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No. 58. Read the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madura, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 26th September 1874, No. 55 :—

With reference to G.O., dated 17th April 1874, No. 608, Financial Department, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter from the Vice-President, Madura Municipality, dated 12th instant, No. 462, containing the information required by Government.

2. I have only to add, with reference to paragraph 5 of Order of Government, that I hope to settle the long-standing dispute which has existed between the Municipal Commissioners and the bazaarmen about the boards over the drains by some arrangement for having the drains cleaned by night and allowing them to be covered up by the boards during the day. Until this can be done, the bazaarmen must remove their boards, or the drains cannot be cleaned. But drain cleaning by day when the streets are crowded is an almost insufferable nuisance, and should be put a stop to, if laborers can be obtained to clean them by night. This is the only difficulty, and I do not feel certain that it can be overcome.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Madura, to the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madura, dated Madura, 12th September 1874, No. 462.

With reference to G.O., No. 608, under date the 17th April 1874, Financial Department, forwarded to me with your office foot-note on the 6th May 1874, calling for a report on certain points noticed by Government, I have the honor to submit the following observations.

2. In reply to paragraph 2, I beg to state that the anticipated falling off in the Dispensary receipts is owing, as Government observe, to a smaller appropriation from the funded capital than last year. The sum so appropriated last year was Rupees 5,000, whereas in the budget for the current year it is Rupees 1,896 only.

3. The remark in Statement I.-A was made merely with the object of explaining how the deficit of Rupees 9,756 of the current year was intended to be met. No grant-in-aid of the Dispensary was entered under the head of " Contribution from Local Funds " in Statement I., as the Commissioners were unable to ascertain what portion of the cost of building the new Civil Dispensary, *viz.*, Rupees 14,750, the Local Fund Board would hereafter contribute. This was left to be decided after the building was completed and after the total cost had been ascertained.

4. In reply to paragraph 3, I beg to observe that the Commissioners abandoned the plan of providing Municipal Schools in favor of that giving Results-grants on the professional opinion given by the Educational Department against the scheme. They found by experience that the plan of Results-grants proved more effectual and advantageous.

5. With regard to paragraph 4 the Statement I.-A, being intended to show the receipts and charges of endowed institutions only, it was not thought proper to include the Branch Dispensary charges in it, as the Branch Dispensary has no endowments whatever, but has since its establishment in October 1871 been maintained from Municipal Funds.

6. In reply to paragraph 5, I beg to state that the custom of levying fees from the bazaarmen for permission to lay planks across the municipal drains originated in 1861. It was introduced by Mr. Levinge, the then Collector, on what grounds is not ascertainable, and the Municipality continued the practice till 1870, when they ceased levying the impost and ordered the removal of the boards as they caused an obstruction to the flushing and cleaning of the drains ; as the bazaarmen disobeyed the order, the tax was again introduced as a prohibitory measure in the hope that they would gradually remove the planks in preference to paying the tax. It was levied till about the 1st June, when it was again discontinued as the object for which it was introduced having failed.

The bazaarmen who lay these planks are now being charged before the Magistrate under Section 138 of Act III. of 1871, and convicted and fined. The impost brought in a large revenue to the Municipality.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1874, No. 1701.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Vice-President's letter, the Government would remark that every anticipated receipt should find a place in the budget for the year. When an exact figure cannot be ascertained, an estimate should be made, whatever the nature of the item may be.

2. The explanation regarding the abandonment of Municipal Schools is satisfactory.

3. The reason given for deducting the Branch Dispensary charges from the entries in Statement I.-A is correct, if it be a separate institution; but if it be so, it should not be called a "Branch" Dispensary.

4. The Government note that the levy of fees for laying planks across municipal drains has been discontinued, and trust that the President will be successful in his endeavors to come to a satisfactory arrangement with reference to the cleaning of the drains in question.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madura.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Municipal Comm^rs Office
Madura 12th September
1874.

No 1462.

From The Vice President
Municipal Commission
Madura

To H. W. Bliss Esquire
Ag President, Municipal
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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madura,
&c., &c.

Dated October, 7th.

Recd.

G.O., 7th October 1874, No. 1701.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 58-59.

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I have the honor to be
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(Signed)

Commissior for
Vice President

(True Copy)

Ag President

President's Office
Madura
26th September 1874.

No. 55

From

F. W. Bliss Esquire
Acting President
Municipal Commission
Madura.

To,

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael
Acting Chief Secretary
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Head of Presidency
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The Chief Secretary
to Government
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Copy of Letter No 462
to the 12th September 1874
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Ordered thereupon & Copied 7 Oct/76 to 1701.

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1876 Octr. 7 Letter to Govt. Acctt. & Copy to President Municipal Commissioners Madura

To The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George

No. 2557 Dated 28 Septr. 1876

Rec: 30 Octr.

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Forwarding certain papers noticed in margin for the orders of Govt. with reference to the Budget Estimates of the Municipality for 1876-77.

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To

The Presd^t of the
Munl Comrs, Madura &c
Director Pub Instn
Surgn Genl & Mr Dept

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Chairs

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial

To

The Presd.t Munl. Commr.
Madura.

Dated Oct.r 7 }
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Madura Munl.- Orders passed on the report submitted by the ofg. Presd.t on certain points noticed by Govt. in their review of the Budgl. Estb. of the Munsy. for 1874-75.