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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 225. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Coimbatore District, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 13th June 1874, No. 42:—

1 Report from the Vice-President, No. 23, of 8th May 1874, with three accompaniments.
* Under Hospitals and Dispensaries in Statement I-A.
Under Grant IV., Miscellaneous, Lighting, and Balances, in Statement II.
Under Grant IV., Miscellaneous, Choultries, in Statement II-B.

I have the honor to forward the Annual Report by the Vice-President of the Erode Municipal Commission for 1873-74, with its usual accompaniments. Certain marginal corrections* have been made in the same.

2. Compared with the estimate the actual receipts were as follow:—

	Budget.	Actual.
	Rs.	Rs.
1. Opening balance	2,400	1,920
2. Allotments by Government	...	114
3. House-tax	3,000	2,163
Tax on vehicles, &c.	500	596
Do. carts	450	522
Tolls	1,000	1,400
Fees and Fines	40	140
5. Endowments, contributions, &c.	190	205
7. Miscellaneous	270	345
Total ...	7,850	7,405

The gross decrease of Rupees 445 is more than accounted for by the arrears of house-tax to be recovered, viz., Rupees 558; the variations under each head of Receipts call for no special remark.

3. The outlay is compared with the Budget allotments in the following abstract, viz:—

	Budget.	Actual.
	Rs.	Rs.
I. Public Works...	1,870	1,415
II. Education—		
Results Grants	560	206
Inspection contribution to Local Board	100	200
III. Sanitation and Medical Services—		
Dispensary	600	957
Vaccination contribution to Local Board	50	50
Registration of Births and Deaths	90	84
Conservancy	2,280	1,671
IV. Miscellaneous—		
Lighting	300	307
Choultries	190	147
Watering streets, clearing prickly pear, &c.	380	135
V. Supervision and Management	470	603
Total ...	6,890	5,775

leaving a balance of Rupees 1,630, of which Rupees 197 appertain to the Choultry Endowment.

The decrease under the head of "Public Works" was caused by the substitution of trench latrines for a puckah one originally contemplated and by the use of a cheaper but durable material in the repair of roads.

The decrease under Results Grants is not to be regretted, as there is a taluq school at Erode which does the work better. It will be suggested to the Municipality hereafter to limit their grants to schools established at sufficiently distant hamlets from the cusbah school.

The increase under Inspection was due to two years' contribution having been paid to the Local Board in 1873-74.

1. Former officer (Hospital Assistant) at Rupees 40 per mensem.
2. Present officer (Hospital Apprentice) at Rupees 72 per mensem.

The increase under "Dispensary" was owing to a higher class medical officer having been attached to the institution since September 1873.

The decrease under "Conservancy" was due to a saving in the rate of pay to scavengers and to a private claim* to the site on which a well was to have been sunk, since decided in favor of the Commissioners.

* *Vide* G. O., No. 1,080, of 31st July 1873.

4. The variations under other heads are slight, needing no special notice. The Vice-President has been requested to propose works to utilize the balance from Municipal Fund.

5. *Sanitary Improvements.*—I observe that the progress of sanitary improvement is to be made a special subject of report, and as Mr. MacGregor has not enlarged thereon I have the honor to state that, on my visits to Erode in December 1873 and January 1874, I was agreeably struck with the improvements effected. Where possible the roads and streets had been widened, levelled, repaired, and drained. Provision against nuisance was afforded by a new puckah latrine, besides trench latrines of an equally useful but inexpensive character; the road to the station and the principal streets were newly lighted with good kerosine lamps, and generally the town was much improved. Much no doubt remained to be done, and, as Mr. MacGregor observed, his labor was of an uphill character. Perhaps the most difficult and ineffectual piece of conservancy was in the vicinity of the railway station compound where an impervious lofty and decaying aloe hedge obstructed ventilation and afforded a shelter for nuisance. Correspondence for more than three years had taken place regarding this nuisance, which, if it had belonged to the Municipality, would have been removed at once. At last I am glad to hear that orders for its removal have been passed.

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Vice-President of the Erode Municipal Commission, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President, Erode Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, dated Erode, 8th May 1874, No. 23.

I have the honor to submit, for transmission to Government, the annual report of the Erode Municipality for 1873-74.

2. The receipts from all sources during the year were Rupees 5,484-9-7 as shown in Statement I. The total expenditure was Rupees 5,774-13-6 as shown in Statement II., and the closing balance on the 31st March 1874 was Rupees 1,630-2-4.

3. *Grant I.*—Rupees 1,870 were provided under this head, and there was an expenditure of Rupees 1,414-13-10 on the construction of a cart-shed, a toll-gate, repairing other toll-gates,

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latrines, and roads, leaving a balance of Rupees 455-2-2. Rupees 200 were provided for erecting a latrine which, however, has not been built, as trench latrines have been substituted. The remaining balance has been saved in the repair of roads, which are now repaired with broken stone, instead of gravel which is found more durable and less expensive.

4. *Grant II.*—Rupees 560 were provided for Results Grants, but Rupees 206-8-0 only were expended, leaving a balance of Rupees 353-8-0.

5. *Grant III.*—The increase in the pay of the passed Hospital Apprentice recently appointed will fully account for an expenditure of Rupees 672, Rupees 480 only having been sanctioned in the Budget. This officer having been appointed in September last, the increase could not be provided for in the Budget. A much larger expenditure also has occurred on medicines, as the Natives now seem to thoroughly appreciate the new medical officer. The daily average attendance having largely increased since his appointment, the average pay of the medical officer has been entered in Statement II.-B, as two officers drawing different pay served during the year.

Of the Budget allotment of Rupees 3,020, Rupees 2,762-2-0 were expended. The balance of Rupees 257-14-0 is due to a saving in the pay of toties, which was provided for at 7 Rupees each, but they are employed at Rupees 5 each. Rupees 200 were provided for digging a well, but as the site where the well was to have been sunk has been the subject of a civil suit between the Commissioners and certain pot-makers during the year, the money could not be utilized, but as the suit has now been decided in favor of the Commissioners, the work will be put in hand as soon as the time allowed for appeal has expired.

6. *Grant IV.*—Rupees 870 were provided under this head, and Rupees 588-12-11 were expended; the balance of Rupees 281-3-1 is due to the saving of Rupees 200, office rent, as I have been able to provide office accommodation gratis, and the remaining Rupees 81-3-1 is owing to the contractor having failed to complete the number of lamp-posts, &c., provided for within the year.

7. The total assessment on houses amounted to Rupees 2,173-0-6, of which Rupees 1,689-15-7 were collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 483-0-11. Of the balance of house-tax for 1872-73, Rupees 548-0-7, Rupees 473-6-0 were collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 74-10-7. These arrears can only be accounted for by the culpable negligence of the bill collector whose conduct has been severely noticed. Strict orders have been issued for the speedy collection of this large balance.

8. The sweepings of the town, I am sorry to say, find no sale, and have been utilized after being thoroughly burnt for filling up considerable excavations lately made in dangerous proximity to the roads by Public Works Department.

9. The town is now well drained and cleaned, and the great improvement in the town since the introduction of the Act is recognized by all who remember its previous condition.

10. The channel running close to the town forms the chief water-supply, and it is at present impossible to prevent the people from drinking the water, which is, I believe, the chief cause of fever in the town; for fever, I understand, invariably decreases when the channel is dry, but during the remaining months fever is prevalent. The water of this channel comes from the Bhowany river, the water of which is everywhere considered unwholesome, and its impurities must be considerably added to by the drainage from acres of paddy-fields flowing into it before it reaches Erode.

11. Two public wells have already been sunk, and another has been commenced, but to no purpose when the channel is full, for although acknowledging the impurity of water the Natives prefer it as they say it is "sweet."

12. One street has been widened, and more will be improved.

13. The Municipal accounts were audited by Mr. Shephard, of the Firm of Messrs. Stanes and Rouse, who reports the accounts to be correct and well kept. His report, with the balance sheet, is herewith forwarded.

14. The enclosed statements will show the transactions of the year.

15. I trust Government will not consider, as remarked on a former occasion, that the Commissioners are wanting in energy on account of the balance remaining unspent. You are aware that the whole or most of the work falls on my hands, and I cannot always be present. I have endeavored to make the Commissioners take some interest in the work, but as I have no Europeans to assist me, I find it very uphill work. It is not by way of complaint that I make this remark, for I take a great interest in the work, but merely that Government may see that such remarks must fall on me alone, and I think I may say I am not to blame. Dr. Johnson's unfavorable criticisms which certainly appear to me to be given without making any allowances, not to say that they are exaggerated, are sufficiently discouraging, for, I believe, you will bear me out in saying that I have used my utmost endeavors to carry out the provisions of the Act and benefit the place.

From W. E. SHEPHARD, Esq., Auditor, to A. M. MacGREGOR, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Erode, dated Coimbatore, 15th April 1874.

I beg to state that I have audited the Erode Municipal accounts for the year ending 31st March 1874, and enclose herewith the annual statement or balance sheet.

2. The accounts are quite correct, and have been satisfactorily kept with all the necessary vouchers, &c.

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1874, No. 1221.

The receipts and expenditure of the Erode Municipality for 1873-74 are compared below with the estimates for that year:—

RECEIPTS.	Estimate. 1873-74. RS.	Actuals. 1873-74. RS.	CHARGES.	Estimate. 1873-74. RS.	Actuals. 1873-74. RS.
Balance brought forward—			Grant I—		
Municipal Fund } Endowment Fund }	2,400	1,768 152	New Works	950	590
Assignment by Government		114	Repairs	900	825
Rate on houses	3,000	2,163	Other items	20	...
Tax on vehicles	500	596	Grant II—		
Registration of carts	450	522	Results Grants	560	207
Tolls	1,000	1,400	Contribution to Local Funds for Inspection	100	200
Fees	20	63	Grant III—		
Fines	20	77	Hospitals	600	957
Endowments and sundry contributions	190	205	Vaccination	50	50
Miscellaneous	270	344	Registration of Births and Deaths	90	84
			Conservancy	2,280	1,671
			Grant IV—		
			Lighting	300	307
			Choultries	190	147
			Other Miscellaneous	380	134
			Grant V—		
			Office	470	471
			Miscellaneous	...	131
			Balance—		
			Municipal Fund } Endowment Fund } ...	960	1,433 197
Total ...	7,850	7,404	Total ...	7,850	7,404

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2. The receipts fell short of the estimates by Rupees 446, owing to Rupees 1,690 only having been realized from house-tax out of a current demand of Rupees 2,173. The delay in the collection of this tax was animadverted on in reviewing the report for 1872-73, and the Commissioners appear to have been somewhat dilatory in taking notice of the culpable negligence of the Bill Collector, which is now reported as the sole cause of the arrears. The other receipts call for no remark.

3. The expenditure fell short of the estimate by Rupees 1,116, the balance in hand at the close of the year amounting to Rupees 1,630, of which, however, Rupees 197 belonged to endowment funds. The short expenditure is, in most cases, satisfactorily accounted for, and a supplemental estimate has already been sanctioned for the utilization of the balance in the current year. The President speaks of the trench latrines substituted for the proposed puckah latrine as being equally useful, from which it is assumed that no greater objection is made to its general use. The Government would be glad to have the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner on the point, as in some quarters great objections have been raised to the style of latrine adopted by Municipalities. The small expenditure on results grants is satisfactorily explained by the fact that there is a Government taluq school in the town at which elementary instruction appears to be imparted. The Director of Public Instruction will report whether any steps have been taken to carry out the proposal made in the report for 1871-72 that instruction in Government schools of the middle class should commence where the elementary schools leave off. The Government receive with much pleasure Mr. Wedderburn's testimony to the improvement which has taken place in the sanitary condition of the town since the introduction of the Municipal Act.

4. In the statement showing the incidence of taxation, the results should be given in Rupees, Annas, and Pies, and not in decimals of a rupee.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Erode.
,, 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 Board, Coimbatore.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 42

Municipal Office Coimbatore
Head District, 13th June 1874

Dear Sir

From

S. Kelsall Esqre,
President of Municipal
Commissioners, Coimbatore District

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael,
Esq. Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

Sir,

Enclosed 4-
1 Report from the Vice President No 23 of 13th May 1874, with 3 Accompaniments 4.

I have the honor to forward the Annual report by the Vice President of the Municipal Commission for 1873-74 with its usual accompaniments.

* Under Regulation made and passed in Parliament 7 & 8 Victoria Cap IV Section 24 and Regulations framed thereunder — in Statement II — Under Grant IV Miscellaneous, Charitable, in Statement II B —

2 - Compared with the estimate, the actual receipts were as follows:—

		Budget	actual
1- Opening Balance	Rs	2,400	1920
2- Allotments by Government	"	—	114
3- House Tax	"	3,000	2,163
Tax on Vehicles &c	"	500	596
Carts	"	450	522
Tolls	"	1,000	1,400
Fees and Fines	"	40	140
5- Endowments & Contributions &c	"	190	205
7- Miscellaneous	"	370	345
Total		7950	7905

The gross decrease of Rs. 445 is more than accounted for by the arrears of house fees to be recovered viz Rs 658; the material under each head of receipts will be explained under special remarks.

3- The outlay is contrasted with the Budget allotment in the following manner viz:—

		Budget Estimate	
I. Public Works		Rs 1,950	1,915
II. Education:—			
Branch Grants	"	560	206
Inspection contribution to Local Board	"	100	200
III. Sanitation & Medical Services:—			
Dispensary	"	600	487
Vaccination Contribution to Local Board	"	50	50
Registration of Births and Deaths	"	90	84
Conservancy	"	2,280	1,971
IV. Miscellaneous:—			
Lighting	"	300	307
Chaukies	"	190	147
Watering streets, clearing Prickly Pear &c	"	380	135
V. Supervision and Management	"	470	603
		Rs 6,890	5,775

leaving a balance of Rs 1,630 of which Rs 197 appertains to the Shandby Endowment.

The decrease under the head of "Public works" was caused by the contractors of Kunal Cantonment failing to supply the requisite quantity of materials for the repair of roads.

The decrease under Branch Grants is not to be regretted as there is a Taluq School at Erode which does the work better. It will be suggested to the Municipality hereafter to limit their grants to schools established at sufficiently distant hamlets from the Taluq school.

The increase under Inspection was due to 2 years' contribution having been paid to the Local Board in 1873-74.

The increase under "Dispensary" was owing to a higher Class Medical officer having been attached to the Institution since September 1873.

1 Native officer, Hospital Asst. at Rs 40 per mensem
2 Present Officer Hospital Assistants at Rs 72 per mensem

The decrease under "Conservancy" was

due to a scarcity in the supply of hay & scavengers, and to a general dislike to the disturbance which it will be necessary to make in the earth, since about this period of the year -

4. Remarkations made. Mrs Sanderson slightly reading no special notice. All the Residents have been requested to fix glass works to entitle the balance sheet - Principal Items -

5. I observe that the progress of sanitary improvement is to be made a special subject of report, and as Mr. MacGregor has not enlarged thereon, I have the to state that on my visit to Crade in December 1873 and January 1874 I was agreeably struck with the improvements effected & future possible, the roads and streets had been widened, levelled, repaired, and drained - Provision against nuisance was afforded by a new pukka latrine, besides trench latrines of an equally useful, but inexpensive character - The road to the Station and the principal streets were neatly lighted with good Kerosine lamps - and generally the town was much improved - Such no doubt remained to be done, and as Mr. MacGregor observed his labour was of an uphill character - Perhaps the most difficult and ineffectual piece of conservancy was in the vicinity of the Railway Station compound, where an impromptu cesspool decaying refuse, obstructed ventilation and afforded a shelter for nuisance - Correspondence for more than 3 years had taken place regarding this nuisance which, if it had belonged to the Municipality would have been removed at once - at last I am glad to hear that orders for its removal have been passed -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt

Alexander
Resident

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To The Chief Secretary to Government of Madras

Dated 13 June 1874

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Forwards the Annual Report of the Erode Municipal Commission for 1873-74

No 225.

In a letter from the President Municipal Commission Combatore District to the Chief Secretary to Government dated 13th June 74 N° 42.

Statement shewing the transactions of the Erode Municipality for 1873-74.

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Cocanada Municipal Commissioners Account for the year 1873—1874

Receipts

No 1 Balance brought forward						
(a) Municipal Fund	1768	3	9			
(b) Endowment Fund	152	2	6	1920	6	3
No 3. Rates and Taxes.						
(a) Rates on houses (Sec. 40)	2163	5	7			
(b) Taxes on Vehicles	596	4	"			
(d) Registration of Carts	522	"	"			
(E) Tolls	1400	"	"			
(F) Fees	62	8	"			
(G) Magisterial Fines	77	"	"	4821	1	7
No. 5. Endowments & Sundry Contributions						
(a) Hospitals	*127	3	"			
(b) Cooltries	192	"	"	319	3	"
Miscellaneous						
(b) Rents of Municipal Slaughter-house	187	"	"			
(c) Rents and fees of Municipal Cart-Stands	150	"	"			
(F) Avenues.	7	5	"	344	5	"
Total Rupees				7404	15	10

*. Of this amount Rupees 114—"—" were allotted by Govt. for Medical Officer's Salary.

Cocanada
15th April 1874.

(True copy)
Municipal

Expenditure

Grant. No. 1 Public works &c	1414	13	10			
Do — No. 2. Education	416	8	"			
Do — No 3. Sanitation and Medical Services	2762	2	"			
Do — No 4. Miscellaneous Municipal purposes	588	12	11			
Do. No. 5. Superintendence and Management	602	8	9			
				5774	13	6
Balance						
Municipal Fund	1630	2	4			
Endowment Fund	"	"	"	1630	2	4
Total Rupees				7404	15	10

(Signed) W. E. Shepherd
Auditor

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commissions, Coimbatore, dy. 13th June 1874, No. 42.

Order thereon of Octad 24th July 1874 No. 1221.

The receipts and expenditure of the Erode Municipality for 1874-75 are compared below with the estimates for that year.

Receipts	Estimate of 1873-74 Rs	Actuals 1873-74 Rs
Balance brought forward		
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Endowment fund }		152
Assignment by Govt.		114
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Fees	20	63
Fines	20	77
Endowments & sundry contributions	190	205
Miscellaneous	270	344
Total	7,850	7,404

Charges

Sub a letter from the President Municipal Commission (Coimbatore) dated 13th June 1874 No. 42. Means obtaining the Audit of Accounts of the Erode Municipal Commissioners for 1873-74

For the "Statement of Balance Sheet"

Audit 1288/74

Charges	Rate of 1873-74 Rs	Actuals - 1873-74 Rs
Grant I.		
New Works	950	590
Repairs	900	825
Other items	20	
Grant II.		
Results grants	560	207
Contributions to Local Funds for Inspection	100	200
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Hospitals	600	957
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Conservancy	2,280	1,671
Grant IV.		
Lighting	300	307
Ghoutries	190	117
Other miscellaneous	380	134
Grant V.		
Office	470	471
Miscellaneous	"	131
Balance		1,433
Mund. fund. / Endowment fund.	960	197
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The receipts fell short of the estimates by Rs 446, owing to Rs 1,690 only having been realized out of a current demand of Rs 2173. The delay in the collection of this tax was recommended on in reviewing the report for 1872-73, and the Commissioners appear to have been somewhat dilatory in taking notice of the culpable negligence of the Bill collectors which is now reported as the sole cause of the arrears. The other receipts call for no remarks.

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The Govt would be glad to have the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner on the point, as in some quarters great objections have been raised to the style of latrine adopted by Municipalities. The small expenditure on Results Grants is satisfactorily explained by the fact that there is a foot

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Complaints were raised against the Municipal Latrines in the Kistna District as offend to native ideas of "decency, decorum and respectfulness" or words to that effect. Many Europeans think that natives have no such ideas in such matters but the square enclosures without partitions are undoubtedly objected to – and as there may be other objections also it might be as well if the Sanitary Commissioner has anything to say on the subject. There is an already an approved form of latrine – the Coimbatore plan – which meets conditions – but is open to the objection of being very expensive.

Bombay

In the report of the Director of Public Instruction (Mr Macdonald) for 1871-72 it pointed out that all the Taluq schools (classed as Middle class schools) were mainly elementary, 72 per cent of the boys being in the three lowest classes, and stated that in his opinion the Taluq school should take up the position at which the present school leaves him.

In the C. P. it was remarked that the system now advocated was a correct one but that it would depend on local circumstances whether it was practicable.

In Erode it is probably practicable. It would reduce the necessary cost of the Taluq school, and leave elementary education to the proper agency.

Taluq schools in the towns at which elementary instruction appears to be imparted. The Director of Public Instruction will report whether any steps have been taken to carry out the proposals made in the report for 1871-72 that instruction in foot schools of the middle class should commence where the elementary schools leave off. The Govt receive with much pleasure Mrs Wedderburn's testimony to the improvement which has taken place in the sanitary condition of the towns since the introduction of the Municipal Act.

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Single Sheet

To
The President of the Municipal Commission, Poona
" Public Works Department
" Revenue Department
" Board of Revenue
" Accountant General
" Sanitary Commissioner for Sindh.
" Surgeon-General with the Govt. Medical Department
" Director of Public Instruction
" President of the Local Fund Board, Ahmednagar

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Fire &

To

The President of the
Board of Conservancy
Coimbatore
&c

Dated 26 July
Recd. } 1874, No 224

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Cholera Municipality - Extract
from Report on the annual
Report of the Municipality
for 1873-74.