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28th September 1872.*

No. 185. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 19th September 1872, No. 82:—

I have the honour to submit, in the revised form which accompanied G. O., No. 1646, dated 28th October 1871, the annual accounts of the Municipality of Ghooty for the year ending 31st March 1872, accompanied by the Auditor's annual report. The Vice-President's report also accompanies.

2. The attention of the Vice-President will be called to the irregularities and informalities pointed out by the Auditor in the way the accounts of this Municipality have been kept.

3. As the Towns' Improvement Act (III. of 1871) came into operation on the 1st May last, this report will necessarily comprise the results of eleven months only.

4. The Commissioners declined to elect their Vice-President under the provisions of paragraph 20 of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, dated 1st July 1871; the Sub-Collector for the time being was accordingly nominated.

5. The estimates of this Municipality received the sanction of Government in their Order of 1st July 1871, No. 952.

6. As anticipated by Government in paragraph 2 of their Order of 12th December 1871, No. 1835, the Commissioners began the year with a deficit balance of Rupees 77-0-11. The actual balance brought forward by the Municipality on the 1st May 1871 was Rupees 604-15-9, while the charges for April amounted to Rupees 682-0-8; the difference had, therefore, to be met from deposits. This the Vice-President explains in his letter, No. 31, dated 21st ultimo, herewith sent.

7. The Commissioners estimated their receipts for the year under report as Rupees 5,200; the actuals, however, realized Rupees 5,304-11-10. Under "Rate on houses" the Commissioners expected Rupees 1,000, but the actual receipts amounted to Rupees 1,127-4-0. This is probably attributable in part to the increase of the rate on houses from five to seven per cent. as sanctioned in Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 10th August 1871, No. 1278. There is a slight increase in the receipts from tolls under Section 77 of the Act, which does not call for special remark. The anticipated receipts from fines were not realized, the collections under that head being only 69 Rupees against an estimate of 500 Rupees; this the Vice-President attributes to the few prosecutions for the breaches of the municipal rules.

8. The total charges of the Municipality amounted to Rupees 5,459-11-8, against an estimate of Rupees 5,200. The sum of Rupees 530 was provided in the budget on account of roads, buildings, and drains, but the actual charges on that account amounted to Rupees 776-15-0, the excess being chiefly expended on New Works. In the Budget of 1871-72 no provision was made for erecting a latrine, but when the accounts of that year were being closed, a latrine was in course of construction, and which was not completed until after the close of that year, so that its cost had to be debited to the year under review. The sum of Rupees 66-7-1 expended on Communications is the cost of gravelling for the first time a much-frequented lane in the town.

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9. **CONSERVANCY.**—There are fifteen sweepers and four carts maintained by the Municipality, and having at their head an Inspector, of which three work at the Railway Station under the supervision of a maistry. The roads and lanes in the town are swept twice a day. The carts traverse different parts of the town both morning and evening, and carry away filth and deposit it out of the town, where a place was selected for the purpose. These heaps are not kept long, but sold by auction once a month and removed by the parties who purchase them. Seven latrines were erected in 1870-71 and one was completed in 1871-72, of which four are for men and four for women. The dry-earth conservancy system is adopted. Previous to the completion of all the latrines, the inhabitants used to resort to open plains and foot of rocks, but now this practice has been put a stop to. Eight scavengers are also maintained in order to keep the latrines clean and to remove and bury the excreta, which is done twice a day. The Commissioners intend erecting a latrine at the Railway Station for better sanitation of the place, for which a sum has been allotted towards that head in the Budget of 1872-73.

10. There are seven drinking-water wells in the town, which are cleared periodically. Some of them are enclosed by fence walls three feet in height of stone and mud, but pointed with chunam, in order to prevent rubbish from flying into them during the rainy season. The drains were also cleaned, and consequently offensive matters flowing from rocks during wet weather run out of the town easily. At the beginning of the year some attention was paid towards removing prickly-pear, and now almost the whole of the town is free from it.

11. **MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.**—There are twenty lamp-posts in the town, but this number is found to be inadequate, and so it is under contemplation to get a few more from the Chepauk Foundry.

12. **GENERAL HEALTH.**—With the exception of a slight outbreak of fever and cholera, the health of the town of Ghooty has been comparatively good. The latter epidemic visited the town in July last and prevailed till the beginning of August, when it disappeared, during which time seven people died; a few more were attacked, but they got well. During those days the Commissioners had fires lighted in different parts of the town; the municipal scavengers were made available for removing the excreta from the houses of those attacked, and bringing it out of the town. The epidemic is thought to have been introduced into the town by passengers travelling by train. On the whole the health of the town of Ghooty has been good, and nothing deserving notice occurred.

From the Annual Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Bellary, to the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Ghooty, dated Bellary, 9th April 1872.

In obedience to the extract from the Pocket of the President, No. 26, dated 9th March 1872, sanctioning my appointment as annual Auditor of the Municipal accounts for 1871-72, I beg to inform you that I have audited the accounts and sent in my certificate of examination with a statement showing the actual receipts and disbursements and the balance that stood on the 1st May last, and to report the following for your Honour's information.

2. The accounts audited by me were for the last eleven months only, because the new Municipal Act (III. of 1871) came into operation on the 1st May 1871.

3. The accompanying statement shows the actual receipts and disbursements in the year as per margin.

Receipts — Rs. A. P. 6,181 6 10
Charges — 5,899 16 9
531 7 1

Receipts — Rs. A. P. 6,133 14 3
Charges — 5,603 7 3
531 7 1

According to the cash-book kept in the Municipal Office the receipts and charges are as noted in the margin. The reason for the difference of Rupees 2-7-5 between the cash-book and my statement is that, in the former, the Rupees 2-7-5, being the amount of fines levied from municipal servants, has been taken as independent receipts; but as the Government in their Proceedings, No. 1033, dated 16th August 1870, state that such fines should not be taken as independent receipts, I have

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deducted it from my statement and entered only the actual receipts and disbursements, including also the balance of Rupees 829-2-5 that was on the 1st May. The balance on the 31st March 1872, according to the cash-book and my statement, is Rupees 531-7-1; but the amount in Taluq Treasury is Rupees 531-11-8. The difference is only Annas 4-7. The reason for this is explained in paragraph 9 of this letter.

4. There is nothing to show the exact amount of petition forms sold from 13th June to 6th August 1871.

5. No voucher is to be found for No. 368. Amount Annas 2 entered under the head of Contingencies (disbursements) on 11th September. This is the sum paid for the discount of money (Rupees 9-15-0) sent to Oakes and Co. for the purchase of two bags of disinfectant powder. This requires no remark as the purchase of the bags has been sanctioned by the Vice-President.

6. Nos. 389 and 413, charges incurred in purchasing English and Telugu copies of Act III. of 1871.

The purchase of these books has not been passed either in the meeting or by the Vice-President. No bill was prepared for this. The Superintendent says that the presiding member has given him verbal order to purchase them, and that this verbal order has not been entered in the Proceedings Book. However, he has produced the letters from the book-seller, acknowledging the receipt of money and informing the despatch of the books.

7. Nos. 393 and 414, amount given for the Money Order discount when the above books were purchased. Of course there are no vouchers for these two entries.

8. No. 872 under the head of Taxes and Rates, dated 15th February 1872. The sum entered in the cash-book is Rupees 1-15-11½, but that in the voucher is Rupees 1-5-11½. The reason given by the Superintendent for this difference is that he has through mistake remitted to the Treasury Rupees 1-15-11½ instead of Rupees 1-5-11½. As there is no loss to Municipality, but gain of 10 Annas, nothing is to be done for this.

9. Voucher No. 1, dated 17th October 1871. The sum of Rupees 2-8-0, derived from granting a license for a two-wheeled carriage for the half-year ending the 31st March 1872, has not been entered in the cash-book. The Superintendent says that it has been through oversight left out from entering into the cash-book. When he was asked about the money he states that Rupees 2-3-5 is with him in the Municipal Office, and that the remainder, Annas 4-7, is in the Treasury, and that by his having remitted this Annas 4-7 out of this Rupees 2-8-0, not knowing where it came from, the difference of balance (mentioned in paragraph 3 of this report) between the sum which is in the Taluq Treasury and that entered in the cash-book has occurred.

STATEMENT showing the actual Receipts and Disbursements during the Official year 1871-72 in the Ghooty Municipality.

Months.	Receipts.			Charges.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
May	490	6	2	1,072	10	1
June	378	1	5½	453	14	2
July	374	4	6	428	10	6
August	605	3	3½	425	12	7
September	882	15	0	460	0	5
October	317	4	10½	443	5	9
November	508	14	1½	378	7	10
December	464	8	7	483	15	9
January	722	7	5	508	6	0

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	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
February	417	0	10 1/2	455	15	8
March	151	9	6 1/2	401	4	5
Total	5,304	11	10	5,602	7	2
Balance of last year	829	2	5			
Deduct fines as per G. O., No. 1033, 16th August 1870	6,133	14	3	5,602	7	2
	2	7	5	2	7	5
Balance	6,131	6	10	5,599	15	9
	5,599	15	9			
	531	7	1			

(Signed) M. BHIMA CHARI,
Annual Auditor of Municipal Accounts.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Ghooty, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated Ghooty, 21st August 1872, No. 31.

With reference to your docket, No. 134, dated 12th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the sum of Rupees 829-2-5, shown as the balance on the 1st of May 1871, was made up of Rupees 224-2-8 deposit money, and Rupees 604-15-9 municipal funds properly so-called. The liability of the Municipal Commission on account of salaries, works, &c., for the month of April, amounted to Rupees 682-0-8. This amount being greater than our actual balance of Rupees 604-15-9, the deficiency, Rupees 77-0-11 was borrowed from the deposit amount, and the liability of Rupees 682-0-8 was discharged on 3rd of May 1871, so that the statement that "the Municipal Commission commenced the year with a deficit balance of Rupees 77-0-11" is correct.

No. 186, ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1872, No. 1292.

The Ghooty Municipality apparently commenced the year 1871-72 with a deficit balance of Rupees 77-0-11, as pointed out in G. O., dated 12th December 1871, No. 1835, and admitted by the Vice-President in the annual report, yet in the returns accompanying that report the balance brought forward is shown as Rupees 224. It is requested that palpable discrepancies of this kind may either be avoided in future or fully explained. The Government presume that this sum of Rupees 224 is made up of the difference between the deficit balance of Rupees 77 and the State contribution of Rupees 302, paid in arrears, a somewhat similar error having been made in the accounts last year and commented on by Government.

2. From the Vice-President's letter of the 21st August 1872, No. 31, it would, however, appear that the deficit of Rupees 77 was more nominal than real, and resulted from money actually disbursed in 1871-72 being shown as a payment in 1870-71, in which year the liability was incurred; and this view is confirmed by the Auditor's statement, from which it would appear that this system has been continued in the year under review, and a disbursement of Rupees 403-3-1 shown in the statements accompanying the report, although the payments were actually made in the current year.

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3. The President is requested to have the municipal accounts thoroughly examined and revised statements submitted at the earliest possible date, showing only the actual transactions between the 1st May 1871 and the 31st March 1872.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Ghooty.

- .. Board of Revenue.
- .. Revenue Department.
- .. Public Works Department.
- .. Inspector-General of Police.
- .. Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
- .. Sanitary Commissioner.
- .. Director of Public Instruction.
- .. Accountant-General.
- .. President of the Local Fund Boards, Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1872} {1872}.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

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Dated September, 25th.

Recd.

Sd.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 185-186.

Passing orders on the report on the working of
the Ghooty Municipality for 1871-72.

- (1) பக்கங்களின் எண்ணிக்கை _____
- (2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் _____
- (3) ஆதரவ் குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம் _____

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