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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 6. Read the following letter from J. G. COLEMAN, Esq., Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Honourable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 9th May 1874, No. 35-G :—

I have the honour to forward, herewith, in accordance with Section 18 of Act IX. of 1867, a statement of the receipts and disbursements on account of the Municipal Fund from 1st April 1873 to the 31st January 1874, and a statement of receipts and disbursements of the Water Distribution Project from its commencement up to the same date, together with Minutes of the Proceedings of the General Meeting held on Wednesday the 11th March last, and to request that the same may be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

2. I annex at the end of this letter copies of the subjects brought before the Meeting and of the Resolutions adopted by the Commissioners thereon, referring you for the detailed discussions to the enclosed Minutes of Proceedings.

3. With regard to the Resolution passed on Subject 1, I am to state that, in the event of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council deciding to give effect to it, I shall be prepared, on hearing from you that such is the case, to supply accurate lists of the persons qualified to vote in each division and of those qualified to act as Commissioners.

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5. The Right Honourable the Governor in Council will observe from Resolution 3 that the Commissioners have passed the Budget Estimate of receipts and charges for the year 1874-75 as submitted to them and approved of the imposition of the following taxes :—

Rates at 7½ per cent. on the annual value of houses, buildings, and lands.
Taxes on arts, professions, trades and callings.
Liquor license taxes.
Taxes on carriages, horses and other animals.
Fees on registration of vehicles without springs.
Tolls on carriages and animals entering the town, the levy of which has been duly authorized by the usual Notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

1*st*.—Report of the Committee appointed at the General Meeting of the Commissioners of the 21st January 1874 to consider the question of the election of Commissioners by rate-payers.

Resolution.—That the Resolutions adopted by the Committee appointed to consider the question of election of Commissioners by rate-payers be approved and confirmed.

Amendment to Resolution 1.—1*st.*—That in Clause A of Resolution 1 the words "above the age of 21 years" be inserted in place of "other than minors" and that "Rupees 15" be substituted for "Rupees 20."

2*nd.*—That all Graduates of the Madras University shall have the power to vote.

RESOLUTION.—That the President of the Municipal Commission be instructed to call the attention of Government to Clauses 1 and 4 of Section 59 of the Madras Port Trust Bill, 1873, and point out that they confer powers on the Trustees appointed under that Bill which are at variance with Section 100 of Act IX. of 1867.

2*nd.*—The Madras Port Trust Bill, 1873, with the Statement of Objects and Reasons annexed thereto.

RESOLUTION.—1*st.*—Rates at 7½ per cent. on the annual value of houses, buildings, and lands.

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3*rd.*—Taxes, tolls, and rates to be levied, and Budget Estimate of Income and Expenditure for the year 1874-75, together with the Report of the Committee appointed at the General Meeting of the Commissioners of the 21st January 1874 to consider the same.

3*rd.*—Liquor license taxes.

4*th.*—Taxes on carriages and animals.

5*th.*—Fees on registration of vehicles without springs.

6*th.*—Tolls on carriages and animals entering the town.

That the Budget Estimate of Receipts and Charges for the year 1874-75 as now submitted to the Meeting be approved and passed.

4*th.*—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipality from 1st April 1873 to 31st January 1874, and Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Water Distribution Project up to 31st January 1874.

RESOLUTION.—That the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements with the President's explanation be approved.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1874, No. 939.

The Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Madras Municipal Commissioners received with the President's letter will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* as usual.

2. The Government approve generally of the Resolutions adopted in regard to the election of Commissioners, and measures should be taken for carrying them into effect as vacancies arise. The Commissioners should submit for the sanction of Government, under Section 3, Act V. of 1871, any rules which may be considered requisite for the regulation of the elections. Intimation must also be given to Government when half the entire number of the Commissioners have been elected by the rate-payers.

3. The second Resolution of the Commissioners will be referred for consideration in the Legislative Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
1*st June* 1874.

4. The approval of Government to the levy of taxes, tolls, and rates for the year 1874-75 has already been notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, Legislative Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of {1874 Madras.
FINANCIAL.
To
THE OFFG. PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.
Madras,
&c.,
&c.
Dated June, 1st.
Recd.
Rect.
G. O., 1st June 1874, No. 939.
JUNE.
Nos. 6-7.
Madras Municipality.—The Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Commissioners held on the 11th March 1874, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George Gazette. The Resolutions adopted in regard to the election of Commissioners approved generally, and measures directed to be taken for carrying them into effect as vacancies arise. The Resolution of the Commissioners regretting the "Port Trust Bill," referred for consideration in the Legislative Department.

G. No. 35 Municipal Commissioners' Office
Madras 9th May 1874.

From,

J. G. Coleman Esqre
Offg President of the
Municipal Commission.
Madras.

To,

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael
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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. Holmes

Offg President

Municipal Commission

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Resolution. 1st Rates at 7½ per Cent on the annual value of Houses, Buildings, and Lands.

2nd. Taxes on Arts, Professions, Trades, and Callings.

3rd. Liquor License Taxes.

4th. Taxes on Carriages and Animals

5th. Fees on Registration of Vehicles without Springs.

6th

6th Tolls on Carriages and Animals entering the Town.

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4th.—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipality from 1st April 1873 to 31st January 1874, and Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Water Distribution Project [illegible] 31st January 1874.

Resolution. That the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements with the Presidents explanation be approved.

Financ. 1874 Depart.

From The Offg President
Municipal Commission
Madras.

To The Acting Chief Secretary
to Government
Octacamund.

Dated 9th May
Recd 11th June /74

S. R. 939.

G. No. 35

Enclosures. 3.

No 1022

Forwards Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners held on the 11th March 1874.

Orig. Recd & Copy to Audr. 16 June /74

No. 6.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Fort St. George, June 1, 1874.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18 of the Madras Municipal Act IX. of 1867, the Governor in Council directs the publication of the following Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipal Fund, from 1st April 1873 to 31st January 1874, together with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras held on Wednesday the 11th of March 1874.

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 1st April 1873 to 31st January 1874.

RECEIPTS.	Budget Estimates for 1873-74.	Total of Budget Estimates under Major Heads.	Receipts from April to November 1873.	Receipts in December 1873 and January 1874.	Total Receipts.	Total Receipts under Major Heads.	REMARKS.	Receipts for the corresponding period of 1872-73.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
RATES ON HOUSES, BUILDINGS, AND LANDS.								
Anterior to and for 1870...			300 8 1	21 7 9	321 15 10			
1871...			413 13 10	25 13 10	439 11 8			
1872...	... ...	2,58,000 0 0	11,178 2 4	349 13 2	11,527 15 6			
1873...			1,56,376 3 1	25,420 4 7	1,81,796 7 8			
GROUND RENTS	... ...	2,500 0 0	912 2 2	150 15 6	1,063 1 8	1,94,086 2 8		2,01,752 10 3
TAX ON ARTS, TRADES, PROFESSIONS, AND CALLINGS.						1,063 1 8		1,966 2 11
Anterior to and for 1870...			228 0 0	89 0 0	317 0 0			
1871...			749 0 0	207 0 0	956 0 0			
1872...	... ...	82,000 0 0	4,045 8 0	525 0 0	4,570 8 0			
1873...			14,848 8 0	14,632 0 0	29,480 8 0			
1874...			... ...	99 0 0	99 0 0			
LIQUOR LICENSE TAX.						35,423 0 0		46,428 0 0
Anterior to and for 1870...			... ...	... ...	... ...			
1871...			86 0 0	... ...	86 0 0			
1872...	... ...	10,000 0 0	259 0 0	... ...	259 0 0			
1873...			9,071 0 0	147 0 0	9,218 0 0			
1874...			... ...	75 0 0	75 0 0			
TAX ON CARRIAGES, HORSES, AND OTHER ANIMALS.						9,638 0 0		9,361 0 0
For half year ending 30th April 1872.			751 12 0	54 8 0	806 4 0			
For do. 31st Oct. 1872.			820 12 0	20 0 0	840 12 0			
For do. 30th April 1873.	... ...	46,000 0 0	5,831 4 0	306 0 0	6,137 4 0			
For do. 31st Oct. 1873.			19,051 12 0	514 8 0	19,566 4 0			
For do. 30th April 1874.			4,513 12 0	4,936 12 0	9,450 8 0			
REGISTRATION OF CARTS AND OTHER VEHICLES WITHOUT SPRINGS.						36,801 0 0		34,625 4 0
For 1st half year of 1872 ...			28 0 0	... ...	28 0 0			
For 2nd do. 1872 ...			93 5 10	... ...	93 5 10			
For 1st do. 1873 ...	... ...	12,000 0 0	1,212 9 10	12 0 0	1,224 9 10			
For 2nd do. 1873 ...			5,908 0 0	180 0 0	6,088 0 0			
For 1st do. 1874 ...			... ...	2,220 0 0	2,220 0 0			
Registration of Transfer ...			36 12 0	10 8 0	47 4 0			
TOLLS ON CARRIAGES AND ANIMALS ENTERING THE TOWN.						9,701 3 8		10,506 11 4
Farm	... ...	43,800 0 0	29,458 5 4	8,416 10 8	37,875 0 0			
Composition	... ...	... ...	1,170 0 0	91 8 0	1,261 8 0	37,875 0 0		36,500 0 0
MISCELLANEOUS.						1,261 8 0		1,567 8 0
Government Contribution towards maintenance of Roads ...	35,000 0 0		34,997 0 0	... ...	34,997 0 0		Accountable to the Farmer of Tolls.	35,000 0 0
Moiety of Census expenditure payable by Government	10,880 0 0		10,933 4 10	... ...	10,933 4 10			... ...
Rent of Market Stalls ...	8,260 0 0		6,034 7 3	1,670 4 0	7,704 11 3			
Fees for Slaughter Houses	8,000 0 0		3,820 3 0	1,158 13 6	4,979 0 6			6,748 14 3
Strand Rents	300 0 0		417 13 4	149 11 4	567 8 8			5,083 15 9
Fees for Licenses for Dangerous and Offensive Trades.								1,082 3 7
Permanent ...	5,500 0 0		2,401 5 1	492 1 4	2,893 6 5			
Temporary ...			299 10 6	159 15 2	459 9 8			4,813 3 6
Proceeds of Sale of Rubbish	3,000 0 0		1,200 13 0	169 0 0	1,369 13 0			1,004 12 2
PEOPLE'S PARK. Proceeds of Sale of Hay...	4,500 0 0		579 9 0	143 12 2	723 5 2			1,877 7 9
Govt. Grant for Zoological Collections ...	3,960 0 0		3,960 0 0	... ...	3,960 0 0			2,597 14 6
Tiger Collections	1,500 0 0		1,147 4 0	370 9 6	1,517 13 6			3,960 0 0
Miscellaneous	800 0 0		694 12 6	46 8 0	741 4 6			1,518 3 9
Grazing and Avenues ...	4,500 0 0		2,849 6 7	707 1 7	3,556 8 2			742 10 0
Sewage Farm	3,000 0 0		1,328 10 9	429 4 3	1,757 15 0			4,492 15 11
Demand & Warrant Fees.	3,500 0 0		1,747 2 7	384 10 0	2,131 12 7			2,413 7 3
Fines, Police	300 0 0		217 12 0	110 4 0	328 0 0			2,282 8 7
Do. on Contractors ...	1,000 0 0		175 0 0	60 4 6	235 4 6			358 14 0
Do. on Departments ...	2,700 0 0		1,426 5 4	257 11 8	1,684 1 0			305 14 5
Sale Proceeds of Lands, &c	500 0 0		113 14 0	... ...	113 14 0			2,200 5 4
Do. of old Stores ...	200 0 0		493 8 2	0 9 0	494 1 2			427 1 6
Other Items	1,500 0 0		762 15 5	261 1 3	1,024 0 8			355 11 4
Rent of Model Parcherries	700 0 0		401 3 9	73 0 0	474 3 9			1,136 0 7
Napier Park	500 0 0		263 1 6	25 0 0	288 1 6			451 6 5
IMPROVEMENTS.		1,00,100 0 0				82,934 11 10		414 15 10
Reserve for unpaid Bills ...	... ...	20,000 0 0	... ...	... ...	... ...			
Lighting Addition	... ...	... ...	11 0 0	... ...	*a* 11 0 0			... ...
Salaries	... ...	... ...	466 10 8	... ...	*b* 466 10 8			1 2 0
Repair of Carts and Stores ...	... ...	... ...	183 9 10	15 3 7	*c* 198 13 5			4,933 5 4
Law charges including stamp duty	... ...	... ...	27 3 0	... ...	*d* 27 3 0			267 6 11
Pensions and gratuities	... ...	... ...	51 3 3	... ...	*e* 51 3 3			64 15 0
Opening out Ummen Covil Street	... ...	... ...	0 15 0	... ...	*f* 0 15 0			57 7 2
Government Grant towards Elementary Education ...	... ...	... ...	23,000 0 0	... ...	23,000 0 0			0 2 0
Improvement of Andiappah Naick, Ramanen, and Annah Pillay Streets...	... ...	... ...	416 10 10	381 11 7	*g* 798 6 5			... ...
Widening Narraina Moodelly Street	... ...	... ...	54 10 1	... ...	*h* 54 10 1			... ...
Maintenance of Roads, 5th Division	... ...	... ...	61 4 0	... ...	*i* 61 4 0			... ...
Refund of Interest and Sinking Fund paid up to June 1872, received from the Water Works Loan	... ...	... ...	... ...	77,162 0 6	77,162 0 6			... ...
Income Tax	... ...	... ...	2 1 0	... ...	*j* 2 1 0			558 15 11
Advances recovered	... ...	... ...	14,336 6 9	1,075 0 0	15,411 6 9			27,555 13 5
						1,17,245 10 1		
Carried forward ...	... ...	5,74,400 0 0	3,82,220 15 6	1,43,808 6 5	... ...	5,26,029 5 11		

a Recoveries for breakages of lanterns, &c., to be set off against expenditure.
b Proportion of Executive Engineer's salary debited to Water Works Project to be set off against expenditure.
c To be set off against expenditure.
d Recovery of costs, to be set off against expenditure.
e Proportion of pension payable by Government to Mr. Cardozo.
f To be set off against expenditure.
g Sale of old materials to be set off against expenditure.
h Do. do. do.
i Recovery on this account to be set off against expenditure.
j Accountable to Government.

Arrears ...	...6,551 0 0	
Current ...	...8,860 6 9	
	15,411 6 9	

DISBURSEMENTS.	Budget Grants for 1873-74.	Total of Budget Grants under Major Heads.	Disbursements from April to November 1873.	Disbursements in December 1873 and January 1874.	Total Disbursements.	Total Disbursements under Major Heads.	REMARKS.	Disbursements for the corresponding period of 1872-73.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
OFFICE.								
SALARIES	44,500 0 0	44,500 0 0	33,022 9 3	8,000 0 0	41,022 9 3	41,022 9 3		40,316 1 9
ESTABLISHMENT.								
GENERAL DEPARTMENT	6,360 0 0		3,848 10 8	968 0 0	4,816 10 8			4,892 8 0
COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT ...	11,622 0 0		9,034 10 4	2,374 4 5	11,408 14 9			9,797 5 4
Do. Extra Writers ...	300 0 0		322 3 7	83 12 9	406 0 4		This increase is owing to the collecting staff of the Assessor's Department being transferred to the Collector.	201 11 4
Do. Commission to Inspectors... ...	300 0 0		140 11 10	42 5 6	183 1 4			254 13 8
Do. Extra Coolies ...	200 0 0		22 11 0	2 3 0	24 14 0			23 3 6
ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT ...	11,574 0 0		5,778 14 8	1,304 1 7	7,083 0 3			9,036 8 8
Do. Extra Writers ...	100 0 0		23 0 0	3 12 11	26 12 11			57 4 0
Do. Commissioners' Fees.	320 0 0		10 0 0	60 0 0	70 0 0			170 0 0
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.								
In-door	3,732 0 0		2,329 0 0	552 0 0	2,881 0 0			2,690 9 9
Out-door	5,904 0 0		3,936 0 0	984 0 0	4,920 0 0			4,895 0 0
CONSERVANCY DEPARTMENT.								
In-door	1,992 0 0		1,321 0 0	332 0 0	1,653 0 0			1,565 0 0
Out-door	1,17,208 0 0		77,107 11 1	19,421 8 0	96,529 3 1			99,360 3 0
Registry of Births and Deaths	4,428 0 0	1,64,040 0 0	2,952 0 0	738 0 0	3,690 0 0	1,33,692 9 4		3,695 0 0
CONSERVANCY.								
New Carts	400 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Repair of Carts and Stores...	4,000 0 0		2,818 9 7	495 6 0	3,313 15 7			2,994 3 3
Workshops	1,760 0 0		879 5 6	225 0 0	1,104 5 6			968 0 0
Repair of Boats	400 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			212 9 2
Main Drain	2,000 0 0		1,984 11 6	9 8 0	1,994 3 6			218 6 1
Digging Pits	4,000 0 0		3,094 4 6	842 4 6	3,936 9 0			3,737 15 7
Killing Dogs	1,000 0 0		1,266 7 11	... ...	1,266 7 11		The Budget grant was insufficient to meet the expenditure incurred by the Police on this account.	966 14 8
Sanding Latrines	1,000 0 0		724 1 0	... ...	724 1 0			... ...
Removal of Monkeys	300 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Epidemic Charges and Contingent... ...	3,600 0 0		694 15 10	341 2 8	1,036 2 6			1,305 14 1
Iron Gratings	500 0 0		... ...	17 8 0	17 8 0			... ...
Extension of Sewage Farm.	1,000 0 0		411 6 0	60 0 0	471 6 0			40 7 9
Maintenance of Sewage Farm	1,800 0 0		1,124 2 4	269 0 7	1,393 2 11			1,108 3 9
Dust Boxes	3,000 0 0		3,051 2 9	20 0 0	3,071 2 9		Rs. 100 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills."	487 10 11
Clothing	400 0 0	25,160 0 0	396 11 6	... ...	396 11 6	18,725 12 2		393 4 0
PUBLIC WORKS.								
New Buildings.								
Constructing Public Latrines.	4,000 0 0		633 8 2	... ...	633 8 2			637 12 9
Do. Urinals ...	1,000 0 0		2,071 6 8	... ...	2,071 6 8		Rs. 1,284-7-11 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills."	... ...
Do. Slaughter Houses..								
Roads.								
Improving Ramanen and Andiappah Naick and Annah Pillay Streets	5,000 0 0		1,720 6 4	2,104 13 5	3,825 3 9			423 2 0
Making New Street Boards ...	100 0 0		74 13 0	... ...	74 13 0			300 0 0
New Metalling of Roads, 1st Division.			1,410 0 0	... ...	1,410 0 0			749 10 8
Do. do. 2nd do.			23 10 8	... ...	23 10 8			55 2 4
Do. do. 3rd do.			... ...	... ...	... ...			1,089 2 6
Do. do. 4th do.	7,000 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			182 6 8
Do. do. 5th do.			1,121 6 4	... ...	1,121 6 4			1,557 10 2
Do. do. 6th do.			... ...	... ...	... ...			242 4 5
Do. do. 7th do.			... ...	... ...	... ...			68 4 0
Do. do. 8th do.			1,618 3 5	... ...	1,618 3 5			1,589 10 6
					4,173 4 5			5,534 3 3
Peddoo Naick's Road	150 0 0		53 0 2	... ...	53 0 2			825 6 1
Ummen Covil Street	200 0 0		20 9 2	... ...	20 9 2			1,259 9 11
Improvements.								
Napier Park	*a* 3,000 0 0		718 6 2	198 5 9	916 11 11			3,364 15 0
Improving and extending Burial and Burning Grounds	3,000 0 0		612 7 4	57 7 0	669 14 4			288 10 6
Constructing Cart Stands ...	*b* 4,000 0 0		471 5 11	23 3 9	494 9 8			77 15 5
Erection and Improvement of Parcherries and Hutting Grounds	2,000 0 0		317 10 4	138 0 0	455 10 4			3,123 1 10
Fencing Road sides and River banks	500 0 0		43 15 10	628 2 6	672 2 4		Rs. 40-12-1 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills," the remaining excess was unavoidable and the expenditure was absolutely necessary.	13 12 11
Tinnevelly Settlement	1,000 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Mafuskhan's Road	3,000 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Drains.								
Constructing New Drains ...	5,000 0 0	38,950 0 0	1,722 15 7	543 11 0	2,266 10 7	16,327 8 6		5,772 0 2
Repairs—Buildings.								
Repairing Slaughter Houses ...	600 0 0		811 10 1	5 12 0	817 6 1			284 12 1
Do. General Market ...	400 0 0		23 2 0	0 4 0	23 6 0		Rs. 144-11-11 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills," the remaining excess was unavoidable. This excess was unavoidable.	146 9 2
Do. Latrines	1,500 0 0		452 2 7	943 14 1	1,396 0 8			314 14 7
Do. Cart Sheds	200 0 0		105 0 2	212 8 0	317 8 2			159 11 0
Do. Office Premises ...	500 0 0		387 13 11	... ...	387 13 11			225 7 11
Do. Public Wells	400 0 0		166 6 1	... ...	166 6 1			920 4 4
Do. Dust Bins	200 0 0		51 3 9	79 0 10	130 4 7			5 0 0
Do. Walls on Road sides...	*c* 2,000 0 0		1,700 4 7	232 2 2	1,932 6 9		Rs. 1,004-15-10 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills."	531 9 9
Do. Toll Gates	100 0 0		48 0 0	6 2 6	54 2 6			146 0 0
Do. Model Parcherries ...	500 0 0		... ...	80 4 4	80 4 4			... ...
Carried forward ...	6,400 0 0	2,72,650 0 0	1,72,674 9 1	42,399 9 3	5,305 11 1	2,09,768 7 3		

a Increased by a supplemental grant of Rs. 2,000 at an adjourned General Meeting of the 12th November 1873.
b Do. do. of Rs. 3,000 do. do. do.
c Do. do. of Rs. 1,000 do. do. do.

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 1st April 1873 to 31st January 1874.

RECEIPTS.	Budget Estimates for 1873-74.	Total of Budget Estimates under Major Heads.	Receipts from April to November 1873.	Receipts in December 1873 and January 1874.	Total Receipts.	Total Receipts under Major Heads.	REMARKS.	Receipts for the corresponding period of 1872-73.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A.
Brought forward ...	... ...	5,74,400 0 0	3,82,220 15 6	1,43,808 6 5	... ...	5,26,029 5 11		
Balance on 31st March 1873 ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	3,682 8 11		
Rupees ...	... ...	5,74,400 0 0	3,82,220 15 6	1,43,808 6 5	... ...	5,29,711 14 10		

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
MADRAS, *2nd February* 1874.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Budget Grants for 1873-74.	Total of Budget Grants under Major Heads.	Disbursements from April to November 1873.	Disbursements in December 1873 and January 1874.	Total Disbursements.	Total Disbursements under Major Heads.	REMARKS.	Disbursements for the corresponding period of 1872-73.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
Brought forward ...	6,400 0 0	2,72,650 0 0	1,72,674 9 1	42,399 9 3	5,305 11 1	2,09,768 7 3		6,781 13 8
PUBLIC WORKS.								
Repairs—Roads.								
Maintenance of Roads, 1st Division ...			5,248 0 4	2,148 8 0	7,396 8 4			10,344 1 11
Do. do. 2nd do. ...			7,631 15 3	3,729 11 10	11,361 11 1			18,901 12 7
Do. do. 3rd do. ...			5,626 6 4	2,654 3 9	8,280 10 1			4,782 10 1
Do. do. 4th do. ...	*1,25,000 0 0		6,087 5 8	2,451 1 4	8,538 7 0			12,951 7 10
Do. do. 5th do. ...			3,034 13 10	1,911 15 1	4,946 12 11			4,388 6 4
Do. do. 6th do. ...			2,490 14 3	652 13 10	3,143 12 1			9,479 12 0
Do. do. 7th do. ...			7,670 0 1	7,676 10 7	15,346 10 8			8,058 3 6
Do. do. 8th do. ...			8,317 9 5	1,226 2 11	9,543 12 4			75,688 3 11
					68,558 4 6		Rupees 9,106-4-10 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills."	325 0 0
Repairing wooden railings in roads ...	1,000 0 0		1 0 0	... ...	1 0 0			100 0 0
Do. Street Boards	500 0 0		74 13 0	... ...	74 13 0			143 15 0
Removing Prickly Pear			21 7 10	... ...	21 7 10			
Watering Mount Road, Popham's Broadway, General Hospital Road, and North Beach Road.	2,300 0 0		2,239 8 10	550 3 9	2,789 12 7		The excess is unavoidable.	2,752 0 6
Numbering Doors	100 0 0		240 0 0	... ...	240 0 0		This amount is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills."	... ...
Drains.								8,269 15 1
Repairing and re-building Masonry Drains.	5,000 0 0		2,287 7 5	235 0 6	2,522 7 11			
Miscellaneous.								4,181 0 3
Planting Avenue from Grazing and Avenue Fund.	4,000 0 0		2,762 4 6	569 8 3	3,331 12 9			
Planting Esplanade and Maintaining Wire Fence.	1,000 0 0		359 3 8	95 7 2	454 10 10			501 11 4
	20,000 0 0	1,45,400 0 0	... ...	... ...	... ...	83,300 0 6	Rupees 20,150-13-1 has been disbursed on account of this grant and included in Special Headings.	... ...
Reserve for unpaid Bills	31,111 0 0	20,000 0 0	23,333 4 0	... ...	23,333 4 0	23,333 4 0		39,463 0 0
Hospitals and Dispensaries...	5,670 0 0	31,111 0 0	4,252 8 0	... ...	4,252 8 0	4,252 8 0		12,072 0 0
Vaccination	8,788 0 0	5,670 0 0	6,591 0 0	... ...	6,591 0 0	6,591 0 0		1,486 4 0
Contagious Diseases' Act	10,000 0 0	8,788 0 0	7,746 2 11	1,644 14 0	9,391 0 11	9,391 0 11		
Educational Grants		10,000 0 0						
WATER WORKS.								
Establishment—	3,323 0 0		1,034 4 10	641 13 11	1,676 2 9			... ...
Out-door	865 0 0		466 0 0	160 0 0	626 0 0			... ...
In-door	3,500 0 0		2,916 9 3	1,047 8 8	3,964 1 11			... ...
Maintenance of Delivery Channel... ...	1,000 0 0		386 1 9	399 9 8	785 11 5			... ...
Repairs to Fountains	3,750 0 0		1,490 10 7	833 10 8	2,324 5 3			... ...
Maintenance of system of pipes	500 0 0		10 14 0	160 8 6	171 6 6			... ...
Stationery and Contingent		12,938 0 0				9,547 11 10		
LIGHTING.								19,250 9 9
Maintenance	20,813 0 0		14,825 8 2	3,908 15 6	18,734 7 8			476 12 5
Addition	1,000 0 0		568 13 0	408 13 0	977 10 0			
	21,813 0 0	21,813 0 0				19,712 1 8		
REFUNDS OF REVENUE.								
House and Land Rates for { 1871... 1872...			26 4 9	... ...	26 4 9			65 14 2
			1,943 12 1	... ...	1,943 12 1		Rupees 1,897-3-2 refunded for the rate assessed on the Madras Pier.	143 8 9
Refund of Tax on Arts, Professions, Trades, and Callings, 1871.			... ...	25 0 0	25 0 0			4 0 0
Do. do. 1873			12 0 0	77 0 0	89 0 0			... ...
Refund of Tax on Carriages, Horses, and other Animals.			11 0 0	... ...	11 0 0			13 8 0
For half-year ending 31st October 1872.	1,000 0 0		34 0 0	45 0 0	79 0 0			5 0 0
For half-year ending 30th April 1873.			9 8 0	45 0 0	54 8 0			... ...
For half-year ending 31st October 1873.								
Refund of Tax on Registration of Carts and other Vehicles without springs.			6 0 0	... ...	6 0 0		† Rupees 2,150-7-11 was paid for certain Fire Brigade equipments imported.	... ...
For half-year ending 30th June 1873 ...			... ...	4 0 0	4 0 0			... ...
Do. 31st December 1873 ...			100 0 0	... ...	100 0 0			25 0 0
Refund of Fees for Licenses for dangerous and offensive Trades. { Permanent / Temporary.			3 0 0	... ...	3 0 0			... ...
Do. do. for 1872-73			125 0 0	... ...	125 0 0		*a* The excess is unavoidable.	... ...
Refund of Grazing and Avenues, 1872-73.			160 0 0	... ...	160 0 0		*b* The excess is owing to two criminal prosecutions, and the appeals preferred by the Deputy Collector of Madras against Assessment on certain Government Buildings.	... ...
Refund of Fines, Police			25 0 0	... ...	25 0 0			
		1,000 0 0				2,651 8 10		20,583 14 2
Interest on Loan on Water Works ...			... ...	26,288 15 10	26,288 15 10			10,291 15 1
Sinking Fund for Liquidation of the Water Works Loan.	76,800 0 0		... ...	13,144 7 10	13,144 7 10			
		76,800 0 0				39,433 7 8		
MISCELLANEOUS.								11,808 9 8
People's Park	11,020 0 0		6,994 0 1	2,216 0 8	9,210 0 9			620 0 6
Fire Engine Maintenance and Repairs...	+700 0 0		425 9 10	2,244 6 9	2,670 0 7			385 0 0
Engineer's Stores Godown Rent	300 0 0		200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0		*c* Rupees 1,129-11-2 chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills," the remainder to be met from the transfer as sanctioned at the General Meeting of 29th August 1873.	
		12,020 0 0				12,130 1 4		1,335 4 7
CONTINGENT.								1,789 5 8
Stationery	2,200 0 0		1,184 0 0	23 11 4	1,207 11 4			963 4 0
Printing Charges	2,200 0 0		1,382 1 2	313 15 4	1,696 0 6			16 0 0
Advertising Charges	1,000 0 0		868 13 0	138 6 0	*a* 1,007 3 0			1,478 1 8
Extra Writers	100 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Law Charges, including Stamp Duty ...	2,000 0 0		2,763 1 0	103 12 0	*b* 2,866 13 0			64 2 4
Insurance on Office Premises, &c.... ...	125 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...		*d* These charges being arrears have been disbursed to be met from the grant for "Reserve for unpaid Bills," and are included in the Rupees 20,150-13-1 above referred to.	1,977 2 8
Office Furniture	200 0 0		9 0 11	16 4 9	25 5 8			745 9 9
Pensions and Gratuities	3,000 0 0		1,600 5 4	400 13 4	2,001 2 8			
Miscellaneous	1,000 0 0		542 13 10	88 3 10	631 1 8			234 9 8
		11,825 0 0				9,435 5 10		
Completing Screw Pile Drain at North-East angle of the Fort.			1,846 12 3	65 4 4	*c* 1,912 0 7			208 3 5
			41 15 0	... ...	*d* 41 15 0			21 5 11
Repairing Burden Rests			128 14 6	... ...	*d* 128 14 6			... ...
Constructing Foot Paths			200 0 0	... ...	*e* 200 0 0		*e* Expenditure on emergency, and Rupees 54-10-1 has been realized by sale of old materials on this account.	1,498 0 0
Widening Narraina Moodelly Street ...			738 0 0	600 8 0	*f* 1,338 8 0			26,634 0 0
Tolls on Carriages and Animals entering the Town (Composition.)			31,933 1 3	1,329 6 0	33,262 7 3			
Advances Recoverable						36,883 13 4		
	... ...	6,30,015 0 0	3,43,703 5 0	1,22,727 2 2	... ...	4,66,430 7 2		
Balance on the 31st January 1874	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	63,281 7 8	*f* Per Contra.	
Rupees ...	... ...	6,30,015 0 0	3,43,703 5 0	1,22,727 2 2	... ...	5,29,711 14 10		

* Increased by a Supplemental grant of Rupees 50,000 at an adjourned General Meeting of the 12th November 1873.

W. H. AXELBY,
Head Accountant & Book-keeper.

JOHN C. LOCH,
President of the Municipal Commission.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, in the Black Town, on Wednesday the 11th March 1874, at noon.

PRESENT.

John C. Loch, Esq., *President.*
J. G. Coleman, Esq.
Colonel W. S. Drever
Cowasjee Eduljee, Esq.
J. Deschamp, Esq.
J. W. Gantz, Esq.
Cyrus Grant, Esq.
G. Hamnett, Esq.,
C. Kalyanasundrum Chetty, Esq.
V Kristnama Charriar, Esq.
Meer Hoossain Allee Khan, Esq.
Honorary Assistant Surgeon Moideen Sheriff.
J. P. Nicholas, Esq.
V. Vanoogopala Charriar, Esq.
Dr. W. J. vanSomeren.
Y. Vencataramiah Garu, Esq.
P. Viziarungum Moodelliar, Esq.

1*st.*—*Report of the Committee appointed at the General Meeting of the Commissioners of the* 21*st January* 1874, *to consider the question of the election of Commissioners by Rate-payers.*

THE PRESIDENT having expressed his regret at the unavoidable delay which had taken place in holding the meeting originally fixed for the 26th ultimo, introduced the following Report of the Committee appointed to consider the question of the election of Commissioners by Rate-payers :—

At a Meeting of the Committee appointed to consider the question of election of Commissioners by Rate-payers held at the Municipal Office on Thursday the 19*th February* 1874.

PRESENT.

Mr. M. Vencatasawmy Naidoo.
„ V. Kristnama Charriar.
„ Meer Hussain Ally Khan.
„ J. G. Coleman.
„ J. C. Loch.

Proposed by Mr. Vencatasawmy Naidoo, seconded by Mr. Kristnama Charriar.

That Mr. Coleman take the Chair.

Read Resolution 4 passed at the General Meeting of the Commissioners held on the 21st January 1874.

"That a Committee be appointed to submit to "the Commissioners such suggestions as they "may consider desirable in respect to the pro- "portion of the entire number of Commissioners "who should be elected, the qualifications of the "electors and of the Commissioners, and any "other points bearing on the question. The "Committee to consist of Mr. Coleman, Mr. "Kristnama Charriar, Mr. Gantz, Mr. Meer "Hussain Ally Khan, and Mr. Vencatasawmy "Naidoo."

Read also the Bombay Rules for election and a classified statement of persons owning houses and landed property in Madras.

Resolution—I. That one-half of the number of Commissioners for each division shall be elected by the Rate-payers, the other half being left to be nominated by Government.

Resolution—II. The following persons shall be qualified to vote at the election of the Commissioners :—

A. Owners of houses or lands other than minors assessed at a rate not less than Rupees twenty per annum, and who shall have paid such rates within the time to be hereafter determined.

B. Occupiers or renters of houses or lands paying a monthly rent of not less than Rupees fifty.

C. The election shall be by Ballot.

Resolution—III. Resolved that the following shall be the qualifications for Candidates for election as Commissioners :—

1. They shall be male rate-payers above the age of 25 years.

2. They shall be acquainted with the English language.

3. They shall have paid before the 31st January of each year, House and Land rates to the extent of thirty Rupees and upwards.

Resolution—IV. Resolved also that Commissioners becoming insolvent during their tenure of Office shall cease to be such.

In cases of vacancies occuring by death, resignation, or disqualification the same shall be immediately filled up by the rate-payers of the division.

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

Classified Statement of Persons owning immoveable property liable to rates amounting annually to Rupees 20 and upwards.

Divisions.	Hindus owning property liable annually to.			Mahomedans owning property liable annually to.			Europeans and Eurasians owning property liable annually to.			Total.			Remarks.
	Rs. 20 and under Rs. 30.	Rs. 30 and upwards.	Total.	Rs. 20 and under Rs. 30.	Rs. 30 and upwards.	Total.	Rs. 20 and under Rs. 30.	Rs. 30 and upwards.	Total.	Rs. 20 and under Rs. 30.	Rs. 30 and upwards.	Total.	
I.	41	102	143	...	9	9	4	84	38	45	145	190	
II.	110	105	215	1	2	3	3	4	7	114	111	225	
III.	58	83	141	17	18	35	10	56	75	94	157	251	
IV.	2	6	8	...	1	1	1	11	13	3	18	21	
V.	28	57	85	1	12	13	18	92	110	47	161	208	
VI.	2	20	22	2	14	16	2	42	44	6	76	82	
VII.	13	29	42	8	16	24	1	9	10	22	54	76	
VIII.	16	22	38	8	10	18	8	37	45	27	69	96	
Total...	270	424	694	32	82	114	56	285	341	358	791	1,149	

J. G. COLEMAN, *Chairman.*

COLONEL DREVER then proposed and Mr. Moideen Sheriff seconded the following Resolution.

That the Resolutions adopted by the Committee appointed to consider the question of election of Commissioners by Rate-payers be approved and confirmed.

Resolution 1.

MR. VENCATARAMIAH said that referring to the provision excluding minors from the privilege of voting, he thought that as the English and Hindoo Laws differed as to the age at which a man attained his majority—it being by the former fixed at 21 years of age and by the latter at 16—it seemed to him abnormal that while Europeans and Eurasians could not vote until they had attained 21, Hindoo youths at 16 should be considered qualified to do so. He would, therefore, fix the age at 21 for all classes of voters. The other qualification, namely, a monthly rental of Rupees 20, was, he considered, such as would shut out many persons well qualified to vote, and he thought that it might with advantage be reduced to Rupees 15. In the Bombay Municipality the Fellows of the University there are allowed to vote, and here he would propose that the Graduates of the Madras University should have that power. He would, therefore, propose the following amendments which were seconded by Mr. Viziarungum Mudaliar.

1*st.*—That in Clause A of the Resolution 1 the words "above the age of 21 years" be inserted in place of "other than minors," and that "Rs. 15" be substituted for Rs. 20.

Amendment to Clause A of Resolution 1.

2*nd.*—That all Graduates of the Madras University shall have the power to vote.

The second proposition was withdrawn without being put to the vote. The *first* was then put to the Meeting, and the first part carried and the second lost.

The original Resolution was then put to the vote with the addition of the amendment as adopted, and carried unanimously.

2*nd.*—*The Madras Port Trust Bill*, 1873, *with the Statement of Objects and Reasons annexed thereto.*

THE PRESIDENT said that his object in putting this Bill on the list of subjects for discussion was to point out to the Commissioners that Clauses 1 and 4 of Section 60 of the Bill will confer powers on the Trustees to be appointed under it at variance with Section 100 of the Municipal Act IX. of 1867. By these clauses the Trustees will be authorized to construct wharves, quays, docks, stages, jetties, and piers on the foreshore of the port, and to reclaim, excavate, enclose, and raise any part of the foreshore of the port which may be necessary for the execution of the works authorized by this Act, or otherwise for the purposes of the Act; but if the Commissioners will turn to Section 100 of Act IX. of 1867, they will find that it is therein enacted that with other things "the strand within the "Municipal limits as far as high-water mark, "shall vest in, and belong to, the Commissioners "and their successors." It appeared to be evident from what he had stated that unless this particular portion of Section 100 is repealed, or some change made in Clauses 1 and 4 of the Madras Port Trust Bill of 1873, that difficulties might possibly arise as to the ownership of the foreshore or strand within the Municipal limits as far as high-water mark. He made use expressly of the word "possibly," for he was in hopes that no such contingency would actually occur, as it was of equal importance to the Municipality and to the Trustees to be created under the Port Trust Bill to come to an amicable arrangement. He was of opinion, however, that the matter should be brought to the notice of Government without any unnecessary delay, and he trusted that the Commissioners, if they agreed with him, would instruct him to call ther attention to it.

MR. KRISTNAMA CHARRIAR asked if legal opinion had been obtained as to the meaning of *Strand.*

THE PRESIDENT replied that Mr. J. D. Mayne's opinion had been obtained, from which it would appear that the foreshore as far as high-water mark was undoubtedly vested in the Commissioners.

MR. GRANT then moved, and MR. KALIANASOONDRUM CHETTY seconded the following Resolution, which was carried :—

That the President of the Municipal Commission be instructed to call the attention of Government to Clauses 1 and 4 of Section 59 of the Madras Port Trust Bill, 1873, and point out that they confer powers on the Trustees appointed under that Bill which are at variance with Section 100 of Act IX. of 1867.

Resolution 2.

3*rd.*—*Taxes, tolls, and rates to be levied, and Budget Estimate of Income and Expenditure for the year* 1874-75, *together with the Report of the Committee appointed at the General Meeting of the Commissioners of the* 21*st January* 1874, *to consider the same.*

THE PRESIDENT remarked that, referring to the 2nd paragraph of the Budget Committee's Report, the suggestions of the Committee for the previous year had not been brought to his notice before the Budget was prepared, but they will be attended on future occasions. It had been found necessary to alter the Budget to some extent, in consequence of certain items having been changed since its publication in the *Gazette.* He had had to reduce the amount for Tolls from Rupees 50,500 to Rupees 40,000, as only two Tenders had been received—one for this sum, the other for Rupees 38,000. On the expenditure side the Contract for Lighting had been reduced by Rupees 1,700, and an application for two extra Peons for the Triplicane Dispensary made an addition of Rupees 144 per annum. With these alterations he had now to place the Budget before the Commissioners for their approval.

MR. HAMNETT asked how things had been managed hitherto in the Triplicane Dispensary.

MR. MOIDEEN SHERIFF explained that the Dispensary had been constantly subjected to great inconvenience from the want of a sufficient number of Peons.

MR. HAMNETT opposed the application for the extra establishment. It certainly seemed somewhat strange, that as soon as the Dispensary became a Municipal Institution, the want of Peons was felt, and probably, in the following year, it would be found that a Duffadar was required In all Civil Dispensaries in the Provinces only one peon was allowed.

MR. NICHOLAS thought that the Medical Officer's request was entitled to be treated with respect.

MR. VENCATARAMIAH suggested that the opinion of the Surgeon-General should be obtained on this point, when the subject was allowed to drop.

THE PRESIDENT then moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried :—

That the following Rates, Taxes, Fees, and Tolls be levied for the official year 1874-75 for the purposes of Madras Acts IX. of 1867 and V. of 1871, viz. :—

Resolution 3.

1*st*.—Rates at 7½ per cent. on the annual value of Houses, Buildings, and Lands.

2*nd*.—Taxes on Arts, Professions, Trades, and Callings.

3*rd*.—Liquor License Taxes.

4*th*.—Taxes on Carriages and Animals.

5*th*.—Fees on Registration of Vehicles without springs.

6*th*.—Tolls on Carriages and Animals entering the Town.

It was then proposed by the PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. Hamnett and carried.

That the Budget Estimate of Receipts and Charges for the year 1874-75 as now submitted to the Meeting be approved and passed.

Resolution 4.

MR. KRISTNAMA CHARRIAR could not understand why the tender for Tolls should have fallen so much below that of last year; he believed that sufficient notice had not been given by advertisement in the *Gazette* and public papers.

THE PRESIDENT replied that, as usual, a full month's notice had been given.

MR VENCATARAMIAH thought that, at least, three months' notice should be given.

MR. KRISTNAMA CHARRIAR wished to say a few words with reference to an item in the Budget just passed, which he thought should receive greater attention from the Commissioners than had ever yet been given to it. He referred to the item of Roads for which the Commissioners had just sanctioned the sum of Rs. 52,600. He thought that all the gentlemen present were aware of the unfavourable remarks current in the papers for some time past, about the unsatisfactory condition of the Roads. Without going into the cause of such a state of things, he would simply re-call to their recollection that the President brought forward three months ago, very properly, a Supplemental Budget for an additional grant of Rupees 50,000 for Roads for the current year, and the same was referred to a Committee. When going into the Budget the Committee suggested to the President the expediency of furnishing the Divisional Commissioners with information as to the roads which were to be reformed or newly metalled in the several Divisions of the Municipality. This suggestion met with the President's approval, and the result was the printed list of roads which he held in his hand, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner. Mr. Kristnama Charriar believed that every one present would agree with him in thinking that the Commissioners should avail themselves of such information, and by watching and reporting on the work done by the Contractors, afford the Executive all the moral and material aid which it was in their power to afford in the matter of getting the roads made in a satisfactory way. He was also aware that for want of such lists of roads heretofore, several of the Divisional Commissioners were unable to pay that attention to roads which they migh have otherwise given; and now that the President was willing to to give the requisite information, he thought they should avail themselves of it in the case of the works to be carried out during 1874-75, and that the plan of supplying printed lists of Roads to be metalled or reformed annually should become a permanent arrangement—not that any of the Commissioners should interfere with the work of the Executive, but only to bring to the notice of the President at the proper time the imperfection in the work performed so that the Contractors might not run away with the notion that the Commissioners of the Divisions in which they had to fulfil their Contract were powerless in the matter of noticing and checking any neglect or defects in the way they did their work. This plan of noting down by each Commissioner what defects he sees in the roads and reporting the same would serve as a wholesome check on the Contractors, and Mr. Kristnama Charriar thought that the President would only be glad to receive such reports from the local Commissioners. With these remarks he (the speaker) wanted to move a Resolution to give effect to the above views, but this was thought by the President not in order on the ground that no notice had been given of Mr. Kristnama Charriar's intention to move such a Resolution.

MR. KRISTNAMA CHARRIAR said that he considered that the subject was intimately connected with the Budget Estimate for Roads just passed, and therefore did not think of giving such notice beforehand, but that if it was thought really informal, he would not press the Resolution on the present occasion.

THE PRESIDENT undertook to have a list of the Roads requiring to be metalled and repaired prepared for circulation to the Commissioners.

4th.—Statement of Receipts and isbursements on account of the Municipality from 1st April 1873 to 31s January 1874, and Statement of Receiptso and isbursements of the Water Distributionin Project up to 31st January 1874.

Mr. HAMNETT wished to be informed why there was so great a falling off in the proceeds of sale of Hay, the amount realized being only Rupees 723 against Rs. 2,597 during the same period in the previous year.

THE PRESIDENT explained that owing to the dry season the quantity of Hay made last year had been small; he hoped, however, to be able to realize a considerable sum in a short time.

Mr. HAMNETT called attention to the very small amount expended on latrines; out of a Budget grant of Rs. 4,000 only Rs. 633 had been spent; and he thought that the grant should be availed of in constructing Latrines wherever required.

DR VANSOMEREN did not feel sorry that more latrines had not been built; he thought that there was quite a sufficient number, and all that was required was to regulate their use by compelling people to resort to them instead of committing nuisances on the public roads.

THE PRESIDENT explained that he had sanctioned the building of several latrines, the cost of which would appear in future statements.

MR. VENCATARAMIAH then moved and Mr. Coleman seconded the following Resolution which was carried :—

That the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements with the President's explanations be approved.

Resolution 5.

Before the Meeting dispersed, MR. LOCH said that he desired to bring a subject to the notice of the Commissioners. He had received a representation from some of the poorer Clerks and Peons in the office stating that the prices of articles of consumption were becoming very high, and praying that the same indulgence which was shown to them in 1866, when Colonel Denison was President, might now be granted. Mr. LOCH observed that the present prices of articles did not appear to be exactly famine prices, so it was not necessary to decide the question at once, but, he had merely brought it forward in order to prepare the Commissioners to come to a conclusion in the matter, should it be found necessary to lay the subject before them at the next Meeting.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH thought that Municipal servants should be treated just as Government servants were. Government servants were not allowed any addition to their salaries in consetuence of the prices of provisions rising, and he, qherefore, did not see any reason why the servants of the Municipality should be led to expect any such indulgence as that which was prayed for.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. G. COLEMAN,
Officiating President.

For JOHN C. LOCH,
President, Municipal Commission.

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

WATER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements to 31st January 1874.

RECEIPTS.	Amount.			DISBURSEMENTS.	Amount.		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
H. M. Government of India, Loan ...	14,28,000	0	0	Standing Advance to Executive Engineer.	700	0	0
Sundries and Superintendence, sale of specifications and fines on Establishment, &c.	944	0	10	Sundries and Superintendence inclusive of expenditure for preparation of the Distribution Scheme	58,764	7	4
Fountains, sale of Bullocks and old materials of houses purchased and by certain adjustment of accounts ...	3,280	5	8	Fountains	49,117	6	6
DELIVERY CHANNEL.				Delivery Channel	1,96,296	7	9
Amount contributed by Government ...30,832 0 0				Do. Earth-work Labour	565	12	2
Fines recovered from a Contractor for bad Chunam supplied ... 300 0 0				Do. New Roads	1,002	4	10
Sale of Palmyrahs, &c. 33 5 3				Repairing Tanks	6,567	9	10
	31,165	5	3	Cast Iron Pipes	7,83,857	4	7
Repairing Tanks, reimbursement from Municipal Fund of certain charges incurred on that account	497	3	10	Excavation and Laying Pipes per R. Woolley	1,99,186	15	4
Departmental Works in connection with the laying of pipes, viz. :				Departmental Works in connection with the laying of pipes	41,239	3	0
Sale of trees ... 84 0 0				Charges paid to Mr. May, C.E., in England, for passing pipes, &c.	7,658	3	10
Do. pipes ... 2,152 7 3				Contingent Expenses incurred in England.	996	14	2
Adjustment of Accounts. 1,124 12 10				Opening Ceremony	1,075	11	8
	3,361	4	1	House Service Pipes	652	15	10
Deposits on account of House Connection Pipes	1,030	0	0	Advances Recoverable Mr. Gifford ...	25	0	0
Municipal Fund of Madras	17,000	0	0	Advance Recoverable Mr. R. Woolley ...	4,000	0	0
House Service Pipes, viz. :				Waste drain	193	15	5
From Residents ...3,098 10 2				Interest on Loan on Water Works ...	48,523	2	6
Do Government ...7,882 2 9				The Municipal Fund for Sinking Fund, for Liquidation of the Water Works Loan	24,261	9	3
	10,980	12	11	Refund to Municipal Fund for Interest and Sinking Fund paid to Water Works Loan to 30th June 1872	77,162	0	6
H. H. The Maharajah of Vizianagram's Fountain	10,863	0	0	Balance with Bank of Madras on the 31st January 1874	5,275	0	1
Rupees...	15,07,122	0	7	Rupees...	15,07,122	0	7

W. H. AXELBY,
Head Accountant & Book-keeper.

JOHN C. LOCH,
President of the Municipal Commission.

Municipal Commisioners' Office, Madras, 2nd February 1874.

Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Offg. President of the Mun.l Commission, Madras, dated 9th Jan.y 1874. No 35.

Ordered that A Stat. 1st June 1874 No. 939.

The Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Madras Municipal Commissioners received with the President's letter, will be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette as usual.

2. The Govt approve generally of the Resolutions adopted in regard to the election of Commissioners, and measures should be taken for carrying them into effect as vacancies arise. With reference however to the proposal that all

Note

Commissioners elected or appointed by Govt hold office for three years or until their successors are appointed. If vacancies are filled up by election from time to time as vacancies occur, arrangements can eventually be made for elections at fixed periods.

all University Graduates shall have power to vote, the clause should be drawn so as to restrict the privilege to Graduates who are registered residents of the Division. The Commissioners should submit for the sanction of Govt, under Section 3, Act V of 1871, any rules which may be considered requisite for the regulation of the elections. Intimation must also be given to Govt when half the entire number of the Commissioners have been elected by the rate payers.

3. The second Resolution of the Commissioners will be referred for consideration in the Legislative Dept.

4. The approval of Govt to the levy of Taxes, tolls, and rates, for the year 1874-75.

proposed Resolution not required

Mr. Drawn withdrawn by leave to be moved

Note.

Elections are to be conducted under rules "proposed". The draft throws the framing of the rules on the Commissioners. Any requisite additions or amendments can be made when they are submitted for sanction.

(The qualification test is too low I suggested Rs thirty Laird 8 Pp. 50-

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1874-75, has already been notified in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

To

The Offg. President of the Municipal Council, Madras

Legislative Dept.

Gazette 9/6

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial

To

The Pres.t Muni. Comm.rs
Madras.

Dated June 1 } 1874, No.
Recd. } 939.

Nos. 6-7.

Madras Munic. The Pros. of the Genl. meeting of the Comrs held on the 11 March 1874 ordered to be published in the Fort St George Gazette. The Resns adopted in regard to the election of Comrs approved generally & measures directed to be taken for carrying them into effect as occasions arise. The Resn of the Comrs regarding the "Port Trusts Bill" referred for consideration in the Leg. Dept.