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No. 221. Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Godavery District, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 29th June 1874, No. 52 :—

I have the honor to forward the annual report of the working of the Towns' Improvement Act No. III. of 1871 in the Cocanada Municipality.

Balances.—The balance at the beginning of the year under report was Rupees 1,329-7-4, of which Rupees 935-4-8 belonged to the Municipal Fund, and Rupees 394-2-8 to Endowments.

Revenue and Expenditure.—The receipts during the year, including the above balances, have been Rupees 24,704-2-6, and the disbursements Rupees 21,538-9-7, showing a balance of Rupees 3,165-8-11. This balance arises from several works sanctioned by the Commissioners, which were not completed at the close of the year. They will be provided for out of the increased balance.

House and Land Tax.—The demand under this head was Rupees 5,884-15-0, of which Rupees 5,485-6-10 were actually collected, and Rupees 167-2-2 remitted upon appeals, leaving a balance of Rupees 232-6-0. The number of houses and lands assessed was 2,548, against which ninety-eight appeals were preferred ; out of these thirty-nine were entertained, taxes being entirely remitted in fourteen cases, and in twenty-five cases reduced to lower rates ; Rupees 35-4-0 were realized as fees on demand notices, and Rupees 10-4-0 as fees on warrants. In no case has property been distrained.

Professional Tax.—The demand under this head was Rupees 6,012, of which Rupees 5,817 were actually collected, but Rupees 594 were refunded upon appeals ; thus there was kept a balance of Rupees 1,095. The number of people assessed was 1,225, against which ninety-nine appeals were preferred ; out of these thirty-six were entertained, taxes being entirely remitted in four cases, and in sixty-two reduced to lower classes. The collection of this tax occasioned much difficulty ; a good many people having been under the impression that the tax was already abolished, when all that was known about it was the probability of its being abolished in the ensuing year.

Taxes on Vehicles.—The amount realized under this head for the year is Rupees 692-4-0.

Registration of Carts.—Eighty-one carts without springs were registered during the year, and Rupees 162 realized as fees.

Tolls.—The tolls were leased out for Rupees 4,000, and the whole amount was duly collected.

Fees.—The amount realized under this head was Rupees 931-4-3. This head includes the cart-stand which was leased out for Rupees 600. The other collections were made under the Sections 106, 123, 125, 130, 131, 136 of the Act, the Schedule A, and the Bye-laws.

Magisterial Fines.—Rupees 73 were collected under this head.

Endorsement, Sundry Contributions and Donations, and Contribution from Local Fund Board.

Hospital.—The collections under this head amounted to Rupees 5,402-0-3, arising out of the following items, viz., Rupees 2,652 were received from Port

Fund, Rupees 910 from Sundry Contributions and Donations, Rupees 454 were realized by dieting seamen, Rupees 180 from rent of a Bungalow, Rupees 106 from sale of medicines and sundries, Rupees 500 were received from the Local Fund Board, and Rupees 600 were drawn from the Civil Dispensary's Funds lodged in the Savings Bank.

(7) *Miscellaneous.*—The sum of Rupees 1,114 was collected under this head as follows: Rupees 166 for rent on Municipal wharves, Rupees 53 for rent on grazing land, Rupees 125 for rent on wood-yard depôt grounds, Rupees 144 for rent on a portion of the office, Rupees 45 from sale-proceeds of manure, Rupees 553 from sale-proceeds of cut stones and old materials, and Rupees 28 from sundries.

Advance Recoverable.—The sum of Rupees 83-0-8 was recovered under this head, being half the expenditure incurred for taking the census in 1871 and 1872, the payment of which was subsequently sanctioned by Government.

Annexed is a statement showing the increase and decrease in the receipt of the principal items for the current year, as compared with those of last year.

STATEMENT showing the increase and decrease between the collection of current taxes, &c.

Items.	1872-73.	1873-74.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. House-tax	5,505 13 0	5,485 6 10	... ...	20 6 2
2. Professional tax	5,573 0 0	5,223 0 0	... ...	350 0 0
3. Taxes on Vehicles and Animals ...	653 4 0	692 4 0	39 0 0	... ...
4. Registration of Carts...	132 0 0	162 0 0	30 0 0	... ...
5. Tolls	3,800 0 0	4,000 0 0	200 0 0	... ...
Fees, viz.,				
6. Slaughter Houses (Section 123) ..	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
7. Dangerous Trades (,, 130) ...	234 0 0	226 8 0	... ...	7 8 0
8. Cart-stand (,, 136) ...	560 0 0	600 0 0	40 0 0	... ...
9. Demand Notice Fees (Schedule A) ...	135 8 0	45 8 0	... ...	90 0 0
10. Marriage Pandal	42 8 0	50 0 0	7 8 0	... ...
11. Magisterial Fines	140 10 0	73 0 0	... ...	67 10 0
Miscellaneous.				
12. Municipal Wharves	460 0 0	166 4 0	... ...	293 12 0
13. Sundries	985 1 0	1,039 0 5	53 15 5	... ...
Total ...	18,221 12 0	17,762 15 3	370 7 5	829 4 2

EXPENDITURE.—GRANT I., *Public Works.*—I *New Works and Communications.*—The sum of Rupees 4,906-5-10 was expended under this head as follows: Rupees 1,830-14-8 in metalling main road, Rupees 807-4-6 in making and raising roads, Rupees 491-10-2 in constructing culverts, Rupees 994-4-3 for gravel, Rupees 700 in fencing the hospital compound with iron wire, and Rupees 82-4-3 in making a bamboo railing around the hospital bungalow.

Sanitary and Miscellaneous.—The sum of Rupees 1,230-3-0 was expended for works under this head, viz., Rupees 495 in converting a coal-shed into hospital wards for contagious diseases, Rupees 58 in completing a latrine in the hospital compound on the Government standard plan, Rupees 2-3-0 in making a pandal to

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the bungalow attached to the hospital, Rupees 277 in erecting four palmyra-leaf latrines in Jagganaikpuram and three in Cocanada, Rupees 91 in making a wooden latrine on the river, Rupees 200 in constructing twenty-two ring wells in different parts of the town, Rupees 100 for completing the fresh-water covered drain in Jagganaikpuram, and Rupees 7 for raising walls to the cisterns belonging to the said covered drain.

II. *Repairs.—Communications.*—Rupees 351-6-7 were expended under this head as follows: Rupees 277-1-4 in repairing all the roads, and Rupees 74-5-3 in repairing all the drains in the town.

Sanitary and Miscellaneous.—Rupees 207-4-0 were expended under this head as follows: Rupees 29-8-0 in repairing the Civil Dispensary, and Rupees 177-12-0 in repairing the latrines in the town, which had been a good deal damaged by the rains.

GRANT II —*Education.*—The sum of Rupees 591-1-2 was expended under this head as follows: Rupees 421-13-2 as salary grants, and Rupees 169-4-0 as result grants. The schools paid monthly are three in number, two of them have existed for several years, and the third one, a Pariah school, started lately at the suggestion of the Commissioners. The schools to which result grants have been paid are four. The Commissioners have provided a larger sum for education for 1874-75 than what has been spent hitherto, as they wish to assist one or two more schools which have applied for aid.

GRANT III.—*Sanitation and Medical Services, Hospital and Civil Dispensaries.*—The sum of Rupees 3,372-13-8 was expended under this head as follows, viz., Rupees 1,471-5-6 on account of salaries to medical subordinates and servants, Rupees 533-7-8 in refunds to Government for medicines, &c., Rupees 1,444-9-7 for dieting patients, and Rupees 223-6-11 for sundries of a perishable nature and contingencies.

Annexed is the annual report of the Civil Dispensary and Seamen's Hospital, furnished by the Civil Surgeon of Cocanada for the year under review.

"The hot season of 1873 was mild in character. The hottest weather occurred in June. The early rains failed almost entirely, but a heavy fall took place in October. The total fall amounted to 50·68 inches, and of this 26·58 inches fell in October. The seasonal variations did not produce any marked effects upon the public health.

"2. The crops have been up to the average in quantity and prices have been moderate. From the failure of the June rains the wet crops were considerably endangered; but, owing in a great measure to the systems of irrigation in the district, the fears that they would be lost were not realized.

"3. The prevailing diseases have been malarial fevers, small-pox, bowel-complaints and venereal affections. The general health of the population has been fair, the death-rate for 1873-74 being 29·374 per 1,000 of population.

"4. Cholera was entirely absent during the year under review.

"5. Small-pox has been more or less prevalent throughout the year, seventeen deaths being registered. The disease does not appear to prevail at any particular season of the year more than another, and its *locale* is in a great measure confined to one or two crowded native villages. Until the sanitary state of these villages

is improved, sporadic cases of small-pox will continue to crop up in spite of any efforts made to eradicate it by vaccination.

"6. Malarial fevers remain one of the chief sources of mortality in the district. The number of deaths registered from actual fever during the year is only twenty-five, but this hardly gives a true idea of the amount of ill-health caused by these fevers and of the mortality from their sequences. The disease prevails during the cold seasons and the season following on the rains.

"7. The accompanying tables show the numbers treated in this dispensary compared with the previous year.

Civil Dispensary.

Years.	In-patients.	Out-patients.
1872-73	218	3309
1873-74	219	2696

Seamen's Hospital.

Years.	Nos.
1872-73	54
1873-74	40

"8. The financial condition of the institution continues satisfactory. There is now at present Rupees 2,700 invested in Government bonds, and there is a good balance in hand and in the Savings Bank. During the year much has been done to improve and enlarge the buildings, and more can still be spared from the funds for improvements during the ensuing year."

COCANADA,
April 1874.

(Signed) A. M. BRANFOOT, M.B.,
Acting Civil Surgeon.

Vaccination.—Rupees 145-13-2 were paid as salaries to the vaccinator during the year, viz., at the rate of Rupees 12 up to the 15th of March 1874, and at the rate of Rupees 15 per mensem from that time. This increase of salary was sanctioned by the Commissioners upon the very satisfactory report made by the Superintendent of Vaccination, Godavery District, on the work done in Cocanada.

The subjoined is a statement of persons vaccinated during the year :—

Total Vaccinated.—1,029. *Successful.*—831. *Unsuccessful.*—138. *Unknown.*—Sixty.

Registration of Births and Deaths.—Nothing has been spent under this head, these duties having been amalgamated with those of the Manager. The subjoined is the return of births and deaths during the year :—

Population.—17,839. DEATHS.—*Cholera.*—None. *Small-pox.*—Twenty-four. *Fever.*—Forty-four. *Bowel complaints.*—Seventy-five. *Suicides.*—One. *Wounds.*—Two. *Snake-bite or killed by wild beast.*—None. *Accidents.*—Seven. *All other causes.*—372. *Total.*—525. BIRTHS.—*Total.*—499.

Conservancy.—A sum of Rupees 3,920-12-11 was expended under this head as follows : Rupees 2,837-7-0 for establishment consisting of four Nuisance Inspectors, twenty-seven sweepers, twelve toties for cleansing latrines and two for cleansing cess-pools, Rupees 528 for four carts employed for removing the town rubbish, Rupees 73 for a cart employed temporarily to remove night-soil to a distance from the town, Rupees 15-10-10 for repairing the conservancy carts and wheel-barrows, Rupees 344-13-9 for cleansing tanks, wells, and drains, repairing the banks of the tanks, &c., Rupees 121-13-4 for contingencies, viz., Rupees 96-9-4 for killing and burying dogs, and Rupees 25-4-0 for implements used by the sweepers.

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GRANT IV.—*Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes, Lighting.*—A sum of Rupees 1,521-5-10 was expended under this head as follows : Rupees 285 for salaries to five lighters, Rupees 1,119-0-6 for kerosine oil, Rupees 58-7-10 for cocoanut-oil, Rupees 58-13-6 for lanterns, chimneys, wicks, &c. There are altogether 112 kerosine oil-lamps in the town, which are lit sixteen days in the month, viz., from the fourth day after the full moon, being discontinued on the fourth day after the new moon. The lighting gives much satisfaction to the public.

Choultries.—A sum of Rupees 140 was expended under this head as follows, viz., Rupees 120 for aiding a poor men's choultry, where poor and infirm people are daily fed by means of subscriptions, and Rupees 20 for keeping a water-pandal in the office compound to distribute water to the public during the hot season.

Watering Trees, Planting Avenues, &c.—Rupees 693-11-8 were expended under this head, viz., Rupees 344-3-8 for watering avenue trees, Rupees 349-8-0 in buying cocoanut trees which have been planted on both sides of the commercial road and beach road, and fencing them with bamboos ; Rupees 156-3-0 were expended as follows, viz., Rupees 41-3-0 for linseed oil to paint the benches fixed on the beach, Rupees 36 as compensation for removing a house in Vadapetta, Rupees 79 for value of a ground purchased and allotted to ejected people of said village in making roads to improve its sanitation.

GRANT V.—Rupees 3,984-7-1 were expended under this head as follows, viz., Rupees 2,485-1-5 for office establishment consisting at present of one Manager, two Clerks and five Peons, the services of the Head Writer and of two Peons having been dispensed with in October last ; Rupees 800-13-9 for contingencies, viz., Rupees 540 for house-rent, Rupees 172-10-6 for printing forms, Rupees 57-0-3 for office stationery, Rupees 8-3-0 for law expenses, Rupees 23 for prosecution fees for non-payment of Professional tax ; Rupees 698-7-11 for miscellaneous, viz., Rupees 31-2-0 for making a sign board and fixing it on beams, Rupees 15-10-0 for repairing a time gun, Rupees 150 for a cash chest, Rupees 100 for auditing the accounts for 1872-73, Rupees 127-11-11 for honorarium paid to the Municipal Maistry for preparing the town map, Rupees 27-4-0 for salaries of the establishment employed for surveying the town for preparing the said map.

Balances.—The year closes with a balance of Rupees 3,165-8-11, of which Rupees 2,109-2-11 belong to the Municipal Fund, and Rupees 1,056-6-0 to Endowments.

Deposits.—Rupees 432 were received under this head, viz., Rupees 324, on account of tolls, cart-stand, wharves, manure and grazing land leased out for 1874-75 as per statement attached, and Rupees 108 for private contribution towards the construction of a covered drain in Cocanada to supply water from an adjacent tank ; one half of the cost being borne by the Municipality.

The Commissioners held twenty-six meetings during the year.

One thousand two hundred and sixty-seven petitions for thatching and re-thatching of houses, and some miscellaneous petitions were received and disposed of.

The accounts of the current year were audited, and the auditor's certificate is hereto annexed.

"I hereby certify that I have audited the accounts of the Cocanada Municipality for the official year ending 31st March 1874, and have found them correctly kept and supported by proper vouchers."

COCANADA, (Signed) W. S. MADDEN,
3rd June 1874. *Auditor.*

The usual annual returns and accounts are herewith forwarded.

No. 222. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1874, No. 1219.

Cocanada.

RECEIPTS.	Estimate for 1873-74.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward.	790	1,330
Assignment by Government	1,640	...
House-tax	5,500	5,494
Tax on Arts	6,000	5,372
Tax on Vehicles	600	698
Registration of Carts ...	150	162
Tolls	3,800	4,000
Fees	1,050	976
Fines	300	73
Endowments, &c.	2,850	4,902
Contribution from Local Funds	500	500
Miscellaneous	820	1,114
Advance recovered	...	83
Total ...	24,000	24,704

CHARGES.	Estimate for 1873-74.	Actuals.
Grant.	RS.	RS.
New Works—		
Communications..	6,650	4,124
Buildings		2,012
Miscellaneous ...		...
Repairs—		
Communications.	2,650	351
Buildings		207
Public Works Establishment	300	211
Other items		106
Grant II.—		
Salary Grants	200	422
Results do.	150	169
Other items	50	...
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	3,340	3,373
Vaccination	180	146
Conservancy	4,070	3,921
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	2,180	1,521
Other Miscellaneous purposes	650	990
Grant V.—		
Establishment ...	3,580	3,286
Miscellaneous ...		699
Balances—		
Municipal Fund	...	2,109
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The receipts, including the opening balance, amounted to Rupees 24,704, against an estimate of Rupees 24,000, the only important increase being under Endowments, and the only important falling off under Tax on Arts with reference to which it is reported that difficulty was experienced in the collection owing to a misapprehension regarding the date at which it was to be discontinued.

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3. The Government observe with pleasure that the Commissioners take an interest in promoting education amongst all classes of the community. The expenditure exceeded the estimate by Rupees 191, and a still larger sum is assigned in the current year.

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(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

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,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
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" Accountant General
" Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
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" Director of Public Instruction
" President of the Local Fund Board, Godavery.

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To

Dated July 29

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