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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 48. 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, 19th May 1874, No. 46-G :—

I have the honour to forward, herewith, agreeably to Section 18 of Act IX. of 1867, Statements of Receipts and Disbursements of the Municipal Fund, from 1st April 1873 to 31st March last, and of the Madras Water Works, together with Minutes of the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Commissioners held at their Office on Thursday, the 30th April last, for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and, with reference to Section 32 of the Act, to request that Government will be pleased to appoint an Auditor to examine the accounts for the past official year.

2. Government will be pleased to note that, referring to Resolution on subject 6 in the published Proceedings of the Commissioners, under date the 21st January last, the Commissioners adopted the following Resolution with referrence to paragraph 3 of G.O. 7th April 1874, No. 565, Financial Department :—

"That the extension of Cassamajor's Road across the Spur Tank to the Poonamallee Road opposite Flower's Road be sanctioned."

"That Resolution, No. 6, in the Proceedings of the General Meeting of the 21st January, regarding the extension of Cassamajor's Road across the Spur Tank, which is stated to have been passed at that meeting, is an error in the record of the Proceedings, and that the Resolution in question should be expunged from the Proceedings Book, and the error brought to the notice of Government with reference to paragraph 3 of their order."

3. The second subject opens up a question of no little importance. It has long been felt that some control should be placed on the sale of poisonous drugs, and the Commissioners are decidedly of opinion that the matter should be brought to the special notice of Government with a view to obtain legislative authority to exercise the desired control; and I venture to hope that the report of the Committee appointed to consider the matter will be laid before the next General Meeting, and the whole question be finally submitted to Government on an early date.

4. The Resolution on the 4th subject authorizes me to apply to Government for the land required for the distributing reservoir at the Spur Tank, but G.O., 20th April 1874, No. 635, Financial Department, subsequently received, defers action until the question of the abandoment of the Spur Tank has been definitively settled.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1874, No. 960.

The Proceedings of the Madras Municipal Commissioners and the Statements received with the above letter will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

2. Under Section 32, Act IX. of 1867, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr. E. J. Firth to audit the accounts of the Madras Municipality for the year 1873-74.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, E. J. Firth, Esq.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE OFFICIATING PRESIDENT,
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras.

&c., &c. &c.

Dated June, 5th.

Recd. Recd

G.O., 5th *June* 1874, No. 960.

JUNE.
Nos. 48-49.

Madras Municipality.—Statements of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Municipal Fund, from 1st April 1873 to 31st March 1874, and of the Madras Water Works, together with Minutes of the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Commissioners, held on the 30th April 1874, ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and Mr. E. J. Firth appointed to audit the accounts of the Municipality for the year 1873-74.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Ootacamund, June 12, 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 March 1874, together with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras held on Thursday the 30th of April 1874.

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

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

RECEIPTS.	Budget Estimates for 1873-74.	Total of Budget Estimates under Major Heads.	Receipts from April 1873 to January 1874.	Receipts in February and March 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 1870-71			321 15 10	24 9 9	346 9 7			
1871-72	... ...	2,58,000 0 0	439 11 8	53 0 11	492 12 7			
1872-73			11,527 15 6	1,229 1 1	12,757 0 7			
1873-74			1,81,796 7 8	30,968 0 9	2,12,764 8 5			
						2,26,360 15 2		
Ground Rents	... ...	2,500 0 0	1,063 1 8	187 3 0	1,250 4 8			2,42,120 1 8
						1,250 4 8		2,359 2 5
Tax on Arts, Trades, Professions, and Callings.								
Anterior to and for 1870-71			317 0 0	78 0 0	395 0 0			
1871-72	... ...	82,000 0 0	956 0 0	188 0 0	1,144 0 0			
1872-73			4,570 8 0	1,367 0 0	5,937 8 0			
1873-74			29,480 8 0	11,348 0 0	40,828 8 0			
			99 0 0	5,106 0 0	5,205 0 0			
						53,510 0 0		55,996 0 0
Liquor License Tax.								
Anterior to and for 1870-71			... ...	... ...	... ...			
1871-72	... ...	10,000 0 0	86 0 0	... ...	86 0 0			
1872-73			259 0 0	... ...	259 0 0			
1873-74			9,218 0 0	75 0 0	9,293 0 0			
			75 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0			
						9,738 0 0		9,959 0 0
Tax on Carriages, Horses, and other Animals.								
For half-year ending 30th April 1872			806 4 0	17 0 0	823 4 0			
For do. 31st Oct. 1872			840 12 0	46 0 0	886 12 0			
For do. 30th April 1873	... ...	46,000 0 0	6,137 4 0	26 0 0	6,163 4 0			
For do. 31st Oct. 1873			19,566 4 0	193 0 0	19,759 4 0			
For do. 30th April 1874			9,450 8 0	6,301 0 0	15,751 8 0			
						43,384 0 0		39,686 12 0
Registration of Carts and other Vehicles without Springs.								
For 1st half-year of 1872			28 0 0	... ...	28 0 0			
For 2nd do. 1872			93 5 10	3 10 7	97 0 5			
For 1st do. 1873			1,224 9 10	10 5 1	1,234 14 11			
For 2nd do. 1873	... ...	12,000 0 0	6,088 0 0	82 0 0	6,170 0 0			
For 1st do. 1874			2,220 0 0	2,966 0 0	5,186 0 0			
Registration of Transfer			47 4 0	12 8 0	59 12 0			
						12,775 11 4		
Tolls on Carriages and Animals entering the Town.								
Farm	... ...	43,800 0 0	37,875 0 0	12,625 0 0	50,500 0 0			12,598 10 2
Composition	... ...	... ...	1,261 8 0	10 8 0	1,272 0 0			47,450 0 0
						50,500 0 0		
Miscellaneous.						1,272 0 0		1,571 0 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.	
Moiety of Census expenditure payable by Government	10,880 0 0		10,933 4 10	... ...	10,933 4 10			35,000 0 0
Rent of Market Stalls	8,260 0 0		7,704 11 3	1,582 8 0	9,287 3 3			
Fees for Slaughter Houses	8,000 0 0		4,979 0 6	864 4 0	5,843 4 6			
Strand Rents	300 0 0		567 8 8	89 4 3	656 12 11			8,136 13 0
Fees for Licenses for Dangerous and Offensive Trades.. Permanent								5,890 8 3
Temporary	5,500 0 0		2,893 6 5	1,005 11 5	3,899 1 10			1,309 7 5
Proceeds of Sale of Rubbish	3,000 0 0		459 9 8	20 11 11	480 5 7			
Proceeds of Sale of Hay	4,500 0 0		1,369 13 0	326 11 0	1,696 8 0			5,963 5 2
Govt. Grant for Zoological Collections	3,960 0 0		723 5 2	134 1 6	857 6 8			1,022 12 2
Tiger Collections	1,500 0 0		3,960 0 0	... ...	3,960 0 0			2,179 2 9
Miscellaneous	800 0 0		1,517 13 6	312 9 6	1,830 7 0			3,313 1 7
Grazing and Avenues	4,500 0 0		741 4 6	16 13 0	758 1 6			3,960 0 0
Sewage Farm	3,000 0 0		3,556 8 2	146 6 6	3,702 14 8			1,758 6 3
Demand & Warrant Fees.	3,500 0 0		1,757 15 0	579 6 0	2,337 5 0			753 12 0
Fines, Police	300 0 0		2,131 12 7	897 13 11	3,029 10 6			5,050 11 7
Do. on Contractors	1,000 0 0		328 0 0	123 12 0	451 12 0			3,393 13 5
Do. on Departments	2,700 0 0		235 4 6	21 2 9	256 7 3			2,971 9 7
Sale Proceeds of Lands, &c	500 0 0		1,684 1 0	283 8 11	1,967 9 11			549 4 9
Do. of old Stores	200 0 0		113 14 0	... ...	113 14 0			359 2 5
Other Items	1,500 0 0		494 1 2	... ...	494 1 2			2,528 1 10
Rent of Model Parcherries	700 0 0		1,024 0 8	191 0 3	1,215 0 11			1,959 9 1
Napier Park	500 0 0		474 3 9	31 8 0	505 11 9			416 11 0
						89,978 12 3		1,392 2 11
Improvements.		1,00,100 0 0	288 1 6	416 11 6	704 13 0			536 6 5
Reserve for unpaid Bills	... ...	20,000 0 0	... ...	... ...	... ...		a Recoveries for breakages of lanterns, &c., to be set off against expenditure.	381 10 0
Lighting Addition	... ...	... ...	11 0 0	... ...	... ...		b Proportion of Executive Engineer's salary debited to Water Works Project to be set off against expenditure.	
Salaries	... ...	... ...	466 10 8	2,566 10 8	a 11 0 0		c To be set off against expenditure.	
Repair of Carts and Stores	... ...	... ...	198 13 5	17 8 4	b 3,033 5 4		d Recovery of costs to be set off against expenditure.	
Law charges including stamp duty	... ...	... ...	27 3 0	... ...	c 216 5 9		e Proportion of pension payable by Government to Mr. Cardozo.	
Pensions and gratuities	... ...	... ...	51 3 3	... ...	d 27 3 0		f To be set off against expenditure.	
Opening out Ummen Covil Street	... ...	... ...	0 15 0	... ...	e 51 3 3		g Sale of old materials to be set off against expenditure.	
Government Grant towards Elementary Education	... ...	... ...	23,000 0 0	... ...	f 0 15 0		h Do. do. do.	
Improvement of Andiappah Naick, Ramanen, and Annah Pillay Streets	... ...	... ...	798 6 5	... ...	23,000 0 0		i Recovery on this account to be set of against expenditure.	
Widening Narraina Moodelly Street	... ...	... ...	54 10 1	... ...	g 798 6 5		j Accountable to Government.	
Maintenance of Roads, 5th Division	... ...	... ...	61 4 0	... ...	h 54 10 1		Arrears 6,768 8 9	
Refund of Interest and Sinking Fund paid up to June 1872, received from the Water Works Loan	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	i 61 4 0		Current 19,517 6 9	
Income Tax	... ...	... ...	77,162 0 6	... ...	77,162 0 6		17285 15 6	
Advances recovered	... ...	... ...	2 1 0	... ...	j 2 1 0			
			15,411 6 9	1,874 8 9	17,285 15 6			
						1,21,704 5 10		43,691 10 7
Carried forward ...	... ...	5,74,400 0 0	5,26,029 5 11	84,444 11 4	... ...	6,10,474 1 3		

PEOPLE'S PARK

DISBURSEMENTS.	Budget Grants for 1873-74.	Total of Budget Grants under Major Heads.	Disbursements from April 1873 to January 1874.	Disbursements in February and March 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	41,022 9 3	8,000 0 0	49,022 9 3	49,022 9 3	Rs. 3,033-5-4 on account of Mr. Lee's salary as recovered from the Water Works, appears on the credit side; the difference of the excess is owing to the allowance of 100 Rs. to Mr. Stephenson, sanctioned by the Commissioners, and 600 Rs. paid during the year for the Audit of Accounts of 1871-72.	50,013 4 2
Establishment.								
General Department	6,360 0 0		4,816 10 8	1,040 0 0	5,856 10 8			5,872 8 0
Collector's Department ...	11,622 0 0		11,408 14 9	2,369 11 5	a 13,778 10 2			11,703 14 7
Do. Extra Writers ...	300 0 0		406 0 4	58 14 7	a 464 14 11			210 6 7
Do. Commission to Inspectors... ...	300 0 0		183 1 4	85 0 11	268 2 3			311 6 0
Do. Extra Coolies ...	200 0 0		24 14 0	7 4 0	32 2 0			34 4 6
Assessor's Department ...	11,574 0 0		7,083 0 3	1,320 12 0	8,403 12 3			10,902 12 10
Do Extra Writers ...	100 0 0		26 12 11	... ...	26 12 11			67 4 0
Do. Commissioners' Fees.	320 0 0		70 0 0	140 0 0	210 0 0			250 0 0
Executive Engineer's Department.								
In-door	3,732 0 0		2,881 0 0	552 0 0	3,433 0 0			2,262 9 9
Out-door	5,904 0 0		4,920 0 0	1,011 0 0	5,931 0 0			5,879 0 0
Conservancy Department.								
In-door	1,992 0 0		1,653 0 0	332 0 0	1,985 0 0			1,883 0 0
Out-door	1,17,208 0 0		96,529 3 1	19,388 2 6	1,15,917 5 7			1,16,258 7 7
Registry of Births and Deaths	4,428 0 0		3,690 0 0	738 0 0	4,428 0 0			4,423 0 0
		1,64,040 0 0				1,60,735 6 9		
Conservancy.								
New Carts	400 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Repair of Carts and Stores...	4,000 0 0		3,313 15 7	802 0 10	4,116 0 5		Rs. 216-5-9 credited to this Account, as per contra.	4,139 1 4
Workshops	1,760 0 0		1,104 5 6	225 0 0	1,329 5 6			1,168 0 3
Repair of Boats	400 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			212 5 2
Main Drain	2,000 0 0		1,994 3 6	9 0 0	2,003 3 6			218 6 1
Digging Pits	4,000 0 0		3,936 9 0	740 11 3	4,677 4 3		This excess was unavoidable.	4,390 12 2
Killing Dogs	1,000 0 0		1,366 7 11	0 4 0	1,366 11 11			966 14 8
Sanding Latrines	1,000 0 0		724 1 0	240 10 0	964 11 0		The Budget grant was insufficient to meet the expenditure incurred by the Police on this account.	3,219 10 11
Removal of Monkeys ...	300 0 0		... ...	300 0 0	300 0 0			
Epidemic Charges and Contingent ...	3,600 0 0		1,036 2 6	2,249 10 5	3,285 12 11			1,040 7 9
Iron Gratings	500 0 0		17 8 0	... ...	17 8 0			1,865 10 8
Extension of Sewage Farm.	1,000 0 0		471 6 0	60 0 0	531 6 0		Rs. 100 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills."	1,663 13 1
Maintenance of Sewage Farm	1,800 0 0		1,393 2 11	256 0 0	1,649 2 11			393 4 0
Dust Boxes	3,000 0 0		3,071 2 9	125 0 0	3,196 2 9			
Clothing	400 0 0		396 11 6	... ...	396 11 6			
		25,160 0 0				23,734 0 8		
Public Works.								
New Buildings.								
Constructing Public Latrines.	4,000 0 0		633 8 2	171 12 11	805 5 1			670 0 0
Do. Urinals ...							Rs. 1,284-7-11 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills."	
Do. Slaughter Houses..	1,000 0 0		2,071 6 8	... ...	2,071 6 8			... ...
Roads.								
Improving Ramanen and Andiappah Naick and Annah Pillay Streets	5,000 0 0		3,825 3 9	17 11 8	3,842 15 5			662 1 2
Making New Street Boards ...	100 0 0		74 13 0	... ...	74 13 0			200 0 0
New Metalling of Roads, 1st Division.			1,410 0 0	... ...	1,410 0 0			907 10 4
Do. do. 2nd do.			23 10 8	... ...	23 10 8			55 2 4
Do. do. 3rd do			... ...	43 7 1	43 7 1			1,089 2 0
Do. do. 4th do.	7,000 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			18 6 8
Do. do. 5th do.			1,121 6 4	... ...	1,121 6 4			1,999 11 0
Do. do. 6th do.			... ...	... ...	... ...			242 4 3
Do. do. 7th do.			... ...	... ...	... ...			68 4 0
Do. do. 8th do.			1,618 3 5	... ...	1,618 3 5			1,616 9 0
					4,216 11 6			5,997 3 0
Peddoo Naick's Road	150 0 0		53 0 2	... ...	53 0 2			823 6 1
Ummen Covil Street	200 0 0		20 9 2	18 1 5	38 10 7			1,249 9 11
Improvements.								
Napier Park	a 3,000 0 0		916 11 11	205 13 8	1,122 9 7			3,518 11 3
Improving and extending Burial and Burning Grounds	3,000 0 0		669 14 4	54 12 6	724 10 10			300 3 8
Constructing Cart Stands ...	b 4,000 0 0		494 9 8	204 5 11	698 15 7			77 15 ...
Erection and Improvement of Parcherries and Hutting Grounds	2,000 0 0		455 10 4	415 4 9	870 15 1			3,270 9 10
Fencing Road sides and River banks	500 0 0		672 2 4	51 9 11	723 12 3		Rs. 40-12-1 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills," the remaining excess was unavoidable and the expenditure was absolutely necessary.	42 0 4
Tinnevelly Settlement	1,000 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Mafuskhan's Road ...	3,000 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...			6,271 13 5
Drains.								
Constructing New Drains ...	5,000 0 0		2,266 10 7	330 9 7	2,597 4 2			
		38,950 0 0				17,341 1 11		
Repairs—Buildings.								
Repairing Slaughter Houses ...	600 0 0		817 6 1	2 8 0	819 14 1		Rs. 144-11-11 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills," the remaining excess was unavoidable.	284 12 ...
Do. General Market ...	400 0 0		23 6 0	0 8 0	23 14 0			146 9 ...
Do. Latrines	1,500 0 0		1,396 0 8	493 4 9	b 1,889 5 5			353 7 ...
Do. Cart Sheds	200 0 0		317 8 2	44 6 0	c 351 14 2			162 7 4
Do. Office Premises ...	500 0 0		387 13 11	... ...	387 13 11			260 6 ...
Do. Public Wells	400 0 0		166 6 1	24 4 5	190 10 6		b Rs. 372-4-6 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills."	1,019 13 11
Do. Dust Bins	200 0 0		130 4 7	42 7 10	172 12 5			5 0 ...
Do. Walls on Road sides...	c 2,000 0 0		1,932 6 9	... ...	1,932 6 9			531 9 ...
Do. Toll Gates	100 0 0		54 2 6	... ...	54 2 6		c This excess was unavoidable.	146 0 ...
Do. Model Parcherries ...	500 0 0		80 4 4	... ...	80 4 4		Rs. 1,004-15-10 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills."	... ...
Repairs—Roads								
Maintenance of Roads, 1st Division.			7,396 8 4	6,416 15 7	13,813 7 11			7,140 9 ...
Do. do. 2nd do. ...			11,361 11 1	457 8 2	11,819 3 3			19,751 13 ...
Do. do. 3rd do. ...			8,280 10 1	3,835 14 4	12,116 8 5			22,732 10 ...
Do. do. 4th do. ...	d 1,25,000 0 0		8,538 7 0	3,828 3 4	12,366 10 4			5,314 10 ...
Do. do. 5th do. ...			4,946 12 11	421 11 6	5,368 8 5			14,113 15 ...
Do. do. 6th do. ...			3,143 12 1	419 2 3	3,562 14 4			5,097 6 ...
Do. do. 7th do. ...			15,346 10 8	337 2 5	15,683 13 1			10,660 10 ...
Do. do. 8th do. ...			9,543 12 4	5,669 1 9	15,212 14 1			10,051 6 ...
					89,913 15 10		Rupees 9,106-4-10 of this is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills."	86,753 2 ...
Carried forward ...	1,31,400 0 0	2,72,650 0 0	2,83,682 6 10	63,557 13 8	95,857 1 11	2,51,333 2 7		

a Increased by a supplemental grant of Rs. 2,000 at an adjourned General Meeting of the 12th November 1873. do. do.
b Do. do. of Rs. 3,000 do. do. do. do.
c Do. do. of Rs. 1,000 do. do. do. do.
d Increased by a supplemental grant of Rs. 50,000 at an adjourned General Meeting of the 12th November 1873.

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

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

RECEIPTS.	Budget Estimates for 1873-74.	Total of Budget Estimates under Major Heads.	Receipts from April 1873 to January 1874.	Receipts in February and March 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.
Brought forward ...	... ...	5,74,400 0 0	5,26,029 5 11	84,444 11 4	... ...	6,10,474 1 3		
Balance on 31st March 1874 ...	... ...	5,74,400 0 0	5,26,029 5 11	84,444 11 4	... ...	6,10,474 1 3		
						3,682 8 11		
Rupees ...	... ...	5,74,400 0 0	5,26,029 5 11	84,444 11 4	... ...	6,14,156 10 2		

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
MADRAS, 1st *April* 1874.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Budget Grants for 1873-74.	Total of Budget Grants under Major Heads.	Disbursements from April 1873 to January 1874.	Disbursements in February and March 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 ...	1,31,400 0 0	2,72,650 0 0	2,88,632 6 10	63,557 13 8	95,857 1 11	2,51,333 2 7		
PUBLIC WORKS.								
Repairing wooden railings in Roads ...	1,000 0 0		1 0 0	... ...	1 0 0			325 0 0
Do. Street Boards	100 0 0		74 13 0	... ...	74 13 0			100 0 0
Removing Prickly-pear	500 0 0		21 7 10	49 14 0	71 5 10			143 15 0
Watering Mount Road, Popham's Broadway, General Hospital Road, and North Beach Road.	2,300 0 0		2,789 12 7	571 13 3	3,361 9 10		The excess is unavoidable.	3,236 0 8
Numbering Doors	100 0 0		240 0 0	... ...	240 0 0		This amount is chargeable to "Reserve for unpaid Bills."	... ...
Drains.								
Repairing and re-building Masonry Drains.	5,000 0 0		2,522 7 11	680 8 11	3,203 0 10			9,360 13 9
Miscellaneous.								
Planting Avenue from Grazing and Avenue Fund.	4,000 0 0		3,331 12 9	345 9 8	3,677 6 5			4,646 4 10
Planting Esplanade and Maintaining Wire Fence.	1,000 0 0		454 10 10	408 12 5	863 7 3			887 15 2
		1,45,400 0 0				1,07,349 13 1		
Reserve for unpaid Bills	20,000 0 0	20,000 0 0	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	Rupees 20,150-13-1 has been disbursed on account of this grant and included in Special Headings.	... ...
Hospitals and Dispensaries...	31,111 0 0	31,111 0 0	23,333 4 0	7,777 12 0	31,111 0 0	31,111 0 0		a 49,126 8 0
Vaccination	5,670 0 0	5,670 0 0	4,252 8 0	1,417 8 0	5,670 0 0	5,670 0 0		
Contagious Diseases' Act	8,788 0 0	8,788 0 0	6,591 0 0	2,197 0 0	8,788 0 0	8,788 0 0		15,090 0 0
Educational Grants	10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0	9,391 0 11	5,524 15 11	14,916 0 10	14,916 0 10	Excess met from the grant received from Government, as per contra.	4,536 14 0
WATER WORKS.								
Establishment—	3,323 0 0		1,676 2 9	538 0 0	2,214 2 9			
Out-door	863 0 0		626 0 0	160 0 0	786 0 0			
In-door	3,500 0 0		3,964 1 11	378 12 2	4,342 14 1		Excess met from the savings in this grant.	
Maintenance of Delivery Channel... ...	1,900 0 0		785 11 5	453 12 3	1,239 7 8			
Repairs to Fountains	3,750 0 0		2,324 5 3	738 7 5	3,062 12 8			
Maintenance of system of pipes	500 0 0		171 6 6	188 11 9	360 2 3			
Stationery and Contingent		12,938 0 0				12,005 7 5		
LIGHTING.								
Maintenance	20,813 0 0		18,734 7 8	3,905 5 1	22,639 12 9			24,208 0 1
Addition	1,000 0 0		977 10 0	102 13 8	1,080 7 8			476 12 5
		21,813 0 0				23,720 4 5	The excess is unvoidable having been worked on contract.	
REFUNDS OF REVENUE.								
House and Land Rates for 1871 ...			26 4 9	... ...	26 4 9			65 14 2
House and Land Rates for 1872 ...			1,943 12 1	... ...	1,943 12 1		Rupees 1,897-3-2 refunded for the rate assessed on the Madras Pier.	167 13 5
House and Land Rates for 1873 ...			... ...	42 10 9	42 10 9			... ...
Refund of Tax on Arts, Professions, Trades, and Callings, 1871.			25 0 0	... ...	25 0 0			8 0 0
Do. do. 1873			89 0 0	... ...	89 0 0			... ...
Refund of Tax on Carriages, Horses, and other Animals.								
For half-year ending 31st October 1873.	1,000 0 0		11 0 0	... ...	11 0 0		For the half-year ending 31st December 1873, the previous half-year's, paid from the Water Works Loan.	13 8 0
For half-year ending 31st October 1873.			54 8 0	... ...	54 8 0			5 0 0
For half-year ending 30th April 1874.			... ...	9 0 0	9 0 0			... ...
Refund of Tax on Registration of Carts and other Vehicles without springs.			6 0 0	... ...	6 0 0			63 0 4
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			3 0 0	... ...	3 0 0			... ...
Refund of Fees for Licenses for dangerous and offensive Trades. Temporary.			125 0 0	... ...	125 0 0			... ...
Do. do. for 1872-73 ...			160 0 0	... ...	160 0 0			... ...
Refund of Grazing and Avenues, 1872-73.			25 0 0	... ...	25 0 0			... ...
Refund of Fines, Police		1,000 0 0				2,703 3 7		
Interest on Loan on Water Works ...	76,800 0 0		26,288 15 10	... ...	26,288 15 10		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.	20,583 14 2
Sinking Fund for Liquidation of the Water Works Loan.			13,144 7 10	... ...	13,144 7 10			10,291 15 1
		76,800 0 0				39,433 7 8		
MISCELLANEOUS.								
People's Park	11,020 0 0		9,210 0 9	2,277 5 10	*11,487 6 7			15,257 13 1
Fire Engine Maintenance and Repairs...	700 0 0		2,670 0 7	25 12 3	†2,925 12 10			850 3 11
Engineer's Stores Godown Rent	300 0 0		250 0 0	50 0 0	300 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.	435 0 0
		12,020 0 0				14,713 3 5		
CONTINGENT.								
Stationery	2,200 0 0		1,207 11 4	8 11 8	1,216 7 0			1,537 15 11
Printing Charges	2,200 0 0		1,696 0 6	272 14 7	1,968 15 1			2,526 13 0
Advertising Charges	1,000 0 0		1,007 3 0	459 7 0	a1,466 10 0			1,190 2 0
Extra Writers	100 0 0		... ...	35 0 0	35 0 0			26 0 0
Law Charges, including Stamp Duty ...	2,000 0 0		2,866 13 0	189 7 0	b 3,056 4 0			1,750 4 8
Insurance on Office Premises, &c....	125 0 0		... ...	125 0 0	125 0 0			125 0 0
Office Furniture	200 0 0		25 5 8	161 12 1	187 1 9			64 2 4
Pensions and Gratuities	3,000 0 0		2,001 2 8	400 13 4	2,402 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.	2,372 0 0
Miscellaneous	1,000 0 0		631 1 8	220 14 3	851 15 11			1,130 9 0
		11,625 0 0				11,309 5 9		
Completing Screw Pile Drain at North-East angle of the Fort.			1,912 0 7	106 14 2	c 2,018 14 9			237 15 4
Repairing Burden rests			41 15 0	... ...	d 41 15 0			208 3 5
Constructing Foot Paths ...			128 14 6	... ...	d 128 14 6			
Widening Narraina Moodely Street ...			200 0 0	... ...	e 200 0 0			21 5 11
Ground Rents			... ...	245 11 5	f 245 11 5			... ...
Rent of Model Parcherries			... ...	18 0 0	f 18 0 0		e Expenditure on emergency, and Rupees 54-10-1 has been realized by sale of old materials on this account.	363 9 3
Grazing Avenues			... ...	211 3 2	f 211 3 2			22 8 0
Fees for Licenses for Dangerous and Offensive Trades.			... ...	10 2 0	f 10 2 0			41 10 0
Tolls on Carriages and Animals entering the Town (Farm).			... ...	10 12 10	f 10 12 10			... ...
Tolls on Carriages and Animals entering the Town (Composition.)			1,338 8 0	... ...	g 1,338 8 0		f Amounts levied on account of House and Land Rates for 1872.	1,498 0 0
Advances Recoverable			33,262 7 3	1,674 12 0	84,937 3 3		g Per Contra.	42,393 2 6
						39,161 4 11		
	... ...	6,30,015 0 0	4,66,430 7 2	95,783 14 6	... ...	5,62,214 5 8		
	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	51,942 4 6		
Balance on the 31st January 1874								
Rupees ...	... ...	6,30,015 0 0	4,66,430 7 2	95,783 14 6	... ...	6,14,156 10 2		

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

J. G. COLEMAN,
Offg. 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 Banloo Chetty Street, in the Black Town, on Thursday the 30th April 1874, at noon.

PRESENT.

J G. Coleman, Esq., *Offg. President.*
Cowasjee Eduljee, Esq.
F. Doderet, Esq.
J. J. D'Rozario, Esq.
J. W. Gantz, Esq.
Cyrus Grant, Esq.
Dr. J. M. Joseph.
C. Kalyanasoondrum Chettiar, Esq.
V. Kristnama Charriar, Esq.
Meer Hoossain Ally Khan, Esq.
Honorary Assistant Surgeon Moideen Sheriff.
J. P. Nicholas, Esq.
Dr. W. J. vanSomeren.
P. Viziarungum Moodelliar, Esq.

THE OFFICIATING PRESIDENT opened the Meeting by reading the following Minute:—

I cannot but open this Meeting with an expression of regret, in which I am sure you will all concur, namely, the cause of the absence of our esteemed President, who, as you are all aware, was unwilling even temporarily to lay aside his arduous duties to the last, but had ultimately to yield to the suggestion of his medical adviser and seek in a milder climate the means of restoration to health. Doubtless all of you join with me in the hope that he may shortly return to us with his health entirely renovated.

Acting as Mr. Loch's *locum tenens*, I think it superfluous to ask you to give me the same kind assistance which you invariably so readily accorded to him, and I sincerely trust that I may be able to discharge the duties of the Office, which I have now the honour temporarily to fill, to the entire satisfaction of Government, yourselves, and the public.

Before proceeding with the business of the day, I would mention that I desire to bring before you a few remarks on certain subjects of importance.

1ST SUBJECT.—The paper I have first to lay before you is the Order of Government on the Proceedings of this Commission of the 21st January last, which simply needs to be recorded.

2ND SUBJECT.—*Chemical Examiner's Report.*—I thought it well to place this paper before you and invite your consideration of what I conceive to be a very important subject—the restriction of the sale of arsenic and other poisonous substances. It seems to me an anomalous state of things, that we should on the one hand make every effort and use all possible means to reduce to a minimum, mortality arising from epidemic and other diseases, and on the other to be blind to another prolific cause of deaths—and what makes the anomaly all the more palpable is that the latter is, in a great measure, preventable. You are all aware that arsenic and other poisonous substances are vended in the bazaars without any restriction by men, women, and even children, for not unfrequently you will see boys not more than 10 or 12 years of age in charge of a bazaar.

A butcher attempting to sell meat in the slightest degree tainted, is liable to a penalty, while those trading in the most deadly poisons have not even the shadow of responsibility attaching to them. I need not dilate on this subject, as I venture to say it has frequently engaged your attention. My intention now in bringing it thus prominently to notice is to ask you, in the interests of common humanity, to consider what means should be adopted to prevent the unrestricted sale of poisonous substances. It will, of course, be necessary to ask Government to move the Legislative Council to invest us with power to regulate the sale of such poisons by special licenses, but before going up to Government, I would recommend that the Sanitary Commissioner, the Chemical Examiner, and the Coroner be invited to assist a Committee of say three or four gentlemen from amongst ourselves to consider the question and favour us with their suggestions in view to their submission to Government.

3RD SUBJECT.—Since we last met, Mr. Loch has had a proposal from a Mr. Silbiger to light Madras with gas, and some of you, gentlemen, have witnessed the trial made in this room, and are able to judge how far it will prove successful. Mr. Lee informs me that Mr. Loch was anxious to introduce the new gas for lighting a portion of the 3rd Division, and an estimate was accordingly proposed for adopting 100 lights for the purpose; but the cost of laying the necessary pipes was so great that the idea was given up; and then Mr. Silbiger was asked by me to submit his own estimate for lighting the Band Stand at the People's Park, which, as you are all aware, amounts to the large sum of Rs. 1,300. The subject has, therefore, not been investigated any further; but as he is returning to light the Central Station, he may be in a better position to negociate with us.

4TH SUBJECT.—*Compensation Reservoir.*—This subject will have to be brought before you again. The Water Supply Committee at a Meeting held on the 20th instant, called for further information to enable them to come to a decision as to the necessity and urgency for the Compensation Reservoir. The Executive Engineer circulated a memorandum giving the information required, but owing to other subjects having occupied the attention of the Committee to a late hour, at their last Meeting of 24th instant, this matter has been allowed to lie over.

5TH SUBJECT.—You will remember that, at the Meeting held on the 11th of last month, Mr. Loch placed before you an application from the Medical Officer in charge of the Triplicane Dispensary for two additional peons to that Institution. You then expressed a wish to ascertain the views of the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, as to the necessity for an additional establishment. The question was accordingly referred to that official, and the paper now before you is his reply to the effect that one peon will suffice. Should you be disposed to comply with the requisition, it will of course involve an extra expenditure of Rs. 72 out of the current year's Budget; but I would not on that account disturb the Budget, as it will suffice if the President be authorized to meet the grant from the balance.

6TH SUBJECT.—The papers connected with Soobroya Moodelly's application for pension have been circulated, and I anticipate that it is your wish to reward this old servant with a compassionate pension.

7TH SUBJECT.—Mr. Stephenson has so clearly placed before you the grounds of his claim, in his letter which has been circulated, for the continuance of the extra allowance of Rs. 100, that I think it needless to occupy your time by any remarks. Mr. Lee is still engaged with the Water Works, and will immediately, after adjusting Mr. Woolley's accounts, commence the drainage scheme, so that the extra duties and responsibilities for which Mr. Stephenson now draws the extra allowance will continue to devolve on him until Mr. Lee completes the works now in hand. No provision was made in the Budget for this extra remuneration as Mr. Lee was expected to resume his duties; but the drainage scheme being urgently required, he is unavoidably prevented from doing so. With these remarks I recommend the application to your favourable consideration, merely adding that in a letter to me, Mr. Loch states he is of opinion that Mr. Stephenson is entitled to the extra allowance, and expressed a hope that the Commissioners will take the same view and vote it to him.

I have to crave your attention for a few minutes longer, with reference to a subject which, I am sure, you will all agree with me, requires immediate attention. I allude to the

DRAINAGE.

It would be out of order to ask you to pass any resolution at this Meeting, as this is not an item of the business before you to-day, but my object in introducing it now, is to learn your views for my guidance. The subject of drainage is a most difficult one, and as far as Madras is concerned, has hitherto baffled the skill of our Engineers. Most of you, gentlemen, are aware that a few years back, Major Tulloch of the Royal Engineers, was engaged, with an expensive staff for two years and more, in preparing a scheme, the cost of which exceeded forty lacs of Rupees, and which was, therefore, ordered to be recorded. Now, my intention is to issue such instructions to our Executive Engineer as shall avoid the preparation of a scheme which would be beyond our means to carry out, but before taking this responsibility, I am anxious to learn which course would meet with your approval. Would you wish the street drains to be remodelled in the first instance, or the great nuisance caused by our main drains removed? I do not approve of any portion of the present system, but I know that to drain the town *de novo* would involve an expense of time and money entirely beyond our means. My present views are, that Mr. Lee should forthwith submit a report enunciating clearly the system best adopted for a town like ours, and, when the Commissioners are satisfied with the plan proposed by him, he should prepare plans and estimates for the main-drainage, leaving the primary and secondary drains for future consideration. By pursuing this plan, time will be saved, and Mr. Lee's labours will not turn out useless, as have those of his predecessors for the past twenty or thirty years. Stand pipes are now being fixed at all the high levels of the 3rd Division with a view of flushing the street drains by the Red Hills water. This step, with a few inexpensive modifications of the side drains will, I think, remove, in a very great measure, the nuisance arising in our streets from stagnating sewage. The greatest source of discomfort appears to me to arise from the main-drains, and I should like to see them replaced by sewers designed and built on scientific principles. I am no advocate for another loan nor for any great increase in taxation; but I would insist on the Annual Budget Estimates being so prepared as to provide a grant of about Rs. 50,000 for drainage. I think this quite possible by cutting down our expenditure and collecting our taxes more economically. I should now be glad to hear your opinion.

The next subject I wish to bring to your notice is the

DISTRAINT DEPARTMENT.

From my own personal experience and from report, I have long been under the impression that this Department of the Municipality was maintained at a loss to our funds and to the annoyance of the rate-payers. Judging from the articles seized, it is apparent that the Distraining Officers confine their sphere of action to the poorest of the poor. On examining the things brought in by them, I find grinding stones, picottas and old doors, showing clearly that the parties distrained are really very poor. The amount realized by these sales for six months is Rs. 171-3-7, while the cost of the establishment for the same period is Rs. 630. The Collector is in favour of retaining this Department, and states that during the above period Rs. 2,030 were recovered on the Officers' proceeding to put the warrants of Distraint into execution. I am of opinion that seizing one's grinding-stone or picotta bucket is a most iniquitous proceeding, and that it would be clearly to the advantage of the Municipality to dispense with the Distraining Officers, and write off such amounts as are now collected by distraint as "irrecoverable." The result would be a reduction of Rs. 1,260 a-year in Establishment and a loss of Rs. 242 in the Collection, leaving a profit of Rs. 918. Against such parties as now pay on presentation of the warrants of distraint, I would take out summonses in the Small Cause Court, which would, no doubt, have a more deterring effect than a Municipal President's warrant. If I find, gentlemen, that you are favourably disposed towards my ideas on the point, I shall, after consultation with Mr. Loch, put it forward as a substantive proposition before you at the next Meeting to abolish the Distraint Department.

TOWN HALL.

There is yet another subject for your consideration to-day. The Town Hall movement has been allowed nearly to die out. I am anxious to bring it once more before the public, and, if possible, to make a commencement with the building. As Municipal Commissioners we have to consider two questions.

1*st.*—As to whether it would not be to our advantage to contribute towards its construction to the extent, at least, of the value of our present Office, on the understanding that ample accommodation be provided in the new building for the whole of our Departments.

2*nd*.—That a suitable site be granted free of charge, but on the understanding that the Commissioners have entire control over the whole building. The sites suggested to me are the Monument Esplanade, the Lying-in-Hospital which is about being abandoned by Government, the Elephant Gate Tannah where the Native Dramatic Society's shed is erected, the Napier Park, and the People's Park.

GENERAL MARKET.

If I have not already exhausted your patience I would bring one more subject to your notice, before we part. The Executive of the Municipality has long been anxious to have a General Market worthy of the Town. On sanitary grounds it is of the utmost importance that the place where the food of the people is sold should be well ventilated and kept scrupulously clean. As a financial transaction it will be highly remunerative.

You are aware that a site has been selected on one of the Esplanades, and plans obtained by public competition some two years ago. The cause of the matter ending there is, I learn, owing to want of funds. If the Municipality has no funds to carry it out, and if the Government is not willing to grant a loan for the purpose, the nex

best thing that can be done, appears to me to be to throw the undertaking open to the public. By this I mean, that gentlemen who are likely to undertake the speculation should be invited to tender the conditions on which they are willing to do so, and the one most favourable to Municipal interests accepted.

1st.—*G. O. 7th April* 1874, *No.* 565, *Financial Department, passing orders on the Proceedings of the Commissioners of the 21st January* 1874.

With reference to the 3rd para.* of the Order the Officiating President read a letter received from the Honourable V. Ramiengar, stating that he had no recollection of having seconded the proposition† relative to the extension of Cassamajor's road across the Spur Tank, and that his impression was that the question of both the road and the proposed reservoir was referred to the Budget Committee and was not disposed of by the Commissioners.

*"The question of abandoning the Spur Tank will be considered in the Revenue and Public Works Departments."

†"That the extension of Cassamajor's road across the Spur Tank to the Poonamallee Road opposite Flower's Road be sanctioned.

Some of the Commissioners also agreeing with the Honourable Mr. Ramiengar, the following Resolution was moved by Mr. Kristnama Charriar and seconded by Mr. P. Viziarungum Moodelliar and carried :—

Resolution 1. That Resolution No. 6 in the Proceedings of the General Meeting of the 21st January regarding the extension of Cassamajor's road across the Spur Tank which is stated to have been passed at that Meeting is an error in the record of the Proceedings, and that the Resolution in question should be expunged from the Proceeding's Book, and the error brought to the notice of Government with reference to para. 3 of their order.

2nd.—*G. O., 5th March* 1874, *No.* 242, *reviewing the Chemical Examiner's Annual Report for* 1873.

The Officiating President moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Grant and carried :—

Resolution 2. The Commissioners being of opinion that the sale of poisonous substances should be under efficient control, deem it desirable, now that the Municipal Act is to be revised, to ask Government to vest them with power to regulate the sale of all such poisonous substances by special licenses; and with that object in view they resolve that the following gentlemen form a Committee to consider and report upon the subject, both as to the feasibility of carrying out the intentions of the Board and the measures to be adopted.

The Sanitary Commissioner, the Chemical Examiner, and the Coroner will be asked to kindly favour the Committee with their advice.

Dr. W. J. vanSomeren.
Honorary Assistant Surgeon Moideen Sheriff.
Mr. P. Viziarungum Moodelliar.
" J. P. Nicholas.
" J. J. D'Rozario.

3rd.—*Mr. A. Silbiger's proposal to light Madras with gas manufactured from crude petroleum by means of a self-acting apparatus.*

Resolution 3. Ordered to be recorded.

4th.—*Plan and estimate for a Distributing Reservoir at the Spur Tank.*

The Officiating President moved and Mr. Gantz seconded the following Resolution :—

Resolution 4. That the consideration of this subject be deferred until the receipt of the Water Supply Committee's report; but that the Officiating President be authorized in the meantime to apply to Government for the land required for the reservoir.

Mr. Kristnama Charriar thought it would be premature to ask Government to give up the land when they had not decided on abandoning the Spur Tank, and also added that the exact extent of land required had yet to be determined.

Mr Gantz wished to know how the idea about abandoning the Spur Tank originally arose.

Mr. Lee, the Executive Engineer, having been called in, explained that the idea originated some eight years ago and was taken up by the Municipality, but was allowed to drop on account of the cost which it involved. The question, he said, had again been resuscitated by Dr. Balfour on sanitary grounds, and he believed that the tank would ultimately be abandoned on account of the Carnatic Railway intersecting it.

Mr. Ganiz thought the abandonment of the Tank was a *sine qua non* in consequence of the Carnatic Railway having to cross it.

Mr. Viziarungum Moodelliar observed that from what he had read in the newspapers he gathered that the Railway authorities did not ask that the Tank might be abandoned, but that, if such was the intention of Government, they might be apprised of it in time, in which case the raising of an embankment would be unnecessary.

Mr. Kristnama Charriar informed the Meeting that Mr. Pogson, the Astronomer, was said to have strongly objected to the Railway cutting across the tank on the ground that it would disturb the working of the instruments in the Observatory. The residents too in that neighbourhood had, it was understood, appealed against abandoning the tank.

The Resolution was then put to the vote and carried.

5th.—*Letter from the Surgeon-General, I. M. D., dated 10th instant, stating, with reference to the Commissioners' Proceedings under date the 11th ultimo, that one additional Peon will be sufficient for the Triplicane Dispensary.*

Mr. Moideen Sheriff explained that two peons were actually required for the Dispensary and accordingly proposed :—

That two additional peons be sanctioned for the Triplicane Dispensary.

The Resolution was not seconded and

Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Kulleanasoondrum Chetty seconded the following Resolution :—

Resolution 5. Resolved to sanction the entertainment of one additional peon on Rupees 6 a month for the Triplicane Dispensary.

Dr. vanSomeren strongly objected to sanction the entertainment of the additional peon as adding to the already heavy expenditure of the Municipality. There was, he said, a continual outgoing while nothing was being added to the income. The Dispensary was managed for the last thirty years without peons, and he saw no sufficient grounds for appointing any now. He thought the Commissioners should set their faces like a flint against these ever recurring items of expenditure by which money is allowed to dribble out.

Mr. Kristnama Charriar and other Members endorsed Dr. vanSomeren's views, and were of opinion that by sanctioning the additional peon asked for, they would establish a bad precedent, especially as the Government had not sanctioned such additional peons for so many years past.

Mr. Nicholas did not see how the application could be refused, as the Surgeon-General, whose views had been sought, recommended the entertainment of one additional peon.

The Resolution was then put to the vote and lost

6th.—*Application from E. Soobroya Moodelly, Road Conicopoly in the Executive Engineer's Department, for the grant of a Pension.*

The Officiating President moved the following Resolution which was seconded by Mr. Kristnama Charriar and carried.

Resolution 6. That E. Soobroya Moodelly, Road Conicopoly in the Executive Engineer's Department, be allowed, in consideration of his long and faithful services, to retire on a compassionate pension of Rupees 4 a month, under Section 63 of the Civil Pension Code.

7th.—*Letter from Mr. W. Stephenson, Assistant to the Executive Engineer, dated 17th instant, requesting that the sanction of the Commissioners may be obtained for the continuance of the allowance granted to him, until relieved of the extra duties devolving on him consequent on Mr. Lee being engaged on other duties.*

Mr. Doderet asked why the Budget Committee had left the extra allowance claimed by Mr. Stephenson out of the Budget.

The Officiating President replied that it was because Mr. Lee was expected to resume his duties as Executive Engineer.

Mr. Doderet wished to know how much longer Mr. Lee would be engaged on the Water Works. For the last two years the Commissioners had been led to expect completion of that project and everything connected with it, and he wished to know if some definite time could be stated. He strongly protested against Mr. Stephenson coming up every year before the Board begging and praying for the extra allowance, and suggested that Mr. Lee be asked to state positively when he expected to be relieved of his duties in connection with the Water Works and to resume those of the Engineer's Office.

Mr Lee, having been called in, informed the Meeting, in reply to inquiries, that he was then engaged in the erection of fountains which would probably be completed in a month; that he would thereafter be employed in adjusting the accounts of Mr. Woolley the Contractor—the accounts, he said, had not been received, and their scrutiny and examination could not but occupy some length of time. The completion of the Drainage scheme would depend upon the instructions he might receive from the Commissioners. Should they require a remodelling of the main drains only, it might occupy six months; but if they should resolve to include in the scheme all the minor drains of the entire City, it would not unlikely occupy his time for twelve years.

Mr. Doderet observed that since there was no prospect of Mr. Lee resuming his legitimate duties, the extra allowance to Mr. Stephenson might as well be made permanent; but he could not help saying that the Municipality was paying excessively for its Engineering staff. In former years the Engineer, who was also the Assessor, drew only Rupees 500, and he did not see how the Municipality benefited by paying Rupees 1,100 for Engineering work only. Are the roads, he asked, in a better condition? He, for one, thought they were worse.

Dr. Joseph thought that as Mr. Stephenson had an extra specific duty imposed upon him he was fully entitled to the extra allowance. The shortcomings of others could not vitiate his claim, and so long as the Commissioners thought proper to allow Mr. Lee to be engaged on other duty and Mr. Stephenson to act for him in Office and look after the roads and other public works he (Mr. Stephenson) was clearly entitled to the compensation claimed.

Mr Viziarungum Moodelliar was of opinion that the Commissioners were bound to pay the extra allowance, but at the same time he thought that they should know how long Mr. Stephenson was to continue to draw it.

Dr vanSomeren had no hesitation in saying that Mr. Stephenson was entitled to the extra Rupees 100 while he was required to act for Mr. Lee; he could not see how the Commissioners could refuse it. Either Mr. Stephenson was entitled to it, or the Commissioners had stultified themselves by having allowed him to draw it for two years. He could not, however, agree with Mr. Doderet in the suggestion that the allowance be made permanent. But was it necessary, he asked, that Mr. Stephenson should be on the extra work. It seemed to him that Mr. Lee as Engineer to the Municipality should be required to attend to all works requiring Engineering skill and experience. The Commissioners had a right to expect him to do so. But instead of that he had for some time been and still was considered to be on duty other than that for which he was paid, and his Assistant was deputed to act for him. It behoved the Commissioners to consider well this state of things. With an Engineer on Rupees 700 and an Assistant on Rupees 400—Rupees 1,100 a month—he could not help warning the Commissioners that they would soon be drifting into a state of insolvency. He did not see why, if Mr. Lee was required to execute any particular work—be it the Drainage Scheme or any other work falling legitimately to him as Executive Engineer—he should thereupon be supposed to be detailed to attend to that alone, setting aside all other duties for which he was paid. As Engineer to the Municipality he was bound to assist and advise the Commissioners in all their schemes, projects, and plans; and holding this opinion he (Dr. vanSomeren) urged the Commissioners to direct Mr. Lee to resume his duties forthwith.

Mr. Kristnama Charriar said that the question put by Dr. vanSomeren was just what the Meeting ought to consider. He failed to see any necessity for Mr. Stephenson acting for Mr. Lee. For the past five months, during during Mr. Lee's illness and subsequent absence on leave, the Water Works as well as all other Municipal works seemed to have got on well enough without him. He thought, therefore, that the time had come for Mr. Lee's resuming charge of the Engineer's Department in its entirety, and that it was by no means desirable or fair to allow one department to be split up into so many branches with separate heads and separate allowances for such an indefinite period.

Dr. Joseph agreed with Dr. vanSomeren in his remarks. It was strange, indeed, he said, that every additional work in each department should be attended with additional expenditure. If an additional work is imposed upon the officer in charge of a hospital, or if there were chances of an epidemic and the Medical Officer was called

upon to do extra work, that was no reason why an additional allowance should be asked. But as to Mr. Stephenson's claim he could not see how it could be ignored, inasmuch as he had acted for Mr. Lee.

DR. VANSOMEREN then moved the following Resolution which was seconded by Mr. Kristnama Charriar, and carried :—

Resolution 7.

1st—That so long as Mr. Stephenson performs the additional duties imposed on him, he draw the special allowance granted him, But,

2nd—That the President be requested to take steps to relieve Mr. Stephenson as soon as possible of his additional duties, by directing Mr. Lee to resume a part of his ordinary and proper work.

8th—*Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipality from 1st April* 1873 *to* 31*st March* 1874, *and Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Water Distribution Project up to* 31*st March* 1874.

MR. VIZIARUNGUM MOODELLIAR proposed and Honorary Assistant Surgeon Moideen Sheriff seconded the following Resolution, which was carried :—

Resolution 8.

That the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements be approved.

THE OFFICIATING PRESIDENT took the opportunity, before the Commissioners dispersed, to request that Members for the Water Supply Committee may be elected in order to fill up vacancies and to strengthen the Committee.

MR GANTZ accordingly moved :

That the following gentlemen be appointed Additional Members of the Water Supply Committee :—

Dr. W. J vanSomeren.
The Honourable V. Ramiengar, C.S.I.
Mr. P. Viziarungum Moodelliar.
Mr. J. J. D'Rozario.
Mr. Y. Vencataramiah Garu.

which was seconded by Mr. Kristnama Charriar and unanimously carried.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. G. COLEMAN,
Offg. President, Municipal Commission.

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

WATER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements to 31*st March* 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.	947	12	5	Sundries and Superintendence inclusive of expenditure for preparation of the Distribution Scheme	61,689	5	9
Fountains, sale of Bullocks and old materials of houses purchased, and by certain adjustment of accounts ...	3,310	5	8	Fountains	51,348	11	0
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	6,681	3	1
	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	41,445	12	3
Sale of trees ... 85 1 6				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	5
	3,362	5	7	House Service Pipes	708	12	1
Deposits on account of House Connection Pipes	830	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	219	6	11
From Residents ...3,655 11 6				Interest on Loan on Water Works ...	48,523	2	6
Do. Government ...8,792 2 9				The Municipal Fund for Sinking Fund, for Liquidation of the Water Works Loan	24,261	9	3
	12,447	14	13	Refund to Municipal Fund for Interest and Sinking Fund paid to Water Works Loan to 30th June 1873	77,162	0	6
H. H. The Maharajah of Vizianagram's Fountain	10,863	0	0	Balance with Bank of Madras on the 31st March 1874	1,019	5	4
Total...	15,08,423	15	0	Total...	15,08,423	15	0

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

J. G. COLEMAN,
Offg. President of the Municipal Commission.

Municipal Commissioners' Office, Madras, 1st April 1874.

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G.W. 46.

Municipal Commissioners' Office
Madras 19th May 1874

From

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

To,

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael
Actg. Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith agreeably to Section 18 of Act IX of 1867 Statements of Receipts and Disbursements of the Municipal Fund from 1st April 1873 to 31st March last and of the Madras Water Works together with Minutes of the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Commissioners held at their Office on Thursday the 30th April last for publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette; and with reference to Section 32 of the Act to request that Government will be pleased to appoint an Auditor to examine the Accounts for the past Official Year.

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2. Government will be pleased to note that, referring to Resolution on Subject 6 in the published Proceedings of the Commissioners under date the 21st January last the Commissioners adopted the following Resolution with reference to para 3 of G.O. 7th April 1874 No 565 Financial Department.

"That Resolution No 6 in the Proceedings
"of the General Meeting of the 21st January
"regarding the estension of Cassamajor's Road
"across the Spur Tank which is stated to
"have been passed at that Meeting is an
"error in the record of the Proceedings and that
"the Resolution in question should be
"expunged from the Proceedings Book and
"the error brought to the notice of Govern-
"-ment with reference to para 3 of their Order."

"That the estension of Cassamajor's
"Road across the Spur Tank to
"the Poonamallee Road opposite
"Pilomer's Road be sanctioned."

3. The second Subject opens up a question of no little importance. It has long been felt that some control should be placed on the sale of poisonous drugs and the Commissioners are decidedly of opinion that the matter should be brought to the special notice of Government with a view to obtain legislative authority to exercise the desired control; and I venture to hope that the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the matter will be laid before the next General Meeting and the whole question be finally submitted to Government on an early date.

4. The Resolution on the 4th Subject authorizes me to apply to Government for the land required for the Distributing Reservoir at the Spur Tank. But G.O. 20th April 1874 No 635 Financial Department subsequently received defers action until the question of the abandonment of the Spur Tank has been definitively settled.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,
J. B. Coleman
Offg President
Municipal Commission

No 45

Financial 1874 Department

Proc.s 5th June 74. —

From

The Offg President

Municipal Commissioners

Madras.

To,

The Actg Chief Secretary to Government

Ootacamund

Ol. So. 1660

5/6/74 Rent to Oct 20/6

Dated 19th May

Received 22nd. — —

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Enclosures 3.

No 1084

Forwards Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners held on the 30th April 1874

Mr Shurrock

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Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Offg. President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated 19th May 1874. No 46.

Order thereon of Ootacd 5th June 1874 No 960

The Proceedings of the Madras Municipal Commissioners and the Statements received with the above letter will be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

2. Under section 32, Act IX of 1867, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr. E. J. Firth to audit the Accounts of the Madras Municipality for the year 1873-74.

To

The Offg. Presdt, Munl Commrs

Madras.

Mr E J Firth Esq

Gazette 16/6/74.

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Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial

To
The Offg Presdt Mund. Commrs
Madras.

Dated June 5 } 1874, No. 960.
Recd.

Nos. 48-49.

Madras Munny. Statements of the receipts & disbursements of the Mund. Fund from 1st April 1873 to 31 March 1874 & of the Madras Water Works Together with Minutes of the Pros. of a General Meeting of the Commrs held on the 30 April 1874 ordered to be published in Fort St. George Gazette & Mr E. J. Firth appointed to audit the Accounts of the

Munny. for the year 1873-74