c)	Buildings	23 7 10	
(d)	Sanitary and Miscellaneous		
1	Repairs of hospital Shed	70 - -	
2	" refuse Carts	4 13 3	
3	" Latrines	64 11 5	
	Total	139 8 8	
	Grand Total	612 8 8	

Treasurer's Office
Cayenne
18 Septr 1873

Counted
Corrs

Chief Engineer &c
Mouchez

Maritime Commissariat
Cayenne

Statement of Repairs executed during the month of August 1873

No.	Description of Repairs	Estimate	Expended this month			Expended to date			Remarks
			Days	Grade	Amount	Days	Grade	Amount	
(a)	Communications								
1	Repairs of Streets	1800	5254	8 5	937 - -	27427	10 8	2742 10 8	
2	Repairs of Roads	1872 73	806	9 9	106 6 13	2742	10 8	2742 10 8	
			301	2 11					
			148	1 8					
			71	- -					
	Total		6481	6 2	1044 13 -				
(b)	Buildings		-	-	-	-	-	-	
(c)	Sanitary and Miscellaneous								
1	Cantonnement Cayenne								
	Hospital Shed	1800	1830	6 8	1054	1830	6 8	1054	
	Carts		324	6 8	188	324	6 8	188	
2	Latrines		159	"	11 13	159	"	11 13	
	Cantonnement Kourou								
3	Cantonnement Sinnamary								
	Total	23873							

Maritime Commissariat
Cayenne
Septr 13 1873

Chief Engineer &c
Mouchez

Statement H B

Detail of Municipal Establishment

	No.	Salary per Annum	Salary per Annum	Total per Annum	
Grade I Public Works.					
Overseer	1	504 / 252	525		Establishment under the Chief Engineer Gr. B. Dept. Grade III. Ser. 699
Masons	1	10	118 6 2		
Road Coolies			643 6 2		
Grade II Conservancy					
1 Draining & Lamp					
Masters					
Coolies					
Servants					
2 Drainage Lamp & Coolie					
Masters					
Coolies					
Servants					
Grade III Sanitation & Medical Service					
1 Hospitals & Dispensaries					
Medical Subordinates					
Native Surgeon	1	200 / 250	289 8 9		* Salary from Prov. Fds.
Hospital Assistant	1	25	171 12 5		* Engaged as Clerk
Clerks					
Coolies					
	2		3065 5 2		
2 Vaccinators					
Vaccinator	1	15 / 10	165 14		* Vaccinator Dept of Sanitation Ser 699
Peon			165		

Abstract of Deposit Account of the Conquerance Municipality for the year 1872-73.

Receipts	Amount			Charges.	Amount		
Balance of 1871-72	1415	-	-	Amount of deposit paid to Contractors	369	-	-
By deposit from Contractors	1115	-	-	Amount of deposit invested in the Government Savings Banks	1030	-	-
				Total	1399	-	-
				Balance	1131	-	-
Total	2530	-	-	Total	2530	-	-

Municipal Council Office
Conquerance
September 1873

Compared
Correct

Auditor and passed Council
[illegible]
Auditor

[illegible]
Chairman
[illegible]
Vice President

Statement IV Municipality of Coupvaram

Demand Collection and Balance Statement for the year 1872-73.

	1 Balances of old Demand	2 Arrears of Previous years	3 Total Demand	4 Collection	6 Remitted	6 Written Off	7 Total Clearance (4+5+6)	8 Balance	Remarks
Pattom Lands	364 2 -	879 11 8	1443 13 8	884 5 -	65 14 1	250 9 8	1200 13 -	243 - 8	
Inam Lands	1974 8 -	592 - -	2566 8 -	551 8 -	107 10 8	1395 5 4	2048 8 -	518 - -	
Toll	- - -	439 2 8	439 2 8	439 2 8	- - -	- - -	439 2 8	- - -	
Total	2338 10 -	1910 14 4	4449 8 4	1874 15 8	167 9 -	1645 15 -	3688 7 8	761 - 8	

Municipal Com Office
Coupvaram
13th September 1873

Compd.
DTS

Licentiate &
Jt Vice President

Statement N. Municipality of Congress ward

Demand Collection and Balance Statement for the year 1872-73.

Current.

	Demand Assessed	Collected	Remitted on appeal otherwise	Written off as irrecoverable	Total Columns 2-3-4	Balance	Remarks.
Rates on Houses	7332 12 4	6469 8 8	- - -	- - -	6469 8 8	863 3 8	
Taxes on Arts Trades and Professions	5231 - -	4789 8 -	- - -	- - -	4789 8 -	441 8 -	
Tolls.	5150 - -	4720 13 4	- - -	- - -	4720 13 4	429 2 8	
Total	17713 12 4	15979 14 -	- - -	- - -	15979 14 -	1733 14 4	

Municipal Commissioners Office
Congress ward
15th September 73

Counsd. 2775

[illegible]
President

[illegible]
Vice President

List of Commissioners in the Municipality of Coimbatore as they are at present March 1873.

No.	Names of Commissioners	Official designation	Remarks.
1	C. Soondra Row Vice President	J. Resident	Name deceased.
2	C. S. Crole Esquire	Acting Sub Collector	Official
3	T. Rathna Mudeliar	Native Surgeon	do
4	Mr. J. B. Pyemotte	Inspector of Police	do
5	K. Ashkarow Pandia	Taluq Shirestadar	Transferred to Pommidi Circle
6	T. T. Percy Cherryan	Head Master of the F.C. or B School	Left the Town
7	J. S. Fowler Esqre	Inspector of Schools.	Name do not appear to have been gazetted.
8	Vacant at present	Dy do do	
9	A. Kristna Row	None	Non-official
10	P. Banarajah Pillai Letchyer	Merchant	do
11	A. Rathnavelu Chetty	do	do
12	C. Abdul Khaderow Sahib Bahadur	do	do
13	C. Ramaya Letchyer	do	do
14	V. Govinda Row	Pensioned Cadastral	do
15	Ranga Row	do Shirestadar	do
16	Veerabadra Naick Chetty	Pensioned Tahsildar	do

Number of Commissioners 16

Present 13

Absent 3

6th September 1873

President.

Acting Vice President

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Incidence of the various Rates and Taxes in the Municipality of Longueuil for the year 1875

District or Place in which levied	Population of Place	Description and Object of Tax	Classes of Persons or Property upon which Levied	Number of Tax Payers	Amount of Tax	Incidence of Tax		Ref or Order under which, and Date from which, Levied.
						Per Head of Population	Per Head Tax Payers	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Richelieu & Beauharnois	35,396	1. Rates on Houses and buildings at 5 per Cent	Upon Real Estate	6050	7330 00	0 3 4	1 3 5	
		2. Rates on Land at ... per Cent	Idem					
		3. Taxe on Stock in Trade &c	Calèches and Livery Stables, Hackney carriages, Agents, Auctioneers, Billiard rooms, Public Exhibitions, Circus &c	2860	5730 00	0 3 4	1 13 3	
		4. Taxe on Carriages and horses &c	One animal & Vehicles on springs, as per Schedule of the Act	755	833 00	0 0 5	1 1 8	
		5. Taxe on Registration of Carts	Covering Carts without springs	350	527 4	0 0 3	1 8 1	
		6. Collected half the Schedule rates	One animal & Vehicles entering the Municipal Limits	0	5750 00	0 0 0	0 0 0	

Municipal Commissioners Office
Longueuil
18th September 1875

Counted.
A.T.S.

Witness
President

Clerk Treasurer &c.
Ag. Vice President

R. Ordo 1614 & 4/11/73.

Sir a letter from the
President & the Governor
Governor of Bombay
of the 19th Feb 1673