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No. 22. Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., President of the Cumbum Municipal Commission, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cumbum, 2nd October 1874, No. 368 :—

I have the honor to submit the explanations called for in G.O., No. 1442, dated 27th August 1874, reviewing the annual reports of the Cumbum Municipality for 1873-74.

2. First, as to failure to utilize funds (paragraph 3).—The opening balance at the commencement of the year was Rupees 1,198 in excess of the estimate. Deducting this sum from Rupees 2,218 (the balance at the close of the year), Rupees 1,020 remain as the amount actually unexpended according to the estimate. The reasons given for not expending the amount are stated in the Vice-President's letter embodied in the Government Proceedings under the head "Variations between Actuals and Estimates." One reason was that the pay of the Medical Subordinate for the two last months of the year had not been paid. Again, new roads and new latrines and drains had been roughly estimated for; but, as there was nothing to show what specific works were intended, "it was deemed advisable to reserve the allotments with a view to erecting a municipal office building. No other work seemed so emergent."

3. It is to be regretted that the Commissioners arrived at this conclusion, considering the ample funds at their disposal. They have now come to see that the construction of a municipal office is not a matter of urgency, and, at a meeting at which I presided on the 28th September 1874, it was resolved that this work, for which a sum of Rupees 1,233 was allotted in the current year's budget, lie over for the present, and that the sanction of Government should be solicited for the transfer of Rupees 400 out of this allotment to the repair of roads in the town (to be added to the Rupees 400 entered in the budget). The roads are certainly in much need of repair; and as the Assistant Engineer undertakes to spend the money for this purpose, I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to give early sanction for the transfer of Rupees 400 from Grant I., New Works, to Grant I., Repairs. It is hoped that means of utilizing the balance of Rupees 833 will be found before the close of the year; and, if so, sanction for a further transfer of funds will be requested.

4. As regards the Municipal School, the Head Master explains the falling off in attendance to be the result chiefly of the sub-division of the school into classes, an arrangement effected by the Inspector of Schools. As there is only one (Telugu) master besides himself, the Head Master has now to divide his attention among the several classes. Some of the senior boys (or their parents) were dissatisfied with the necessarily small share of his time he was thus able to allot to them, and they, therefore, left the school. The only remedy is to give him an Assistant Master; but the municipal funds can hardly be expected to bear the entire burden of a fully-equipped Anglo-Vernacular school. Cumbum has, I think, a strong claim to a contribution from Local Funds for the support of this school. It is the only middle-class school in the Head Assistant's division. All the other middle-class schools in the district (except Coilguntla) are maintained exclusively by Local Funds. I am not yet, however, prepared to make any definite proposal on this subject until I have had

an opportunity of consulting with the Inspector of Schools and the Local Fund Board.

5. I have warned the Head Master that serious notice will be taken of his conduct should any further complaints be made of his unpunctuality. I am glad to say there appears to have been considerable improvements in the numbers attending the school since Mr. Farmer's report was written.

6. A Passed Hospital Apprentice, who is acquainted with Telugu, has lately been appointed to the charge of the dispensary. The claim which this institution has to a contribution of twenty-five per cent. of the Medical Officer's salary forms the subject of a separate report.

7. I am also requested to report what steps I have taken with reference to the Vice-President's remarks on the inefficiency of the municipal servants. It appeared to me that the Vice-President's object in referring to this subject was merely to point out the difficulties he had to contend against in consequence of Cumbum not being an attractive place for officials who could get employment elsewhere. His remarks referred to the Manager, the Overseer, and the Clerk. Of these the Overseer was dismissed with my sanction, and the Clerk only anticipated dismissal by resigning his appointment; both of these posts have now been filled up by men of whom Mr. Farmer speaks very favorably.

8. As regards the Manager, he has held the post from the time the Municipality was first instituted. I agree with the Vice-President in considering him not competent for the responsible post of Manager; but he is a good Clerk, and it would be a hardship if he were summarily dismissed and his bread taken from him for no fault of his own. I will, however, take the first opportunity that occurs of providing for him in a less responsible post, and care will then be taken to obtain the services of an efficient Manager.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1874, No. 1874.

The President's report adds nothing to the information already before Government regarding the annually-recurring failure to utilize the funds at the disposal of the Cumbum Municipality.

2. The Government trust that the recent changes in the municipal establishment will lead to an improvement so far as the executive agency is concerned.

3. The transfer referred to in paragraph 3 of the President's letter is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cumbum.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Cumbum,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 5th.

Read,

Do.

G.O., 5th November 1874, No. 1874.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 22-23.

Confirmed Municipality.—The President informed that his report adds nothing to the information already before Government regarding the annually-recurring failure to utilize the funds at the disposal of the Municipality, but the hope expressed that the recent changes in the municipal establishment will lead to an improvement so far as the executive agency is concerned. The transfer of funds referred to in paragraph 3, sanctioned.

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No. 368. Kurnool Municipal Commission

Office Cumbum Circuit Cumbum

2nd October 1874.

From The President of
Cumbum Municipal Commission.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir, I have the honor to submit the explanations called for in G. O. No. 1442 dated 27th August 1874 reviewing the annual reports of the Cumbum Municipality for 1873-74.—

2. First as to failures to utilize funds. (para 3.)

The opening balance at the commencement of the year was Rs. 1198 in excess of the estimate. Deducting this sum from Rs. 2,218 (the balance at the close of the year) Rs. 1020 remain as the amount actually unexpended according to estimate. The reasons given for not expending the amount are stated in the Vice President's letter embodied in the Government Proceedings under

under the head "Variations between Actuals and Estimates." One reason was that the pays of the Medical Subordinate for the 2 last months of the year had not been paid. Again new roads and new Culverts and drains had been roughly estimated for, but as there was nothing to show what specific works were intended, it was deemed advisable to preserve the allotments with a view to erecting a Municipal office building. No other work seemed so emergent.—

3. It is to be regretted that the Commissioner arrived at this conclusion, considering the ample funds at their disposal. They have now come to see that the Construction of a Municipal office is not a matter of urgency and at a meeting at which I presided on the 28th September 1874, it was resolved that this work for which a sum of Rs. 1233 was allotted in the Current years budget, lie over for the present

present; and that the sanction of Government should be solicited for the transfer of Rs 400 out of this allotment to the repair of roads in the town (to be added to the Rs 400 entered in the budget). The roads are certainly in much need of repair; and as the Assistant Engineer undertakes to spend the money for this purpose, I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to give early sanction for the transfer of Rs 400 from Grant I New Works to Grant II Repairs (a). It is hoped that means of utilizing the balance of Rs 833 will be found before the close of the year, and if so, sanction for a further transfer of funds will be requested.

4. As regards the Municipal school, the Head Master explains the falling off in attendance to be the result chiefly of the Subdivision of the school into Classes, an arrangement effected by the Inspector of schools.

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As there is only one (Telugu) Master besides himself, the Head Master has now to divide his attention among the several Classes. Some of the Senior Boys (or their parents) were dissatisfied with the necessarily small share of his time he was thus able to allot to them, and they therefore left the school. The only remedy is to give him an assistant Master; but the Municipal Funds can hardly be expected to bear the entire burden of a fully-equipped Anglo-Vernacular School. Cumbum has, I think, a strong claim to a contribution from Local Funds for the support of this School. It is the only Middle Class school in the Head Assistants' Division. All the other Middle-Class schools in the District (except Kollakumtla) are maintained exclusively by Local Funds. I am not yet however prepared to make any definite proposal on this subject until I have had an opportunity of consulting with the Inspector of Schools and the Local Fund Board.

5. I have warned the Head Master that serious notice will be taken of his conduct, should any further complaints be made of his unpunctuality. I am glad to say there appears to have been considerable improvements in the numbers attending the school, since Mr. Farmer's report was written.—

6. A passed hospital apprentice who is acquainted with Telugu, has lately been appointed to the charge of the Dispensary. The claim which this institution has to contribution of 25 percent of the Medical Officer's salary forms the subject of a separate report.

7. I am also requested to report what steps I have taken with reference to the Vice Presidents' remarks on the inefficiency of

of the Municipal Servants. It appears to me that the Vice Presidents object in referring to this subject was merely to point out the difficulties he had to contend against in consequence of Cumbam not being an attractive place for officials who could get employment elsewhere. His remarks referred to the Manager, the overseer, and the Clerk. Of these the overseer was dismissed with my sanction; and the Clerk only anticipated dismissal by resigning his appointment. Both of these posts have now been filled up by men of whom Mr. Farmer speaks very favourably.

8. As regards the Manager, he has held the post from the time the Municipality was first instituted. I agree with the Vice President in considering him not competent for the responsible post of Manager; but he is a good Clerk, and it would be a hardship, if he were summarily dismissed, and his bread taken from him for no fault of his own. I will however take the first opportunity that occurs of providing for him in a less responsible post, and care will then be taken to obtain the services of an efficient Manager.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servt.

James Hoke.
President.

Fait Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from the Presidt of the Municipal Comrs, Cumbum, dated 2nd Octr. 1874. No. 368.

Order thereon dy 5 November 1874 No 1874

The President reports adds nothing to the information already before the Government regarding the annually recurring failure to utilize the funds at the disposal of the Cumbum Municipality.

2. The Govt trust that the recent changes in the Municipal Establishment will lead to an improvement so far as the executive agency is concerned.

3. The transfer referred to in para 3 of the Presidt's letter is sanctioned

To
The Presidt of the
Municipal Commrs
Cumbum
Copy to Dr Roberts
Dy Fin Secy
Accountant General

Received 18th October 1874
The Municipal Commissioners Cumbum

No. 368.

Endorsement

Dated 20th October 1874
Received 24th October 1874
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No. 368.

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Dated 20th October 1874
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No. 22.—

To the Commissioner of Municipal Councils for 1873-74.

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Nos. 22-23.

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