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No. 80. Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Gowniwaripally, 7th February 1874, No. 16 :—

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, Financial Department, No. 1553, of the 24th October last, paragraph 2, I have the honour to submit the explanation of the Vice-President on the subject of the alleged falling off in the past year's income under "Fees." He says that it was under the major heading "Taxes on vehicles, animals, &c.," that the falling off occurred, and not under the heading "Fees." This latter entry was a mistake of mine. The Commissioners state that a number of bullocks have been sold, the owners being unwilling to pay the tax.

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3. I enclose copy of the Vice-President's letter, which I regret has been overlooked since its receipt, or the report would have been submitted earlier.

From C. RAGHAVA ROW, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector and ex-officio President of the Adoni Municipality, dated Adoni, 11th December 1873, No. 102.

I have the honour to submit, herewith, an extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioners, dated 8th instant, affording all the information required in your foot-note of the 8th ultimo, on G.O., No. 1553, of 24th October last.

2. With reference to the concluding paragraph of the extract, I beg to refer you to my letter, No. 99, of 8th instant, recommending a competent hand for the Head Mastership of this Municipal School, and the Commissioners, though earnest to see it progress on a better system and order, consider that without a head to maintain the reform that they wish to introduce into it their attempts would prove fruitless.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Adoni Municipal Commissioners, dated 8th December 1873.

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2. Read President's foot-note on G.O., No. 1553, dated 24th October last, reviewing the annual report of this Municipality for 1872-73.

With reference to the remark in paragraph 2 of the Government Order that "the Government do not understand why dispensing with animals should affect the revenue from "Fees," and a reference to the Vice-President's report does not give much assistance, as the tax is there spoken of as

the "bullock license," the Commissioners beg to represent that the explanation afforded by the late Vice-President in paragraph 2 of his report therein reviewed, refers to the fall of revenue under "Taxes on vehicles, &c.," and not to that under "Fees," as supposed by the President, and that as the bullock license is one of the minor items that constitutes the major head "Taxes on vehicles, &c," and as it and the "Fees" form separate items, the fall in the one cannot affect that in the other. The falling off of revenue under the former is due to a great part to the sale of bullocks by their owners to evade the tax, as has already been reported, and that under the latter is caused by the exemption of some of the poor from payment of fees as well as from a falling off in the bandy-stand contract from want of competition. With reference to the remark of Government in paragraph 3 on the falling off in the attendance of boys in the school, the Commissioners respectfully beg to differ from the view taken by the Government as to its cause, and to assure them that no inconvenience whatever was caused in the concentration of two schools into one. They observe that there is nothing on the record to bear out the late Vice-President's statement that there were 350 boys at the end of March 1872, and while admitting some fall in the attendance they attribute it to the following causes :—

1*st*.—Such of the children, both boys and girls, that used to be sent to the schools by their parents before the union, simply to keep them quiet and to prevent them from committing mischief in the house (generally done among the natives), and who were included in the number given by the schoolmasters, ceased attending the school after the union.

2*nd*.—One of the masters in the Municipal School, an old man, whom some regarded with respect for his skill in imparting education, resigned his appointment through incapacity and advanced age, and opened a school through his son at his house, and those that were addicted to him withdrew their children and sent them to his.

3*rd*.—The last and the principal cause is that the present staff of schoolmasters consists of ignorant and untrained men, and commands no respect and confidence of the public. To remedy this evil measures are being taken, and the Commissioners hope to make the school attractive by securing efficient masters.

(Signed) C. RAGHAVA ROW,
Vice-President, Adoni Municipal Commission.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1874, No. 391.

Recorded.

2. The adequacy or otherwise of the provision now made for education in the Adoni Municipality will be considered along with the Budget Estimate for 1874-75.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni.

Exd. J. Wright.

Adoni Municipal Office
Dated 11th December 1873.

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From

C. Raghava Row
Vice President of Adony Municipality

To

J. H. Master Esquire
Collector and Ex officio President
of the Adony Municipality.

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(Signed). C. Raghava Row
Vice President M. C. Adony.

(True Copy)
H Master
Collector & President.

Esq. H. L. H
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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Adoni.

Dated March, 7th.

Read.

G. O., 7th March 1874, No. 391.

MARCH.
Nos. 80-81.

Adoni Municipality.—Letter from President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, affording explanation regarding the falling off of the income of this Municipality under "Taxes on vehicles, &c.," and the falling off of the attendance at the Municipal School, recorded with remarks.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Adonis Municipal Commissioners, dated 8th December 1873.

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(Signed) C. Raghava Row
Vice President.
Adoni M.C.

(True Copy)
W. Master.
President M.C.

Encl. to H.L.C. No. 47.

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

No. 16 Camp Gowniwaripally, Kurnoolsir taluq.

Dated 7th February 187 .

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From,

And President W. Commission

THE COLLECTOR OF
BELLARY.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
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R. Mason
Collector & President
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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Dated 7th February 1874 No. 16

To,

The Chief Secretary to Govt:

Madras

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Enclosures: (2)

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affording explanation with regard to the falling off of the income of the Adoni Municipality under Taxes on Vehicles & of the falling off of the attendance of the Municipal Schools.

W. Sturrock

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order thereon, 7th March 1874. No 391

Recorded-

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Note- A revised budget estimate, omitting the Profession tax has just been called for by telegram-

To The President Municl Comrs. Adoni-

Govt. of Madras. 1874

Financial

To

The Presdt. Mund. Commrs.
Adoni.

Dated Mar. 7.
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1874, No. 391.

Nos. 80. 81.

Adoni Munsy. Letter from Presdt. of the Mund. Commrs. Bellary affording Explanation regarding the falling off of the income of this Munsy. under "Taxes on Vehicles &c" & the falling off of the attendance at the Mund. School recorded with ~~ref~~ remarks