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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

15th June 1881, No. 1103.

Municipal—Reports.

Read the following papers:—

From W. A. HAPPELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vizagapatam, 23rd September 1880, *No.* 884 [*Current No.* 2606].

I have the honor to submit the annual report, accounts, &c., as per margin, of the Bimlipatam Municipality for the year 1879-80.

1 Annual Report of the Vice-President.
1 File of Annual Accounts.
1 Medical Officer's Report.
1 Tolls Statement.
1 License-tax Statement.
1 Auditor's Report.

2. The balance in favor of the Municipality at the beginning of the year under report was Rs. 100. The receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 10,929-14-6, making a total of Rupees 11,029-14-6 available for expenditure. During the year Rs. 10,981-5-2 were spent, leaving a balance of Rs. 48-9-4 at the close of 1879-80.

3. The following statement shows the percentage of receipts and charges under the principal heads:—

Receipts.	Percentage.	Charges.	Percentage.
Rates on Houses and Lands ..	24·79	Public Works	14·37
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals ..	2·02	Education	3·63
Registration of Carts	1·44	Hospital	31·69
Tolls	38·07	Vaccination	1·27
Contributions from Provincial and Local Funds	2·8	Conservancy	18·08
Rent on Houses, Lands, &c. ..	1·4	Lighting	2·17
Hospital Subscriptions	16·4	Dieting Lunatics	3·16
License-tax Receipts	8·6	License-tax	7·88
Miscellaneous Receipts	3·5	Police	4·75
Balance	·91	Supervision and Management ...	8·29
		Miscellaneous Charges	4·27
		Balance	·44
Total ..	100·00	Total ..	100·00

4. The principal sources of income to the Municipality are tolls, rates on houses, and ship subscriptions to the hospital. The cost of keeping up the hospital has been hitherto a heavy burden on the Municipal Fund, but it will be lighter in future as Government has recently sanctioned a monthly contribution of Rs. 75.

5. A copy of the License-tax account has this day been sent to the Board of Revenue with reference to G.O., No. 1548, dated 10th August last.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. ELSEWORTHY, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Bimlipatam, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Vizagapatam, dated Bimlipatam, 23rd June 1880, No. 50.

I have the honor to forward, enclosed, the annual return for the official year 1879-80.

RECEIPTS.

A deficit of Rs. 774 in the estimates prepared and forwarded by the late Vice-President having been discovered some months after the Budget Estimates were passed, the matter was brought to the notice of the late O. B. Irvine, Esq., who ordered amended estimates to be prepared, which was accordingly done, and the enclosed statements of account show that the Municipality had at its disposal during the year Rs. 11,029-14-6 against an estimate of Rs. 10,878, and this increase is partly accounted for by the sale of surplus Municipal stores and remuneration allowed for collecting the taxes levied under Madras Act III of 1878.

The increase in 1879-80, as compared with the previous year, arises from the house-tax having been increased from 5 per cent. to 7½ per cent., and to the increased collection of tolls. It will be observed that the year opened with a balance of Rs. 100, and closed with a balance of Rs. 48-9-4. The decreased collection in the house-tax is partly owing to decreased rental of warehouses. The collection under other heads calls for no particular remarks.

CHARGES.

2. The Commissioners allotted Rs. 680 for new works, and of this Rs. 426-9-1 was spent in excess in constructing two new roads in those parts of the town where they were specially required. During the year there was a fire in the part of the town inhabited by the shepherd caste, by which some fifty huts were burnt, and as the close proximity of the huts to each other rendered it impossible for the Police or others to give assistance in case of fire, the Commissioners decided to buy up a sufficient number of the huts to form two new roads, one from east to west and the other from north to south, and this was done at a cost of Rs. 276. A sum of Rupees 361-14-0 was also sanctioned for the construction of a new cut-stone V drain, 193 yards long, opposite the Police lines in that part of the town known as "New Town" or Jugganathapuram.

3. Education fell short of estimate by Rs. 40-3-0. There are eight schools in the town, seven for boys and one for girls. The present returns give 271 boys against 220 in 1878-79.

4. The hospital is separately reported on by Mr. Apothecary Roberts. This officer, who succeeded Mr. Gillson in November last, is doing good work, and appears to be very popular.

The annual returns for 1879-80 show a large increase of patients treated as compared with 1878-79. Natives who from caste prejudice have hitherto hesitated to apply to the dispensary for aid, are now attending freely, and this change, the Commissioners believe, is in a measure due to the popularity of the present Medical Officer.

5. The register of births shows 168 or 19·75 per mille, against 114 or 12·91 in 1878-79; whilst the mortuary register shows 227 or 25·71 per mille, against 289 or 32·75 in 1878-79. Cheapness of food, as compared with the previous year, has no doubt contributed materially to these results. No deaths were reported from small-pox or cholera during the year.

6. There was a falling off in the vaccination the register showing 368 cases or 41·69 per mille, against 467 or 52·90 per mille in 1878-79

MUNICIPAL DISPENSARY, BIMLIPATAM.

Annual Concise Report of the Bimlipatam Dispensary for the Official Year ending 31st March 1880.

I.—*General and Seasonable Phenomena.*—The monsoons came down in seasonable time and in sufficient quantity by which the ryots were enabled to reap good crops. The port was not fortunately visited by cyclones. The temperature has been more or less as usual.

II.—*Necessaries of Life.*—The prices of food-grains have come down to within the reach of the poorest inhabitants, so that they who had to sell their cattle and other household goods and farm furniture are replacing them and paying off old debts. The market is well stocked with grains, and there is a look of prosperity everywhere. Third sort rice is selling at eighteen seers per rupee, and raggy at twenty-four seers per rupee; this last is the chief food of the poorer classes. Water is obtained chiefly from wells and in abundance and of good quality. There is enough of pasturage for cattle, hence they are all in good condition. There is no cattle-disease at present, nor did it prevail during the year.

III.—*General State of Health.*—The health of the public was very fair during the year notwithstanding the prevalence of fever during the months of July and August. The number

of deaths registered at the Municipal Office is 22[illegible] and 116 births. There were 368 subjects vaccinated successfully.

IV.—*Cholera (number admitted with deaths should be given).*—Cholera did not prevail during the year, but one case of cholera was admitted to hospital from the coasting S.S. *Culna* from Gopálpur.

V.—*Small-pox.*—The town was free from small-pox during the period under report. Vaccination is performed by the Municipal Vaccinator under the immediate orders of the Medical Officer, so that the working is much more satisfactory than heretofore. I would here beg to recommend the compulsory vaccination of all children attending our public schools, and to insist upon every candidate producing a vaccination certificate who seeks for Government employment, no matter of what sort, as there are many native officials holding high posts who are not vaccinated.

There is a quarantine shed on a convenient site for small-pox cases that may be brought by coasting vessels. There were two cases landed from one of the steamers during the year and treated in the above shed successfully.

VI.—*Malarial Fevers.*—Ague of the three types prevailed to a large extent throughout the district, and in this town, during the months of July and August, in an epidemic form; of course there are always cases of ague in the town, and will be as long as the swamp to the north of the town is allowed to be flooded and dried alternately. This swamp would make a good site for a set of salt-pans or reclaimed and utilized for some other purpose with profit to the Municipality. Tincture iodine was most successfully employed in the treatment of the fever that prevailed during the year.

VII.—*Prevailing Diseases.*—The prevailing diseases among the out-door and in-door patients, both Europeans and Natives, were intermittent fevers, rheumatic affections, primary and secondary syphilis, inflammation of the external ear, dysentery, diarrhœa, and, above all, round worms. Every person appears to be possessed of this parasite, and whether it is generated from the food-grains or water, I am not in a position to decide.

VIII.—*New Dispensary.*—Nil.

IX.—*General Remarks.*—The past year has been a healthy one, although ague prevailed in an epidemic form. Rainfall has been good, and the outturn of the crops all that could be desired, so that the people appear to be everywhere in comparative ease.

The sanitary condition of the town cannot be expected to be better. Every means is taken, both by the Municipality and the Police, to keep the place clean, tidy, and healthy; of course there is always room for improvement. If two cinerators were built, one for each end of the town, for burning the refuse and other sweepings, instead of throwing it on the beach as at present and waiting the vicissitudes of the season for its suction and removal, it would render the town still healthier and be a source of gain to the Municipality.

Extract from Statement Annual Return.

	1		1879-80.	
	In.	ut.	In.	Out.
Europeans	18	596	6	866
Natives	13	3,709	151	7,165

BIMLIPATAM,
1st *April* 1880.

(Signed) C. G. ROBERTS,
Port Surgeon in Medical Charge.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, [illegible] *neous*) [illegible] *November* 1880, *No.* 12,341 (*Miscellaneous No.* 2916].

Read the following letter from W. A. [illegible]LL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Vizagapatam, [illegible]cretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th September 1880, No.

I have the honor to submit herewith [illegible]emorandum of License-tax transactions of the Bimlipatam Municipality for 1[illegible] [illegible]rence to G.O., No. 1548, dated 10th August last, Financial Department.

The Board observe from the [illegible] accounts submitted with the letter above read [illegible] demand, whereas the same is entered

at Rs. 880 in the Statement No. I ac mpanying the annual license-tax report for 1879. The President is requested to ex ain the discrepancy, noting any alterations of the account required. It is further oticed that the remuneration has not been deducted from the settled demand in king payment to Government as directed in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceed s, 5th June 1880, No. 766, otherwise the accounts are correct.

2. The President is requested deduct the overpayment to Government on account of 1879 from the sum payable Government for 1880.

(True C and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th January 1881, *Miscellaneous No.* 560 [*Current No.* 153].

Read the following letter from W. A. HAPPELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Vizagapatam District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vizagapatam, 24th November 1880, No. 1046:—

Referring to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous No. 12,341, dated 8th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the correct gross demand of the Bimlipatam Municipality on account of License-tax for the year 1879 is Rs. 870 as given in the memorandum submitted with this office letter, No. 885, dated 24th September last. The difference between this demand and that given in Statement No. I accompanying the License-tax Report for 1879 is Rs. 10, and is due to the amount which was granted as a remission to one I hana Chetty (he having been licensed at Madras for his whole business) not h een deducted by mistake from the demand given in the above statement.

Submitted to Government in ion of Board's Proceedings, dated 8th November 1880, Miscellaneous No.

2. The necessary corrections ha nade in Statement No. I. The Collector is requested to correct his office-copy gly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

ORDER THEREON e 1881, No. 1103.

The receipts and charges of the B Municipality for 1879-80 are compared below with the estimates for the year tuals for the preceding year:—

	Actuals, 1878-79.	Estimate, 1879-80.	Actuals, 1879-80.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance brought forward ..	230	100	100
Rates on Houses and Lands ..	1,887	2,800	2,734
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals ..	215	230	223
Registration of Carts ..	144	150	159
Tolls	2,842	4,200	4,200
License-tax	1,008	840	941
Assignments by Government ..	6	10	12
Contribution from Local Fund ..	300	300	300
Fines and Fees	46	40	12
Endowments	2,435	2,000	2,047
Miscellaneous	[illegible]	210	302

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1878-79.	Estimate, 1879-80.	Actuals, 1879-80.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications	..	..	318
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	..	..	362
Repairs—			
Communications	195	600	730
Buildings	88	100	35
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	139	100	125
Tools and Plant	..	..	15
GRANT II.			
Salary Grants	231	240	240
Results Grants	19	200	160
Inspection (Contribution)	31	40	..
Miscellaneous	..	..	1
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	3,774	3,720	3,445
Medical College	..	50	50
Vaccination	150	150	140
Conservancy	2,004	2,000	1,994
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	147	160	239
Avenues and Watering Roads	36	40	41
Police	..	1,100	524
License-tax	1,008	780	869
Miscellaneous	546	500	349
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	890	1,060	1,344
Balances	100	40	49
Total ..	9,358	10,880	11,030

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2. The receipts, excluding License-tax, aggregated Rs. 9,989 against Rs. 9,940 estimated and Rs. 8,120 actuals of 1878-79. The increase over last year's income is due to the enhancement of the House-tax from 5 to 7½ per cent. and to the increased revenue from Tolls, which in the previous year suffered from the effects of the cyclones of 1878. The collection of the taxes was satisfactory, a sum of only Rs. 175 under House-rates remaining in arrears at the close of the year. In the Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement (current) the items "Taxes on Vehicles and Animals" and "Registration of Carts" should find no place if the provisions of the Act were properly worked. The Auditor has rightly altered the account so as to leave no balance under these heads.

3. With reference to the remarks of the Board of Revenue regarding the License-tax account, it is observed that the Auditor explains that Rs. 50 of the overpayment to Government have been recovered within the year, leaving only Rs. 9 to be adjusted in 1880-81.

4. Excluding License-tax collections paid to Government, the expenditure amounted to Rs. 10,112 against Rs. 10,060 estimated and Rs. 8,250 actual of 1878-79. It was distributed in the following proportions;—

	Percentage to total expenditure.
Grant I	15·7
Grant II	3·9
Grant III	55·7
Grant IV	11·4
Grant V	13·3

5. The expenditure on Public Works was Rs. 785 in excess of the budget estimates, chiefly owing to the formation of two new roads opening up a densely-populated quarter and the construction of street drains. These works are calculated

to prove of great utility. It is observed however that they were undertaken without sanction. The damage caused by the heavy rains of the previous year entailed an excess of Rs. 130 over the budget provision in the repair of communications.

6. The Educational charge amounted to Rs. 401 including Rs. 240 paid as salary grant to the infant school in which the average attendance was 7 boys and 13 girls, and Rs. 160 paid as results grants to 4 schools with an attendance of 128 boys. The Maharajah's School taught 50 girls, while the other schools in the town educated 264 boys. It is not explained why the sum of Rs. 40 provided for Educational Inspection was not utilised.

7. The number of out-patients treated in the hospital was nearly double that in the previous year, being 8,031 against 4,305, gratifying evidence of its popularity. The reclamation of the malarious swamp to the north of the town should engage the early attention of the Commissoners. The disposal of the sweepings in the manner pointed out by the Port Surgeon seems highly desirable. The progress of vaccination is not satisfactory, only 368 operations being reported against 467 in the year preceding. The cost per head vaccinated was as high as 6 annas and 1 pie. The vital statistics appear to be still unsatisfactory, the births reported being 168 against 227 deaths. The conservancy of the town appears to have been well attended to. The President's report should furnish full and detailed information concerning this important branch of Municipal administration. Only half of the Police contribution was paid within the year. The remark in Statement VI-B would seem to imply that the payment was only for the last six months. It should be explained whether the whole charge has yet been met. The charges incurred for printing under Grant V appear excessive and should be reduced. The total expenditure under this grant should, as a rule, not exceed 10 per cent. of the receipts of the year excluding License-tax.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Cfg. Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Bimlipatam.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Bevenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" President of the Local Fund Board, Vizagapatam.

Exd. T. O'Connor and J. W. Fischer.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.
Bimlipatam.

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Dated June, 15*th*.

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