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No. 116. Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, South Arcot, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 29th October 1874, No. 41:—

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the annual report on the working of the Chellumbrum Municipality for 1873-74, submitted by the Vice-President.

2. There is a great deal to be done in this Municipality. There are no metalled roads, because no metal can be procured within many miles, and the funds at the disposal of the Commissioners do not admit of any great expense being incurred on this account. Lighting and drainage will no doubt be provided for by degrees as assets become available. The railway will enable metal to be brought from Cuddalore, and its opening will mark a new era in the existence of the town.

3. I have addressed the Police Superintendent on the matter of supplying a Police Force for the Municipality.

4. I regret that neither I nor the Sub-Collector have attended any of the Municipal meetings yet. My other duties have taken up too much of my time to admit of my doing so, but I hope soon to be able to do so. The Sub-Collector, no doubt, has his time fully occupied, but as he would have to sit with his own subordinate in the chair, he is, perhaps, more often absent than he otherwise might be.

From P. VENUGOPAL, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Chellumbrum, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, South Arcot, dated Chellumbrum, 24th October 1874.

I have the honor to submit the annual report of the progress of the Chellumbrum Municipality for the official year 1873-74.

Act III. of 1871 was introduced into this town only in October last year, and so the operations of the Municipality were yet in their infancy when the year closed. Moreover there was a powerful opposition to the introduction of the Act, and previously to its being brought into force numerous petitions praying that its provisions may not be extended to this town were presented. To add to this state of things the want of due cooperation among the Commissioners for a while suspended the inauguration of any improvements that might have been made under favorable circumstances.

The election of a Vice-President did not take place until 5th January 1874.

Besides, the work of assessing and numbering the buildings occupied more than three months, and the time allotted for hearing appeals about half as many months more. Consequently, the history of this Municipality, during the period under report, is almost a blank.

The assets of this Municipality were classed under the following heads :—

		RS.
I.	RATES.—On Houses, &c., under Section 40	5,000
II.	LICENSES.—Registration of Carts, Section 74...	150
	Do. of other Vehicles and Animals	50
	Magisterial Fines	100
	Surplus Pound Funds	44
	Fishery-rents	30

2. The Municipality begun its operations with a loan of Rupees 1,440-1-10 from Government, which was reimbursed from land and house rates, &c., collected within the official year.

3. The receipts of this Municipality including the amount advanced by Government is Rupees 4,367-5-11, as particularized in the subjoined statement :—

Receipts.			Amount.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A. P.
Amount advanced by Government				1,440	1 10
Land-rate Collections	1,619	13	7		
House-tax	677	13	1		
Licenses, &c.	554	0	0		
Fishery-rents	51	8	0		
Fees and Fines, &c.	23	5	0		
Sundry receipts	0	12	5		
				2,927	4 1
Total ...				4,367	5 11

4. In the Budget sanctioned by Government for the half-year under review the receipts under land-rates are not separately shown, but they are included in the rates on houses and buildings, &c., the collections under this head alone being Rupees 677-13-1, making together with the land-rates a sum of Rupees 2,297-10-8.

5. The registration of carts and other vehicles, &c., amounted to Rupees 554, or Rupees 354 over and above the estimated amount ; this, I think, is owing to the number of carts, &c., having been underrated.

6. The item "Magisterial Fines" also includes "Pound Funds." From both these items we had only Rupees 23-5-0 out of Rupees 144 estimated. This deficit is owing to the introduction of the bye-laws only a few months previous to the close of the year, and the Cattle Pound at Chellumbrum having been placed under Municipal supervision, only last April.

The gross receipts for the year including the advance from Government amounted to Rupees 4,367-5-11.

7. The disbursements, during the year under review, are shown in the following statement :—

Disbursements.				Amount.		
				Rs.	A.	P.
A.—Medical Minor Establishment				7	0	0
B.—General Management				422	0	0
C.—Miscellaneous Establishment				1,289	4	2
D.—Miscellaneous—						
Printing Charges	261	4	6			
Adjustment of the amount advanced by Government	1,440	1	10			
Purchase of Office Furniture	150	0	0			
Contingent Charges	110	4	0			
				1,961	10	4
Total Expenditure ...				3,679	14	6

8. A.—The Commissioners, at a meeting held on the 2nd February last, resolved to appoint a vaccinator, on a salary of Rupees 7 per mensem, to do duty within the Municipal limits. This is the only disbursement under this head during the year.

B.—This head includes the Office Establishment alone.

C.—Includes the Conservancy Establishment and Birth and Death Registration Establishment.

D.—Does not require any particular comment, as the items in the statement explain the nature of the several expenses.

9. Thus the year ended with a balance of Rupees 687-7-5, after deducting all charges, including the sum of Rupees 1,440-1-10, repaid to Government on the 26th March 1874, subsequent to the submission of the Budget for 1874-75.

10. It may not be out of place here to remark that the Commission found the general sanitary condition of the town, at the time of the introduction of the Act, crying for notice. And although much has not been done in the way of bettering it, yet we may safely say that we have made a step in this behalf. Scavenger carts are now employed to remove refuse of all kinds, and the town is now kept pretty clean. Nevertheless the improvements carried out in one corner of this town consisting of above 120 streets, with the very limited means at present under our command, cannot have much attracted public attention, even though they were of very vital importance.

11. The bye-laws were rather late in introducing ; they came into operation only in February last, just a few days previous to the close of the year.

12. While on the subject of bye-laws, I must bring to notice the want of a Police Force to guard against the infringements of the Act and bye-laws ; this want is much felt ; and the sooner it is made up the better. As matters are the working of both in the town is not as much as can be wished. It is, however, hoped that anon we will have this force, so that both the statutes will have their full effect.

13. I cannot conclude without offering my thanks to the Rev. Mr. Wolff and M. R. Ry. Aroonachella Iyer, Commissioners, who have cordially assisted at the sittings of the meeting, and I trust that they will ever hereafter continue to have the same interest at heart which they have hitherto evinced in the affairs of the Municipality.

No. 117. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1874, No. 2082.

The Chellumbrum Municipality having come into existence only in October 1873, and the whole time before the expiry of the official year having been occupied in organizing the establishment and preparing assessment registers, there has been very little for the Vice-President to report. As a consequence, it is presumed, of the elementary stage in which things were during the period under review, the prescribed statements of account have not been submitted along with the report, but the receipts and expenditure appear to have been as follow, after deducting an advance made from Provincial Funds and adjusted within the year :—

RECEIPTS.	1873-74.	
	Estimate.	Actuals.
	Rs.	Rs.
Assignment by Government ...	74	52
Rate on Houses and Lands ...	5,000	2,297
Tax on Carriages	50	554
Registration of Carts	150	
Fines and Fees	100	24
Miscellaneous...	...	...
Total ...	5,374	2,927

EXPENDITURE.	1873-74.	
	Estimate.	Actuals.
	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I.—		
New Works	1,400	...
Repairs...	1,230	...
Grant III.—		
Vaccination	...	7
Registration of Births and Deaths	66	1,289
Conservancy...	1,566	
Grant V.—		
Supervision and Management...	1,104	944
Balance	8	687
Total ...	5,374	2,927

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11th December 1874.

2. The Government observe that the President is in communication with the Superintendent of Police regarding the provision of an adequate Police Force for the Municipality.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Chellumbrum.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Chellumbrum,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 11th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 11th December 1874, No. 2082.

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From President
The ~~Collector~~ of
the Municipalities
South Arcot.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 29 } October 1874.
Received 5 } November.

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No 2294 No. 41

Subject.

Forwarding with remarks Annual Report on the working of the Chidambaram Municipality for the Official Year 1873-74

Financial Department.

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Chidambaram Survey. The annual report on the working of this Survey during 1873 is received

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