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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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Municipal—Proceedings.

No. 89. Read the following letter from L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 29th November 1875, G. No. 562 :—

In accordance with Section 18 of the Madras Municipal Act IX. of 1867, I have the honor to forward herewith, for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Municipality from 1st April to 30th September 1875, together with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Commissioners at a General Meeting held on the 29th ultimo.

2. *Subject* 2.—Government will observe that the question of property acquired by the employés of the Municipality since their connexion therewith has been referred to the Pension Committee for report.

3. *Subject* 3.—In view to exercise a more efficient control over the expenditure on hospitals and dispensaries, the Commissioners desire to have accurate information regarding them ; and I am accordingly to request that Government will be pleased to direct that this office be furnished with the information required in the Resolution (No. 4) proposed by Mr. Venkataramiah.

4. *Subject* 4.—I have to request that the Most Noble the Governor in Council will be pleased to sanction the supplemental budget passed by the Commissioners.

5. *Subject* 7.—The order* of Government requesting the Commissioners to state whether they are willing to take over the conservancy of the River Cooum has, it will be seen, been remitted to the Drainage Committee for report.

* 11th September 1875, No. 1140, P. D.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1875, No. 2429.

The Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners, together with the Financial Statement of their operations for the first half of 1875-76, will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The Governor in Council will be glad to receive at an early date the result of the deliberations of the Commissioners on the reports of the Pension and Drainage Committees on the questions referred to them.

3. The Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, will furnish the Commissioners with a return of the establishment employed in the medical institutions, towards the maintenance of which the Commissioners contribute, including therein the charges incurred for dieting, clothing, &c.

4. The supplemental estimate for the purposes indicated in the margin, amounting to Rupees 11,200, is sanctioned. It is presumed that the Commissioners have satisfied themselves of the necessity of incurring an additional outlay during the current year of Rupees 2,000 on the repair and reconstruction of existing defective masonry drains.

	RS.
Roads	8,000
Drains	2,000
Lighting	1,200

5. Adverting to the discussion respecting the watering of the Mount Road, the Government are of opinion that the charge for the purpose should be defrayed

from the annual grant made by them for the up-keep of roads, as they understand that the grant is not generally entirely devoted to the purpose for which it was granted. In any case, the road cannot be placed in the same category as other roads within municipal limits, nor treated on similar conditions. The watering should be continued.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of 1875 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras,
&c., &c.

Dated December, 11*th*.

Issued

Read.

G.O., 11*th December* 1875, No. 2129.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 89-90.

Municipal—Proceedings.—Orders passed on letter from the President, Madras Municipality, forwarding Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Commissioners held on 29th October and Statement of Receipts and Charges of the Municipality from 1st April to 30th September 1875.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Fort St. George Gazette, December 21, 1875.

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 to 30th September 1875, together with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras held on Friday, the 29th of October 1875.

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MUNICIPALITY

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

RECEIPTS.	Budget Estimates for 1875-76.	Total of Budget Estimates under Major Heads.	Receipts from 1st April to 31st July 1875.	Receipts in August 1875.	Receipts in September 1875.	Total Receipts.	Total Receipts under Major Heads.	REMARKS.	Receipts in the corresponding period of 1874-75.
	Rs. A. P.	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 1872-73			235 7 5	90 0 0	13 12 6	340 14 3			
1873-74			3,262 6 6	142 7 10	202 8 11	3,647 7 3			
1874-75	... ...	2,60,000 0 0	22,310 6 7	1,600 3 10	1,140 12 1	25,717 2 6	1,18,918 0 6		1,18,915 0 6
1875-76			23,940 12 1	23,016 3 10	23,840 5 1	1,20,897 7 0			551 13 0
1876-77			...	...	...	...			
						849 14 6	1,68,778 0 2		
GARDEN RENTS	... ...	2,000 0 0	262 5 6	300 0 0	287 8 0	849 14 6	849 14 0		
TAX ON ARTS, PROFESSIONS, TRADES, AND CALLINGS.									
Anterior to and for 1872-73			913 0 6	200 0 0	261 0 0	1,374 0 6			
1873-74			1,460 0 6	200 4 0	237 7 3	1,897 11 9			
1874-75	... ...	30,800 0 0	7,748 6 6	1,162 0 0	1,318 0 0	12,228 14 0			
1875-76			10,799 8 0	2,811 0 0	2,960 8 0	16,571 0 0	35,814 3 1		35,632 0 0
1876-77			...	...	...	...			
TAX ON LICENSE LICENSES.									
Anterior to and for 1872-73			...	...	71 0 0	632 0 0			
1873-74			...	681 0 0	82 0 0	763 0 0			
1874-75	... ...	11,000 0 0	6,433 0 0	847 0 0	...	7,280 0 0	7,087 0 0		7,983 0 0
1875-76			...	...	...	...			
1876-77			...	...	...	...			
TAX ON CARRIAGES OR SPRINGS AND ANIMALS.									
For half-year ending 30th April 1874			264 0 0	27 0 0	69 3 6	360 3 6			
For do. 31st Oct. 1874			292 0 0	13 0 0	23 4 0	328 4 0			
For do. 30th April 1875	... ...	43,000 0 0	3,793 4 0	73 0 0	2,377 12 6	6,243 0 6	18,340 4 10		18,298 12 0
For do. 31st Oct. 1875			10,454 12 0	2,760 8 0	...	13,215 4 6			
For do. 30th April 1876			...	...	...	...			
RENOVATION OF CARTS AND OTHER VEHICLES WITHOUT SPRINGS.									
For 1st half-year of 1874			8 0 0			8 0 0			
For 2nd do. 1874			22 0 0			22 0 0			
For 1st do. 1875			288 0 0	18 0 0	226 0 0	3,240 0 0			
For 1st do. 1876			...	...	...	...	6,115 0 0		6,059 14 3
Registration of Transfer ...			12 4 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	24 4 0			
TOLLS ON CARRIAGES AND ANIMALS PASSING THE TOWN.									
Farm	... ...	42,500 0 0	13,02 0 0	4,341 10 8	4,341 10 8	21,705 5 4	21,705 5 4	Accountable to the Farmer of Tolls.	16,666 10 8
Composition	... ...	...	280 8 0	0 0 0	...	693 8 0	693 8 0		670 0 0
MISCELLANEOUS.									
Government Contribution towards maintenance of Roads ...	34,997 0 0	34,997 0 0	24,498 0 0	... ...	... ...	24,498 0 0		a Contribution from the Town Hall Committee for Mr. Chisholm's Designs, to be set off against expenditure.	34,997 0 0
Rent of Market Stalls ...	3,000 0 0		1,707 2 0	712 13 0	757 12 9	3,177 12 9			3,920 6 6
Fees for Slaughter-Houses ...	3,000 0 0		2,109 15 0	1,012 2 0	1,362 12 0	5,184 13 0			2,909 2 0
Shrand Rents	300 0 0		32 0 0	7 0 0	2 0 0	41 0 0			42 0 0
Fees for Licenses for Dangerous and Offensive Trades.									
Permanent ...			2,776 12 8	472 6 7	722 5 4	3,771 4 7		b For certain apparatus sold to the Public Works Stores to be set off against expenditure.	
Temporary ...	3,500 0 0		200 0 0	50 12 0	22 10 0	272 18 2			
Proceeds of Sale of Rubbish ...	1,500 0 0		1,081 3 0	492 0 0	184 4 0	1,961 9 0			1,843 4 0
PEOPLE'S PARK. Proceeds of Sale of Hay and Grass ...	1,500 0 0		441 6 11	29 0 0	66 14 8	541 4 1		c For burners sold to be set off against expenditure.	920 13 11
Govt. Grant for Zoological Collections ...	3,000 0 0		3,000 0 0	... ...	... ...	3,000 0 0			3,060 0 0
Tiger Collections ...	1,500 0 0		512 2 0	... ...	... ...	512 2 0			602 12 0
Swimming Bath ...	500 0 0		77 9 9	7 7 0	7 8 3	92 8 0		d Amount overdrawn, to be set off against expenditure.	
Miscellaneous ...	1,000 0 0		120 6 0	32 13 0	20 12 0	173 11 0			243 5 4
Grazing and Avenues ...	4,000 0 0		877 13 6	326 6 6	324 1 3	1,528 5 3			1,901 2 3
Sewage Farms ...	3,700 0 0		641 0 9	144 6 0	144 6 0	930 3 9			1,212 14 9
Demand & Warrant Fees ...	1,000 0 0		1,290 13 3	470 4 0	490 11 0	2,251 12 3		e Sale of materials of fallen down Workshops in Wall Tax Road, to be set off against expenditure.	698 8 6
Fines, Police ...	600 0 0		470 4 0	43 6 0	119 14 7	633 8 7			538 5 6
Do. on Contractors ...	250 0 0		30 8 0	268 0 0	84 13 7	383 5 7			831 3 6
Do. on Departments ...	2,800 0 0		613 1 2	93 2 0	...	706 3 2			1,021 13 3
Sale Proceeds of Lands, &c.	500 0 0		1,021 13 6	... ...	... ...	1,021 13 6		f Adjustment, to be set off against expenditure.	1,071 15 2
Do. of old Stores ...	200 0 0		346 0 6	... ...	3 2 6	349 2 12			234 12 5
Rent of Model Farcherries ...	800 0 0		146 7 9	37 6 9	55 1 0	238 15 6			961 3 7
Napier Park ...	800 0 0		702 1 7	100 7 1	92 12 7	895 5 3		g Proportion of pension payable by Government to Mr. Carlozo.	
Proceeds of sale of Carts, &c.	12,000 0 0		12,000 0 0	... ...	... ...	12,000 0 0			
Do. Bullocks ...			...	...	...	...			205 0 0
Do. Boats ...	500 0 0		265 0 0	... ...	... ...	265 0 0			7 5 3
Water-supply ...	600 0 0		...	7 2 6	... ...	7 2 6		h From Government for building three Latrines in lieu of those to be removed near the Coal-godown.	
Other Items ...	1,500 0 0		1,000 10 7	123 8 0	133 13 2	2,160 1 9	70,580 5 2		
Town Hall and Municipal Office.		1,01,400 0 0	a 73 0 0			a 73 0 0		i Overdrawn, to be set off against expenditure.	
Construction of Extra Fountains.	...		b 3,707 2 3	...	...	b 3,707 2 3			
Lighting Maintenance ...	...		c 101 8 0	...	...	c 101 8 0		j Sales, do. do.	
Engineer's Department out-door.	...		d 16 8 0	...	...	d 16 8 0		k Sale of old materials do. do.	
Construction of Fire-works Workshop ...	...		e 197 10 10	...	...	e 197 10 10		l Sale of trees along the Delivery Channel.	
Repair of Carts and Stores ...	...		f 63 0 2	...	...	f 63 0 2		m Refund of summons fee to be set off against expenditure.	
Pensions and gratuities ...	...		g 31 3 3	...	...	g 31 3 3			
Constructing Public Latrines ...	...		h 1,173 8 0	...	...	h 1,173 8 0		n Value of a lamp bracket broken by a party.	
Conservancy out-door Establishment ...	...		i 43 0 0	...	...	i 43 0 0			
Stores	...		j 65 13 6	...	...	j 65 13 6		o Cancelment of a cheque owing to the party's decease.	
Widening Andiappa Naick Street	...		k 12 5 7	...	63 10 6	k 12 5 7			
Maintenance of Delivery Channel	...		l 812 2 0	...	...	l 812 2 0		p Received from owners of houses.	
Law Charges	...		m 1 0 0	...	...	m 1 0 0			
Lighting Addition	...		n 8 0 0	...	...	n 8 0 0			
Educational Grants ...	...		o 13 0 0	...	8 0 0	o 13 0 0			
House Service Connection ...	...		p 1,694 14 1	...	13 0 0	p 1,694 14 1			
Advances recovered ...	...		6,191 1 4	...	1,694 14 1	6,191 1 4	13,222 11 0		
					497 13 9				
Carried forward ...	... ...	3,74,000 0 0	2,46,167 13 1	69,143 10 11	42,805 13 7	... ...	3,58,119 5 7		

OF MADRAS.

from 1st April to 30th September 1875.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Budget Grants for 1875-76.	Total of Budget Grants under Major Heads.	Disbursements from 1st April to 31st July 1875.	Disbursements in Aug. 1875.	Disbursements in Sept. 1875.	Total Disbursements.	Total Disbursements under Major Heads.	REMARKS.	Disbursements in the corresponding period of 1874-75.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
OFFICE.									
SALARIES	50,300 0 0	50,300 0 0	15,172 14 1	4,200 0 0	4,448 12 9	23,821 10 10	23,821 10 10		24,135 7 9
ESTABLISHMENT.									
GENERAL DEPARTMENT ...	7,990 0 0		2,307 0 0	603 11 0	607 2 4	3,517 13 4			3,270 0 0
STORES			120 14 5	54 0 0	54 0 0	228 14 5			... ...
COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT ...	15,075 0 0		5,241 13 9	1,213 15 0	1,228 10 3	7,684 7 0			8,033 4 8
Do. Extra Clerks ...	335 0 0		181 7 6	76 12 10	25 0 10	283 5 2			360 10 11
Do. Coolies ...	300 0 0		82 14 0	33 8 0	32 12 0	149 2 0			60 13 3
ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT ...	5,674 0 0		1,899 0 0	471 0 0	471 0 0	2,841 0 0			2,881 8 0
Do. Commissioners' Fees.	320 0 0		190 0 0	80 0 0	60 0 0	330 0 0		The number of appeals being large frequent sittings for their disposal were necessary.	320 0 0
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT—									
In-door	3,361 0 0		1,315 0 0	262 0 0	262 0 0	1,839 0 0			1,648 8 0
Out-door	4,113 0 0		1,611 8 0	317 0 0	308 12 4	2,237 4 4			2,854 8 0
Water Works, Out-door ...	4,345 0 0		1,954 6 2	344 0 0	344 0 0	2,642 6 2			1,998 8 0
CONSERVANCY DEPARTMENT—									
In-door	1,522 0 0		570 0 0	122 8 0	122 8 0	815 0 0			996 0 0
Out-door	1,14,890 0 0		38,076 6 0	9,392 5 2	9,364 10 9	56,833 5 11			58,301 5 4
Registry of Births and Deaths	4,296 0 0		1,464 0 0	354 0 0	354 0 0	2,172 0 0			2,268 0 0
		1,62,221 0 0					81,573 10 4		
CONSERVANCY—									
Hire of Carts for nine months	4,300 0 0		... ...	542 8 0	542 8 0	1,085 0 0			... ...
Repair of Carts and Stores...	450 0 0		572 2 11	180 1 5	... ...	752 4 4		The excess is unavoidable a large number of carts had to be repaired.	1,721 2 2
Main Drain	2,000 0 0		6 15 3	3 14 2	... ...	10 13 5			1,832 4 9
Screw Pile Drain	500 0 0		20 0 0	21 6 0	5 0 0	46 6 0			70 1 7
Digging Pits	4,500 0 0		1,440 3 7	205 4 0	479 5 7	2,124 13 2			2,447 13 8
Killing Dogs	1,000 0 0		627 7 8	107 2 0	10 0 0	744 9 8			1,153 13 3
Sanding Latrines	1,000 0 0		... ...	... ...	331 7 4	331 7 4			196 14 0
Epidemic Charges and Contingent	1,000 0 0		469 7 2	175 15 7	298 11 11	944 2 8			402 9 6
Iron Gratings	300 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			156 0 3
Extension of Sewage Farms.	1,000 0 0		365 3 10	46 8 9	30 0 0	441 12 7			380 11 11
Dust Boxes	1,000 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			56 12 9
Clothing	400 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	6,481 5 2		392 8 0
		17,450 0 0							
PUBLIC WORKS.									
New—Buildings.									68 0 2
Constructing Public Latrines.	1,000 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Do. Urinals ...									
Do. Fire-works Workshops	1,000 0 0		40 13 1	0 3 6	... ...	41 0 7			... ...
Roads.									
Making New Street Boards ...	200 0 0		... ...	0 11 0	... ...	0 11 0			... ...
New Metalling of Roads, 1st Division.			... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Do. do. 2nd do.			... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Do. do. 3rd do.			... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Do. do. 4th do.	2,000 0 0		... ...	227 1 0	... ...	227 1 0			... ...
Do. do. 5th do.			... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Do. do. 6th do.			... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Do. do. 7th do.			... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Do. do. 8th do.			... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Improvements.									
Improving and extending Burial and Burning Grounds...	1,000 0 0		138 11 6	18 8 4	... ...	157 3 10			291 11 2
Constructing Cart Stands ...	500 0 0		37 0 0	3 3 7	... ...	40 3 7			92 12 0
Erection and Improvement of Parcherries and Hutting Grounds	1,500 0 0		154 8 0	30 0 0	57 13 2	242 5 2			322 0 0
Drains.									
Constructing New Drains ...	1,500 0 0	8,700 0 0	... ...	... ...	14 14 10	14 14 10	723 8 0		158 7 10
Repairs—Buildings.									
Repairing Slaughter Houses ...	500 0 0		3 0 0	0 14 3	0 12 4	4 10 7			3 0 0
Do. General Market ...	500 0 0		38 13 8	54 5 7	93 3 3				6 6 10
Do. Latrines	500 0 0		9 7 0	45 2 0	... ...	54 9 0			164 10 11
Do. Office Premises ...	300 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			299 2 6
Do. Public Wells	50 0 0		... ...	... ...	3 1 0	8 11 5			61 9 7
Do. Dust Bins	300 0 0		4 15 3	... ...	... ...	12 12 0			7 0 0
Do. Walls on Road sides..	300 0 0		7 4 0	5 8 0	... ...	... ...			51 14 6
Do. Toll Gates	100 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...	6 14 0			... ...
Do. Model Parcherries ...	300 0 0		6 14 0	... ...	... ...				... ...
PUBLIC WORKS.									
Roads.									
Maintenance of Roads, 1st Division.			573 0 10	42 0 0	56 11 9	671 12 7			1,851 3 8
Do. do. 2nd do.			557 12 2	34 1 0	43 11 0	635 8 2			564 2 2
Do. do. 3rd do.			817 14 10	63 7 6	92 1 11	973 8 3			1,303 13 6
Do. do. 4th do.	50,000 0 0		362 1 2	21 7 2	48 6 4	431 14 8			430 4 2
Do. do. 5th do.			750 1 10	49 8 0	64 7 3	864 1 1			2,540 8 7
Do. do 6th do.			218 10 8	27 12 0	59 13 6	306 4 2			370 12 3
Do. do. 7th do.			528 3 4	44 12 0	65 6 0	638 5 4			641 8 8
Do. do. 8th do.			919 11 0	59 5 7	80 11 6	1,059 12 1			741 3 4
						5,185 2 4			8,448 8 4
Carried forward ...	52,850 0 0	2,38,671 0 0	78,818 13 2	19,519 14 6	20,023 5 3	5,761 14 7	1,12,600 2 4		

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MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 1st April to 30th September 1875.

RECEIPTS.	Budget Estimates for 1875-76.	Total of Budget Estimates under Major Heads.	Receipts from 1st April to 31st July 1875.	Receipts in August 1875.	Receipts in September 1875.	Total Receipts.	Total Receipts under Major Heads.	REMARKS.	Receipts in the corresponding period of 1874-75.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
Brought forward ...	...	5,74,000 0 0	2,46,167 13 1	49,145 10 11	42,805 13 7	...	3,38,119 5 7		...
Opening Balance	...	...	81 9 10	8,816 6 11	4,295 0 9	...	81 9 10		
Rupees ...	...	5,74,000 0 0	2,46,249 6 11	57,962 1 10	47,100 14 4	...	3,38,200 15 5		

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
MADRAS, 1st *October* 1875.

OF MADRAS.

from 1st April to 30th September 1875.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Budget Grants for 1875-76.	Total of Budget Grants under Major Heads.	Disbursements from 1st April to 31st July 1875.	Disbursements in Aug. 1875.	Disbursements in Sept. 1875.	Total Disbursements.	Total Disbursements under Major Heads.	REMARKS.	Disbursements in the corresponding period of 1874-75.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
Brought forward ...	52,850 0 0	2,38,671 0 0	78,818 13 2	19,519 14 6	20,023 5 3	5,761 14 7	1,12,600 2 4		
PUBLIC WORKS.									1 14 0
Repairs—Roads.									4 5 0
Repairing Wooden Railings in Roads.	300 0 0		34 2 0	1 7 0	... ...	35 9 0			15 0 0
Do. Street Boards	200 0 0		... ...	3 15 9	... ...	3 15 9			
Removing Prickly-pears	200 0 0		17 4 0	... ...	... ...	17 4 0			
Watering Mount Road, Popham's Broadway, General Hospital Road, and North Beach Road ...	1,624 0 0		672 11 0	111 9 0	100 0 11	884 4 11			1,697 8 3
Numbering Doors	100 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Drains.									542 9 0
Repairing and rebuilding Masonry Drains	2,000 0 0		677 3 11	459 1 9	65 6 2	1,201 11 10			96 9 0
Do. Screw Pile Drain	200 0 0		9 10 3	11 6 0	... ...	21 0 3			
Miscellaneous.									1,565 6 0
Planting Avenue...	4,000 0 0		2,505 14 0	408 10 6	377 4 7	3,291 13 1			353 7 3
Planting Esplanade and Maintaining Wire Fence.	1,000 0 0	62,474 0 0	2,565 3 1	16 6 0	15 0 0	2,596 9 1	13,814 2 6	Rs. 2,407-0-3 of this is for iron and wire fencing imported.	1,513 14 9
WATER-WORKS.									1,090 12 9
Maintenance of Delivery Channel ...	2,200 0 0		603 6 3	63 4 1	91 9 0	758 3 4			2,868 1 9
Repairs to Fountains	2,000 0 0		523 12 4	245 4 11	265 4 7	1,034 5 10			253 3 5
Maintenance of System of Pipes ...	2,000 0 0		752 2 7	261 9 10	59 13 4	1,073 9 9			338 0 0
Pipe-laying Extension	3,000 0 0		94 9 2	0 12 10	15 13 11	111 3 11			
Construction of extra Fountains ...	2,000 0 0		862 15 9	75 3 9	39 12 1	977 15 7			223 1 3
Stationery, Printing, and Contingent Charges	200 0 0	11,400 0 0	310 13 3	9 2 3	26 9 11	346 9 5	4,301 15 10	This includes a moiety of the arbitration fee paid to Mr. Clark, *viz.*, Rs. 250.	47,095 3 5
Reserve for unpaid Bills	20,000 0 0	20,000 0 0	24,613 2 8	8,965 3 1	8,484 14 2	42,063 3 11	42,063 3 11		14,748 7 2
Hospitals and Dispensaries	36,868 0 0	36,868 0 0	36,943 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	36,993 0 0	36,993 0 0	This includes Rs. 125, the grant for the St. Thomé Dispensary.	2,835 0 0
Vaccination	5,670 0 0	5,670 0 0	5,670 0 0	... ...	... ...	5,670 0 0	5,670 0 0		4,394 0 0
Contagious Diseases' Act	8,788 0 0	8,788 0 0	8,788 0 0	... ...	... ...	8,788 0 0	8,788 0 0		5,088 6 6
Educational Grants	15,000 0 0	15,000 0 0	2,227 15 11	1,952 0 0	1,161 0 0	5,340 15 11	5,340 15 11		11,207 13 2
LIGHTING.									836 12 0
Maintenance	20,600 0 0		8,782 3 5	1,734 1 7	1,751 10 4	12,267 15 4			
Addition	2,000 0 0	22,600 0 0	148 12 7	25 6 0	220 0 0	394 2 7	12,662 1 11		
REFUNDS OF REVENUE.									19 12 10
Rates on Houses, Buildings, and Lands for 1872			270 0 0	... ...	... ...	270 0 0			88 13 10
Do. for 1873			4 4 8	... ...	... ...	4 4 8			... ...
Do. for 1874			133 3 2	1 10 10	... ...	134 14 0			
Tax on Arts, Professions, Trades, and Callings for 1872			58 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	64 0 0			... ...
Do. for 1873			54 0 0	... ...	... ...	54 0 0			87 0 0
Do. for 1874			175 0 0	25 0 0	... ...	200 0 0			35 0 0
Do. for 1875	1,000 0 0		... ...	... ...	6 0 0	6 0 0			... ...
Refund of Tax on Carriages on springs and animals 1st half 1874.									32 0 0
Do. 2nd half 1874.			36 8 0	... ...	... ...	36 8 0		Rs. 686-8-2 of this was received and credited to sale proceeds of lands, &c., for the time being, pending the payment of the same to the party concerned, which has now been done.	... ...
Do. 1st half 1875.			21 8 0	... ...	... ...	21 8 0			... ...
Do. 2nd half 1875.			9 8 0	... ...	... ...	9 8 0			... ...
Sale Proceeds of Lands, &c. ...			... ...	9 0 0	... ...	9 0 0			... ...
Demand and Warrant Fees ...			686 8 2	... ...	... ...	686 8 2			3 8 0
			10 8 0	2 4 0	0 8 0	13 4 0	1,509 6 10		28,196 9 8
		1,000 0 0	14,000 0 0	12,000 0 0	2,364 14 11	28,364 14 11			14,098 4 10
Interest on Loan on Water-Works. Sinking Fund for Liquidation of the Water-Works Loan. ...	85,800 0 0	85,800 0 0	7,000 0 0	6,000 0 0	1,182 7 5	14,182 7 5	42,547 6 4	In payment of the interest for the half year ending 30th June 1875.	7,713 10 1
MISCELLANEOUS.									427 4 4
People's Park	11,628 0 0		6,958 14 3	697 6 9	748 11 8	8,405 0 8			390 12 2
Napier Park	1,028 0 0		500 3 4	86 8 2	74 5 4	661 0 10			
Fire Engine Maintenance and Repairs	528 0 0		211 5 10	70 4 10	46 6 4	328 1 0	9,394 2 6		
		13,184 0 0							1,725 1 9
CONTINGENT.									1,136 5 1
Stationery...	2,000 0 0		98 5 0	7 10 0	155 3 0	261 2 9			507 7 0
Printing Charges	2,200 0 0		426 6 0	11 11 3	98 9 6	536 10 9			35 0 0
Advertising Charges	1,200 0 0		495 15 0	94 14 6	130 11 0	721 8 6			433 5 0
Extra Writers	100 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			... ...
Law Charges, including Stamp Duty.	1,500 0 0		... 68 8 0	14 4 0	1,116 7 0	1,199 3 0			293 3 0
Insurance on Office Premises, &c. ...	125 0 0		... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...			1,238 8 0
Office Furniture	200 0 0		98 2 0	... ...	... ...	98 2 0			391 9 5
Pensions and Gratuities	5,000 0 0		875 14 8	230 12 8	230 12 8	1,337 8 0			
Miscellaneous	1,000 0 0		156 6 1	80 13 11	22 7 4	259 11 4			
		13,325 0 0					4,413 13 7		... ...
Government for Red Hills Water ...	6,000 0 0	6,000 0 0	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...		... ...
			21,977 7 2	... ...	... ...	21,977 7 2	21,977 7 2		... ...
Payment of Arrears	32,580 0 0	32,580 0 0	4,686 14 1	... ...	... ...	*a* 4,686 14 1		In adjustment of the 3rd and 4th quarters' instalments of 1874-75 due for Hospitals and Dispensaries, Vaccination and Contagious Diseases.	... ...
Stores	... ...	... ...							... ...
			150 0 0	... ...	... ...	*b* 150 0 0			613 0 0
Town Hall and Municipal Office...	... ...	... ...	525 0 0	... ...	... ...	*c* 525 0 0		*a* For a shipment of earthenware pipes imported to be charged to works when used.	... ...
Tolls on Carriages and animals entering the Town (composition).	... ...	... ...	... ...	74 14 10	52 1 8	*d* 127 0 6			
House Service Connection	... ...	... ...						*b* For Mr. Chisholm's Designs, a moiety of which has been realized as per contra.	29,153 2 6
Advances Recoverable	... ...	... ...	2,122 15 3	366 6 6	291 8 1	2,780 13 10	8,269 12 5	*c* Per contra.	
	... ...	5,73,360 0 0	2,37,423 0 0	53,667 1 1	39,245 10 2	... ...	3,30,345 11 3	*d* Do.	
Closing Balance ...	... ...	640 0 0	8,816 6 11	4,295 0 9	7,855 4 2	... ...	7,855 4 2		
Rupees ...	... ...	5,74,000 0 0	2,46,249 6 11	57,962 1 10	47,100 14 4	... ...	3,38,200 15 5		

W. H. AXELBY,
Manager and Book-keeper.

L. R. BURROWS,
Acting President of the Municipal Commission.

PARTICULARS of Expenditure of the Grant "Reserve for Unpaid Bills" to 30th September 1875.

	From 1st April to 31st July 1875.	August 1875.	September 1875.	TOTAL.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Sanding Latrines	137 11 1	.....	.....	137 11 1
Conservancy Contingent	26 13 7	.....	.....	26 13 7
Iron Gratings	65 2 3	.....	.....	65 2 3
Extension of Sewage Farm	158 3 2	1,020 9 7	.....	1,178 12 9
Conservancy Dust-boxes	415 8 0	.....	.....	415 8 0
Repair of Boats	399 6 0	.....	.....	399 6 0
Constructing Public Latrines ..	.....	169 12 0	.....	169 12 0
Making New Street Boards	.....	199 12 0	.....	199 12 0
New Metalling of Roads, 1st Division ..	35 10 0	618 13 8	.....	654 7 8
Do. 6th do. ..	.....	182 7 5	.....	182 7 5
Do. 7th do. ..	.....	355 1 1	.....	355 1 1
Do. 8th do. ..	442 6 4	.....	.....	442 6 4
Improving and Extending Burial and Burning Grounds.	1,513 1 6	690 2 11	.....	2,203 4 5
Erection and Improvement of Parcherries and Hutting Grounds.	51 11 0	.....	.....	51 11 0
Constructing New Drains	1,158 1 2	114 5 7	52 15 7	1,325 6 4
Repairing Slaughter-houses ..	.....	667 14 6	.....	667 14 6
Do. General Market	.....	1,100 15 5	.....	1,100 15 5
Do. Latrines	35 11 7	.....	.....	35 11 7
Do. Office Premises	38 0 9	.....	.....	38 0 9
Do. Dust-bins	2 0 0	.....	.....	2 0 0
Do. Walls on Road-sides ..	541 6 8	76 12 0	312 6 9	930 9 5
Do. Toll Gates	20 0 11	.....	.....	20 0 11
Do. Model Parcherries ..	71 5 0	.....	.....	71 5 0
Do. Cart-sheds	39 7 9	.....	.....	39 7 9
Do. Burden Rests	.....	8 7 11	.....	8 7 11
Maintenance of Roads, 1st Division ..	251 4 2	698 1 4	.....	949 5 6
Do. 2nd do. ..	2,801 8 9	106 14 0	1,619 8 10	4,527 15 7
Do. 3rd do. ..	584 6 1	.....	.....	584 6 1
Do. 4th do. ..	2,504 15 3	.....	552 6 0	3,057 5 3
Do. 5th do. ..	1,055 8 2	1,005 14 11	479 1 1	2,540 8 2
Do. 6th do. ..	3,824 10 3	.....	1,490 12 2	5,315 6 5
Do. 7th do. ..	1,889 6 6	.....	.....	1,889 6 6
Do. 8th do. ..	3,226 7 0	1,239 3 11	132 10 4	4,598 5 3
Repairing Wooden Railings in Roads ..	14 7 0	.....	10 8 0	24 15 0
Do. Street Boards	.....	11 6	.....	193 11 6
Removing Prickly-pears	56 4 0	...	.....	56 4 0
Watering Mount Road, Popham's Broadway, General Hospital Road, and North Beach Road.	82 6 7	. .	.....	82 6 7
Repairing and rebuilding Masonry Drains	891 7 5	514 5 4	133 12 4	1,539 9 1
Planting Avenues	21 10 4	.....	.....	21 10 4
Planting Esplanades	46 5 9	.....	.....	46 5 9
Maintenance of System of Pipes ..	2 12 0	.....	.....	2 12 0
Pipe Laying Extension	760 8 6	.....	3,310 5 0	4,070 13 6
Construction of extra Fountains ..	108 2 9	.....	.....	108 2 9
Stationery, Printing, and Contingent Charges.	4 2 0	.....	.....	4 2 0
Lighting Maintenance	45 2 7	.....	.....	45 2 7
Do. Addition	141 8 0	.....	4 8 8	146 0 8
People's Park	834 9 1	.....	.....	834 9 1
Napier Park	12 5 6	.....	375 8 11	387 14 5
Advertising Charges	206 9 3	1 14 0	10 6 6	218 13 9
Law Charges, including Stamp Duty ..	95 1 0	.....	.....	95 1 0
Total ..	24,613 2 8	8,965 3 1	8,484 14 2	42,063 3 11

THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.

PUBLIC WORKS—REPAIRS.

	RS.
ROADS—	
Maintenance of roads	8,000
DRAINS—	
Repairing and rebuilding masonry drains	2,000
SANITARY DEPARTMENT.	
Lighting maintenance	1,200
Total ..	11,200

L. R. BURROWS,
Acting President, Municipal Commission.

Municipal Commissioners' Office, 29th November 1875.

MUNICIPAL PROCEEDINGS.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, held at their Office premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, in Black Town, on Friday, the 29th of October 1875, under the Madras Municipal Acts IX. of 1867 and V. of 1871.

PRESENT:

L. R. Burrows, Esq., *Acting President.*
The Honorable J. G. Coleman.
Cowasjee Eduljee, Esq.
Cyrus Crant, Esq.
C. Kalyanasoondram Chettiar, Esq.
V. Kristnama Charriar, Esq.
B. Lovery, Esq.
J. P. Nicholas, Esq.
Dr. W. J. vanSomeren.
Y. Venkataramiah Garu, Esq.
M. Venkatasamy Naidu Garu, Esq.
P. Vejiarungam Moodelliar, Esq.

ORDERS ON PROCEEDINGS OF COMMISSIONERS.

1. *G.O., 12th August* 1875, *No.* 1652, *Financial Department, passing orders on the Proceedings of the Commissioners under date the 30th June* 1875.

THE ACTING PRESIDENT had merely to inform the Commissioners, with reference to that portion of the Order declining to accede to their request to allow the reduction in the grant for roads to be held in abeyance until the ensuing year, that by a late Order the request had been complied with subject to the concurrence of the Supreme Government. The closing of Moolah Saib Lane, too, was still a subject of correspondence with Government as the Sanitary Commissioner had recommended the erection of a latrine there which the inhabitants were opposed to.

Resolution 1. Ordered to be recorded.

PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY EMPLOYES OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

2. *G.O., 7th September* 1875, *No.* 1786, *Financial Department, directing the Acting President to ascertain and report, for the information of Government, the extent of property acquired by the several employés of the Municipality since their connection therewith.*

THE ACTING PRESIDENT observed that this Order of Government had apparently been passed with reference to a letter written by the Collector of Madras with regard to some land sold by auction by the Government for arrears of quit-rent and which Mr. Stephenson, Executive Engineer of the Municipality, had purchased. The Order of Government seemed to impute some blame to Mr. Stephenson. The Acting President was glad to be able to tell the Commissioners that, under the circumstances under which Mr. Stephenson had purchased the land, no blame could be attached to Mr. Stephenson. When Mr. Stephenson purchased the land he had no idea that the boundaries of the property included the site of two municipal latrines, and there were no rules prohibiting municipal servants from acquiring land within municipal limits. The Acting President considered that there should be some regulations for the observance of the employés in the Municipal Office in the matter of acquiring land, and he thought the Commissioners could not do better than follow the rules laid down for the employés of the Revenue Department in the Mofussil. The rules were to be found in the appendix of the Reorganization Committee's Report, but they seemed to require some modifications before they could be made applicable to the employés of the Municipal Office. He proposed that the subject of framing rules for the observance of the employés of the Municipal Office in the matter of acquiring lands within municipal limits be referred for the consideration of the Pensions Committee, consisting of the Honorable V. Ramiengar, Dr. vanSomeren, Mr. Venkataramiah, and Mr. Somasoondram Chetty.

THE HONORABLE MR. COLEMAN confirmed what had been said by the Acting President.

MR. KRISTNAMA CHARRIAR observed that Messrs. Stephenson and Ross (who had also purchased land at the place in question) were aware that the municipal slaughter-house was there, to which the Acting President replied that the land was not defined at the time of sale. He then moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Lovery and carried :—

Resolution 2. That the Pensions Committee be requested to take into consideration what regulations should be imposed upon the several employés of the Municipality in the matter of acquiring houses and lands situated within municipal limits, and to report the result of their deliberations for the consideration of the Commissioners at the next General Meeting.

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.

3. *Budget Estimate for* 1876-77 *for Hospitals and Dispensaries.*

The third subject was the statement forwarded by the Surgeon-General showing the actuals for the past year of the three institutions supported from the municipal Fund, the Budget grant for the current year and the estimated requirements for 1876-77. This statement had been circulated to the Commissioners. It showed he said,

	Actuals for 1874-75.	Paid-up grants for 1875-76.	Estimate for 1876-77.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Triplicane Dispensary	5,687 5 7	11,036 2 9	13,507 7 1
Native Infirmary and Black Town Dispensary ..	239 9 3	6,529 0 0	6,079 10 6
Hospital for Women and Children ..	13,431 13 3	19,002 11 8	20,158 8 5
Total ..	19,358 12 1	36,567 14 5	39,745 10 0

The first observation, and one which had suggested itself to a Commissioner, who wrote a remark to that effect on the back of the statement, was that the Municipality was charged Rupees 3,000 more this year than last and the Commissioners had no means of checking the estimates. But if the actuals of 1874-75 were compared with the estimated requirements of 1876-77, the still more remarkable increase of Rupees 20,387 would be found. No explanation had been afforded by the Surgeon-General of this alarming increase. It was found that the actuals for 1874-75 were shown to be only Rupees 19,358-12-1 whereas the Commissioners had contributed as much as Rupees 29,497 in that year. The Acting President had addressed Dr. Balfour on this subject, but was not yet in possession of that gentleman's explanation. Until

an explanation had been received from the Medical Department he thought the Commissioners should defer passing the Budget.

The Honorable Mr. Coleman was of opinion that until this account was adjusted and a satisfactory explanation given this year's grant should be withheld.

Mr. Venkataramiah thought there was some mistake in the manipulation of the figures and it behoved the Commissioners to deal with the matter with care. He would suggest that the Accountant-General be asked to afford explanation as to the actuals shown in the Budget.

Dr. vanSomeren wished to know who were to be the losers arising from such mistake, to which Mr. Venkataramiah replied that there was no actual loss. He was satisfied that there was some mistake and that the overcharge was only apparent. But Dr. vanSomeren was not satisfied with conjectures. The Commissioners had to deal with an official statement of facts and not surmises, and they must take care that they were not mulcted. He was further of opinion that, as the Municipality has to pay the expenses of certain hospitals, the Commissioners should have a voice in selecting the contracts for diets and other supplies.

The Honorable Mr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Nicholas seconded, the following Resolution, which was carried:—

Resolution 3. That, pending satisfactory explanation, no higher payment be made for 1876-77 to the Inspector-General of Hospitals than the actuals for 1875-76, and that application be made for a refund of the amount drawn in excess of actuals.

In pursuance of the view taken by him, Mr. Venkataramiah proposed—

Resolution 4. That the Government be requested to furnish the Municipality with the scale of the establishments now employed at the several hospitals and dispensaries maintained by the Municipality together with a detailed statement of actual contingent and extra expenditure for the past five years.

The proposition was seconded by Mr. Vejiarungam Moodelliar and carried.

Supplemental Budget.

4. *Supplemental Budget of the Madras Municipality for* 1875-76.

Public Works—Repairs.

	Rs.
Roads—	
Maintenance of roads	8,000
Drains—	
Repairing and rebuilding masonry drains	2,000
Sanitary Department.	
Lighting maintenance	1,200
Total ..	11,200

The President said that he had to request the Commissioners to sanction the allotment of supplemental grants for—

	Rs.
1. Roads	8,000
2. Repairs to drains	2,000
3. Lighting maintenance ..	1,200
Total ..	11,200

The first duty he had to perform in making this request was to satisfy the Commissioners of the necessity of making these supplemental allotments, and the second was to indicate the source from which funds could be obtained. He would be more successful, he feared, in satisfying the Commissioners of the necessity for the allotment than of the source from which the funds were deducible.

1. Roads.—With respect to roads, the Budget allotment for the repairs of roads for the current year was Rupees 50,000, of which up to the present time as much as Rupees 45,753 had been appropriated; there was, therefore, only Rupees 4,247 left for expenditure, whilst there were roads in every division urgently requiring repair.

The Commissioners had been kept informed of the roads within their respective division which had been repaired, and the list which was on the table represented completely how the money had been appropriated. There were so many roads in want of repair that it was not possible to go wrong in making selections. He might mention, moreover, that it took nearly Rupees 800 per month to meet the expenses incurred on emergent repairs, so that in the six months which remained of the official year about Rupees 4,800 would go in emergent repairs—a sum exceeding the unappropriated balance of the year's grant.

2. Constructing new Drains, and Repairs to existing Drains.—Rupees 2,000.

The allotment in the Budget under these heads was Rupees 3,500 whilst already as much as Rupees 4,642 had been allotted, as shown in the list on the table. It was absolutely necessary that the grant for the construction and repair of drains should be increased as requested.

3. Lighting.—The allotment in the Budget was Rupees 22,600. There were thirteen lighting seasons in the year, and the average bill for each season amounted to Rupees 1,683 for 1,683 lights. Thus, Rupees 21,879 out of the Rupees 22,600 would go for lighting alone, leaving Rupees 721 only for new lamps and other incidental expenses. With a view to effecting an improvement in the lighting and appearance of the lamps, he had had the lamp-posts repaired at a cost of Rupees 700, of which about Rupees 280 will be recovered to store account by sale of paint, and had caused the lanterns to be painted and numbered. He had also arranged with the contractor for lighting the lamps on nights other than those specified in his contract whenever the moon was obscured by clouds as it often was during the monsoon. To meet these unforeseen but very necessary expenses an additional grant was asked for.

On the question how these grants would have to be met, he spoke with some diffidence. They amounted to Rupees 11,200. The Professions Tax, he hoped, would yield Rupees 10,000 in excess of the Budget Estimate, and the difference, Rupees 1,200, could be met from unexpended balances. With these remarks he moved—

Resolution 5. That the following supplemental grants be allowed,

	Rs.
Roads	8,000
Drains	2,000
Lighting	1,200

The proposition was seconded by Mr. Kristnama Charriar and carried.

Water Supply.

5. *Proceedings of the Water-supply Committee under date the* 19*th August* 1875.

"At a Meeting of the Water-supply Committee held at the Municipal Office on Thursday, the 19th August 1875, at 5. P.M.

Present:

Dr. W. J. vanSomeren, *in the Chair.*
V. Kristnama Charriar, Esq.,
P. Vejiarungam Moodelliar, Esq., and
The Acting President.

Read letter from Mr. W. Clark, Arbitrator, dated Westminister, 23rd July 1875, with enclosures, requesting, for reasons stated, that certain papers may be forwarded to him in order to reconsider his arbitration.

1. Resolved,—That the papers material to the issue raised by Mr. Clark, the Arbitrator, in the documents before the meeting, be resubmitted to him for reconsideration.

2. Resolved also,—That Mr. Woolley be requested to join the Municipal Engineer in selecting the papers alluded to in the foregoing Resolution.

Read Minute by Mr. Kristnama Charriar suggesting the advisability of importing regular supplies of articles required for the Waterworks from England.

3. Resolved,—That the Acting President be requested to communicate with at least three of the leading Iron Manufacturers' firms in Great Britain with a view to their furnishing the lowest rates at which they will supply this Municipality with pipes, &c., for the Waterworks.

W. J. vanSomeren,
Chairman."

Resolution 6. Ordered to be recorded.

People's Hall.

6. *Proceedings of the People's Hall Committee under date the* 13*th September* 1875—

"At a Meeting of the People's Hall Committee, to which Members of the Municipal Commission were invited by the Secretary of that Committee, held on the 13th September 1875.

L. R. Burrows, Esq., *in the Chair.*
Dr. W. J. vanSomeren.
The Honorable J. G. Coleman.
V. Venkataramiah, Esq.
T. Moottoosamy Iyer, Esq.
Dr. Moideen Sheriff.
P. Vejiarungam Moodelliar, Esq.
C. V. Iyasawmy Moodelliar, Esq.
G. W. M. Taylor, Esq.
B. Lovery, Esq.
J. Nicholas, Esq.
V. Kristnama Charriar, Esq.
D. S. White, Esq., Secretary, People's Hall Committee.

That the following Resolution be submitted for the approval of the Municipal Commissioners:—

Proposed by Dr. vanSomeren, seconded by the Honorable J. G. Coleman and carried unanimously. In consideration of the transfer of the People's Hall in its entirety to the uncontrolled charge of the Municipality, and of the Hall's affording sufficient accommodation for the Municipal offices, the Municipal Commissioners are prepared to contribute the value of their present offices towards the erection of the People's Hall and to facilitate the provision of a suitable site for that Hall.

(A true copy.)

D. S. White,
Secy. People's Hall Committee.

The Acting President also read the following letter from the Secretary to the Committee:—

"From D. S. White, Esq., Secretary to the People's Hall Committee, to L. R. Burrows, Esq., Acting President of the Madras Municipality, dated 28th October 1875.

Sir,—Adverting to your letter stating that the Municipal Commissioners will consider to-morrow the Resolution of the People's Hall Committee regarding the transfer of the proposed People's Hall to the Commissioners on certain conditions, I have the honor to request that you will inform the Commissioners that Mr. Baldrey, taking, not the design but the measurements of Mr. Chisholm in connexion with the accommodation for the Municipal establishments, says he will be able to provide offices for Rupees 30,000, which is Rupees 6,000 in excess of the value put upon the present municipal premises.

2. In considering the advantages of co-operation with the Commissioners, I have no reason to think that the People's Hall Committee will object to expend the extra Rupees 6,000; but I must be understood, in saying so, as expressing a mere personal opinion."

The Acting President thought that the Commissioners might safely adopt the Resolution.

Some of the Commissioners doubted the feasibility of carrying out the measure, while others had no hesitation in adopting the proposed Resolution. Mr. Venkatasamy Naidu was decidedly opposed to the Resolution. He thought that the People's Hall Committee were led away by the erroneous impression that the Municipal Office would realize about Rupees 24,000, whereas he did not think they would fetch more than Rupees 14,000, and it would be well to undeceive them. He would therefore suggest that the consideration of the question be deferred until the municipal exchequer was in a position to contribute in money the sum required for the erection of an office.

Mr. Venkataramiah then moved, and Mr. Vejiarungam Moodelliar seconded, the following Resolution:—

Resolution 7. That, in consideration of the transfer of the People's Hall in its entirety to the uncontrolled charge of the Municipality, and of the Hall's affording sufficient accommodation for the Municipal offices, the Municipal Commissioners are prepared to contribute the value of their present offices towards the erection of the People's Hall and to facilitate the provision of a suitable site for that Hall.

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. Venkatasawmy Naidu and seconded by Mr. Kristnama Charriar:—

Amendment to Resolution 7. That the consideration of the question respecting the People's Hall be deferred until the Commissioners are in a position to grant a sufficient sum for the cost of providing the accommodation requisite for the Municipal Office.

The amendment was put to the vote and lost and the original Resolution carried.

Conservancy of the River Cooum.

7. *G.O.,* 11*th September* 1875, *No.* 1140, *Public Department, requesting the Commissioners to state whether they are willing to take over the conservancy of the River Cooum.*

The Acting President read the following Minute:—

In October 1870 the Government passed an Order appointing a Commission, consisting of the Acting President of the Municipality, the Sanitary Commissioner, and Dr. Bidie, the Secretary to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to report to Government on the following points:—

1*st.*—As to the necessity, on sanitary grounds and for the protection of the public health, of prohibiting fishing in the Cooum River and the collection and drying of shell-fish on the river-banks.

2nd.—If no absolute prohibition is necessary, the limits which should be fixed as those within which no such fishing or shell-gathering and exposure shall be allowed.

3rd.—Whether the prohibition should be for the whole year or only during certain months of the year.

The report of the above Commission was submitted in January 1871. In passing orders thereon the Government observe that the disturbance of the river and of the mud forming its bed is reported by the Committee to be caused by persons fishing, collecting shell-fish, and groping for sand-eels. Fishing need not be prohibited on sanitary grounds or for the protection of the public health. The other two practices, though not generally productive of nuisance, should not be allowed when the river is cut off from the sea by the bar being closed and when no rains are falling, and the Committee would prohibit them between the 1st March and 1st July. Such prohibitions should be especially enforced above Government House and Wallajah Bridges, where the river-bed is fouled and most noxious in its exhalations. The Government accordingly authorized the Commissioner of Police to issue a notification that persons disturbing the mud of the Cooum by groping for shell-fish or eels or by using drag-nets between the 1st March and the 1st of July will be prosecuted for nuisance. The Government in the same Order proposed that the Cooum should be handed over to the Municipal Commissioners for conservancy with an allowance of Rupees 2,300 per annum for that purpose, the conditions being that no fresh drains be constructed to discharge sewage into the Cooum; that the care of the large bridges, and the inspection of their foundations as well as the regulation of the opening and closing of the bar, should rest with the Public Works Department, which should also be allowed to take sand and turf from the river-bed when required for Government use.

In laying these Proceedings before the Municipal Commissioners at a General Meeting held on the 8th of June 1871, the Officiating President, Mr. [illegible] proposed a Committee, consisting of Major [illegible], Captain Rogers, Somasoondram Chettiar, and Venkatasamy Naidu Garu, to report on the advisability or otherwise of the Municipality undertaking the conservancy of the Cooum River.

I am not able to trace the matter further so far as the Municipality is concerned.

The next step was taken by the Commissioner of Police, who on the 14th August addressed Government on the difficulty of procuring convictions for nuisance against persons disobeying the notification prohibiting persons from disturbing the Cooum mud by groping for shell-fish and eels and by dragging up nets, and recommended the Government to make over the conservancy of the Cooum to the Commissioners, who could pass a bye-law prohibiting the above practices.

The Government accordingly again invite the Commissioners to take over the Cooum on the conditions above stated, and it is for the Commissioners to decide what they will do.

It may be asked why are the Commissioners to take over the Cooum? The only reason given in the correspondence, so far as I can see, is that the Commissioners might, by passing a bye-law, be better able to deal with the persons who disturb the Cooum mud by fishing for eels and shell-fish than the Government are able to do with their notification.

In a letter printed in the above correspondence, Dr. Cornish, the Sanitary Commissioner of Madras, states that not only should no additional sewers be discharged into the Cooum, but that the existing ones should be intercepted, the river-bed deepened, and the sides embanked and turfed so as to provide a sufficient water-way in the dry season of the year and to prevent the river becoming a nuisance.

It is clear, therefore, that the taking over of the conservancy of the Cooum involves a good deal more than the liability of maintaining its banks in their present condition. Mr. Stephenson, the Executive Engineer, has carefully examined the banks and has reported that he considers the allowance which the Government propose to give with the Cooum is sufficient for the proper maintenance of its banks in their present form. But to effect any real improvement will be a very costly process. Before accepting the Cooum it is well that the Commissioners should consider the liability which will ultimately be incurred by its acceptance.

I would recommend that before any further step is taken it should be ascertained whether there is any objection on legal grounds to the Commissioners passing a bye-law against the fishing and groping in the mud whilst the conservancy of the Cooum is retained by Government. With this information before them the Drainage Committee might consider the question proposed in the Government Order under consideration and report their views to the next General Meeting of the Commissioners."

"From W. Stephenson, Esq., Acting Executive Engineer, to L. R. Burrows, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Madras, 28th October 1875.

Sir,—Referring to G.O., No. 1140, dated 11th September 1875, and your memorandum, No. 38, dated 19th October 1875, I have the honor to report that I inspected the Cooum River from municipal limits to the bar near Marine Villa on the 22nd instant, and the result of my inspection is as follows:—

That portion of the river from the limits to Munro's Bridge lies between garden lands and as there are no water-shoots along it needs no repair just now; but from Munro's Bridge to the bar near Marine Villa it would cost Rupees 3,061-15-1 to put the banks and water-shoots in proper order, as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
In 5th Division, from College Bridge to Law's Bridge—						
Earth-works to banks ..	107	12	1			
Repairs to masonry works..	636	8	0	744	4	1
In 6th Division, from Munro's Bridge to College Bridge, Mackey's Parcherry, and up to Harris' Bridge—						
Earth-works to banks ..	1,275	10	0			
Repairs to masonry works.	90	1	2	1,365	11	2
In 7th Division, from Harris' Bridge to Bar near Marine Villa—						
Earth-works to banks ..	460	12	8			
Repairs to masonry work ..	491	3	2	951	15	10
Total ..				3,061	15	1

As Government, in their Order, No. 1140, of the 11th September 1875, are willing to give over the conservancy of the Cooum on the condition stated in G.O., No. 500, of the 18th April 1871, together with an annual grant of Rupees 2,300, I would suggest that it might be taken over on those conditions, provided that the expenses connected with the repairs of all the bridges and the opening of the Cooum Bar, &c., be undertaken by Government and paid for by them in addition to the annual grant of Rupees 2,300 to be made over to the Municipality. This arrangement I would recommend may take place from the next official year, the Government meeting all the

expenses connected with the repairs of the banks of the Cooum and its masonry works up to 31st March 1876."

He then moved—

That the question of the conservancy of the River Cooum be referred for consideration of the Drainage Committee.

Resolution 8.

The Honorable J. G. Coleman seconded the Resolution, and it was carried.

Watering of the Mount Road.

8. *Resuming the watering of the Mount Road.*

The Acting President apprehended that his proposal to resume the watering of the Mount Road would be deemed a violation of the principles laid down in the report of the Reorganization Committee. But he was obliged to bring the subject under consideration of the Commissioners as the dust was a very serious nuisance to people driving along the road of an evening and he had received a great many complaints. This road used at one time to be watered, but the watering was stopped. Mr. Coleman, when Officiating President of the Municipality, with a view to resuming the watering of the road, addressed the gentlemen residing on the Mount Road asking them to share in the expense of the watering, but none of them were disposed to accede to his proposition. And now, that so many complaints had been made about the dust on the road, and considering that the road was one used by all classes of persons, he (the Acting President) brought the subject again forward, and would ask the Commissioners to sanction the entire cost of the watering of the road from Neill's Statue to the Government House Bridge. The Budget grant for watering was Rupees 1,624, of which Rupees 884 had been expended in six months. This was for a moiety of the expense of watering the North Beach Road and for watering the General Hospital Road for two months and for water-carts. For the watering of the Mount Road it was not proposed to revive the old establishment but to get the work done by the Superintendent of Avenues with an increased staff of coolies, *viz.*, six men and three boys, at a cost of Rupees 45 per mensem; and then moved—

That the entire cost of watering the Mount Road from Government House Bridge to Neill's Statue be sanctioned.

Resolution 9.

The Native Commissioners thought that there were other roads in Madras that had equal claims on the Municipality as the Mount Road and they could not see why they should grant a concession in favor of the Mount Road as a permanent measure.

The Resolution was lost.

Receipts and Disbursements.

9. *Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipality from 1st April to 30th Septembe.* 1875.

The Acting President informed the Meeting that the statement had been examined by the Budget Committee, it being for six months, in accordance with their Resolution of 30th April 1873.

Mr. Venkataramiah moved, and Mr. Venkatasamy Naidu seconded,—

That the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements be approved,

Resolution 10.

which was unanimously carried.

The Meeting then dispersed.

L. R. Burrows,
Acting President, Municipal Commission.

Municipal Commissioner's Office,

G. No. 562.

Madras, 29th November 1875.

From

L. R. BURROWS Esq.,

Acting President Municipal Commission.

To

The Honourable W. Rudleston.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

Sir,

In accordance with Section 18 of the Madras Municipal Act IV of 1867. I have the honour to forward herewith for publication in the Fort St. George Gazette a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Municipality from 1st March to 30th September 1875 together with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Commissioners at a General Meeting held on the 29th Ultimo.

2. Subject 2. Government will observe that the question of property acquired by the Employes of the Municipality since their connection therewith has been referred to the Pension Committee for report.

3. Subject 3. In view to exercise a more efficient control over the expenditure on Hospitals and Dispensaries the Commissioners desire to have accurate information

- mation regarding them and I am accordingly to request that Government will be pleased to direct that this Office be furnished with the information required in the Resolution (etc) proposed by Mr. Venkataramiah.

4. Subject 4. I have to request that the Most Noble the Governor in Council will be pleased to sanction the Supplemental Budget passed by the Commissioners.

5. Subject 7. The order of Government requesting the Commissioners to state whether they are willing to take over the Conservancy of the River Cooum has, it will be seen, been remitted to the Drainage Committee for report.

14th September 1895 No 1140. Public Department.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

L. R. Burns.
Acting President
Municipal Commission

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter from the A.g President Municipal Commissioner, Madras. Dated 29th Nov 1875 No 562

Order thereon

The Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners together with the financial Statement of their operations for the first half of 1875-76 will be published in the Fort St George Gazette.

2. The Governor in Council will be glad to receive at an early date the result of the deliberations of the Commissioners on the report of the Pension and Drainage Committee

12 Aug 8-8-89.
11 Sept 75 — 4-47-49.

From 1875. Secretary to Government.

The Acting President, Municipal Commissioners, Madras.

&c

The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George.

Dated 29th November 1875.
Received 2-12-75.
G.O. No. 562. Endorsed 3. M.
P.O. 2429/75
No 2792

Forwarding resolutions of the Proceedings of a Board relating to the Municipal Commissioners held on the 29th ultimo.

No 889-

Committee on the questions
referred to them.

3. The Surgeon General
Indian Medical Department
will furnish the Commis-
sioners with a return of the
establishment employed in
the medical institutions,
towards the maintenance
of which the Commissioners
contribute, including therein
the charges incurred for
dieting, clothing, &c.

4 The Supplemental
Estimate for the purposes
indicated in the margin,
amounting to Rs 11,200 is
sanctioned. It is presumed
that the Commissioners have
satisfied themselves of the
necessity of incurring an
additional

Roads - 8,000
Drains - 2000
Lighting - 1200

additional outlay during
the current year of Rs 2000
on the repair and recon-
struction of existing defective
masonry drains.

5. Adverting to the
discussion respecting the
watering of the Mount Road,
the Government are of opinion
that the charge for the
purpose should be defrayed
from the annual grant
made by them for the up-keep
of roads, as they ~~believe~~
that the grant is not entirely
absorbed for the purposes for
it was granted - In any
case the road cannot
be placed in the same
category as other roads
within

within municipal limits,
nor treated on similar
conditions - The watering
~~should~~ must be continued.

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No 112

To the Ag. Pres't Md: Comr Health
" Surgeon Genl S. M. Dept
" Sanitary Commr
" Revenue Dept
" Public Works Dept

Govt. of {187 } Madras.

Jul

To

Dated 11 } Dec 187 5, No 2429
Recd.

Nos. 89 - 90

Municpl - Proceedings

Order passed on letter from the President Madras Municipality forwarding Rsln of the General Meeting of the Commissioners held on 29 Oct 1 statement of Receipts & charges of the Municipality from 1st