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READ—the following paper :—

From MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHIB, Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Divisional Officer), dated 6th June 1897, No. 684.

I have the honour to submit the annual administration report on the working of the Madras District Municipalities Act, No. IV of 1884, in the Vellore Municipality for the official year 1896–97, together with the statements prescribed in G.O., No. 2193 M., dated 10th December 1891, as also those relating to Educational and Medical departments.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL.

2. The maximum number of councillors is twenty, of whom five are nominated and fifteen elected. At the commencement of the year the number fell short by four. At the close of the year, however, there was a full complement of members on the council.

3. The council held 54 meetings during the year a gainst 60 in the year preceding. Seven meetings were adjourned for want of a quorum against 11 in the previous year; the largest number of councillors present at any one meeting was 15 against 16, and the smallest number 2 against 1. The office of Chairman was held by me throughout the year.

4. During the year there were four vacancies—one among the elected and three among the nominated councillors—all of which were filled up before the close of the year.

II.—RECEIPTS.

5. The budget and revised estimates for the year 1896–97 were reviewed and passed by Government in its order, No. 205 M., dated 5th February 1896.

6. The actual receipts of the year, exclusive of the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 55,918–6–0, against Rs. 60,750 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 55,925, the actuals of the preceding year. The decrease below the revised estimate occurred chiefly under—

(i) "Municipal rates and taxes" except tolls.
(ii) Grants and contributions from Government under "Municipal schools" and "Other purposes."
(iii) Miscellaneous except "Refunds."
(iv) Advances recovered—"Others."

A.—Receipts from Taxation.

7. *Municipal Rates and Taxes—Tax on Arts.*—This tax was revised as usual during the year and levied on all the eight classes of the schedule A attached to the Act. The result of the revision was that the tax was raised from Rs. 8,415 to Rs. 9,578–8–0.

The demand registers were prepared in the month of July 1896 against September 1895 in the preceding year. The original current demand was Rs. 9,578–8–0 against Rs. 8,681 of the previous year; the number of appeals preferred against the imposition of the tax was 364 against 216 in the previous year. All the appeals were disposed of during the year. In 131 cases the tax was confirmed, in 215 reduced and in 18 remitted. The amount of remissions granted by the council in the year under report aggregated to Rs. 2,183 against Rs. 1,267 in the previous year. Of the final demand of Rs. 7,395–8–0 the sum of Rs. 6,978 was realized against Rs. 6,757 of the previous year and Rs. 127 were written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 290–8–0 against Rs. 657–8–0 of the preceding year. A large portion of this balance has since been collected. The arrears outstanding at the commencement of the year amounted to Rs. 663–8–0, of which Rs. 177–8–0 were collected. Of the outstanding arrears, Rs. 198 relating to the year 1895–96 were, after due inquiry by the council, written off the accounts as irrecoverable inasmuch as several defaulters have left the station leaving no trace of their whereabouts, while others have by adverse circumstances ceased their professions and become unable to pay. At the end of the year under report there was only a balance of Rs. 288 relating to the year 1895–96 remaining to be adjusted.

8. *Tax on Buildings.*—This tax was revised in the year 1895–96. As in the past year house-tax was levied at 5 per cent. of the annual rent-value, which is estimated on the actual rent for which the houses are let, as far as it could be ascertained, on the probable rent, if the houses are in the occupation of the owners themselves, due consideration being given to the importance of the locality in which the houses are situated, as also to the nature and dimensions of the buildings. The demand registers for the last preceding year were adopted with such alterations and amendments as were deemed necessary. The original current demand of the tax was Rs. 9,429–4–0, the remissions granted by the council amounted to Rs. 102–9–0 on appeals and Rs. 8–12–3 were remitted on account of vacant houses for 1896–97; the demand, as finally settled, was Rs. 9,326–11–0, of which Rs. 8,005–1–9 were collected against Rs. 8,568–7–8 of the previous year, and Rs. 1,312–13–0 were outstanding at the close of the year against Rs. 805–11–0 of the previous year. A portion of the amount thus outstanding at the close of the year refers to the tax due on Government buildings. The officers concerned were asked to remit the amount of the tax before the close of the official year, but they did not comply with my request. A large portion of the balance was due by persons in precarious circumstances even in ordinary times and who owing to the prevailing distress felt themselves unable to meet the tax due by them. In such circumstances it became necessary not to resort to coercive measures, but to await a more favourable opportunity for collection. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 805–11–0, of which Rupees 521–10–0 were realized against Rs. 605–6–6 of the previous year, Rs. 80–11–0 relating to the year 1895–96 were written off the accounts as irrecoverable after due inquiry, leaving a balance of Rs. 203–6–0 at the end of the year remaining to be collected, a large portion of which has since been collected. There were 10 appeals against the house-tax against 79 in the previous year. Of this number eight were confirmed, one reduced and one remitted.

9. Although there were only 7,624 houses in the municipality according to the census of 1891, 7,842 houses have been brought under assessment this year, including those buildings which have recently been taxed owing to the abolition of the cantonment. All houses, the rent-value of which is less than Rs. 6, were exempted from taxation if they were the owners' sole property. For the purposes of census, every detached building, whatever may be its rental-value, and whether it is a main building or an out-house, was separately numbered if it were used as a dwelling house.

10. *Tax on Lands.*—The original demand was Rs. 877–10–6. Out of the current net demand, Rs. 622–10–0 were collected against Rs. 673–3–0 in the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 255–0–6 at the close of the year, the major portion of which has since been collected.

Out of the arrears outstanding at the commencement of the year, viz., Rupees 74–15–6, Rs. 15–9–6 have been collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 59–6–0 at the end of the year. The land-tax registers were revised during the year. The short collections under this head are also attributable to the causes mentioned in paragraph 8 (*b*) *supra*.

11. *Tax on Vehicles.*—Rs. 706–8–0 were collected during the year for both half-years, against Rs. 752, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 800 of the revised estimate; licenses were issued in diglott forms for vehicles and animals during the year.

12. *Tax on Animals.*—This tax realized Rs. 1,015–8–0, against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,200, and Rs. 1,054, the actuals of the previous year.

13. *Tax on Carts.*—The income derived from the registration of carts was Rs. 1,349, against Rs. 1,450 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 1,632, the actuals of the previous year. Registration certificates in diglott forms were also used, in addition to the registration numbers painted on carts. Ten unregistered carts were seized, which were, however, returned to the owners on their taking out licenses for them; no carts were sold by public auction for non-registration. The difference between the actuals of 1895–96 and 1896–97 is due to the rate for single bullock carts being reduced from Rs. 2 to Re. 1.

14. *Tolls.*—There were six toll-gates in the town as in the previous year. They are pukka buildings of brick and chunam with tiled roofing. Tolls were levied at half the maximum rates specified in schedule D of the Act, and they were leased out during the year for Rs. 16,710 against Rs. 16,210 in the previous year, the increase being due to keener competition than in the year preceding.

The whole of the contract amount was realized by monthly instalments before the close of the year, and the usual contribution of a moiety of the revenue (less half the cost of providing new toll-bars and repairing the toll-sheds), amounting to Rupees 8,306–6–1, was paid to the district board for through traffic before the close of the year. The contract was sold on 5th March 1896.

B.—Miscellaneous Receipts.

15. *Realizations under Special Acts—Fees under Act II of* 1888.—As in the past year, fees were realized under this head, the amount collected being Rs. 125, against Rs. 110 of the revised estimate and Rs. 105, the actuals of the preceding year.

16. *Revenue derived from Municipal property, &c.—Rent of Lands.*—Rs. 784 were realized under this head against Rs. 770 of the revised estimate and Rs. 969, the actuals of the previous year. The amount (Rs. 784) is composed of the following items:—

	Rs.
Grazing rent on lands within the town and late cantonment for 1896–97.	773
Penal interest on contractor for default in payment of kist	11
Total ..	784

No rent on the endowment land in the village of Saduperi attached to the civil hospital, Vellore, was realized for 1896–97, as the land was not occupied for cultivating sugarcane as heretofore.

17. *Avenue Receipts.*—Rs. 150–6–0 were realized by the sale of decayed trees and avenue clippings, against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 189, the actuals of the previous year.

18. *Fees from Travellers' Bungalows.*—The bungalow continued to be maintained and was kept in good order and fairly well furnished with crockery, furniture, &c. Rs. 176–12–0 were collected as fees during the year, against Rs. 150 of the revised estimate and Rs. 80, the actuals of the previous year.

19. *Produce of Lands, Gardens, &c.*—Rs. 100 were realized, against Rs. 80 of the revised estimate and Rs. 106, the actuals of the previous year.

20. *Sale-proceeds of old materials, &c.*—Rs. 26–8–3 were realized, against the revised estimate of Rs. 50, and Rs. 48, the actuals of the previous year.

21. *Conservancy Receipts.*—As in the past year depôts for the deposit of night-soil and street refuse existed, and the filth and rubbish therein accumulated being put up to public auction realized Rs. 1,280 against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,280, and Rs. 1,050, the actuals of the preceding year.

22. *Fees from Educational Institutions.*—Rs. 687–15–0 were realized, against Rs. 870 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 856. The decrease is due to the closing of the Thotapalyam and Sullivanpet schools during the year.

23. *Sale-proceeds and Composition Fees for medicines.*—Rs. 151–0–3 were realized under this head, the revised estimate being Rs. 140 and the actuals in the previous year Rs. 133.

24. *Income from markets.*—The collection of fees was leased out for Rs. 9,678, against the revised estimate of Rs. 9,210, and Rs. 8,890, the actuals of the previous year. Of the sum of Rs. 9,678, Rs. 9,445–6–6 were collected and the balance written off as explained below.

The contractor having failed to pay his kist for January 1897, the contract was resold at his risk for the remaining months of February and March for Rs. 1,280, the kists payable by the original contractor for these two months being Rs. 1,360–13–4. For a portion of the month of January 1897 the collections were made departmentally. All losses sustained by default of the original contractor were recouped from the deposit made by him of one month's kist and Rs. 200 in addition.

A penal interest of Rs. 132–13–10 was imposed on the original contractor. Similarly the contractor, to whom the right of collecting fees at the firewood depôt (attached to the market) was leased out, made default within three months of undertaking the contract. The contract was accordingly resold. During the interim the collection of fees was managed departmentally. The result of this action on the part of the original contractor was to cause the municipality a loss of Rs. 365–7–4 which the council by a majority in its resolution, No. 9, dated 6th January 1897, resolved to strike off the accounts. The net loss to the council therefore which had to be written off under income from markets is Rs. 232–9–6.

On the 13th May 1896 a portion of the market building was burnt down owing to an accidental conflagration. Instant measures were adopted to prevent the fire from spreading, with the result that only one block was burnt down. This portion was rebuilt during the year. Other temporary thatched sheds in the neighbourhood of the permanent block were also burnt down. The total cost for repairing the burnt portion of the market amounted to Rs. 871–10–11. Owing to this circumstance, as also to impending distress, it was not possible to undertake the improvements to the market as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner.

25. *Income from Slaughter-houses.*—Rs. 2,567 were realised, against Rs. 2,550 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 2,653, the actuals of the previous year.

Penal interest of Rs. 5 was imposed on the contractor.

The improvements suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner were carried out during the year

26. *Distraint Fees.*—Rs. 5–6–0 were realized, against the revised estimate of Rs. 20, and Rs. 15, the actuals of the previous year. Four hundred and twenty-nine warrants were pending at the beginning of the year; 1,537 warrants were issued during the year. The taxes were collected on mere presentation before distraint in 338 cases. In 19 cases property was distrained but not sold, and in no cases property was sold. 1,412 warrants only remained unexecuted at the close of the year relating to the year 1896–97.

27. *License Fees.*—The realization under this head is Rs. 699–7–5, against the revised estimate of Rs. 860 and the actuals of Rs. 854.

28. *Cart-stand fees.*—There is only one municipal cart-stand situated on the Bangalore road. It was, as usual, leased out to a farmer. Rs. 702 were realized, against the revised estimate of Rs. 700 and the actuals of Rs. 755 of the previous year. The cart-stand was again repaired during the year. A penal interest of Rs. 2 was imposed on the contractor.

29. *Other Fees.*—As. 8 were realized on account of fees for copying extracts from the register of deaths, against Rs. 5, the actuals of the previous year.

30. *Fines under Municipal and other Acts.*—Rs. 770–10–0 were realized, against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 710, the actuals of the previous year.

31. *Interest on Investments*—Rs. 97–12–0 were realized, against the revised estimate, of Rs. 100 and Rs. 98, the actuals of the previous year, on account of interest on the funded capital (Rs. 2,800) belonging to the Vellore Langarkhana.

32. A sum of Rs. 87–4–6, being interest accrued on the funded capital (Rs. 2,500) of the civil hospital, Vellore, was realized, against the revised estimate of Rs. 90, and Rs. 87, the actuals of the previous year.

33. *Grants and Contributions.*—Rs. 1–5–0 were realized as contribution from Government for municipal schools, against the revised estimate of Rs. 30, and Rs. 10, the actuals of the previous year. It refers to grants earned by girls in the Hindu municipal salary-results school, Ramnaikapalaiyam.

34. Rs. 362–8–0 is the contribution by Government towards the salaries of the Hindu and Muhammadan inspecting schoolmasters and the gymnastic instructor for the years 1895–96 and 1896–97. For particulars *vide* column 1 of Statement V-A. The figure as per revised estimate was Rs. 400.

35. Rs. 2,200 shown as medical contribution represent the Government contribution to the civil hospital.

36. Rs. 4,176 were realized from Government towards the Vellore Langarkhana.

37. Rs. 1,200 were realized from the District Board of North Arcot, as usual, on account of contribution for the Vellore civil hospital.

38. Rs. 100 were realized from the District Board of North Arcot, as usual, towards the cost of lighting the lamps on the Pálár bridge.

39. *Private Scavenging.*—Rs. 1,213–1–6 were realized, against Rs. 1,350 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 1,127, the actuals of the previous year. The number of houses served by municipal agency was 940 and every attempt was made to make the service as popular as possible in order to make it a paying concern. The demand registers were prepared in April 1896. Of Rs. 201–10–0, the outstanding arrears on 31st March 1896, Rs. 176–15–6 were collected, Rs. 3–5–0 remitted, and Rs. 3–10–0 were written off the accounts as irrecoverable, leaving a balance of Rs. 17–11–6 still to be collected.

40. Out of 2,016 private latrines only 800 are now being cleaned by private toties, and out of 1,577 cess-pits that existed in the town only 600 now remain, and these I hope to have closed during 1897–98. Thirty-two persons were prosecuted under sections 207 and 221 of the Act, but in the majority of cases coercive process was not found necessary, the parties concerned having obeyed the notices served on them. The fines inflicted on 25 of them was Rs. 91.

41. Rs. 956–8–5 shown under other miscellaneous items represent the amount recovered on appeal in the District Court from the road materials contractor of 1890–91, the district munsif having decided in his favour. For particulars *vide* paragraph 116 of last year's report.

42. *Fees for numbering Carts, &c.*—Rs. 3–14–0 were realized, against the revised estimate of Rs. 10, and Rs. 5, the actuals of the previous year. This item is a fluctuating one; the fee for numbering a cart or vehicle whose registration number for the year was accidentally effaced was annas 2.

43. *Advances—Permanent.*—The sum of Rs. 50 here shown represents the cash recovery from the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, being the amount advanced in 1891–92 to the purveyor and returned in order that the same may be increased to Rs. 100—*vide* article 3, chapter III, of the Audit Rules.

44. The sum of Rs. 3 shown under the head of "other" advances represents adjustment in the current year of advances made in the previous year, recovered in cash on account of the sale of six stamp papers for agreement forms to contractors.

III.—Expenditure.

45. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 56,239–10–4, against Rs. 70,425, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 59,530 of the revised estimate, the closing balance being *minus* Rs. 501–0–8, against *minus* Rs. 180 of the previous year, and Rs. 1,040 of the revised estimate. The actual charges were distributed among the several grants as shown below :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Grant 1, Public Works	8,670	15	6
„ 2, Education	6,841	10	0
„ 3, Sanitation and Medical Services	23,759	14	6
„ 4, Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal purposes ..	11,872	12	5
„ 5, General Establishment	4,519	5	11
Advances recoverable	200	0	0
Refunds	375	0	0
Total ..	56,239	10	4

46. *Grant 1, Public Works—Communications.*—Rs. 64–15–3 were expended, against Rs. 70 of the revised estimate.

47. *Buildings.*—Rs. 181–15–5 were expended against Rs. 2,000 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 2,038, the actuals of the previous year.

48. *Drainage.*—Rs. 77–2–6 were expended, against Rs. 3,680, the actuals of the previous year.

49. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—Rs. 140 were expended, against Rs. 1,890, the actuals of the previous year.

50. *Repairs.*—Rs. 3,119–9–9 were expended on the repair of roads under the control of the municipal council, against Rs. 5,000 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 3,221, the actuals of the previous year. The outlay on communications is 37·1 per cent. of the net receipts from tolls. From Statement II—A it will be observed that about 86 roads were repaired and kept in a satisfactory condition. The total mileage of roads in the town is 25, eighteen of which are metalled and seven unmetalled. The total mileage under municipal control is 14½ miles metalled and 7 miles unmetalled. Four miles and 4½ furlongs of road were metalled and 7 miles and 1 furlong were gravelled in the year under report.

51. Rs. 1,736–4–9 were expended on repairs to buildings, against Rs. 2,700 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 526, the actuals of the previous year.

52. Rs. 255–0–5 were expended on repairs to existing drains, against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 408, the actuals of the previous year.

53. Rs. 1,255 were expended on the establishment for flushing drains under this head, against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,260, and Rs. 1,260, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the annual salary of 21 drain cleaners at Rs. 5 per mensem.

54. *Water-supply.*—Rs. 292–7–3 were expended on repairs to works and machinery, &c., against the revised estimate of Rs. 250, and Rs. 859, the actuals of the previous year.

55. Rs. 309–12–0 were expended on water-supply establishment, against the revised estimate of Rs. 310, and Rs. 274, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the salary of seven watchmen—three on Rs. 4 and four on Rs. 3–8–0 each per mensem.

56. Rs. 325–2–5 were expended on miscellaneous public improvements, against the revised estimate of Rs. 120, and Rs. 108, the actuals of the previous year.

57. Rs. 846–8–0 were expended on public works establishment, against the revised estimate of Rs. 850, and Rs. 849, the actuals of the previous year. This amount represents the cost per annum of maintaining the municipal public works establishment consisting of an overseer on Rs. 55, including horse allowance, a clerk on Rs. 10, and a peon on Rs. 6 per mensem.

58. Rs. 64–1–9 were spent on tools, plant and stores during the year, against Rs. 60, the revised estimate, and Rs. 4, the actuals of the previous year.

59. For particulars under Grant 1 *vide* Statement II-A.

60. The original budget allotment for 1896–97 for public works was Rs. 14,820; of this sum about Rs. 8,670 were expended or 58·5 per cent. against 73·3 per cent. in the previous year. The short outlay under this head in the current year is mainly due to the council retrenching its expenditure under all heads and postponing all works which are not of an urgent nature in order to meet the wishes of Government as conveyed in G.O., No. 2386 L., dated 16th December 1896.

61. *Grant 2, Education.*—The total expenditure on education was Rupees 6,841–10–0, against Rs. 7,130 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 8,260. The percentage of the net outlay on education in this year is not as high as it has been in previous years, the council having taken the necessary steps for reduction of expenditure in the year under report.

62. *Municipal Schools.*—Three Muhammadan primary schools and six Hindu primary schools were maintained on the salary-result system against 3 and 8, respectively, in the previous year, the council having resolved to close the Thotapalyam and Sullivanpet schools from 1st April 1896.

Rupees 3,410–13–1 were expended, against Rs. 3,340 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 4,749. Of the sum of Rs. 3,410–13–1, Rs. 2,124–3–5 were expended on "fixed payments" against Rs. 2,815–1–0 in the previous year; Rs. 839–6–6 on result stipends against Rs. 1,127–11–0 in the year preceding, and Rs. 447–3–2 on "contingencies" against Rs. 806–5–3 of the past year. The fees realized from these nine schools during the year were Rs. 687–15–0 against Rs. 855–14–2 of the previous year. One of these schools received grants from Provincial funds towards girls amounting to Rs. 1–5–0 against two in the previous year amounting to Rs. 9–10–0.

63. The number of pupils on the rolls on the 31st March 1897 was 597 boys and 47 girls against 652 boys and 14 girls. The average attendance was 521 against 553 in the year preceding. The net cost to the municipality was Rs. 2,721–9–1 against Rs. 3,883–9–1 in the year before. The average net cost per pupil in each class of municipal schools was Rs. 5–3–7 against Rs. 7–0–4 in the year 1895–96. In the Muhammadan schools the grants earned were Rs. 398–13–6 in 1896–97 against Rs. 407–5–0 in 1895–96. The six Hindu schools earned Rs. 440–9–0 against Rupees 670–10–0 in the year preceding. Rs. 2–10–0, the grant earned from Provincial funds in 1895–96 by certain girls of the Kalaskara street school, and which were withheld in that year, were paid in the year 1896–97.

64. Schools aided with result grants showed a slight decrease in numbers, there being 980 boys and 66 girls on the rolls on 31st March 1897 against 998 boys and 78 girls on the rolls on the 31st March 1896. The results of the departmental examinations showed a deterioration. The qualifications of the teachers employed in municipal schools have greatly improved as most of the teachers have secured complete certificates. Managers of aided schools were once more warned to employ none but qualified teachers on pain of substantial reductions in the grants paid to them, or in extreme cases the entire withholding of them.

65. As in the past year two secondary schools were aided during the year with salary grants, viz., the American Mission high school and the Sri Mahant's Hindu Union middle school. The total amount of grants paid to these two institutions was Rs. 1,706–0–8 against Rs. 1,596–11–8, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 1,600 of the revised estimate. The increase in expenditure between the actuals of 1896–97 and 1895–96 is due to the fact of both the institutions, but notably the American Mission high school, having become entitled to larger grants than those paid in the previous years.

There were 889 boys on the rolls of the former school on the 31st March 1897 against 697 in the year preceding. The amount paid away as grants to masters was Rs. 1,388–12–8 against Rs. 1,357–13–3 in the previous year. The number of boys

on the rolls on the 31st March 1897 in the latter school was 112 against 110 in the previous year, and the amount of grants paid away to the masters was Rs. 317–4–0 against Rs. 238–14–5 in the year preceding.

66. The number of result grant schools at the beginning of the year was 29. The number opened during the year was four primary schools, and the number closed was five, leaving 28 primary schools in existence at the close of the year against 29. The number on the rolls on the 31st March 1897 was 980 boys and 66 girls against 998 boys and 78 girls in the previous year. The number of pupils examined for grants was 749, of whom 459 were qualified for grants. The total amount of grant earned was Rs. 884–13–0, against Rs. 1,200 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 1,203, the actuals of the previous year. No stipends were paid to pial schoolmasters for attending sessional schools as none were opened during the year. Result grants were paid at the maximum rates allowed by the Grant-in-aid Code.

67. *Inspection.*—Rs. 437 were expended on establishment against Rs. 420 of the revised estimate and Rs. 316, the actuals of the previous year. The excess in establishment is due to the salary of the Hindu inspecting schoolmaster for February 1896 having been paid in 1896–97. As in the past year, two inspecting schoolmasters were maintained—one for Muhammadan primary and aided schools, and the other for Hindu schools. The number of schools visited by the Hindu inspecting schoolmaster during the year was 49 against 58 in the year preceding and the number examined 49 against 55 in the previous year, and the number of pupils examined was 13,890 against 11,405. The Muhammadan inspecting schoolmaster visited 17 schools and examined 17 schools and 11,362 pupils.

68. Rs. 35–13–11 under contingencies represent the cost of stationery articles supplied to both the inspecting schoolmasters, and the house-rent paid for the Hindu inspecting schoolmaster's office. The revised estimate is Rs. 40 and the actuals of the previous year Rs. 65.

69. Rs. 118–12–0 under building, &c, grants represent the furniture and rent grants made to the American Mission high school.

70. Rs. 248–5–4 shown under gymnasium establishment were expended, against the revised estimate of Rs. 240, and Rs. 293, the actuals of the previous year. This amount represents the salary of the gymnastic instructor who also performed the duties of the drawing master during the year. The gymnastic instructor holds a first-class certificate. The excess is due to the salary of the late drawing master for February 1896 having been paid in the year under report.

71. *Grant 3, Sanitation and Medical Services—Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The charges on account of establishment amounted to Rs. 2,948–9–8, against the revised estimate of Rs. 3,030, and Rs. 3,090, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is due to the dispensary for women and children being temporarily closed for a greater part of the year for want of a female apothecary.

72. Two hospitals, viz., the civil and lying-in, were maintained during the year. The dispensary for women and children which was opened in August 1895 has been temporarily closed since May 1896 for want of a female apothecary as explained in this office letters, No. 1202, dated 14th November 1896, and No. 350, dated 25th February 1897.

These institutions worked well during the year, and will, no doubt, increase in importance and popularity. The medical relief provided by the municipal council is fully appreciated by the public. In the civil hospital, 681 in-patients and 30,445 out-patients were treated during the year against 667 in-patients and 29,326 out-patients. In the lying-in hospital also it is satisfactory to note that 99 in-patients and 50 out-patients were treated during the year against 127 in-patients and 19 out-patients in the year preceding.

The hospital assistants have not been provided with free-quarters, but they are paid house-rent as compensation. The Surgeon-General visited the hospitals in February 1897. The wants noted by him in the visitors' book are (1) a new hospital, (2) the appointment of a competent Eurasian trained nurse and midwife to be placed in charge of the whole nursing arrangements of the hospital, (3) necessity for curtailment of dieting charges compatible with efficiency.

Want No. 1 will receive the attention of the council as soon as a standard design has been received from the Sanitary Board. No. 2 will be attended to when the budget estimates for 1898–99 are under preparation. As for want No. 3, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer's attention has been drawn to the Surgeon-General's remark, and he has been requested to make such reductions as may be compatible with efficiency.

73. Rs. 1,818–15–1 were expended on medicines and supplies against Rs. 1,790 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 2,262, the actuals of the previous year. Rs. 151–0–3 were realized during the year by sale of medicines.

74. Rs. 1,009–13–8 were spent on diet of patients, against Rs. 1,000 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 1,158, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is due to a decline in the number of in-patients in the lying-in hospital from 127 to 99.

75. Rs. 647–13–10 were expended on contingencies, against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 785, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is due to the temporary closing of the dispensary for women and children.

76. The usual contribution of Rs. 10 per mensem to the district board towards the salary of the second clerk attached to the office of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer was not paid during the year, as the original salary of the clerk has been reduced from Rs. 22 to Rs. 12 by the Local Fund Board.

77. As in the past year, so also in the current year, the several requirements and suggestions of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer received prompt attention, so much so that the Surgeon-General in his last inspection in February 1897 was pleased to remark in the visitors' book: "The buildings are clean and in better repair than when I inspected them in November 1894."

78. The contribution to the Medical College was Rs. 224, against Rs. 270 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 272, the actuals of the previous year.

79. The revised estimate under sanitary inspection was Rs. 170 and the actuals of the year were Rs. 179 against Rs. 185, the actuals of the previous year.

80. The charges for medical reserve staff amounted to Rs. 51, against the revised estimate of Rs. 30, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 36.

81. *Vaccination.*—As in the past year, the vaccine staff consisted of two first-class vaccinators on Rs. 15 each per month. The charges on account of establishment amounted to Rs. 360, against the revised estimate of Rs. 360, and Rs. 358, the actuals of the previous year.

82. Compulsory vaccination has been in force in this municipality from the 1st January 1887. The total number of operations performed with fresh animal lymph direct from the calf during the year is 2,050 against 2,411 in the previous year, of which 1,974 were successful against 2,321 in the previous year. The cost of each successful case was As. 5–11 against As. 4–11 in the year previous. Of the total number (2,050) of operations performed, 20 cases were effected by First-class Hospital Assistant S. E. Kamaul Singh, the whole of which proved successful.

83. The number of cases vaccinated during the past three years is compared below:—

Year.	Total.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.
1894–95	2,514	2,397	117
1895–96	2,411	2,321	90
1896–97	2,050	1,974	76

84. The work done by the vaccine staff is checked by the District Surgeon and his subordinates. Eighty-seven cases were prosecuted during the year against 265 in the previous year. In all these cases the parents had their children vaccinated within the time fixed by the magistrate. Two depôts, in addition to that in the municipal office compound, were maintained during the year, and notices were issued to the public notifying the dates and hours when children will be vaccinated at the several depôts. Estimates for constructing permanent vaccine depôts on an improved model as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner as also a calf shed, have been passed and the work will be completed during the current year, as it was not found financially possible to complete the same in the year under report.

85. Rs. 361–14–8, the contingent charges under vaccination, were expended in the purchase of calves, towards defraying the house-rent for the two depôts at Circar Mundy street and Ramnaikpalyam, and in the incurring of other petty charges, the revised estimate being Rs. 360 and the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 358.

86. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—The charges of the establishment which consisted of one registrar and two reporters amounted to Rs. 502–6–5 against Rupees 500 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 570. The decrease being due to the abolition of the post of one reporter.

The total number of births registered during the year was 1,588 against 1,538 in the preceding year, and the registered number of deaths is 1,155 against 1,134 in the previous year. Four hundred persons were prosecuted during the year for non-registration of births and deaths.

87. *Conservancy.*—Rs. 7,079–14–9 were expended on establishment, against Rs. 7,020 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 7,312, the actuals of the previous year.

88. The town sweepings and night-soil were, as usual, carted away from the dust-bins and latrines and then sold by public auction. There were 29 latrines and 4 urinals on the 31st March 1896, and one additional urinal was constructed. All existing public latrines were kept in repair during the year. They were cleaned twice a day, periodically tarred, and limewashed once a week. Here again financial considerations prevented my constructing some more latrines as originally proposed.

89. Under other conservancy charges, Rs. 5,409–7–2 were expended, against Rs. 4,680 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 6,875.

90. The municipal council hired 39 conservancy carts and 2 urinal carts, and bulls for 8 night-soil carts.

Owing to the prevalence of bubonic plague at Bombay, the strictest vigilance was exercised over the sanitary arrangements of the town, and the valuable suggestions of the Sanitary Commissioner were strictly carried out.

91. *Private Scavenging.*—Rs. 1,473–9–6 were expended on establishment, against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,320, and Rs. 1,455, the actuals of the previous year. The private latrines were cleaned once a day. The sanitary inspectors carried out the inspection of these private latrines and collected the fees in addition to their own ordinary duties. The number of latrines on the rolls on the 31st March 1897 was 940 against 874 in the previous year. The system is almost self-supporting.

92. Rs. 7–8–7 were the contingent charges, against Rs. 300 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 373, the actuals of the previous year.

93. Rs. 1,442–11–0 were the cholera charges incurred under this head, against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,200, and Rs. 37, the actuals of the previous year. Cholera, I regret to state, made its appearance in the town on two occasions, viz., in the months of August and December 1896. On the first occasion it lasted from 4th August to 22nd September 1896, during which period there were 67 attacks and 40 deaths.

On the second occasion the outbreak commenced on the 14th December 1896 and continued up to 6th March 1897, during which latter period there were 105 attacks and 65 deaths, making a total of 172 attacks and 105 deaths. During the prevalence of the disease, the instructions of Government contained in G.O., No. 1536 M., dated 9th September 1896, were faithfully carried out, and every attempt was made to prevent the disease from spreading. For the origin of the disease on both occasions *vide* medical officer's report.

94. The charges on account of sundry articles, such as baskets, brooms, tar, chunam, &c., for the use of the Conservancy department amounted to Rs. 243–2–2, against the revised estimate of Rs. 300, and Rs. 438, the actuals of the previous year.

95. *Grant 4, Lighting.*—Rs. 238–2–10 were expended on establishment, against the revised estimate of Rs. 240, and Rs. 237, the actuals of the previous year.

96. The amount expended under contingencies was Rs. 4,769–9–11, against the revised estimate of Rs. 4,640, and Rs. 4,404, the actuals of the previous year. Only three new lamps were put up during the year. The total number of lamps on the 31st March 1897 was 690 against 687 on the 31st March 1896. The street lamps were daily inspected by the lamp superintendents, and they were also occasionally inspected by the Chairman and divisional councillors.

97. *Markets.*—Rs. 192 have been expended on market establishments, against Rs. 190 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 192, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the cost of a peon on Rs. 6 and two sweepers on Rs. 5 each per mensem.

98. Rs. 12–7–4, the contingent charges here shown, were for brooms, baskets, &c.

99. *Slaughter-houses.*—Rs. 177–10–8 were expended against Rs. 180 of the revised estimate. It represents the annual cost of the staff maintained, viz., one superintendent on Rs. 10 and one sweeper on Rs. 5 per mensem.

100. Rs. 11–10–6, the contingent charges, were for brooms, baskets, tar, chunam, &c.

101. *Choultries.*—In the year under report the staff attached to the Vellore langarkhana consisted of one gumastah on Rs. 7 per mensem, the cost for the year amounting to Rs. 94, against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 209, the actuals of the previous year.

102. Rs. 3–11–3 represent the cost for printing paupers' tickets, &c.

103. Rs. 3,587–12–2 were expended in feeding paupers, against the revised estimate of Rs. 3,510, and Rs. 4,491, the actuals of the previous year. 151,315 paupers were fed at the langarkhana during the year under report against 148,953 in the previous year; three-sixteenths of a measure of rice was doled out to each pauper per day in lieu of one-fourth measure. This reduction enabled the council to feed a larger number in this year.

104. *Travellers' Bungalows.*—Rs. 81–12–6 is the cost of the establishment consisting of one cook on Rs. 7 per mensem.

105. Rs. 205–6–9 shown as contingencies represent the rent paid for the building utilized as a travellers' bungalow, as also the cost of certain articles purchased for the use of the bungalow.

106. *Avenues.*—The establishment consisted of three avenue servants on Rs. 5 each, and was maintained at a cost of Rs. 175–5–8 against the revised estimate of Rs. 180.

107. Rs. 1–4–0 were expended in the purchase of tools and buckets.

108. *Other Charges.*—Rs. 553–8–0 were expended in the printing of municipal proceedings, proceedings of the Sanitary Commissioner, &c., against Rs. 400 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 375, the actuals of the previous year.

109. Rs. 1,632–12–0 shown under compensation for lands are comprised of the following items:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Value of a piece of land purchased for a new burial-ground in lieu of the old one in Kyla tope condemned by the Sanitary Commissioner	1,169	0	0
Value of land taken up in strengthening kusbah kanar ..	18	12	0
Value of a house purchased for opening a lane for private scavenging purposes in Sookiah Vathiar's street	300	0	0
Value of a house and land purchased in old Munsif's Court street, Fowl parcherry	130	0	0
Value of land purchased for private scavenging purposes in Main Bazaar street	15	0	0
Total ..	1,632	12	0

110. Rs. 135–10–10 were incurred on account of the following, against Rs. 120 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 5,614, the actuals of the previous year:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Law charges	29	1	6
Rewards for killing dogs and pigs	13	9	0
Hot weather charges incurred under the authority conveyed in G.O., No. 1293 M., dated 25th September 1893	24	11	10
Paint, &c., for numbering carts	7	8	6
Paint, &c., for renumbering houses	14	0	0
Quit-rent paid on municipal land	11	12	0
Cost of two sign-boards for office	35	0	0
Total ..	135	10	10

111. *Grant 5.*—The charges for the office establishment amounted to Rupees 2,076–11–3, against Rs. 2,080 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 2,072, the actuals of the previous year.

112. Rs. 600 were expended as carriage allowance to Chairman at the rate of Rs. 50 per mensem.

113. The expenditure on account of establishment for collecting the taxes amounted to Rs. 721–14–11, against Rs. 730 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 689, the actuals of the previous year. In addition to the usual establishment, two temporary bill-collectors were employed for the months of February and March 1897, sanction for their employment having been accorded by Government in its order, Mis. No. 155 M., dated 4th February 1897.

114. The expenditure for the purchase of stationery, &c., amounted to Rupees 327–4–5, against the revised estimate of Rs. 50, and Rs. 531, the actuals of the previous year.

115. The charges under the head of office contingencies amounted to Rs. 400–7–4, against the revised estimate of Rs. 350, and Rs. 530, the actuals of the previous year.

116. The contribution paid this year on account of the central office and audit establishments amounted to Rs. 393, against Rs. 390 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 310, the actuals of the previous year.

117. Rs. 375 were expended in refunds of other than current collections, against the revised estimate of Rs. 370, and Rs. 9, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the amount collected under fishery rents in the year 1895–96, which amount had to be returned, as it was found out that the municipality had no control over the fort ditch.

118. Rs. 100 shown under permanent advances represent the permanent imprest made to the municipal overseer, and Rs. 100 under the head of "others" represent the amount paid for defending an appeal in the High Court preferred by the late road materials contractor of 1890–91. The appeal has since been decided in favour of the municipality.

IV.—Closing Balance.

119. The closing balance amounted to *minus* Rs. 501–0–8, against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,040, and *minus* Rs. 180, the actuals of the previous year.

120. The statements now submitted do not contain audited figures.

121. The resolution of the council, passing the administration report, is herewith submitted.

122. *General Remarks.*—It was my intention to carry out the remaining reforms in municipal administration during the year under report, but my intentions have been frustrated by the crippled state of the finances and by the fact that such of the money as was possibly available out of this limited purse had to be husbanded with the greatest economy, compatible with efficiency, to meet any unforeseen

demands that may arise in the starting of relief works or in the combating of the bubonic plague, &c. The year has been one of great anxiety, but thanks to a merciful Providence it has passed away without bringing want and devastation in its train. Such reforms as could have been effected under the circumstances stated above have been carried out, and I trust to carry out the others in the current year.

123. In accordance with G.O., No. 291 M., dated 25th February 1897, I have the honour to furnish a memorandum of investments in the accompanying form:—

Memorandum of investments.	
Description of security.	Nominal amounts.
Nil.	

ENCLOSURE.

CONCISE Annual Report on the Municipal Hospital, Vellore, for the year 1896–97.

Public Health.—The general health of the public was on the whole fair, but was seriously affected by the appearance of cholera twice in an epidemic form, viz., from the 4th August to the 22nd September and again from 14th December 1896 to 6th March 1897. The total number attacked was 172 with a mortality of 105.

Small-pox was also prevalent during the year, the number of attacks was 131, being less than in the previous year. Fevers were less prevalent, but bowel-complaints rather more than in 1895–96.

2. *Vital Statistics.*—

Years.	Deaths.								Births.	Per mille.	Deaths.	Per mille.
	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fevers.	Dysentery and Diarrhœa.	Suicides.	Injuries.	All other causes.	Total.				
1895–96	..	162	348	138	4	7	474	1,133	1,538	34·23	1,133	25·22
1896–97	105	131	285	175	4	10	445	1,155	1,588	35·34	1,155	25·70

3. *Sanitation.*—The sanitation of the town is carried out by a staff of peons, sweepers and scavengers, whose work is supervised by one chief sanitary inspector and five sanitary inspectors. None of the latter are trained men and I cannot speak favourably of their knowledge, energy or powers of supervision. Rubbish is removed to depôts on the outskirts of the town, and night-soil in ordinary carts which is a very unsatisfactory and insanitary mode.

Drainage.—The drainage system is very defective for this large town. Most of the drains are imperfectly constructed and the fall is insufficient so that water and sewage stagnate in places. In many streets and lanes drains are badly needed.

Water-supply.—This is obtained from a tank known as "Suriaguntah" and from some public and private wells. The water in the former is of bad quality. The drainage and water-supply schemes are before the council.

4. *Vaccination.*—The following table shows the number of cases vaccinated by the two municipal vaccinators during the year below and above one year of age as compared with the previous year and also the birth-rate. The decrease in the

number of operations may be attributed to want of energy on the part of the vaccinators who should be punished by the council or removed if no improvement takes place:—

Years.	Number of operations performed		Number of successful operations		Number of operations with animal lymph.	Number of successful operations with animal lymph.	Number of births during the year.
	Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.	Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.			
1895–96	1,119	1,284	1,110	1,203	2,403	2,313	1,538
1896–97	1,168	862	1,167	787	2,030	1,954	1,588

Twenty cases—all successful—were vaccinated by the municipal hospital assistant (S. E. Camal Singh, No. 321) against ten in 1895–96, of which eight were successful and two unsuccessful.

5. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—(*a*) There is a general hospital and a lying-in hospital not far from the former. The main hospital is badly situated, being shut in on three sides by dwellings and badly ventilated, but is in a good state of repair at present. It is, however, unsuitable for a hospital of present-day requirements and has been repeatedly condemned by the Surgeon-General and by respective District Medical and Sanitary Officers.

(*b*) The buildings underwent some sundry repairs and were whitewashed during the year.

(*c*) Some of the furniture is very old, especially the wooden cots. New teapoys for the use of patients were provided during the year. The present post-mortem and operation tables are very old and unsuitable and should be replaced by new ones. The furniture is sufficient.

(*d*) The recommendations made by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras in his inspections have not been carried out as yet. Regarding the construction of a new hospital the council passed a resolution as follows:—

"The council wish, in the first instance, to point out to the Surgeon-General that the delay in the construction of the proposed hospital does not rest with them. The papers are in the hands of the Sanitary Board who have not as yet prepared the necessary plans and estimates without which it is not possible to commence the work, even if it is found financially practicable to do so. The proposal of the Surgeon-General to ask the Government to hand over the present building to the council, with a view to its being sold and the sale-proceeds credited to the municipal fund, does not, the council fears, appear feasible. The entire cost of the proposed hospital will have to be met by the council and, in the present crippled condition of their finances, it is not likely that they will be able to undertake such a costly undertaking for some time to come."

The suggestion for an Eurasian midwife will be met by an allotment next year.

(*e*) A sum of Rs. 67–8–9 was recovered during the year from patients who were able to pay for their medicines. No sum has been recovered from patients for diets.

(*f*) The subjoined statement shows the number of patients treated during the year as compared with the previous year:—

Years.	In-door.		Out-door.		Total treated.	Total deaths.	Average daily attendance.	
	Treated.	Died.	Treated.	Died.			In-door.	Out-door.
1895–96	667	22	29,326	4	29,993	26	25·77	151·75
1896–97	681	25	30,445	6	31,126	31	24·49	156·07

It will be seen from the above statement that there is an increase both among in and out patients of 14 and 1,119, respectively, during the year under report, which may be ascribed to the increasing popularity of the institution.

(*g*) *Mortality and actual causes of it, &c.*—Omitted as per paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 1341 M., dated 12th August 1896.

(*h*) There were 117 major and 1,765 minor operations performed during the year. The number of deaths was two.

(*i*) *Establishment, whether sufficient and efficient.*—Omitted in accordance with paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 1341 M., dated 12th August 1896.

(*j*) At present there is a native nurse (unpassed) acting as midwife on Rs. 10 a month. The Surgeon-General has, at his late inspection of the hospital, recommended the appointment of a trained Eurasian midwife, and the subject is under the consideration of the council, and an allotment will be made for one in the next budget.

(*k*) The dispensary for women and children, which was in existence in 1895–96, had to be closed unfortunately at the beginning of May 1896 owing to the resignation of the female apothecary who was in charge of it. Efforts have been made frequently to secure the services of another, but without success, as no one is available. In G.O., Mis. No. 874 M., dated 13th April 1897, the attention of the council was drawn to the suggestion of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras to found a scholarship for a female apothecary for careful consideration. The number of patients treated in April in which the dispensary was open during the year was 72. The number treated during 1895–96 (8th August to 31st March 1896) was 732.

(*l*) *General Remarks.*—The sanitation of the town is fair, but requires improvement in many respects. More supervision is required over the menial staff by sanitary inspectors and by members of the council themselves. The water-supply of the town is indifferent and the drainage very defective, and the question of their improvement has been and is before the council.

I would urge the opening of the dispensary for women and children as soon as practicable, as there is a large number of caste and gosha women who would eagerly seek advice here.

VELLORE, 20*th May* 1897. (Signed) J. LANCASTER, M.B., M.C., Surgn.-Lt.-Col., *Dist. Medl. and Sany. Officer.*

Forwarded.

(Signed) MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHIB,
Chairman.

Cur. No. 1288-Eng.

Submitted to the Collector of North Arcot. The roads in the town are in good order.

10*th June* 1897. (Signed) V. VENUGOPAUL CHETTI,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Submitted.

15*th June* 1897. (Signed) S. H. WYNNE,
Collector.

ORDER—No. 1831 M., dated 21st August 1897.

The receipts and charges of the Vellore Municipality for 1896–97 are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1895–96 :—

—	Actuals, 1895–96.	Budget estimate, 1896–97.	Revised estimate, 1896–97.	Actuals, 1896–97.
Receipts.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance brought forward	14,320	7,640	— 180	— 180
Tax on Arts	7,050	9,100	9,100	7,156
„ on Buildings and Lands	10,064	11,060	11,060	9,165
„ on Vehicles and Animals	1,806	2,030	2,030	1,722
„ on Carts	1,632	1,460	1,460	1,349
Tolls	8,105	8,000	8,360	8,404
Realizations under Special Acts	105	150	110	125
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and Sale-proceeds of Lands, &c.	1,332	1,830	1,550	1,238
Conservancy Receipts	1,050	1,200	1,280	1,280
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions	856	870	870	688
„ „ from Medical Institutions	134	100	140	151
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	11,543	11,550	11,760	12,012
License Fees	854	1,000	860	699
Other Fees	775	910	730	708
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	710	700	700	771
Interest on Investments and Premium on Loans	185	300	190	185
Grants and Contributions from Government	6,491	6,750	6,810	6,740
„ „ from Local Boards	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Recoveries for Services to Private Individuals	1,130	1,520	1,350	1,213
Miscellaneous	393	140	1,040	960
Advances Recovered	350	390	50	53
Total	70,245	68,000	60,570	55,739
Charges.				
GRANT 1—				
New Works—				
Communications	..	1,000	70	365
Buildings	2,038	3,000	2,000	182
Drainage	3,680	..	50	77
Water-supply	296	..	..	..
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,890	..	140	140
Repairs—				
Communications	3,221	5,000	5,000	3,050
Buildings	526	2,700	2,700	1,624
Drainage	1,668	1,260	1,280	1,510
Water-supply	1,141	810	560	605
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	108	..	120	325
Establishment	849	850	850	847
Tools and Plant and other Stores	4	100	60	64
Contributions for Public Works	..	100	..	..
Total	15,421	14,820	12,830	8,789
GRANT 2—				
Municipal Schools—				
On the Salary-result System	4,749	3,340	3,340	3,411
Grants-in-aid—				
Salary Grants	1,597	1,800	1,600	1,706
Result Grants	1,203	1,000	1,200	885
Building, Furniture, &c., Grants	..	200	200	119
Inspection	411	460	460	473
Miscellaneous	300	330	330	248
Total	8,260	7,130	7,130	6,842
GRANT 3—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries	7,415	6,830	6,640	6,425
Contributions	502	470	470	454
Vaccination	716	750	720	722
Registration of Births and Deaths	573	560	500	503
Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering	16,490	15,440	14,820	15,726
Total	25,696	24,050	23,150	23,830
GRANT 4—				
Lighting	4,641	3,240	4,880	5,008
Markets and Slaughter-houses	394	400	400	394
Choultries	4,705	4,180	3,610	3,685
Travellers' Bungalows	359	310	310	287
Avenues	182	280	180	177
Public Garden, Survey of Land, Fire and other Charges	5,989	1,600	2,090	2,134
Total	16,270	10,010	11,470	11,685
GRANT 5—				
Supervision and Management	4,722	4,150	4,300	4,519
Advances Recoverable	47	350	380	200
Refunds	9	160	370	375
Balance	— 180	7,330	1,040	— 501
Grand Total	70,245	68,000	60,570	55,739

2. Fifty-four meetings were held by the municipal council against sixty in 1895–96 and seven others were adjourned for want of a quorum against eleven in that year. The attendance of the members improved and was fair in the case of the officials, but still indifferent in that of the non-officials. One seat was filled by election during the year, which was contested, 67·4 per cent. of the registered voters attending the poll.

3. *Receipts.*—(1) The arts tax registers were revised during the year, with the result that the demand as originally assessed by the Chairman rose from Rs. 8,681 to Rs. 9,578; but it is noted with surprise that nearly 23 per cent. of this sum was again remitted by the municipal council on appeal, with the result that the net demand under this head fell below that of the previous year by Rs. 19. The average incidence of this tax, however, rose from Rs. 4–1–8 to Rs. 4–5–5, the general average for municipalities in 1895–96 being Rs. 4–1–0. There was a decrease of Rs. 53 in the net demand under the tax on buildings, but under the land tax, the registers of which were revised during the year, it increased by Rs. 130. The incidence of the former tax amounted to only Rs. 1–3–0 against Rs. 1–3–2 in 1895–96 and Rs. 2–4–6, the general average for municipalities in that year. The registers of this tax should be revised during the current year so as to arrive at a more equitable demand.

(2) The current collections of the tax on arts improved and were good, but under the house and land taxes they showed a decline, which was most marked under the latter head, and were not satisfactory. The realizations of arrears, especially arrears under the arts and land taxes, were also very poor. These unsatisfactory results are attributed to the prevailing distress, but the Government is not prepared to admit that this explanation fully justifies the large amount of short collections. Steps should be taken to adjust the outstanding balances within the current year. No less than 1,537 warrants were issued for the collection of the principal taxes, but in the circumstances explained in paragraph 8 of the Chairman's report, nearly 72 per cent. of the total number for disposal remained unexecuted on the 31st March 1897.

(3) The receipts from the tax on carts, school-fees and license fees declined, while tolls, bungalow fees, sale of sweepings and market rents showed an advance, the variations being in some cases explained in the Chairman's report. The increase of Rs. 230 in the income from the sale of sweepings is satisfactory, but the revenue under this head should be found capable of much further development. The decrease of Rs. 155 under license fees should have been explained.

(4) There was an increase of 66 in the number of houses served by the private scavenging agency and of Rs. 86 in the income from fees levied on this account, but the service continued to be worked at a loss of Rs. 268 against Rs. 700 in the previous year. It is very unsatisfactory to observe that, notwithstanding the repeated orders of Government on the subject, these fees were not collected in advance and that consequently Rs. 440 of the current demand remained uncollected at the end of the year. If payment of the fees in advance had been insisted upon, the service would have been self-supporting. The instructions of Government should be strictly followed for the future, and every effort should be made to adjust the outstanding balance in the current year. The progress made by the Chairman in extending the system to private latrines and cess-pits is gratifying, and the Government trusts that those that are still outside the system may soon be brought under municipal control.

4. *Expenditure*—(1) *Public Works.*—No new work of any importance was undertaken during the year. The total outlay on communications amounted to Rupees 3,415, or only 41·1 per cent. of the net municipal income from tolls against the minimum of 50 per cent. fixed by Government. The reason given for the short outlay is not altogether satisfactory, since there could be no better means of providing for distress than the execution of works of this class. The roads in the town are reported to have been in good order.

(2) *Education.*—The net expenditure on education amounted to Rs. 5,790, or 20·8 per cent. of the receipts from taxation, against 25·5 per cent. in 1895–96 and a general average of 12·6 per cent. for municipalities in that year. Of the total net outlay, Rs. 4,477 were spent on primary, and the remainder on secondary, education.

Nine primary schools on the salary-result system, of which three were for Muhammadans and one for Panchamas, were maintained by the municipal council against eleven in the previous year. The attendance at these institutions fell from 666 to 644, but the results of the departmental examinations were fair, nearly 73 per cent. of the pupils presented having been successful. The municipal council also continued to aid two secondary schools with salary grants and 29 primary schools with result grants. The attendance in the secondary schools advanced, being 1,001 against 807 in the previous year. On the other hand, the strength of these primary schools fell off slightly, the decrease in the number of girls being especially regrettable, and the results of the grant examinations were not good, the percentage of success being only 61 against 74 in the previous year; and owing apparently to these poor results, nearly 12 per cent. of the allotment for result grants was allowed to lapse. The total number of boys under instruction in all the municipal and aided schools rose from 2,457 to 2,578 or 80·7 per cent. of the male population of school-going age, the average for municipalities in 1895–96 being 57·3 per cent. Steps should be taken in the current year to reduce the large number of untrained teachers employed in the Muhammadan schools.

(3) *Medical Relief.*—The dispensary for women and children, which was opened in August 1895, was closed in May 1896, owing to the inability of the municipal council to procure the services of a qualified female apothecary. During the single month of its existence 72 patients were treated—strong testimony to the need of such an institution in the town. The Government trusts that, as recommended in G.O., No. 874 M., dated 13th April 1897, the municipal council will be able to set aside funds for a Dufferin scholarship so as to secure a qualified practitioner for their own service. There was an increase of 1,133 in the number of patients treated in the municipal civil hospital, which is ascribed to the growing popularity of the institution. The midwife attached to the lying-in hospital attended 149 cases of labour against 146 in 1895–96, and of these only 99 were in-patients against 127 in that year. The construction of a new hospital, for which provision has been made in the current year's budget, should no longer be postponed. The municipal council's attention is drawn to the remarks of the District Medical Officer in clause (*c*) of paragraph 5 of his report.

(4) *Vaccination and Vital Statistics.*—The reported number of vaccine operations performed during the year fell from 2,411 to 2,050, the decrease being attributed by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to neglect on the part of the vaccinators. The municipal council should see that a stricter supervision is exercised over these men. The reported quality of the work done, however, continued to be good, the percentage of success being 96·3. Infantile vaccination showed a slight advance, the total number of children under one year successfully vaccinated being 26·0 per mille of the population against 24·8 in 1895–96, but the proportion is still, however, far short of the recorded birth-rate (35·3 per mille).

There was a small increase in the number of both births and deaths registered during the year, but the returns cannot yet be accepted as complete, the rates being considerably below the normal. The subject should receive closer attention.

(5) *Sanitation.*—The outlay under this head amounted to Rs. 15,726, or Rs. 286 more than the allotment, and was 28 per cent. of the total receipts. The District Medical Officer, while reporting that the sanitation of the town was fair, points out certain important defects which require an early remedy. The sanction of Government should be obtained for the entertainment of the scavenger employed at the Lubbay Street mosque latrine shown in statement II-B under Grant 3—Sanitation.

5. *General Remarks.*—The year closed with a deficit of Rs. 501 instead of a balance of Rs. 8,480 anticipated in the budget. This large decrease has not been specifically explained by the Chairman, but was due to short collections under the principal taxes and increased expenditure under the hospital, conservancy, cholera and lighting charges in the years 1895–96 and 1896–97.

The administration of the municipality during the year under review showed some improvement on that of the previous year, but cannot be regarded as wholly satisfactory.

6. The Chairman's report admits of much curtailment. Numerous paragraphs contain no more than a bare comparison of the actuals with those of the previous year and with the revised estimate; but as these figures are clearly set out in the tabular statements, there is no need to repeat them in the report except where explanation or comment is offered. The insertion of the figures and letters of the sub-heads in connection with the various items of receipt or expenditure is confusing as exhibited in the Chairman's report, and should be avoided for the future; they have been erased from the printed copy of the report attached to these proceedings.

(True Extract.)

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From MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHIB, Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Divisional Officer), dated 6th June 1897, No. 684.

I have the honour to submit the annual administration report on the working of the Madras District Municipalities Act, No. IV of 1884, in the Vellore Municipality for the official year 1896–97, together with the statements prescribed in G.O., No. 2193 M., dated 10th December 1891, as also those relating to Educational and Medical departments.

I.—Constitution of the Council.

2. The maximum number of councillors is twenty, of whom five are nominated and fifteen elected. At the commencement of the year the number fell short by four. At the close of the year, however, there was a full complement of members on the council.

3. The council held 54 meetings during the year a gainst 60 in the year preceding. Seven meetings were adjourned for want of a quorum against 11 in the previous year; the largest number of councillors present at any one meeting was 15 against 16, and the smallest number 2 against 1. The office of Chairman was held by me throughout the year.

4. During the year there were four vacancies—one among the elected and three among the nominated councillors—all of which were filled up before the close of the year.

II.—Receipts.

5. The budget and revised estimates for the year 1896–97 were reviewed and passed by Government in its order, No. 205 M., dated 5th February 1896.

6. The actual receipts of the year, exclusive of the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 55,918–6–0, against Rs. 60,750 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 55,925, the actuals of the preceding year. The decrease below the revised estimate occurred chiefly under—

(i) "Municipal rates and taxes" except tolls.
(ii) Grants and contributions from Government under "Municipal schools" and "Other purposes."
(iii) Miscellaneous except "Refunds."
(iv) Advances recovered—"Others."

A.—Receipts from Taxation.

7. *Municipal Rates and Taxes—Tax on Arts.*—This tax was revised as usual during the year and levied on all the eight classes of the schedule A attached to the Act. The result of the revision was that the tax was raised from Rs. 8,415 to Rs. 9,578–8–0.

The demand registers were prepared in the month of July 1896 against September 1895 in the preceding year. The original current demand was Rs. 9,578–8–0 against Rs. 8,681 of the previous year; the number of appeals preferred against the

imposition of the tax was 364 against 216 in the previous year. All the appeals were disposed of during the year. In 131 cases the tax was confirmed, in 215 reduced and in 18 remitted. The amount of remissions granted by the council in the year under report aggregated to Rs. 2,183 against Rs. 1,267 in the previous year. Of the final demand of Rs. 7,395–8–0 the sum of Rs. 6,978 was realized against Rs. 6,757 of the previous year and Rs. 127 were written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 290–8–0 against Rs. 657–8–0 of the preceding year. A large portion of this balance has since been collected. The arrears outstanding at the commencement of the year amounted to Rs. 663–8–0, of which Rs. 177–8–0 were collected. Of the outstanding arrears, Rs. 198 relating to the year 1895–96 were, after due inquiry by the council, written off the accounts as irrecoverable inasmuch as several defaulters have left the station leaving no trace of their whereabouts, while others have by adverse circumstances ceased their professions and become unable to pay. At the end of the year under report there was only a balance of Rs. 288 relating to the year 1895–96 remaining to be adjusted.

8. *Tax on Buildings.*—This tax was revised in the year 1895–96. As in the past year house-tax was levied at 5 per cent. of the annual rent-value, which is estimated on the actual rent for which the houses are let, as far as it could be ascertained, on the probable rent, if the houses are in the occupation of the owners themselves, due consideration being given to the importance of the locality in which the houses are situated, as also to the nature and dimensions of the buildings. The demand registers for the last preceding year were adopted with such alterations and amendments as were deemed necessary. The original current demand of the tax was Rs. 9,429–4–0, the remissions granted by the council amounted to Rs. 102–9–0 on appeals and Rs. 8–12–3 were remitted on account of vacant houses for 1896–97; the demand, as finally settled, was Rs. 9,326–11–0, of which Rs. 8,005–1–9 were collected against Rs. 8,568–7–8 of the previous year, and Rs. 1,312–13–0 were outstanding at the close of the year against Rs 805–11–0 of the previous year. A portion of the amount thus outstanding at the close of the year refers to the tax due on Government buildings. The officers concerned were asked to remit the amount of the tax before the close of the official year, but they did not comply with my request. A large portion of the balance was due by persons in precarious circumstances even in ordinary times and who owing to the prevailing distress felt themselves unable to meet the tax due by them. In such circumstances it became necessary not to resort to coercive measures, but to await a more favourable opportunity for collection. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 805–11–0, of which Rupees 521–10–0 were realized against Rs. 605–6–6 of the previous year, Rs. 80–11–0 relating to the year 1895–96 were written off the accounts as irrecoverable after due inquiry, leaving a balance of Rs. 203–6–0 at the end of the year remaining to be collected, a large portion of which has since been collected. There were 10 appeals against the house-tax against 7 in the previous year. Of this number eight were confirmed, one reduced and one remitted.

9. Although there were only 7,624 houses in the municipality according to the census of 1891, 7,842 houses have been brought under assessment this year, including those buildings which have recently been taxed owing to the abolition of the cantonment. All houses, the rent-value of which is less than Rs. 6, were exempted from taxation if they were the owners' sole property. For the purposes of census, every detached building, whatever may be its rental-value, and whether it is a main building or an out-house, was separately numbered if it were used as a dwelling house.

10. *Tax on Lands.*—The original demand was Rs. 877–10–6. Out of the current net demand, Rs. 622–10–0 were collected against Rs. 673–3–0 in the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 255–0–6 at the close of the year, the major portion of which has since been collected.

Out of the arrears outstanding at the commencement of the year, viz., Rupees 74–15–6, Rs. 15–9–6 have been collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 59–6–0 at the end of the year. The land-tax registers were revised during the year. The short collections under this head are also attributable to the causes mentioned in paragraph 8 (*b*) *supra*.

11. *Tax on Vehicles.*—Rs. 706–8–0 were collected during the year for both half-years, against Rs. 752, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 800 of the revised estimate; licenses were issued in diglott forms for vehicles and animals during the year.

12. *Tax on Animals.*—This tax realized Rs. 1,015–8–0, against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,200, and Rs. 1,054, the actuals of the previous year.

13. *Tax on Carts.*—The income derived from the registration of carts was Rs. 1,349, against Rs. 1,450 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 1,632, the actuals of the previous year. Registration certificates in diglott forms were also used, in addition to the registration numbers painted on carts. Ten unregistered carts were seized, which were, however, returned to the owners on their taking out licenses for them; no carts were sold by public auction for non-registration. The difference between the actuals of 1895–96 and 1896–97 is due to the rate for single bullock carts being reduced from Rs. 2 to Re. 1.

14. *Tolls.*—There were six toll-gates in the town as in the previous year. They are pukka buildings of brick and chunam with tiled roofing. Tolls were levied at half the maximum rates specified in schedule D of the Act, and they were leased out during the year for Rs. 16,710 against Rs. 16,210 in the previous year, the increase being due to keener competition than in the year preceding.

The whole of the contract amount was realized by monthly instalments before the close of the year, and the usual contribution of a moiety of the revenue (less half the cost of providing new toll-bars and repairing the toll-sheds), amounting to Rupees 8,306–6–1, was paid to the district board for through traffic before the close of the year. The contract was sold on 5th March 1896.

B.—Miscellaneous Receipts.

15. *Realizations under Special Acts—Fees under Act II of* 1888.—As in the past year, fees were realized under this head, the amount collected being Rs. 125, against Rs. 110 of the revised estimate and Rs. 105, the actuals of the preceding year.

16. *Revenue derived from Municipal property, &c.—Rent of Lands.*—Rs. 784 were realized under this head against Rs. 770 of the revised estimate and Rs. 969, the actuals of the previous year. The amount (Rs. 784) is composed of the following items:—

	Rs.
Grazing rent on lands within the town and late cantonment for 1896–97.	773
Penal interest on contractor for default in payment of kist	11
Total ..	784

No rent on the endowment land in the village of Saduperi attached to the civil hospital, Vellore, was realized for 1896–97, as the land was not occupied for cultivating sugarcane as heretofore.

17. *Avenue Receipts.*—Rs. 150–6–0 were realized by the sale of decayed trees and avenue clippings, against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 189, the actuals of the previous year.

18. *Fees from Travellers' Bungalows.*—The bungalow continued to be maintained and was kept in good order and fairly well furnished with crockery, furniture, &c. Rs. 176–12–0 were collected as fees during the year, against Rs. 150 of the revised estimate and Rs. 80, the actuals of the previous year.

19. *Produce of Lands, Gardens, &c.*—Rs. 100 were realized, against Rs. 80 of the revised estimate and Rs. 106, the actuals of the previous year.

20. *Sale-proceeds of old materials, &c.*—Rs. 26–8–3 were realized, against the revised estimate of Rs. 50, and Rs. 48, the actuals of the previous year.

21. *Conservancy Receipts.*—As in the past year depôts for the deposit of night-soil and street refuse existed, and the filth and rubbish therein accumulated being put up to public auction realized Rs. 1,280 against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,280, and Rs. 1,050, the actuals of the preceding year.

22. *Fees from Educational Institutions.*—Rs. 687–15–0 were realized, against Rs. 870 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 856. The decrease is due to the closing of the Thotapalyam and Sullivanpet schools during the year.

23. *Sale-proceeds and Composition Fees for medicines.*—Rs. 151–0–3 were realized under this head, the revised estimate being Rs. 140 and the actuals in the previous year Rs. 133.

24. *Income from markets.*—The collection of fees was leased out for Rs. 9,678, against the revised estimate of Rs. 9,210, and Rs. 8,890, the actuals of the previous year. Of the sum of Rs. 9,678, Rs. 9,445–6–6 were collected and the balance written off as explained below.

The contractor having failed to pay his kist for January 1897, the contract was resold at his risk for the remaining months of February and March for Rs. 1,280, the kists payable by the original contractor for these two months being Rs. 1,360–13–4. For a portion of the month of January 1897 the collections were made departmentally. All losses sustained by default of the original contractor were recouped from the deposit made by him of one month's kist and Rs. 200 in addition.

A penal interest of Rs. 132–13–10 was imposed on the original contractor. Similarly the contractor, to whom the right of collecting fees at the firewood depôt (attached to the market) was leased out, made default within three months of undertaking the contract. The contract was accordingly resold. During the interim the collection of fees was managed departmentally. The result of this action on the part of the original contractor was to cause the municipality a loss of Rs 365–7–4 which the council by a majority in its resolution, No. 9, dated 6th January 1897, resolved to strike off the accounts. The net loss to the council therefore which had to be written off under income from markets is Rs. 232–9–6.

On the 13th May 1896 a portion of the market building was burnt down owing to an accidental conflagration. Instant measures were adopted to prevent the fire from spreading, with the result that only one block was burnt down. This portion was rebuilt during the year. Other temporary thatched sheds in the neighbourhood of the permanent block were also burnt down. The total cost for repairing the burnt portion of the market amounted to Rs. 871–10–11. Owing to this circumstance, as also to impending distress, it was not possible to undertake the improvements to the market as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner.

25. *Income from Slaughter-houses.*—Rs. 2,567 were realised, against Rs. 2,550 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 2,653, the actuals of the previous year.

Penal interest of Rs. 5 was imposed on the contractor.

The improvements suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner were carried out during the year

26. *Distraint Fees.*—Rs. 5–6–0 were realized, against the revised estimate of Rs. 20, and Rs. 15, the actuals of the previous year. Four hundred and twenty-nine warrants were pending at the beginning of the year; 1,537 warrants were issued during the year. The taxes were collected on mere presentation before distraint in 338 cases. In 19 cases property was distrained but not sold, and in no cases property was sold. 1,412 warrants only remained unexecuted at the close of the year relating to the year 1896–97.

27. *License Fees.*—The realization under this head is Rs. 699–7–5, against the revised estimate of Rs. 860 and the actuals of Rs. 854.

28. *Cart-stand fees.*—There is only one municipal cart-stand situated on the Bangalore road. It was, as usual, leased out to a farmer. Rs. 7C2 were realized, against the revised estimate of Rs. 700 and the actuals of Rs. 755 of the previous year. The cart-stand was again repaired during the year. A penal interest of Rs. 2 was imposed on the contractor.

29. *Other Fees.*—As. 8 were realized on account of fees for copying extracts from the register of deaths, against Rs. 5, the actuals of the previous year.

30. *Fines under Municipal and other Acts.*—Rs. 770–10–0 were realized, against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 710, the actuals of the previous year.

31. *Interest on Investments*—Rs. 97–12–0 were realized, against the revised estimate, of Rs. 100 and Rs. 98, the actuals of the previous year, on account of interest on the funded capital (Rs. 2,800) belonging to the Vellore Langarkhana.

32. A sum of Rs. 87–4–6, being interest accrued on the funded capital (Rs. 2.500) of the civil hospital, Vellore, was realized, against the revised estimate of Rs. 90, and Rs. 87, the actuals of the previous year.

33. *Grants and Contributions.*—Rs. 1–5–0 were realized as contribution from Government for municipal schools, against the revised estimate of Rs. 30, and Rs. 10, the actuals of the previous year. It refers to grants earned by girls in the Hindu municipal salary-results school, Ramnaikapalaiyam.

34. Rs. 362–8–0 is the contribution by Government towards the salaries of the Hindu and Muhammadan inspecting schoolmasters and the gymnastic instructor for the years 1895–96 and 1896–97. For particulars *vide* column 1 of Statement V-A. The figure as per revised estimate was Rs. 400.

35. Rs. 2,200 shown as medical contribution represent the Government contribution to the civil hospital.

36. Rs. 4,176 were realized from Government towards the Vellore Langarkhana.

37. Rs. 1,200 were realized from the District Board of North Arcot, as usual, on account of contribution for the Vellore civil hospital.

38. Rs. 100 were realized from the District Board of North Arcot, as usual, towards the cost of lighting the lamps on the Pálár bridge.

39. *Private Scavenging.*—Rs. 1,213–1–6 were realized, against Rs. 1,350 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 1,127, the actuals of the previous year. The number of houses served by municipal agency was 940 and every attempt was made to make the service as popular as possible in order to make it a paying concern. The demand registers were prepared in April 1896. Of Rs. 201–10–0, the outstanding arrears on 31st March 1896, Rs. 176–15–6 were collected, Rs. 3–5–0 remitted, and Rs. 3–10–0 were written off the accounts as irrecoverable, leaving a balance of Rs. 17–11–6 still to be collected.

40. Out of 2,016 private latrines only 800 are now being cleaned by private toties, and out of 1,577 cess-pits that existed in the town only 600 now remain, and these I hope to have closed during 1897-98. Thirty-two persons were prosecuted under sections 207 and 221 of the Act, but in the majority of cases coercive process was not found necessary, the parties concerned having obeyed the notices served on them. The fines inflicted on 25 of them was Rs. 91.

41. Rs. 956–8–5 shown under other miscellaneous items represent the amount recovered on appeal in the District Court from the road materials contractor of 1890–91, the district munsif having decided in his favour. For particulars *vide* paragraph 116 of last year's report.

42. *Fees for numbering Carts, &c.*—Rs. 3–14–0 were realized, against the revised estimate of Rs. 10, and Rs. 5, the actuals of the previous year. This item is a fluctuating one; the fee for numbering a cart or vehicle whose registration number for the year was accidentally effaced was annas 2.

43. *Advances—Permanent.*—The sum of Rs. 50 here shown represents the cash recovery from the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, being the amount advanced in 1891–92 to the purveyor and returned in order that the same may be increased to Rs. 100—*vide* article 3, chapter III, of the Audit Rules.

44. The sum of Rs. 3 shown under the head of "other" advances represents adjustment in the current year of advances made in the previous year, recovered in cash on account of the sale of six stamp papers for agreement forms to contractors.

III.—Expenditure.

45. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 56,239–10–4, against Rs. 70,425, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 59,430 of the revised estimate, the closing balance being Rs. 501–0–8, against Rs. 180 of the previous year, and Rs 1,040 of the revised estimate. The actual charges were distributed among the several grants as shown below :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Grant 1, Public Works	8,670	15	6
„ 2, Education	6,841	10	0
„ 3, Sanitation and Medical Services	23,759	14	6
„ 4, Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal purposes ..	11,872	12	5
„ 5, General Establishment	4,519	5	11
Advances recoverable	200	0	0
Refunds	375	0	0
Total ..	56,239	10	4

46. *Grant 1, Public Works—Communications.*—Rs. 64–15–3 were expended, against Rs. 70 of the revised estimate.

47. *Buildings.*—Rs. 181–15–5 were expended against Rs. 2,000 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 2,038, the actuals of the previous year.

48. *Drainage.*—Rs. 77–2–6 were expended, against Rs. 3,680, the actuals of the previous year.

49. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—Rs. 140 were expended, against Rs. 1,890, the actuals of the previous year.

50. *Repairs.*—Rs 3,119–9–9 were expended on the repair of roads under the control of the municipal council, against Rs. 5,000 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 3,221, the actuals of the previous year. The outlay on communications is 37·1 per cent. of the net receipts from tolls. From Statement II—A it will be observed that about 86 roads were repaired and kept in a satisfactory condition. The total mileage of roads in the town is 25, eighteen of which are metalled and seven unmetalled. The total mileage under municipal control is 14½ miles metalled and 7 miles unmetalled. Four miles and 4½ furlongs of road were metalled and 7 miles and 1 furlong were gravelled in the year under report.

51. Rs. 1,736–4–9 were expended on repairs to buildings, against Rs. 2,700 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 526, the actuals of the previous year.

52. Rs. 255–0–5 were expended on repairs to existing drains, against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 408, the actuals of the previous year.

53. Rs. 1,255 were expended on the establishment for flushing drains under this head, against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,260, and Rs. 1,260, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the annual salary of 21 drain cleaners at Rs. 5 per mensem.

54. *Water-supply.*—Rs. 292–7–3 were expended on repairs to works and machinery, against the revised estimate of Rs. 250, and Rs. 859, the actuals of the previous year.

55. Rs. 309–12–0 were expended on water-supply establishment, against the revised estimate of Rs. 310, and Rs. 274, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the salary of seven watchmen—three on Rs. 4 and four on Rs. 3–8–0 each per mensem.

56. Rs. 325–2–5 were expended on miscellaneous public improvements, against the revised estimate of Rs. 120, and Rs. 108, the actuals of the previous year.

57. Rs. 846–8–0 were expended on public works establishment, against the revised estimate of Rs. 850, and Rs. 849, the actuals of the previous year. This amount represents the cost per annum of maintaining the municipal public works establishment consisting of an overseer on Rs. 55, including horse allowance, a clerk on Rs. 10, and a peon on Rs. 6 per mensem.

58. Rs. 64–1–9 were spent on tools, plant and stores during the year, against Rs. 60, the revised estimate, and Rs. 4, the actuals of the previous year.

59. For particulars under Grant 1 *vide* Statement II-A.

60. The original budget allotment for 1896–97 for public works was Rs. 14,820; of this sum about Rs. 8,670 were expended or 58·5 per cent. against 73·3 per cent. in the previous year. The short outlay under this head in the current year is mainly due to the council retrenching its expenditure under all heads and postponing all works which are not of an urgent nature in order to meet the wishes of Government as conveyed in G.O., No. 2386 L., dated 16th December 1896.

61. *Grant 2, Education.*—The total expenditure on education was Rupees 6,841–10–0, against Rs. 7,130 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 8,260. The percentage of the net outlay on education in this year is not as high as it has been in previous years, the council having taken the necessary steps for reduction of expenditure in the year under report.

62. *Municipal Schools.*—Three Muhammadan primary schools and six Hindu primary schools were maintained on the salary-result system against 3 and 8, respectively, in the previous year, the council having resolved to close the Thotapalyam and Sullivanpet schools from 1st April 1896.

Rupees 3,410–13–1 were expended, against Rs. 3,340 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 4,749. Of the sum of Rs. 3,410–13–1, Rs. 2,124–3–5 were expended on "fixed payments" against Rs. 2,815–1–0 in the previous year; Rs. 839–6–6 on result stipends against Rs. 1,127–11–0 in the year preceding, and Rs. 447–3–2 on "contingencies" against Rs. 806–5–3 of the past year. The fees realized from these nine schools during the year were Rs. 687–15–0 against Rs. 855–14–2 of the previous year. One of these schools received grants from Provincial funds towards girls amounting to Rs. 1–5–0 against two in the previous year amounting to Rs. 9–10–0.

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58. Rs. 64–1–9 were spent on tools, plant and stores during the year, against Rs. 60, the revised estimate, and Rs. 4, the actuals of the previous year.

59. For particulars under Grant 1 *vide* Statement II-A.

60. The original budget allotment for 1896–97 for public works was Rs. 14,820; of this sum about Rs. 8,670 were expended or 58·5 per cent. against 73·3 per cent. in the previous year. The short outlay under this head in the current year is mainly due to the council retrenching its expenditure under all heads and postponing all works which are not of an urgent nature in order to meet the wishes of Government as conveyed in G.O., No. 2386 L., dated 16th December 1896.

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Want No. 1 will receive the attention of the council as soon as a standard design has been received from the Sanitary Board. No. 2 will be attended to when the budget estimates for 1898–99 are under preparation. As for want No. 3, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer's attention has been drawn to the Surgeon-General's remark, and he has been requested to make such reductions as may be compatible with efficiency.

73. Rs. 1,818–15–1 were expended on medicines and supplies against Rs. 1,790 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 2,262, the actuals of the previous year. Rs. 151–0–3 were realized during the year by sale of medicines.

74. Rs. 1,109–13–8 were spent on diet of patients, against Rs. 1,000 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 1,158, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is due to a decline in the number of in-patients in the lying-in hospital from 127 to 99.

75. Rs. 647–13–10 were expended on contingencies, against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 785, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is due to the temporary closing of the dispensary for women and children.

76. The usual contribution of Rs. 10 per mensem to the district board towards the salary of the second clerk attached to the office of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer was not paid during the year, as the original salary of the clerk has been reduced from Rs. 22 to Rs. 12 by the Local Fund Board.

77. As in the past year, so also in the current year, the several requirements and suggestions of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer received prompt attention, so much so that the Surgeon-General in his last inspection in February 1897 was pleased to remark in the visitors' book: "The buildings are clean and in better repair than when I inspected them in November 1894."

78. The contribution to the Medical College was Rs. 224, against Rs. 270 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 272, the actuals of the previous year.

79. The revised estimate under sanitary inspection was Rs. 170 and the actuals of the year were Rs. 179 against Rs. 185, the actuals of the previous year.

80. The charges for medical reserve staff amounted to Rs. 51, against the revised estimate of Rs. 30, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 36.

81. *Vaccination.*—As in the past year, the vaccine staff consisted of two first-class vaccinators on Rs. 15 each per month. The charges on account of establishment amounted to Rs. 360, against the revised estimate of Rs. 360, and Rs. 358, the actuals of the previous year.

82. Compulsory vaccination has been in force in this municipality from the 1st January 1887. The total number of operations performed with fresh animal lymph direct from the calf during the year is 2,050 against 2,411 in the previous year, of which 1,974 were successful against 2,321 in the previous year. The cost of each successful case was As. 5–11 against As. 4–11 in the year previous. Of the total number (2,050) of operations performed, 20 cases were effected by First-class Hospital Assistant S. E. Kamaul Singh, the whole of which proved successful.

83. The number of cases vaccinated during the past three years is compared below:—

Year.	Total.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.
1894–95	2,514	2,397	117
1895–96	2,411	2,321	90
1896–97	2,050	1,974	76

84. The work done by the vaccine staff is checked by the District Surgeon and his subordinates. Eighty-seven cases were prosecuted during the year against 265 in the previous year. In all these cases the parents had their children vaccinated within the time fixed by the magistrate. Two depôts, in addition to that in the municipal office compound, were maintained during the year, and notices were issued to the public notifying the dates and hours when children will be vaccinated at the several depôts. Estimates for constructing permanent vaccine depôts on an improved model

as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner as also a calf shed, have been passed and the work will be completed during the current year, as it was not found financially possible to complete the same in the year under report.

85. Rs. 361–11–8, the contingent charges under vaccination, were expended in the purchase of calves, towards defraying the house-rent for the two depôts at Circar Mundy street and Ramnaikpalyam, and in the incurring of other petty charges, the revised estimate being Rs. 360 and the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 358.

86. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—The charges of the establishment which consisted of one registrar and two reporters amounted to Rs. 502–6–5 against Rupees 500 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 570. The decrease being due to the abolition of the post of one reporter.

The total number of births registered during the year was 1,588 against 1,538 in the preceding year, and the registered number of deaths is 1,155 against 1,134 in the previous year. Four hundred persons were prosecuted during the year for non-registration of births and deaths.

87. *Conservancy.*—Rs. 7,079–14–9 were expended on establishment, against Rs. 7,020 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 7,312, the actuals of the previous year.

88. The town sweepings and night-soil were, as usual, carted away from the dust-bins and latrines and then sold by public auction. There were 29 latrines and 4 urinals on the 31st March 1896, and one additional urinal was constructed. All existing public latrines were kept in repair during the year. They were cleaned twice a day, periodically tarred, and limewashed once a week. Here again financial considerations prevented my constructing some more latrines as originally proposed.

89. Under other conservancy charges, Rs. 5,409–7–2 were expended, against Rs. 4,680 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 6,075.

90. The municipal council hired 39 conservancy carts and 2 urinal carts, and bulls for 8 night-soil carts.

Owing to the prevalence of bubonic plague at Bombay, the strictest vigilance was exercised over the sanitary arrangements of the town, and the valuable suggestions of the Sanitary Commissioner were strictly carried out.

91. *Private Scavenging.*—Rs. 1,473–9–6 were expended on establishment, against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,320, and Rs. 1,455, the actuals of the previous year. The private latrines were cleaned once a day. The sanitary inspectors carried out the inspection of these private latrines and collected the fees in addition to their own ordinary duties. The number of latrines on the rolls on the 31st March 1897 was 940 against 874 in the previous year. The system is almost self-supporting.

92. Rs. 7–8–7 were the contingent charges, against Rs. 300 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 373, the actuals of the previous year.

93. Rs. 1,442–11–0 were the cholera charges incurred under this head, against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,200, and Rs. 37, the actuals of the previous year. Cholera, I regret to state, made its appearance in the town on two occasions, viz., in the months of August and December 1896. On the first occasion it lasted from 4th August to 22nd September 1896, during which period there were 67 attacks and 40 deaths.

On the second occasion the outbreak commenced on the 14th December 1896 and continued up to 6th March 1897, during which latter period there were 105 attacks and 65 deaths, making a total of 172 attacks and 105 deaths. During the prevalence of the disease, the instructions of Government contained in G.O., No. 1536 M., dated 9th September 1896, were faithfully carried out, and every attempt was made to prevent the disease from spreading. For the origin of the disease on both occasions *vide* medical officer's report.

94. The charges on account of sundry articles, such as baskets, brooms, tar, chunam, &c., for the use of the Conservancy department amounted to Rs. 243–2–2, against the revised estimate of Rs. 300, and Rs. 438, the actuals of the previous year.

95. *Grant 4, Lighting.*—Rs. 238-2-10 were expended on establishment, against the revised estimate of Rs. 240, and Rs. 237, the actuals of the previous year.

96. The amount expended under contingencies was Rs. 4,769-9-11, against the revised estimate of Rs. 4,640, and Rs. 4,404, the actuals of the previous year. Only three new lamps were put up during the year. The total number of lamps on the 31st March 1897 was 690 against 687 on the 31st March 1896. The street lamps were daily inspected by the lamp superintendents, and they were also occasionally inspected by the Chairman and divisional councillors.

97. *Markets.*—Rs. 192 have been expended on market establishments, against Rs. 190 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 192, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the cost of a peon on Rs. 6 and two sweepers on Rs. 5 each per mensem.

98. Rs. 12-7-4, the contingent charges here shown, were for brooms, baskets, &c.

99. *Slaughter-houses.*—Rs. 177-10-8 were expended against Rs. 180 of the revised estimate. It represents the annual cost of the staff maintained, viz., one superintendent on Rs. 10 and one sweeper on Rs. 5 per mensem.

100. Rs. 11-10-6, the contingent charges, were for brooms, baskets, tar, chunam, &c.

101. *Choultries.*—In the year under report the staff attached to the Vellore langarkhana consisted of one gumastah on Rs. 7 per mensem, the cost for the year amounting to Rs. 94, against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 209, the actuals of the previous year.

102. Rs. 3-11-3 represent the cost for printing paupers' tickets, &c.

103. Rs. 3,587-12-2 were expended in feeding paupers, against the revised estimate of Rs. 3,510, and Rs. 4,491, the actuals of the previous year. 151,315 paupers were fed at the langarkhana during the year under report against 148,953 in the previous year; three sixteenths of a measure of rice was doled out to each pauper per day in lieu of one-fourth measure. This reduction enabled the council to feed a larger number in this year.

104. *Travellers' Bungalows.*—Rs. 81-12-6 is the cost of the establishment consisting of one cook on Rs. 7 per mensem.

105. Rs. 205-6-9 shown as contingencies represent the rent paid for the building utilized as a travellers' bungalow, as also the cost of certain articles purchased for the use of the bungalow.

106. *Avenues.*—The establishment consisted of three avenue servants on Rs. 5 each, and was maintained at a cost of Rs. 175-5-8 against the revised estimate of Rs. 180.

107. Rs. 1-4-0 were expended in the purchase of tools and buckets.

108. *Other Charges.*—Rs. 553-8-0 were expended in the printing of municipal proceedings, proceedings of the Sanitary Commissioner, &c, against Rs. 400 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 375, the actuals of the previous year.

109. Rs. 1,632-12-0 shown under compensation for lands are comprised of the following items:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Value of a piece of land purchased for a new burial-ground in lieu of the old one in Kyla tope condemned by the Sanitary Commissioner	1,169	0	0
Value of land taken up in strengthening kusbah kanar ..	18	12	0
Value of a house purchased for opening a lane for private scavenging purposes in Sookiah Vathiar's street	300	0	0
Value of a house and land purchased in old Munsif's Court street, Fowl parcherry	130	0	0
Value of land purchased for private scavenging purposes in Main Bazaar street	15	0	0
Total ..	1,632	12	0

110. Rs. 135-10-10 were incurred on account of the following, against Rs. 120 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 5,614, the actuals of the previous year:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Law charges	29	1	6
Rewards for killing dogs and pigs	13	9	0
Hot weather charges incurred under the authority conveyed in G.O., No. 1293 M., dated 25th September 1893	24	11	10
Paint, &c., for numbering carts	7	8	6
Paint, &c., for renumbering houses	14	0	0
Quit-rent paid on municipal land	11	12	0
Cost of two sign-boards for office	35	0	0
Total ..	135	10	10

111. *Grant 5.*—The charges for the office establishment amounted to Rupees 2,076-11-3, against Rs. 2,080 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 2,072, the actuals of the previous year.

112. Rs. 600 were expended as carriage allowance to Chairman at the rate of Rs. 50 per mensem.

113. The expenditure on account of establishment for collecting the taxes amounted to Rs. 721-14-11, against Rs. 730 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 689, the actuals of the previous year. In addition to the usual establishment, two temporary bill-collectors were employed for the months of February and March 1897, sanction for their employment having been accorded by Government in its order, Mis. No. 155 M., dated 4th February 1897.

114. The expenditure for the purchase of stationery, &c., amounted to Rupees 327-4-5, against the revised estimate of Rs. 50, and Rs. 531, the actuals of the previous year.

115. The charges under the head of office contingencies amounted to Rs. 400-7-4, against the revised estimate of Rs. 350, and Rs. 530, the actuals of the previous year.

116. The contribution paid this year on account of the central office and audit establishments amounted to Rs. 393, against Rs. 390 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 310, the actuals of the previous year.

117. Rs. 375 were expended in refunds of other than current collections, against the revised estimate of Rs. 370, and Rs. 9, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the amount collected under fishery rents in the year 1895-96, which amount had to be returned, as it was found out that the municipality had no control over the fort ditch.

118. Rs. 100 shown under permanent advances represent the permanent imprest made to the municipal overseer, and Rs. 100 under the head of "others" represent the amount paid for defending an appeal in the High Court preferred by the late road materials contractor of 1890-91. The appeal has since been decided in favour of the municipality.

IV.—Closing Balance.

119. The closing balance amounted to Rs. 501-0-8, against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,040, and Rs. 180, the actuals of the previous year.

120. The statements now submitted do not contain audited figures.

121. The resolution of the council, passing the administration report, is herewith submitted.

122. *General Remarks.*—It was my intention to carry out the remaining reforms in municipal administration during the year under report, but my intentions have been frustrated by the crippled state of the finances and by the fact that such of the money as was possibly available out of this limited purse had to be husbanded with the greatest economy, compatible with efficiency, to meet any unforeseen

demands that may arise in the starting of relief works or in the combating of the bubonic plague, &c. The year has been one of great anxiety, but thanks to a merciful Providence it has passed away without bringing want and devastation in its train. Such reforms as could have been effected under the circumstances stated above have been carried out, and I trust to carry out the others in the current year.

123. In accordance with G.O., No. 291 M., dated 25th February 1897, I have the honour to furnish a memorandum of investments in the accompanying form:—

Memorandum of investments.	
Description of security.	Nominal amounts.
Nil.	

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Enclosure.

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Small-pox was also prevalent during the year, the number of attacks was 131, being less than in the previous year. Fevers were less prevalent, but bowel-complaints rather more than in 1895–96.

2. *Vital Statistics.*—

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1895-96	..	162	348	138	4	7	474	1,133	1,538	34·23	1,133	25·22
1896-97	105	131	285	175	4	10	445	1,155	1,588	35·34	1,155	25·70

3. *Sanitation.*—The sanitation of the town is carried out by a staff of peons, sweepers and scavengers, whose work is supervised by one chief sanitary inspector and five sanitary inspectors. None of the latter are trained men and I cannot speak favourably of their knowledge, energy or powers of supervision. Rubbish is removed to depôts on the outskirts of the town, and night-soil in ordinary carts which is a very unsatisfactory and insanitary mode.

Drainage.—The drainage system is very defective for this large town. Most of the drains are imperfectly constructed and the fall is insufficient so that water and sewage stagnate in places. In many streets and lanes drains are badly needed.

Water-supply.—This is obtained from a tank known as "Suriaguntah" and from some public and private wells. The water in the former is of bad quality. The drainage and water-supply schemes are before the council.

4. *Vaccination.*—The following table shows the number of cases vaccinated by the two municipal vaccinators during the year below and above one year of age as compared with the previous year and also the birth-rate. The decrease in the

number of operations may be attributed to want of energy on the part of the vaccinators who should be punished by the council or removed if no improvement takes place:—

Years.	Number of operations performed		Number of successful operations		Number of operations with animal lymph.	Number of successful operations with animal lymph.	Number of births during the year.
	Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.	Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.			
1895-96	1,119	1,284	1,110	1,203	2,403	2,313	1,538
1896-97	1,168	862	1,167	787	2,030	1,954	1,588

Twenty cases—all successful—were vaccinated by the municipal hospital assistant (S. E. Camal Singh, No. 321) against ten in 1895-96, of which eight were successful and two unsuccessful.

5. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—(*a*) There is a general hospital and a lying-in hospital not far from the former. The main hospital is badly situated, being shut in on three sides by dwellings and badly ventilated, but is in a good state of repair at present. It is, however, unsuitable for a hospital of present-day requirements and has been repeatedly condemned by the Surgeon-General and by respective District Medical and Sanitary Officers.

(*b*) The buildings underwent some sundry repairs and were whitewashed during the year.

(*c*) Some of the furniture is very old, especially the wooden cots. New teapoys for the use of patients were provided during the year. The present post-mortem and operation tables are very old and unsuitable and should be replaced by new ones. The furniture is sufficient.

(*d*) The recommendations made by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras in his inspections have not been carried out as yet. Regarding the construction of a new hospital the council passed a resolution as follows:—

"The council wish, in the first instance, to point out to the Surgeon-General that the delay in the construction of the proposed hospital does not rest with them. The papers are in the hands of the Sanitary Board who have not as yet prepared the necessary plans and estimates without which it is not possible to commence the work, even if it is found financially practicable to do so. The proposal of the Surgeon-General to ask the Government to hand over the present building to the council, with a view to its being sold and the sale-proceeds credited to the municipal fund, does not, the council fears, appear feasible. The entire cost of the proposed hospital will have to be met by the council and, in the present crippled condition of their finances, it is not likely that they will be able to undertake such a costly undertaking for some time to come."

The suggestion for an Eurasian midwife will be met by an allotment next year.

(*e*) A sum of Rs. 67–8–9 was recovered during the year from patients who were able to pay for their medicines. No sum has been recovered from patients for diets.

(*f*) The subjoined statement shows the number of patients treated during the year as compared with the previous year:—

Years.	In-door.		Out-door.		Total treated.	Total deaths.	Average daily attendance.	
	Treated.	Died.	Treated.	Died.			In-door.	Out-door.
1895-96	667	22	29,326	4	29,993	26	25·77	151·75
1896-97	681	25	30,445	6	31,126	31	24·49	156·07

It will be seen from the above statement that there is an increase both among in and out patients of 14 and 1,119, respectively, during the year under report, which may be ascribed to the increasing popularity of the institution.

(*g*) *Mortality and actual causes of it, &c.*—Omitted as per paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 1341 M., dated 12th August 1896.

(*h*) There were 117 major and 1,765 minor operations performed during the year. The number of deaths was two.

(*i*) *Establishment, whether sufficient and efficient.*—Omitted in accordance with paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 1341 M., dated 12th August 1896.

(*j*) At present there is a native nurse (unpassed) acting as midwife on Rs. 10 a month. The Surgeon-General has, at his late inspection of the hospital, recommended the appointment of a trained Eurasian midwife, and the subject is under the consideration of the council, and an allotment will be made for one in the next budget.

(*k*) The dispensary for women and children, which was in existence in 1895–96, had to be closed unfortunately at the beginning of May 1896 owing to the resignation of the female apothecary who was in charge of it. Efforts have been made frequently to secure the services of another, but without success, as no one is available. In G.O., Mis. No. 874 M., dated 13th April 1897, the attention of the council was drawn to the suggestion of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras to found a scholarship for a female apothecary for careful consideration. The number of patients treated in April in which the dispensary was open during the year was 72. The number treated during 1895–96 (8th August to 31st March 1896) was 732.

(*l*) *General Remarks.*—The sanitation of the town is fair, but requires improvement in many respects. More supervision is required over the menial staff by sanitary inspectors and by members of the council themselves. The water-supply of the town is indifferent and the drainage very defective, and the question of their improvement has been and is before the council.

I would urge the opening of the dispensary for women and children as soon as practicable, as there is a large number of caste and gosha women who would eagerly seek advice here.

VELLORE, *20th May* 1897. (Signed) J. LANCASTER, M.B., M.C., Surgn.-Lt.-Col., *Dist. Medl. and Sany. Officer.*

Forwarded.

(Signed) MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHIB,
Chairman.

Cur. No. 1288-Eng.

Submitted to the Collector of North Arcot. The roads in the town are in good order.

(Signed) V. VENUGOPAUL CHETTI,
10th June 1897. *Ag. Sub-Collector.*

Submitted.

(Signed) S. H. WYNNE,
15th June 1897. *Collector.*

ORDER—No. 1831 M., dated 21st August 1897.

The receipts and charges of the Vellore Municipality for 1896–97 are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1895–96 :—

—	Actuals, 1895–96.	Budget estimate, 1896–97.	Revised estimate, 1896–97.	Actuals, 1896–97.
Receipts.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance brought forward	14,320	7,640	— 180	— 180
Tax on Arts	7,050	9,100	9,100	7,156
" on Buildings and Lands	10,064	11,060	11,060	9,165
" on Vehicles and Animals	1,806	2,030	2,030	1,722
" on Carts	1,632	1,460	1,460	1,349
Tolls	8,105	8,000	8,360	8,404
Realizations under Special Acts	105	150	110	125
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and Sale-proceeds of Lands, &c. ..	1,332	1,830	1,550	1,238
Conservancy Receipts	1,050	1,200	1,280	1,280
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions	856	870	870	688
" " from Medical Institutions	134	100	140	151
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	11,543	11,550	11,760	12,012
License Fees	854	1,000	860	699
Other Fees	775	910	730	708
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	710	700	700	771
Interest on Investments and Premium on Loans	185	300	190	185
Grants and Contributions from Government	6,491	6,750	6,810	6,740
" " from Local Boards	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Recoveries for Services to Private Individuals	1,130	1,520	1,350	1,213
Miscellaneous	393	140	1,040	960
Advances Recovered	350	390	50	53
Total ..	70,245	68,000	60,570	55,739
Charges.				
GRANT 1—				
New Works—				
Communications	..	1,000	70	365
Buildings	2,038	3,000	2,000	182
Drainage	3,680	..	50	77
Water-supply	296	..	..	..
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,890	..	140	140
Repairs—				
Communications	3,221	5,000	5,000	3,050
Buildings	526	2,700	2,700	1,624
Drainage	1,668	1,260	1,280	1,510
Water-supply	1,141	810	560	605
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	108	..	120	325
Establishment	849	850	850	847
Tools and Plant and other Stores	4	100	60	64
Contributions for Public Works	..	100	..	..
Total ..	15,421	14,820	12,830	8,789
GRANT 2—				
Municipal Schools—				
On the Salary-result System	4,749	3,340	3,340	3,411
Grants-in-aid—				
Salary Grants	1,597	1,800	1,600	1,706
Result Grants	1,203	1,000	1,200	885
Building, Furniture, &c., Grants	..	200	200	119
Inspection	411	460	460	473
Miscellaneous	300	330	330	248
Total ..	8,260	7,130	7,130	6,842
GRANT 3—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries	7,415	6,830	6,640	6,425
Contributions	502	470	470	454
Vaccination	716	750	720	722
Registration of Births and Deaths	573	560	500	503
Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering	16,490	15,440	14,820	15,726
Total ..	25,696	24,050	23,150	23,830
GRANT 4—				
Lighting	4,641	3,240	4,880	5,008
Markets and Slaughter-houses	394	400	400	394
Choultries	4,705	4,180	3,610	3,685
Travellers' Bungalows	359	310	310	287
Avenues	182	280	180	177
Public Garden, Survey of Land, Fire and other Charges ..	5,989	1,600	2,090	2,134
Total ..	16,270	10,010	11,470	11,685
GRANT 5—				
Supervision and Management	4,722	4,150	4,200	4,519
Advances Recoverable	47	350	380	200
Refunds	9	160	270	375
Balance	— 180	7,330	1,040	— 501
Total ..	70,245	68,000	60,570	55,739

2. Fifty-four meetings were held by the municipal council, against sixty in 1895–96 and seven others were adjourned for want of a quorum, against eleven in that year. The attendance of the members improved and was fair in the case of the officials, but still indifferent in that of the non-officials. One seat was filled by election during the year, which was contested, 67·4 per cent. of the voters concerned attending the poll.

3. *Receipts.*—(1) The arts tax registers were revised during the year, with the result that the demand, as originally assessed by the Chairman, rose from Rs. 8,681 to Rs. 9,578; but it is noted with surprise that nearly 23 per cent. of this sum was again remitted by the municipal council on appeal, with the result that the net demand under this head fell below that of the previous year by Rs. 19. The average incidence of this tax, however, rose from Rs. 4–1–8 to Rs. 4–5–5, the general average for municipalities in 1895–96 being Rs. 4–1–0. There was a decrease of Rs. 53 in the net demand under the tax on buildings, but under the land tax, which was revised during the year, it increased by Rs. 130. The incidence of the former tax amounted to only Rs. 1–3–0, against Rs. 1–3–2 in 1895–96 and Rs. 2–4–6, the general average for municipalities in that year. The registers of this tax should be revised during the current year so as to arrive at a more equitable demand.

(2) The current collections of the tax on arts improved and were good, but under the house and land taxes they showed a decline, which was most marked under the latter head, and were not satisfactory. The realizations of arrears, especially arrears under the arts and land taxes, were also very poor. These unsatisfactory results are attributed to the prevailing distress, but the Government is not prepared to admit that this explanation fully justifies the large amount of short collections. Steps should be taken to adjust the outstanding balances within the current year. No less than 1,537 warrants were issued for the collection of the principal taxes, but in the circumstances explained in paragraph 8 of the Chairman's report, nearly 72 per cent. of the total number for disposal remained unexecuted on the 31st March 1897.

(3) The receipts from the tax on carts, school-fees and license fees declined, while tolls, bungalow fees, sale of sweepings and market rents showed an advance, the variations being in some cases explained in the Chairman's report. The increase of Rs. 2/0 in the income from the sale of sweepings is satisfactory, but the revenue under this head should be found capable of much further development. The decrease of Rs. 155 under license fees should have been explained.

(4) There was an increase of 66 in the number of houses served by the private scavenging agency and of Rs. 86 in the income from fees levied on this account, but the service continued to be worked at a loss of Rs. 268, against Rs. 700 in the previous year. It is very unsatisfactory to observe that, notwithstanding the repeated orders of Government on the subject, these fees were not collected in advance, and that consequently Rs. 440 of the current demand remained uncollected at the end of the year. If payment of the fees in advance had been insisted upon, the service would have been self-supporting. The instructions of Government should be strictly followed for the future, and every effort should be made to adjust the outstanding balance in the current year. The progress made by the Chairman in extending the system to private latrines and cess-pits is gratifying, and the Government trusts that those that are still outside the system may soon be brought under municipal control.

4. *Expenditure*—(1) *Public Works.*—No new work of any importance was undertaken during the year. The total outlay on communications amounted to Rupees 3,415 or only 41·1 per cent. of the net municipal income from tolls, against the minimum of 50 per cent. fixed by Government. The reason given for the short outlay is not altogether satisfactory, since there could be no better means of providing for distress than in the execution of works of this class. The roads in the town are reported to have been in good order.

(2) *Education.*—The net expenditure on education amounted to Rs. 5,790, or 20·8 per cent. of the receipts from taxation, against 25·5 per cent. in 1895–96 and a general average of 12·6 per cent. for municipalities in that year. Of the total net outlay, Rs. 4,477 were spent on primary, and the remainder on secondary, education. Nine primary schools on the salary-result system, of which three were for Muhammadans and one for Panchamas, were maintained by the municipal council, against eleven in the previous year. The attendance at these institutions fell from 666 to 644, but the results of the departmental examinations were fair, nearly 73 per cent. of the pupils presented having been successful. The municipal council also continued to aid two secondary schools with salary grants and 29 primary schools with result grants. The attendance in the secondary schools advanced, being 1,001, against 807 in the previous year. On the other hand, the strength of these primary schools fell off slightly, the decrease in the number of girls being especially regrettable, and the results of the grant examinations were not good, the percentage of success being only 61, against 74 in the previous year; and owing, apparently, to these poor results, nearly 12 per cent. of the allotment for result grants was allowed to lapse. The total number of boys under instruction in all the municipal and aided schools rose from 2,457 to 2,578 or 80·7 per cent. of the male population of school-going age, the average for municipalities in 1895–96 being 57·3 per cent. Steps should be taken in the current year to reduce the large number of untrained teachers employed in the Muhammadan schools.

(3) *Medical Relief.*—The dispensary for women and children, which was opened in August 1895, was closed in May 1896, owing to the inability of the municipal council to procure the services of a qualified female apothecary. During the single month of its existence 72 patients were treated—strong testimony to the need of such an institution in the town. The Government trusts that, as recommended in G.O., No. 874. M., dated 13th April 1897, the municipal council will be able to set aside funds for a Dufferin scholarship so as to secure a qualified practitioner for their own service. There was an increase of 1,133 in the number of patients treated in the municipal civil hospital, which is ascribed to the growing popularity of the institution. The midwife attached to the lying-in-hospital attended 149 cases of labour, against 146 in 1895–96, and of these only 99 were in-patients, against 127 in that year. The construction of a new hospital, for which provision has been made in the current year's budget, should no longer be postponed. The municipal council's attention is drawn to the remarks of the District Medical Officer in clause (*c*) of paragraph 5 of his report.

(4) *Vaccination and Vital Statistics.*—The reported number of vaccine operations performed during the year fell from 2,411 to 2,050, the decrease being attributed by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to neglect on the part of the vaccinators. The municipal council should see that a stricter supervision is exercised over these men. The reported quality of the work done, however, continued to be good, the percentage of success being 96·3. Infantile vaccination showed a slight advance, the total number of children under one year successfully vaccinated being 26·0 per mille of the population, against 24·8 in 1895–96, but the proportion is still, however, far short of the recorded birth-rate (35·3 per mille).

There was a small increase in the number of both births and deaths registered during the year, but the returns cannot yet be accepted as complete, the rates being considerably below the normal. The subject should receive closer attention.

(5) *Sanitation.*—The outlay under this head amounted to Rs. 15,[illegible]6, or Rs. 216 more than the allotment, and was 28 per cent. of the total receipts. The District Medical Officer, while reporting that the sanitation of the town was fair, points out certain important defects which require an early remedy. The sanction of Government should be obtained for the entertainment of the scavenger employed at the Lubbay Street mosque latrine shown in statement II-B under Grant 3—Sanitation.

5. *General Remarks.*—The year closed with a deficit of Rs. 501 instead of a balance of Rs. 8,480 anticipated in the budget. This large decrease has not been specifically explained by the Chairman, but was due to short collections under the principal taxes and increased expenditure under the hospital, conservancy, cholera and lighting charges in the years 1895–96 and 1896–97. The administration of the municipality during the year under review showed some improvement on that of the previous year, but cannot be regarded as wholly satisfactory.

6. The Chairman's report admits of much curtailment. Numerous paragraphs contain no more than a bare comparison of the actuals with those of the previous year and with the revised estimate; but as these figures are clearly set out in the tabular statements, there is no need to repeat them in the report except where explanation or comment is offered. The insertion of the figures and letters of the sub-heads in connection with the various items of receipt or expenditure is confusing as exhibited in the Chairman's report, and should be avoided for the future; they have been erased from the printed copy of the report attached to these proceedings.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore.
" Collector of North Arcot.
" President, District Board, North Arcot.
" Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General.
" Sanitary Board.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Sanitary Engineer.
Editors' Table.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHIB, Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Divisional Officer), dated 6th June 1897, No. 684.

I have the honour to submit the annual Administration Report on the working of the Madras District Municipalities Act, No. IV of 1884, in the Vellore Municipality for the official year 1896–97, together with the statements prescribed in G.O., No. 2193 M., dated 10th December 1891, as also those relating to Educational and Medical departments.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL.

2. The maximum number of councillors is twenty, of whom five are nominated and fifteen elected. At the commencement of the year the number fell short by four. At the close of the year, however, there was a full complement of members on the council.

3. The council held 54 meetings during the year against 60 in the year preceding. Seven meetings were adjourned for want of a quorum against 11 in the previous year; the largest number of councillors present at any one meeting was 15 against 16, and the smallest number 2 against 1. The office of Chairman was held by me throughout the year.

4. During the year there were four vacancies—one among the elected and three among the nominated councillors, all of which were filled up before the close of the year.

II.—RECEIPTS.

5. The budget and revised estimates for the year 1896–97 were reviewed and passed by Government in its order, No. 205 M., dated 5th February 1896.

6. The actual receipts of the year, exclusive of the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 55,918–6–0 against Rs. 60,750 of the revised estimate and Rs. 55,925, the actuals of the preceding year. The decrease below the revised estimate occurred chiefly under—

(i) "Municipal rates and taxes" except tolls.
(ii) Grants and contributions from Government under "Municipal schools" and "Other purposes."
(iii) Miscellaneous except "Refunds."
(iv) Advances recovered—"Others."

A.—Receipts from Taxation.

7. (2) *Municipal Rates and Taxes*—(a) *Tax on Arts.*—This tax was revised as usual during the year and levied on all the eight classes of the schedule A attached to the Act. The result of the revision was that the tax was raised from Rs. 8,415 to Rs. 9,578–8–0.

The demand registers were prepared in the month of July 1896 against September 1895 in the preceding year. The original current demand was Rs. 9,578–8–0 against Rs. 8,681 of the previous year; the number of appeals preferred against the

imposition of the tax was 364 against 216 in the previous year. All the appeals were disposed of during the year. In 131 cases the tax was confirmed, in 215 reduced and in 18 remitted. The amount of remissions granted by the council in the year under report aggregated to Rs. 2,183 against Rs. 1,267 in the previous year. Of the final demand of Rs. 7,395–8–0 the sum of Rs. 6,978 was realized against Rs. 6,757 of the previous year and Rs. 127 were written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 290–8–0 against Rs. 657–8–0 of the preceding year. A large portion of this balance has since been collected. The arrears outstanding at the commencement of the year amounted to Rs. 663–8–0, of which Rs. 177–8–0 were collected. Of the outstanding arrears, Rs. 198 relating to the year 1895–96 were, after due inquiry by the council, written off the accounts as irrecoverable inasmuch as several defaulters have left the station leaving no trace of their whereabouts, while others have by adverse circumstances ceased their professions and become unable to pay. At the end of the year under report there was only a balance of Rs. 288 relating to the year 1895–96 remaining to be adjusted.

8. (b) *Tax on Buildings.*—This tax was revised in the year 1895–96. As in the past year house-tax was levied at 5 per cent. of the annual rent-value, which is estimated on the actual rent for which the houses are let, as far as it could be ascertained, on the probable rent, if the houses are in the occupation of the owners themselves, due consideration being given to the importance of the locality in which the houses are situated, as also to the nature and dimensions of the buildings. The demand registers for the last preceding year were adopted with such alterations and amendments as were deemed necessary. The original current demand of the tax was Rs. 9,429–4–0, the remissions granted by the council amounted to Rs. 102–9–0 on appeals and Rs. 8–12–3 were remitted on account of vacant houses for 1896–97; the demand, as finally settled, was Rs. 9,326–11–0, of which Rs. 8,005–1–9 were collected against Rs. 8,568–7–8 of the previous year, and Rs. 1,312–13–0 were outstanding at the close of the year against Rs. 805–11–0 of the previous year. A portion of the amount thus outstanding at the close of the year refers to the tax due on Government buildings. The officers concerned were asked to remit the amount of the tax before the close of the official year, but they did not comply with my request. A large portion of the balance was due by persons in precarious circumstances even in ordinary times and who owing to the prevailing distress felt themselves unable to meet the tax due by them. In such circumstances it became necessary not to resort to coercive measures, but to await a more favourable opportunity for collection. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 805–11–0, of which Rupees 521–10–0 were realized against Rs. 605–6–6 of the previous year, Rs. 80–11–0 relating to the year 1895–96 were written off the accounts as irrecoverable after due inquiry, leaving a balance of Rs. 203–6–0 at the end of the year remaining to be collected, a large portion of which has since been collected. There were 10 appeals against the house-tax against 79 in the previous year. Of this number eight were confirmed, one reduced and one remitted.

9. Although there were only 7,624 houses in the municipality according to the census of 1891, 7,842 houses have been brought under assessment this year, including those buildings which have recently been taxed owing to the abolition of the cantonment. All houses, the rent-value of which is less than Rs. 6, were exempted from taxation if they were the owners' sole property. For the purposes of census, every detached building, whatever may be its rental-value, and whether it is a main building or an out-house, was separately numbered if it were used as a dwelling house.

10. (c) *Tax on Lands.*—The original demand was Rs. 877–10–6. Out of the current net demand, Rs. 622–10–0 were collected against Rs. 673–3–0 in the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 255–0–6 at the close of the year, the major portion of which has since been collected.

Out of the arrears outstanding at the commencement of the year, viz., Rupees 74–15–6, Rs. 15–9–6 have been collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 59–6–0 at the end of the year. The land-tax registers were revised during the year. The short collections under this head are also attributable to the causes mentioned in paragraph 8 (*b*) *supra*.

11. (e) *Tax on Vehicles.*—Rs. 706–8–0 were collected during the year for both half years against Rs. 752, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 800 of the revised estimate, licenses were issued in diglott forms for vehicles and animals during the year.

12. (f) *Tax on Animals.*—This tax realized Rs. 1,015–8–0 against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,200, and Rs. 1,054, the actuals of the previous year.

13. (g) *Tax on Carts.*—The income derived from the registration of carts was Rs. 1,349 against Rs. 1,450 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,632, the actuals of the previous year. Registration certificates in diglott forms were also used, in addition to the registration numbers painted on carts. Ten unregistered carts were seized, which were, however, returned to the owners on their taking out licenses for them; no carts were sold by public auction for non-registration. The difference between the actuals of 1895–96 and 1896–97 is due to the rate for single bullock carts being reduced from Re. 2 to Rs. 1.

14. (h) *Tolls.*—There were six toll-gates in the town as in the previous year. They are pukka buildings of brick and chunam with tiled roofing. Tolls were levied at half the maximum rates specified in schedule D of the Act, and they were leased out during the year for Rs. 16,710 against Rs. 16,210 in the previous year, the increase being due to keener competition than in the year preceding.

The whole of the contract amount was realized by monthly instalments before the close of the year, and the usual contribution of a moiety of the revenue (less half the cost of providing new toll-bars and repairing the toll-sheds), amounting to Rupees 8,306–6–1, was paid to the district board for through traffic before the close of the year. The contract was sold on 5th March 1896.

15. (3) *Realizations under Special Acts.*—(a) *Fees under Act II of* 1888.—As in the past year fees were realized under this head, the amount collected being Rs. 125 against Rs. 110 of the revised estimate and Rs. 105, the actuals of the preceding year.

16. (4) *Revenue derived from Municipal property, &c.*—(i) *Rent of Lands.*—Rs. 784 were realized under this head against Rs. 770 of the revised estimate and Rs. 969, the actuals of the previous year. The amount (Rs. 784) is composed of the following items :—

	Rs.
Grazing rent on lands within the town and late cantonment for 1896–97.	773
Penal interest on contractor for default in payment of kist	11
Total ..	784

No rent on the endowment land in the village of Saduperi attached to the civil hospital, Vellore, was realized for 1896–97, as the land was not occupied for cultivating sugarcane as heretofore.

17. (iii) *Avenue Receipts.*—Rs. 150–6–0 were realized by the sale of decayed trees and avenue clippings against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 189, the actuals of the previous year.

18. (iv) *Fees from Travellers' Bungalows.*—The bungalow continued to be maintained and was kept in good order and fairly well furnished with crockery, furniture, &c. Rs. 176–12–0 were collected as fees during the year against Rs. 150 of the revised estimate and Rs. 80, the actuals of the previous year.

19. (v) (ii) *Produce of Lands, Gardens, &c.*—Rs. 100 were realized against Rs. 80 of the revised estimate and Rs. 106, the actuals of the previous year.

20. (iii) *Sale-proceeds of old materials, empty oil cans, packing cases, &c.*—Rs. 26–8–3 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 50, and Rs. 48, the actuals of the previous year.

21. (c) *Conservancy Receipts—Sale-proceeds of Night-soil, Street-refuse, &c.*—As in the past year depôts for the deposit of night-soil and street refuse existed, and the filth and rubbish therein accumulated being put up to public auction realized Rs. 1,280 against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,280, and Rs. 1,050, the actuals of the preceding year.

22. (d) (i) *Fees from Educational Institutions.*—Rs. 687–15–0 were realized against Rs. 870 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 856. The decrease is due to the closing of the Thotapalyam and Sullivanpet schools during the year.

23. (e) (i) *Sale-proceeds and Composition Fees for medicines.*—Rs. 151–0–3 were realized under this head, the revised estimate being Rs. 140 and the actuals in the previous year, Rs. 133.

24. (f) (i) *Income from markets.*—The collection of fees was leased out for Rs. 9,678 against the revised estimate of Rs. 9,210, and Rs. 8,890, the actuals of the previous year. Of the sum of Rs. 9,678, Rs. 9,445–6–6 were collected and the balance written off as explained below.

The contractor having failed to pay his kist for January 1897, the contract was resold at his risk for the remaining months of February and March for Rs. 1,280, the kists payable by the original contractor for these two months being Rs. 1,360–13–4. For a portion of the month of January 1897 the collections were made departmentally. All losses sustained by default of the original contractor were recouped from the deposit made by him of one month's kist and Rs. 200 in addition.

A penal interest of Rs. 132–13–10 was imposed on the original contractor. Similarly the contractor, to whom the right of collecting fees at the firewood depôt (attached to the market) was leased out, made default within three months of undertaking the contract. The contract was accordingly resold. During the interim the collection of fees was managed departmentally. The result of this action on the part of the original contractor was to cause the municipality a loss of Rs. 365–7–4 which the council by a majority in its resolution, No. 9, dated 6th January 1897, resolved to strike off the accounts. The net loss to the council therefore which had to be written off under income from markets is Rs. 222–9–6.

On the 13th May 1896 a portion of the market building was burnt down owing to an accidental conflagration. Instant measures were adopted to prevent the fire from spreading with the result that only one block was burnt down. This portion was rebuilt during the year. Other temporary thatched sheds in the neighbourhood of the permanent block were also burnt down. The total cost for repairing the burnt portion of the market amounted to Rs. 871–10–11. Owing to this circumstance, as also to impending distress, it was not possible to undertake the improvements to the market as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner.

25. (f) (ii) *Income from Slaughter-houses.*—Rs. 2,567 were realised against Rs. 2,550 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 2,653, the actuals of the previous year.

Penal interest of Rs. 5 was imposed on the contractor.

The improvements suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner were carried out during the year

26. (g) (i) *Distraint Fees.*—Rs. 5–6–0 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 20 and Rs. 15, the actuals of the previous year. Four hundred and twenty-nine warrants were pending at the beginning of the year; 1,537 warrants were issued during the year. The taxes were collected on mere presentation before distraint in 338 cases. In 19 cases property was distrained but not sold, and in no cases property was sold. One thousand four hundred and twelve warrants only remained unexecuted at the close of the year relating to the year 1896–97.

27. (ii) *License Fees.*—The realization under this head is Rs. 699–7–5 against the revised estimate of Rs. 860 and the actuals of Rs. 854.

28. (iii) *Cart-stand fees.*—There is only one municipal cart-stand situated on the Bangalore road. It was, as usual, leased out to a farmer. Rs. 702 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 700 and the actuals of Rs. 755 of the previous year. The cart-stand was again repaired during the year. A penal interest of Rs. 2 was imposed on the contractor.

29. (iv) *Other Fees.*—As. 8 were realized on account of fees for copying extracts from the register of deaths against Rs. 5, the actuals of the previous year.

30. *(c) Fines under Municipal and other Acts.*—Rs. 770–10–0 were realized against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 710, the actuals of the previous year.

31. *(d) Interest on Investments—(i) Capital including Annuities.*—Rs. 97–12–0 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 100 and Rs. 98, the actuals of the previous year, on account of interest on the funded capital (Rs. 2,800) belonging to the Vellore Lungarkhana.

32. *(e) Medical.*—A sum of Rs. 87–4–6, being interest accrued on the funded capital (Rs. 2,500) of the civil hospital, Vellore, was realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 90 and Rs. 87, the actuals of the previous year.

33. *(f) Grants and Contributions—(i) From Government—(a) Education, Municipal Schools.*—Rs. 1–5–0 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 30 and Rs. 10, the actuals of the previous year. It refers to grants earned by girls in the Hindu municipal salary-results school, Ramnaikapalaiyam.

34. *(b) Other Purposes.*—Rs. 362–8–0 shown under this head is the contribution by Government towards the salaries of the Hindu and Muhammadan inspecting schoolmasters and the gymnastic instructor for the years 1895–96 and 1896–97. For particulars *vide* column 1 of statement V-A. The figure as per revised estimate being Rs. 400.

35. *(c) (ii) Medical.*—Rs. 2,200 here shown represent the Government contribution to the civil hospital.

36. *(iii) Other Purposes.*—Rs. 4,176 were realized from Government towards the Vellore Lungarkhana.

37. *(g) From Local Boards—(i) Medical.*—Rs. 1,200 were realized from the District Board of North Arcot, as usual, on account of contribution for the Vellore civil hospital.

38. *(h) (iii) Other Purposes.*—Rs. 100 were realized from the District Board of North Arcot, as usual, towards the cost of lighting the lamps on the Pálár bridge.

B.—Miscellaneous Receipts.

39. *(a) Recoveries on account of Services rendered to Private Individuals—(i) Private Scavenging.*—Rs. 1,213–1–6 were realized against Rs. 1,350 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,127, the actuals of the previous year. The number of houses served by municipal agency was 940 and every attempt was made to make the service as popular as possible in order to make it a paying concern. The demand registers were prepared in April 1896. Of Rs. 201–10–0, the outstanding arrears on 31st March 1896, Rs. 176–15–6 were collected, Rs. 3–5–0 remitted, and Rs. 3–10–0 were written off the accounts as irrecoverable, leaving a balance of Rs. 17–11–6 still to be collected.

40. Out of 2,016 private latrines, only 800 are now being cleaned by private toties, and out of 1,577 cess-pits that existed in the town only 600 now remain, and these I hope to have closed during 1897–98. Thirty-two persons were prosecuted under sections 207 and 221 of the Act, but in the majority of cases coercive process was not found necessary, the parties concerned having obeyed the notices served on them. The fines inflicted on 25 of them was Rs. 91.

41. *(b) Other Items.*—Rs. 956–8–5 here shown represent the amount recovered on appeal in the District Court from the road materials contractor of 1890–91, the district munsif having decided in his favour. For particulars *vide* paragraph 116 of last year's report.

42. *(iii) Fees for Numbering Carts, &c.*—Rs. 3–14–0 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 10 and Rs. 5, the actuals of the previous year. This item is a fluctuating one; the fee for numbering a cart or vehicle whose registration number for the year was accidentally effaced being annas 2.

43. *(7) (d) Advances—(i) Permanent.*—The sum of Rs. 50 here shown represents the cash recovery from the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, being the amount advanced in 1891–92 towards purveyor, and returned in order that the same may be increased to Rs. 100—*vide* article 3, chapter III of the Audit Rules.

44. *(iii) Others.*—The sum of Rs. 3 here shown represents adjustment in the current year of advances made in the previous year, recovered in cash on account of the sale of six stamp papers for agreement forms to contractors.

III.—Expenditure.

45. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 56,239–10–4 against Rs. 70,425, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 59,530 of the revised estimate, the closing balance being Rs. 501–0–8 against Rs. 180 of the previous year, and Rs 1,040 of the revised estimate. The actual charges were distributed among the several grants as shown below :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Grant 1, Public Works	8,670	15	6
„ 2, Education	6,841	10	0
„ 3, Sanitation and Medical Services	23,759	14	6
„ 4, Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal purposes ..	11,872	12	5
„ 5, General Establishment	4,519	5	11
Advances recoverable	200	0	0
Refunds	375	0	0
Total ..	56,239	10	4

46. *Grant 1, Public Works—(a) Communications.*—Rs. 64–15–3 were expended against Rs. 70 of the revised estimate.

47. *(b) Buildings.*—Rs. 181–15–5 were expended against Rs. 2,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,038, the actuals of the previous year.

48. *(c) Drainage.*—Rs. 77–2–6 were expended against Rs. 3,680, the actuals of the previous year.

49. *(d) Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—Rs. 140 were expended against Rs. 1,890, the actuals of the previous year.

50. *(2) Repairs—(a) Communications.*—Rs. 3,119–9–9 were expended on the repair of roads under the control of the municipal council against Rs. 5,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 3,221, the actuals of the previous year. The outlay on communications is 37·1 per cent. of the net receipts from tolls. From statement II—A it will be observed that about 86 roads were repaired and kept in a satisfactory condition. The total mileage of roads in the town is 25, 18 of which are metalled and 7 unmetalled. The total mileage under municipal control is 14½ miles metalled and 7 miles unmetalled. Four miles and 4½ furlongs of road were metalled and 7 miles and 1 furlong were gravelled in the year under report.

51. *(b) Buildings.*—Rs. 1,736–4–9 were expended against Rs. 2,700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 526, the actuals of the previous year.

52. *(c) Drainage—(ii) Repairs to Works.*—Rs. 255–0–5 were expended on repairs to existing drains against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate and Rs. 408, the actuals of the previous year.

53. *(c) (ii) Establishment for flushing Drains.*—Rs. 1,255 were expended under this head against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,260 and Rs. 1,260, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the annual salary of 21 drain cleaners at Rs. 5 per mensem.

54. *(3) Water-supply—(i) Repairs to Works, Machinery, &c.*—Rs. 292–7–3 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 250, and Rs. 859, the actuals of the previous year.

55. *(ii) Establishment.*—Rs. 309–12–0 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 310 and Rs. 274, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the salary of seven watchmen, three on Rs. 4 and four on Rs. 3–8–0 each per mensem.

56. *(e) Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—Rs. 325–2–5 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 120 and Rs. 108, the actuals of the previous year.

57. (3) *Establishment.*—Rs. 846–8–0 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 850 and Rs. 849, the actuals of the previous year. This amount represents the cost per annum of maintaining the municipal public works establishment consisting of an overseer on Rs. 55, including horse allowance, a clerk on Rs. 10, and a peon on Rs. 6 per mensem.

58. (4) *Tools and Plant and other Stores.*—Rs. 64–1–9 were spent during the year against Rs. 60, the revised estimate, and Rs. 4, the actuals of the previous year.

59. For particulars under Grant 1 *vide* statement II A.

60. The original budget allotment for 1896–97 for public works was Rs. 14,820, of this sum about Rs. 8,670 were expended or 58·5 per cent. against 73·3 per cent. in the previous year. The short outlay under this head in the current year is mainly due to the council retrenching its expenditure under all heads and postponing all works which are not of an urgent nature in order to meet the wishes of Government as conveyed in G.O., No. 2386 L., dated 16th December 1896.

61. *Grant 2, Education.*—The total expenditure on education was Rupees 6,841–10–0 against Rs. 7,130 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 8,260. The percentage of the net outlay on education in this year is not as high as it has been in previous years, the council having taken the necessary steps for reduction of expenditure in the year under report.

62. (2) *Municipal Schools.*—(i) *on Salary-result System.*—Three Muhammadan primary schools and six Hindu primary schools were maintained against 3 and 8, respectively, in the previous year, the council having resolved to close the Thotapalyam and Sullivanspet schools from 1st April 1896.

Rupees 3,410–13–1 were expended against Rs. 3,340 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 4,749. Of the sum of Rs. 3,410–13–1, Rs. 2,124–3–5 were expended on "fixed payments" against Rs. 2,815–1–0 in the previous year; Rs. 839–6–6 on result stipends against Rs. 1,127–11–0 in the year preceding, and Rs. 447–3–2 on "contingencies" against Rs. 806–5–3 of the past year. The fees realized from these nine schools during the year were Rs. 687–15–0 against Rs. 855–14–2 of the previous year. One of these schools received grants from Provincial funds towards girls amounting to Rs. 1–5–0 against two in the previous year amounting to Rs. 9–10–0.

63. The number of pupils on the rolls on the 31st March 1897 was 597 boys and 47 girls against 652 boys and 14 girls. The average attendance was 521 against 553 in the year preceding. The net cost to the municipality was Rs. 2,721–9–1 against Rs. 3,883–9–1 in the year before. The average net cost per pupil in each class of municipal schools was Rs. 5–3–7 against Rs. 7–0–4 in the year 1895–96. In the Muhammadan schools the grants earned were Rs. 398–13–6 in 1896–97 against Rs. 407–5–0 in 1895–96. The six Hindu schools earned Rs. 440–9–0 against Rupees 670–10–0 in the year preceding. Rs. 2–10–0, the grant earned from Provincial funds in 1895–96 by certain girls of the Kalaskara street school, and which were withheld in that year, were paid in the year 1896–97.

64. (a) *Aided schools* showed a slight decrease in numbers, there being 980 boys and 66 girls on the rolls on 31st March 1897 against 998 boys and 78 girls on the rolls on the 31st March 1896. The results of the departmental examinations showed a deterioration. The qualifications of the teachers employed in municipal schools have greatly improved as most of the teachers have secured complete certificates. Managers of aided schools were once more warned to employ none but qualified teachers on pain of substantial reductions in the grants paid to them, or in extreme cases the entire withholding of them.

65. (b) *Salary Grants.*—As in the past year two secondary schools were aided during the year with salary grants, viz., the American Mission high school, and the Sri Mahant's Hindu Union middle school. The total amount of grants paid to these two institutions was Rs. 1,706–0–8 against Rs. 1,596–11–8, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 1,600 of the revised estimate. The increase in expenditure between the actuals of 1,896–97 and 1895–96 is due to the fact of both the institutions, but notably the American Mission high school, having become entitled to larger grants than those paid in the previous years.

There were 889 boys on the rolls of the former school on the 31st March 1897 against 697 in the year preceding. The amount paid away as grants to masters was Rs. 1,388–12–8 against Rs. 1,357–13–3 in the previous year. The number of boys on the rolls on the 31st March 1897 in the latter school was 112 against 110 in the previous year, and the amount of grants paid away to the masters was Rs. 317–4–0 against Rs. 238–14–5 in the year preceding.

66. The number of result grant schools at the beginning of the year was 29. The number opened during the year was four primary schools, and the number closed was five, leaving 28 primary schools in existence at the close of the year against 29. The number on the rolls on the 31st March 1897 was 989 boys and 66 girls against 998 boys and 78 girls in the previous year. The number of pupils examined for grants was 749, of whom 459 were qualified for grants. The total amount of grant earned was Rs. 884–13–0 against Rs. 1,200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,203, the actuals of the previous year. No stipends were paid to pial schoolmasters for attending sessional schools as none were opened during the year. Results grants were Paid at the maximum rates allowed by the Grant-in-aid Code.

67. (c) *Inspection.*—(i) *Municipal Inspectors.*—(1) *Establishment.*—Rs. 437 were expended against Rs. 420 of the revised estimate and Rs. 316, the actuals of the previous year. The excess in establishment is due to the salary of the Hindu inspecting schoolmaster for February 1896 having been paid in 1896–97. As in the past year two inspecting schoolmasters were maintained, one for Muhammadan primary and aided schools, and the other for Hindu schools. The number of schools visited by the Hindu inspecting schoolmaster during the year was 49 against 58 in the year preceding and the number examined 49 against 55 in the previous year, and the number of pupils examined was 13,890 against 11,405. The Muhammadan inspecting schoolmaster visited 17 schools and examined 17 schools and 11,332 pupils.

68. (ii) *Contingencies.*—Rs. 35–13–11 represent the cost of stationery articles supplied to both the inspecting schoolmasters, and the house-rent paid for the Hindu inspecting schoolmaster's office. The revised estimate is Rs. 40 and the actuals of the previous year Rs. 65.

69. (7) *Miscellaneous.* (a) *Building Furniture, &c., Grants.*—Rs. 118–12–0 shown represent the furniture and rent grants made to the American Mission high school.

70. (7) *Miscellaneous.* (b) *Common Gymnasium and Drawing Master.*—(1) *Establishment.*—Rs. 248–5–4 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 240 and Rs. 293, the actuals of the previous year. This amount represents the salary of the gymnastic instructor who also performed the duties of the drawing master during the year. The gymnastic instructor holds a first-class certificate. The excess is due to the salary of the late drawing master for February 1896 having been paid in the year under report.

71. *Grant 3, Sanitation and Medical Services.*—(1) *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—*Establishment.*—The charges on account of establishment amounted to Rs. 2,948–9–8 against the revised estimate of Rs. 3,030 and Rs. 3,090, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is due to the dispensary for women and children being temporarily closed for a greater part of the year for want of a lady apothecary.

72. Two hospitals, viz., the civil and lying-in, were maintained during the year. The dispensary for women and children which was opened in August 1895 has been temporarily closed since May 1896 for want of a lady apothecary as explained in this office letters No. 1202, dated 18th November 1896, and No. 350, dated 25th February 1897.

These institutions worked well during the year, and will, no doubt, increase in importance and popularity. The medical relief provided by the municipal council is fully appreciated by the public. In the civil hospital, 681 in-patients and 30,445 out-patients were treated during the year against 667 in-patients and 29,326 out-patients. In the lying-in hospital also it is satisfactory to note that 99 in-patients and 50 out-patients were treated during the year against 127 in-patients and 19 out-patients in the year preceding.

The hospital assistants have not been provided with free-quarters but they are paid house-rent as compensation. The Surgeon-General visited the hospitals in February 1897. The wants noted by him in the visitors' book are (1) a new hospital, (2) the appointment of a competent Eurasian trained nurse and midwife to be placed in charge of the whole nursing arrangements of the hospital, (3) necessity for curtailment of dieting charges compatible with efficiency.

Want No. 1 will receive the attention of the council as soon as a standard design has been received from the sanitary board. No. 2 will be attended to when the budget estimates for 1898–99 are under preparation. As for want No. 3, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer's attention has been drawn to the Surgeon-General's remark, and he has been requested to make such reductions as may be compatible with efficiency.

73. *(d) Medicines and Supplies.*—Rs. 1,818–15–1 were expended against Rupees 1,790 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 2,262, the actuals of the previous year. Rupees 151–0–3 were realized during the year by sale of medicines.

74. *(e) Diet of Patients.*—Rs. 1,009–13–8 were spent against Rs. 1,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,158, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is due to a decline in the number of in-patients in the Lying-in hospital from 127 to 99.

75. *(f) Sundries and Contingencies.*—Rs. 647–13–10 were expended against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 785, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is due to the temporary closing of the dispensary for women and children.

76. *(g) Contributions to Local Boards.*—The usual contribution of Rs. 10 per mensem to the district board towards the salary of the second clerk attached to the office of the District Medical and Sanitary officer was not paid during the year, as the original salary of the clerk has been reduced from Rs. 22 to Rs. 12 by the Local Fund Board.

77. As in the past year, so also in the current year, the several requirements and suggestions of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer received prompt attention so much so that the Surgeon-General in his last inspection in February 1897 was pleased to remark in the visitors' book. "The buildings are clean and in better repair than when I inspected them in November 1894."

78. *(2) (a) Contributions to Provincial Funds. (i) Medical College.*—Rs. 224 were paid against Rs. 270 of the revised estimate and Rs. 272, the actuals of the previous year.

79. *(ii) Sanitary Inspection.*—The revised estimate under this head was Rs. 170 and the actuals of the year were Rs. 179 against Rs. 185, the actuals of the previous year.

80. *(iii) Medical Reserve Staff.*—The charges under this head amounted to Rs. 51 against the revised estimate of Rs. 30, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 36.

81. *(3) Vaccination. (a) Establishment.*—As in the past year, the vaccine staff consisted of two first-class vaccinators on Rs. 15 each per month. The charges on account of establishment amounted to Rs. 360 against the revised estimate of Rs. 360 and Rs. 358, the actuals of the previous year.

82. Compulsory vaccination has been in force in this municipality from the 1st January 1887. The total number of operations performed with fresh animal lymph direct from the calf during the year is 2,050 against 2,411 in the previous year, of which 1,974 were successful against 2,321 in the previous year The cost of each successful case was As. 5–9 against As. 4–11 in the year previous. Of the total number (2,050) of operations performed, 20 cases were effected by First-class Hospital Assistant S. E. Kamaul Singh, the whole of which proved successful.

83. The number of cases vaccinated during the past three years is compared below :—

Year.	Total.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.
1894–95	2,514	2,397	117
1895–96	2,411	2,321	90
1896–97	2,050	1,974	76

84. The work done by the vaccine staff is checked by the District Surgeon and his subordinates. Eighty-seven cases were prosecuted during the year against 265 in the previous year. In all these cases the parents had their children vaccinated within the time fixed by the magistrate. Two depôts, in addition to that in the Municipal office compound, were maintained during the year, and notices were issued to the public notifying the dates and hours when children will be vaccinated at the several depôts. Estimates for constructing permanent vaccine depôts, on an improved model as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner as also a calf shed, have been passed and the work will be completed during the current year, as it was not found financially possible to complete the same in the year under report.

85. *(a) (4) Contingencies.*—Rs. 361–11–8, the contingent charges under this head, were expended in the purchase of calves towards defraying the house-rent for the two depôts at Circar Mundy street and Ramnaikpalyam, and in the incurring of other petty charges, the revised estimate being Rs. 360 and the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 358.

86. *Registration of Births and Deaths.—(a) Establishment.*—The charges of the establishment which consisted of one registrar and two reporters amounted to Rupees 502–6–5 against Rs. 500 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous being Rs. 570. The decrease being due to the abolition of the post of one reporter.

The total number of births registered during the year was 1,588 against 1,538 in the preceding year, and the registered number of deaths is 1,155 against 1,134 in the previous year. Four hundred persons were prosecuted during the year for non-registration of births and deaths.

87. *Conservancy.—(a) (1) Establishment.*—Rs. 7,079–14–9 were expended against Rs. 7,020 of the revised estimate and Rs. 7,312, the actuals of the previous year.

88. The town sweepings and night-soil were, as usual, carted away from the dust-bins and latrines and then sold by public auction. There were 29 latrines and 4 urinals on the 31st March 1896, and one additional urinal was constructed. All existing public latrines were kept in repair during the year. They were cleaned twice a day, periodically tarred, and limewashed once a week. Here again financial considerations prevented my constructing some more latrines as originally proposed.

89. *(ii) Other charges.*—Rs. 5,409–7–2 were expended against Rs. 4,680 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 6,875.

90. The municipal council hired 39 conservancy carts and 2 urinal carts, and bulls for 8 night-soil carts.

Owing to the prevalence of bubonic plague at Bombay, the strictest vigilance was exercised over the sanitary arrangements of the town, and the valuable suggestions of the Sanitary Commissioner were strictly carried out.

91. *Private Scavenging.—(1) Establishment.*—Rs. 1,473–9–6 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,320 and Rs. 1,455, the actuals of the previous year. The private latrines were cleaned once a day. The Sanitary Inspectors carried out the inspection of these private latrines and collected the fees in addition to their own ordinary duties. The number of latrines on the rolls on the 31st March 1897 was 940 against 874 in the previous year. The system is almost self-supporting.

92. *(4) Contingencies.*—Rs. 7–8–7 were expended against Rs. 300 of the revised estimate and Rs. 373, the actuals of the previous year.

93. *(1) Cholera charges.*—Rs. 1,442–11–0 were the charges incurred under this head against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,200 and Rs. 37, the actuals of the previous year. Cholera, I regret to state, made its appearance in the town on two occasions, viz., in the months of August and December 1896. On the first occasion it lasted from 4th August to 22nd September 1896, during which period there were 67 attacks and 40 deaths.

On the second occasion the outbreak commenced on the 14th December 1896 and continued up to 6th March 1897, during which latter period there were 105 attacks and 65 deaths, making a total of 172 attacks and 105 deaths. During the prevalence

of the disease, the instructions of Government contained in G.O., No. 1536 M., dated 9th September 1896, were faithfully carried out, and every attempt was made to prevent the disease from spreading. For the origin of the disease on both occasions *vide* Medical officer's report.

94. *(d) Contingencies.*—The charges on account of sundry articles, such as baskets, brooms, tar, chunam, &c., for the use of the Conservancy Department amounted to Rs. 243–2–2 against the revised estimate of Rs. 300 and Rs. 438, the actuals of the previous year.

95. *Grant 4, (a) Lighting—(a) Establishment.*—Rs. 238–2–10 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 240 and Rs. 237, the actuals of the previous year.

96. *(b) Contingencies.*—The amount expended under contingencies was Rupees 4,769–9–11 against the revised estimate of Rs. 4,640 and Rs. 4,404, the actuals of the previous year. Only three new lamps were put up during the year. The total number of lamps on the 31st March 1897 was 690 against 687 on the 31st March 1896. The street lamps were daily inspected by the lamp superintendents, and they were also occasionally inspected by the Chairman and divisional councillors.

97. *(c) Markets—(a) Establishment.*—Rs. 192 have been expended against Rs. 190 of the revised estimate and Rs. 192, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the cost of a peon on Rs. 6 and two sweepers on Rs. 5 each per mensem.

98. *(b) Contingencies.*—Rs. 12–7–4, the contingent charges here shown, were for brooms, baskets, &c.

99. *(d) Slaughter-houses.*—Rs. 177–10–8 were expended against Rs. 180 of the revised estimate. It represents the annual cost of the staff maintained, viz., one superintendent on Rs. 10 and one sweeper on Rs. 5 per mensem.

100. *(ii) (b) Contingencies.*—Rs. 11–10–6, the contingent charges here shown were for brooms, baskets, tar, chunam, &c.

101. *(8) Choultries—(a) Establishment.*—In the year under report the staff attached to the Vellore langerkhana consisted of one gumastah on Rs. 7 per mensem, the cost for the year amounting to Rs. 94 against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate and Rs. 209, the actuals of the previous year.

102. *(b) Contingencies.*—Rs. 3–11–3 here shown represent the cost for printing paupers' tickets, &c.

103. *(c) Feeding Paupers.*—Rs. 3,587–12–2 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 3,510 and Rs. 4,491, the actuals of the previous year. One hundred and fifty-one thousand three hundred and fifteen paupers were fed at the langerkhana during the year under report against 148,953 in the previous year; three-sixteenths of a measure of rice was doled out to each pauper per day in lieu of one-fourth measure. This reduction enabled the council to feed a larger number in this year.

104. *(1) Travellers' Bungalows—(a) Establishment.*—Rs. 81–12–6 is the cost of the establishment consisting of one cook on Rs. 7 per mensem.

105. *(b) Contingencies.*—Rs. 205–6–9 here shown represent the rent paid for the building utilized as a travellers' bungalow, as also the cost of certain articles purchased for the use of the bungalow.

106. *(5) Avenues—(a) Establishment.*—The establishment consisted of three avenue servants on Rs. 5 each, and was maintained at a cost of Rs. 175–5–8 against the revised estimate of Rs. 180.

107. *(b) Contingencies.*—Rs. 1–4–0 were expended in the purchase of tools and buckets.

108. *(3) Other Charges—(iii) Printing.*—Rs. 553–8–0 were expended in the printing of municipal proceedings, proceedings of the Sanitary Commissioner, &c, against Rs. 400 of the revised estimate and Rs. 375, the actuals of the previous year.

109. *(a) Compensation for Lands.*—Rs. 1,632–12–0 here shown are comprised of the following items:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Value of a piece of land purchased for a new burial-ground in lieu of the old one in kyla tope condemned by the Sanitary Commissioner	1,169	0	0
Value of land taken up in strengthening kusbah kanar ..	18	12	0
Value of a house purchased for opening a lane for private scavenging purposes in Sookiah Vathiar's street	300	0	0
Value of a house and land purchased in old Munsif's Court street, fowl parcherry	130	0	0
Value of land purchased for private scavenging purposes in Main Bazaar street	15	0	0
Total ..	1,632	12	0

110. *(a) Other Items.*—Rs. 135–10–10 were incurred on account of the following against Rs. 120 of the revised estimate and Rs. 5,614, the actuals of the previous year:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Law charges	29	1	6
Rewards for killing dogs and pigs	13	9	0
Hot weather charges incurred under the authority conveyed in G.O., No. 1293 M., dated 25th September 1893	24	11	10
Paint, &c., for numbering carts	7	8	6
Paint, &c., for renumbering houses	14	0	0
Quit-rent paid on municipal land	11	12	0
Cost of two sign boards for office	35	0	0
Total ..	135	10	10

111. *Grant 5, (a) General Establishment—(1) Office Establishment.*—The charges for the establishment amounted to Rs. 2,076–11–3 against Rs. 2,080 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,072, the actuals of the previous year.

112. *(ii) Inspection.*—Rs. 600 were expended as carriage allowance to Chairman at the rate of Rs. 50 per mensem.

113. *(b) Collection of Municipal Taxes—(1) Establishment.*—The expenditure on account of establishment amounted to Rs. 721–14–11 against Rs. 730 of the revised estimate and Rs. 689, the actuals of the previous year. In addition to the usual establishment, two temporary bill-collectors were employed for the months of February and March 1897, sanction for their employment having been accorded by Government in its order, Mis. No. 155 M., dated 4th February 1897.

114. *(ii) Purchase of Account Books, Paper, Money-boxes, Repairs to Outposts, &c.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 327–4–5 against the revised estimate of Rs. 50 and Rs. 531, the actuals of the previous year.

115. *(d) Office Contingencies—Other than (b) (ii).*—The charges under this head amounted to Rs. 400–7–4 against the revised estimate of Rs. 350 and Rs. 530, the actuals of the previous year.

116. *(e) Contributions for Central Office and Audit Establishments.*—The contribution paid this year amounted to Rs. 393 against Rs. 390 of the revised estimate and Rs. 340, the actuals of the previous year.

117. *Refunds of other than Current Collections.*—Rs. 375 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 370 and Rs. 9, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the amount collected under fishery rents in the year 1895–96, which amount had to be returned, as it was found out that the municipality had no control over the fort ditch.

118. *Advances, Permanent.*—Rs. 100 here shown represent the permanent imprest made to the municipal overseer and Rs 100 under the head of "others" represent the amount paid for defending an appeal in the High Court preferred by the late road materials contractor of 1890–91. The appeal has since been decided in favour of the municipality.

IV.—Closing Balance.

119. The closing balance amounted to Rs. 501-0-8 against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,040 and Rs. 180, the actuals of the previous year.

120. The statements now submitted do not contain audited figures.

121. The resolution of the council, passing the administration report, is herewith submitted.

122. *General Remarks.*—It was my intention to carry out the remaining reforms in municipal administration during the year under report, but my intentions have been frustrated by the crippled state of the finances and by the fact that such of the money, as was possibly available out of this limited purse, had to be husbanded with the greatest economy, compatible with efficiency, to meet any unforeseen demands that may arise in the starting of relief works, or in the combating of the bubonic plague, &c. The year has been one of great anxiety, but thanks to a merciful Providence it has passed away without bringing want and devastation in its train. Such reforms, as could have been effected under the circumstances stated above, have been carried out, and I trust to carry out the others in the current year.

123. In accordance with G.O., No. 291 M., dated 25th February 1897, I have the honour to furnish a memorandum of investments in the accompanying form:—

Memorandum of investments.	
Description of security.	Nominal amounts.
Nil.	

Enclosure.

Concise Annual Report on the Municipal Hospital, Vellore, for the year 1896-97.

Public Health.—The general health of the public was on the whole fair but was seriously affected by the appearance of cholera twice in an epidemic form, viz., from the 4th August to the 22nd September and again from 14th December 1896 to 6th March 1897. The total number attacked was 172 with a mortality of 105.

Small-pox was also prevalent during the year, the number of attacks was 131, being less than in the previous year. Fevers were less prevalent, but bowel-complaints rather more than in 1895-96.

2. *Vital Statistics.*—

Years.	Deaths.								Births.	Per mille.	Deaths.	Per mille.
	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fevers.	Dysentery and Diarrhœa.	Suicides.	Injuries.	All other causes.	Total.				
1895-96	..	162	348	138	4	7	474	1,133	1,538	34·23	1,133	25·22
1896-97	105	131	285	175	4	10	445	1,155	1,588	35·34	1,155	25·70

3. *Sanitation.*—The sanitation of the town is carried out by a staff of peons, sweepers and scavengers, whose work is supervised by one chief sanitary inspector and five sanitary inspectors. None of the latter are trained men and I cannot speak favourably of their knowledge, energy or powers of supervision. Rubbish is removed to depôts on the outskirts of the town, and night-soil in ordinary carts which is a very unsatisfactory and insanitary mode.

Drainage.—The drainage system is very defective for this large town. Most of the drains are imperfectly constructed and the fall is insufficient so that water and sewage stagnate in places. In many streets and lanes drains are badly needed.

Water-supply.—This is obtained from a tank known as "Suriaguntah" and from some public and private wells. The water in the former is of bad quality. The drainage and water-supply schemes are before the council.

4. *Vaccination.*—The following table shows the number of cases vaccinated by the two municipal vaccinators during the year below and above one year of age as compared with the previous year and also the birth-rate. The decrease in the number of operations may be attributed to want of energy on the part of the vaccinators who should be punished by the council or removed if no improvement takes place:—

Years.	Number of operations performed		Number of successful operations		Number of operations with animal lymph.	Number of successful operations with animal lymph.	Number of births during the year.
	Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.	Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.			
1895-96	1,119	1,284	1,110	1,203	2,403	2,313	1,538
1896-97	1,168	862	1,167	787	2,030	1,954	1,588

Twenty cases—all successful—were vaccinated by the municipal hospital assistant (S. E. Camal Singh, No. 321) against 10 in 1895-96, of which 8 were successful and 2 unsuccessful.

5. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—(*a*) There is a general hospital and a lying-in hospital not far from the former. The main hospital is badly situated, being shut in on three sides by dwellings and badly ventilated but is in a good state of repair at present. It is, however, unsuitable for a hospital of present-day requirements and has been repeatedly condemned by the Surgeon-General and by respective District Medical and Sanitary officers.

(*b*) The buildings underwent some sundry repairs and were whitewashed during the year.

(*c*) Some of the furniture is very old, especially the wooden cots. New teapoys for the use of patients were provided during the year. The present post-mortem and operation tables are very old and unsuitable and should be replaced by new ones. The furniture is sufficient.

(*d*) The recommendations made by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras in his inspections have not been carried out as yet. Regarding the construction of a new hospital the council passed a resolution as follows:—

"The council wish, in the first instance, to point out to the Surgeon-General that the delay in the construction of the proposed hospital does not rest with them. The papers are in the hands of the Sanitary Board who have not as yet prepared the necessary plans and estimates without which it is not possible to commence the work, even if it is found financially practicable to do so. The proposal of the Surgeon-General to ask the Government to hand over the present building to the council, with a view to its being sold and the sale-proceeds credited to the municipal fund does not, the council fears, appear feasible. The entire cost of the proposed hospital will have to be met by the council and, in the present crippled condition of their finances, it is not likely that they will be able to undertake such a costly undertaking for sometime to come."

The suggestion for an Eurasian midwife will be met by an allotment next year.

(*e*) A sum of Rs. 67-8-9 was recovered during the year from patients who were able to pay for their medicines. No sum has been recovered from patients for diets.

(*f*) The subjoined statement shows the number of patients treated during the year as compared with the previous year:—

Years.	In-door.		Out-door.		Total treated.	Total deaths.	Average daily attendance.	
	Treated.	Died.	Treated.	Died.			In-door.	Out-door.
1895-96	667	22	29,326	4	29,993	26	25·77	151·75
1896-97	681	25	30,445	6	31,126	31	24·49	156·07

It will be seen from the above statement that there is an increase both among in and out patients of 14 and 1,119, respectively, during the year under report, which may be ascribed to the increasing popularity of the institution.

(*g*) *Mortality and actual causes of it, &c.*—Omitted as per paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 1341 M., dated 12th August 1896.

(*h*) There were 117 major and 1,765 minor operations performed during the year. The number of deaths was 2.

(*i*) *Establishment, whether sufficient and efficient.*—Omitted in accordance with pargaraph 5 of G.O., No. 1341 M., dated 12th August 1896.

(*j*) At present there is a native nurse (unpassed) acting as midwife on Rs. 10 a month. The Surgeon-General has, at his late inspection of the hospital, recommended the appointment of a trained Eurasian midwife, and the subject is under the consideration of the council, and an allotment will be made for one in the next budget.

(*k*) The dispensary for women and children, which was in existence in 1895-96, had to be closed unfortunately at the beginning of May 1896 owing to the resignation of the ~~lady~~ apothecary who was in charge of it. Efforts have been made frequently to secure the services of another, but without success, as no one is available. In G.O., Mis. No. 874 M., dated 13th April 1897, the attention of the council is drawn to the suggestion of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras to found a scholarship for a ~~lady~~ apothecary for careful consideration. The number of patients treated in April in which the dispensary was open during the year was 72. The number treated during 1895-96 (8th August to 31st March 1896) was 732.

(*l*) *General Remarks.*—The sanitation of the town is fair but requires improvement in many respects. More supervision is required over the menial staff by sanitary inspectors and by members of the council themselves. The water-supply of the town is indifferent and the drainage very defective, and the question of their improvement has been and is before the council.

I would urge the opening of the dispensary for women and children as soon as practicable, as there is a large number of caste and gosha women who would eagerly seek advice here.

VELLORE,
20*th May* 1897. (Signed) J. LANCASTER, M.B., M.C., Surgn.-Lt.-Col.,
Dist. Medl. and Sany. Officer.

Forwarded.

(Signed) MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHEB,
Chairman.

Cur. No. 1288-Eng.

Submitted to the Collector of North Arcot. The roads in the town are in good order.

10*th June* 1897. (Signed) V. VENUGOPAUL CHETTY,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

No.

Submitted.

15*th June* 1897. (Signed) S. H. WYNNE,
Collector.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Current No. 2314 of 1897, dated 6-6-1897 from the Chairman, Mr. Vellore.

Current No of 189 , dated from the

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Current No. of 189 , dated from the

Order— No. 1831 M. dt 21-8-97.

The ~~estimated~~ receipts and charges of the Vellore Municipality for 1896-97, ~~as passed by Government,~~ are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1895-96.

	Actuals, 1895-96.	Budget Estimate, 1896-97.	Revised Estimate, 1896-97.	Actuals 1896-97.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Receipts.				
Balance brought forward	14320	7640	—180	—180
Tax on Arts	7050	9100	9100	7156
Tax on Buildings and Lands	10064	11060	11060	9165
Water-Tax on Buildings and Lands	"	"	"	"
Tax on Vehicles and Animals	1806	2030	2030	1722
Tax on Carts	1632	1460	1460	1349
Tolls	8105	8000	8360	8404
Realizations under Special Acts	105	150	110	125
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and sale-proceeds of Lands, &c.	1392	1830	1550	1238
Conservancy Receipts	1050	1200	1280	1280
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions ..	856	870	870	688
Fees and Revenue from Medical Institutions	134	100	140	151
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	11543	11550	11760	12012
License fees	854	1000	860	699
Other fees	775	910	730	708
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	710	700	700	771
Interest on Investments and premium on Loans ..	185	300	190	185
Grants and Contributions from Government	6491	6750	6810	6740
Do. from Local Boards	1300	1300	1300	1300
Do. from other bodies	"	"	"	"
Recoveries for services to private individuals	1130	1520	1350	1213
Miscellaneous	393	140	1040	960
Loans	"	"	"	"
Sale-proceeds of Government Securities, &c., and Realizations of Sinking Fund	"	"	"	"
Advances Recovered	350	390	50	53
Total ..	70245	68000	60570	55739

Charges	Actuals, 1895-96	Budget Estimate, 1896-97	Revised Estimate, 1896-97	Actuals, 1896-97
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
GRANT I.				
New Works—				
Communications	.	1000	70	365
Buildings	2038	3000	2000	182
Drainage	3680	"	50	77
Water-supply	296	"	"	"
Miscellaneous public Improvements	1890	"	140	140
Repairs—				
Communications	3221	5000	5000	3120
Buildings	526	2700	2700	1736
Drainage	1668	1260	1280	1510
Water-supply	1141	810	560	605
Miscellaneous public Improvements	108	"	120	325
Establishment	849	850	850	847
Tools and Plant and other Stores	4	100	60	64
Contributions for Public Works	"	100	"	"
Total ..	15421	14820	12830	8671
GRANT II—				
Training Schools	"	"	"	"
Municipal Schools—				
(*a*) On the Salary System	"	"	"	"
(*b*) On the Salary Result System	4749	3340	3340	3411
Grants-in-aid—				
(*a*) Salary grants	1597	1600	1600	1706
(*b*) Result grants	1203	1200	1200	885
(*c*) Combined grants	"	"	"	"
(*d*) Building and Furniture grants	411	200	200	119
Inspection	300	460	460	473
Miscellaneous		330	330	248
Total ..	8260	7130	7130	6842
GRANT III—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries	7415	6830	6640	6425
Contributions	502	470	470	454
Vaccination	716	750	720	722
Registration of Births and Deaths	573	560	500	502
Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering ..	16490	14320	14820	15656
Total ..	25696	22930	23150	23760
GRANT IV—				
Lighting	4641	3240	4880	5008
Markets and Slaughter-houses	394	400	400	394
Choultries	4705	4180	3610	3685
Travellers' Bungalows	359	310	310	287
Avenues	182	280	180	177
Public Garden, Survey of Land, Fire and other charges ..	5989	1600	2090	2322
Total ..	16270	10010	11470	11873
GRANT V—				
Supervision and management	4722	4120	4200	4519
Repayment of Debt	"	"	"	"
Interest on loan	47	350	380	200
Advances Recoverable	9	160	370	375
Refunds	.	.	.	.
Discount	.	.	.	.
Pensions and Gratuities	.	.	.	.
Investments	— 180	8480	1040	— 501
Balance	70245	68000	60570	55739
Total ..				

2. Fifty four meetings were held by the Municipal Council against sixty in 1895-96, and seven others were adjourned for want of a quorum against eleven in that year. The attendance of the members improved and was fair in the case of the officials, but still indifferent in that of the non-officials. One seat was filled by election during the year, which was contested, 67.4 per cent of the voters concerned attending the poll.

3. Receipts (1) The arrears of tax on registers were ~~as usual~~ revised during the year, with the result that the demand as originally assessed by the Chairman rose from Rs. 8081 to Rs. 9578; but it is noted with surprise ~~a matter for regret~~ that nearly 23 per cent of this demand was again remitted by the Municipal Council on appeal

appeal with the result that the net demand under this head fell below that of the previous year by Rs 19. The average incidence of this tax, however, rose from Rs 4-1-8, to Rs 4-5-5, the general average for Municipalities in 1895-96 being Rs 4-1-0. There was a decrease of Rs 53 in the net demand under the tax on buildings, but under the land tax, which was revised during the year, it increased by Rs 130. The incidence of the former tax amounted to only Rs 1-3-0 against Rs 1-3-2 in 1895-96 and Rs 2-4-6, the general average for Municipalities in that year. The registers of this tax should be revised during the current year, so as to arrive at a more equitable demand.

(2) The current collections of the tax on arts improved and were good, but chiefly to the prevailing distress, under these of the house and land taxes showed a decline, which was most marked under the latter head, and were not satisfactory. For the same reason the realizations of arrears, especially under the arts and land taxes, were also very poor. Steps should be taken to adjust the outstanding balances within the current year. No less than 1537 warrants were issed for the collection of the principal taxes, but in the circumstances explained in para: 8 of the Chairman's report nearly 72 per cent of the total number for disposal remained unexecuted on the 31st March 1897.

(3) The receipts from the tax on carts, school fees and license fees declined, while those from

Vide para. 8 of the Chairman's Report.

Here unsatisfactory results are attributed to the prevailing distress: but the Govt is not prepared to admit that this explanation fully justifies the large amount of short collections

tolls, bungalow fees, sale of sweepings and market rents, showed an advance, the variations being in some cases explained in the Chairman's report. The increase of Rs 230 in the income from the sale of sweepings is satisfactory, but the revenue under this head should be found capable of much further development. The decrease of Rs 155 under license fees has not been explained.

(4) There was an increase of 66 in the number of houses served by the private scavenging agency and of Rs 86 in the income from fees levied on this account, but the service continued to be worked at a loss of Rs 268 against Rs 700 in the previous year. It is very unsatisfactory to observe that notwithstanding the repeated orders of Government on the subject, these fees were not collected in advance and that consequently Rs 440 of the current demand remained uncollected at the end of the year. If payment of the fees in advance had been insisted upon, the service would have been self supporting. The instructions of Government should be strictly followed for the future, and every effort should be made to adjust the outstanding balance in the current year.

The progress made by the Chairman in extending the system to private latrines & cesspits is gratifying, & the Pt trusts that those that are still outside the system may soon be brought under municipal control.

(Vide para 40 of the Chairman's report)

3. Expenditure (1) Public works

No new work of any importance was

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was undertaken during the year.

The total outlay on Communi-

-cations amounted to Rs 3415 or

only 411 per cent of the net

Municipal income from tolls,

against the minimum of 50

per cent fixed by Government.

The reason given for

the short outlay is not altogether

satisfactory since there can be no better means of proving for dealers than the execution of works of this class.

the roads in the town

are reported to have

been in good order.

(2) Education. The net expenditure

on education amounted to Rs 5790

or 20.8 per cent of the receipts from

taxation, against 25.5 per cent in

1895-96 and a general average of

12.6 per cent for Municipalities in

that year. Considering however

the present financial position

of the Municipality, this propor-

tion is still high and the

Municipal Council should

consider the desirability of further reducing the expenditure under this head of the total net outlay, Rs 4477 were spent on primary, and the remainder on Secondary, education. Nine primary schools on the salary result system, of which three were for Muhammadans and one for Panchamas, were maintained by the Municipal Council, against eleven in the previous year. The attendance at these institutions fell from 666 to 644, but the results of the departmental examinations were fair, nearly 73 per cent of the pupils presented having been successful. The Municipal Council also continued to aid two secondary schools with salary grants and 29 primary schools with result grants. The attendance in the two secondary schools advanced from 808 against 807 in

On the other hand,
~~There was an increase of 16~~ 2/-
~~in~~ the primary
the strength of these schools,
fell off slightly, the decrease in the number of pupils being especially regretable;
but the results of the Grant
(and)
examinations were not good,
the percentage of success being
only 61 against 74 in the previous year; and owing apparently to these poor results,
nearly 12 per cent of the allotment for result Grants was
allowed to lapse. The total
number of boys under instruction in all the Municipal aided schools, however, rose
from 2457 to 2578 or 80.7 per
cent of the male population
of school going age, the average
for Municipalities in 1895-96
being 57.3 per cent. ~~Efforts~~
should be taken in the
current year to reduce the
large number of untrained
teachers employed in the
Muhammadan

After this date
applied to Temporary
Schools only

Vide. para 4 of the Assistant Inspectors report.
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show testimony to the need of such an institution in the town. The Sec. treats that as recommended in G.O. no 874 T d 13-4-97 the Mil. will be able to set aside funds for a Dufferin scholarship so as to secure a qualified practitioner for their own service

Muhammadan schools.

(3) Medical Relief. The dispensary for women and Children which was opened in August 1895 was closed in May 1896 owing to the inability of the Mil. to secure the services of a female apothecary. 972 ~~patients~~ were treated in it during the first month of its existence. 72 patients were treated in the year. There was an increase of 1133 in the number of patients treated in the Municipal Civil hospital which is ascribed to the growing popularity of the institutions. The midwife attached to the Lying-in-hospital attended 149 cases of labour against 146 in 1895-96, ~~but~~ of these only 99 were in-patients against 127 in that year. The construction of a new hospital, for which provision has been made in the current

Years

years budget, should no longer be postponed. The Municipal Council's attention is drawn to the remarks of the District Medical officer in clause (c) of paragraph 4 of his report.

(4). Vaccination and Vital Statistics:- The reported number of vaccine operations performed during the year fell from 2411 to 2050, the decrease being attributed by the District Medical and Sanitary officer to want of energy on the part of the vaccinators. He does not see that a strict supervision is exercised over these men. He should be exercised over the work of these men in the current years. The quality of the work done, however, continued to be good, the percentage of success being 96.3. Infantile vaccination showed a slight advance, the total number of children under one year successfully vaccinated being 26.0 per mille of the population against 24.8 in 1895-96, but the proportion is still however far short of what it should be to be satisfactory. It should be equal to the recorded birth rate (35.3 per mille).

There was a small increase in the number of both births and deaths registered during the year, but the returns cannot yet be accepted as complete, the rates being considerably below the normal. The District Medical Officer should receive closer attention. An effort should be made to effect a substantial improvement in this respect in the current year.

(5) Sanitation. The outlay under this head amounted to Rs 15,726 or Rs 726 more than the allotment, and was 28 per cent of the total receipts. The District Medical Officer points out in his report that though the sanitation of the town was fair, certain important defects which require an early remedy. It requires improvement in many respects. Early steps should be

While reporting that the sanitation of the town was fair, the District Medical Officer points out in his report that though the sanitation of the town was fair, certain important defects which require an early remedy. It requires improvement in many respects. Early steps should be

x Vide clause (b) of para. 5 of the medical officer's report.

x Vide paragraph 4 of the District Medical officer's report.

x Fo. No 398-M 6-3-97

~~taken to place this branch of~~
~~administration on a satisfacto-~~
~~-ry footing~~. The sanction of
Government should be obtained
for the entertainment of the scavenger
employed ~~for cleaning the latrines~~ at
~~of the~~ Lubbay Street maguelatrine,
shown in statement II. B under
Grant 3. Sanitation.

5. General remarks. The
year closed with a deficit of
Rs 501 instead of a balance
of Rs 8480 anticipated in
the budget. This large decrease
has not been specifically explained by
the Chairman; but it was
~~doubtless~~ apparently due to short collect-
-ions under the principal taxes
and increased expenditure
under the hospital, Conservancy,
cholera and lighting charges
in the years 1895-96 and 1896-97.
~~Care should be taken to avoid~~
~~this~~

~~this in future. Except in regard~~
~~to the collections of taxes, and~~
~~vaccination~~ the administration
of the Municipality during
the year under review showed
~~some~~ improvement on that of the
previous year ~~and was fairly~~
~~efficient~~ but cannot be regarded
V.R as wholly satisfactory.
11/8/97 6. The Chairman's
report consists of much enter-
-tainment. Numerous paragraphs
~~being about~~ containing no more
than a bare ~~statement~~ comparison of
the figures actuals with those of

To
The Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore. IV the previous year &
. Collector of North Arcot. V
. President, Distt. Board, North Arcot. V with the revised estimates,
. Accountant-General. X
. Director of Public Instruction XI but as these figures are
. Surgeon-General V clearly set out in the tabular
. Sanitary Board. V statements there is no need
. Sanitary Commissioner. V to repeat them in the report
. Sanitary Engineer. V except where ~~comment~~ &
Editors' Table. explanation of or comment
Despd 16/9/97 upon them is ~~exp~~ offered. No

insertion of the figures & letters
of the Subheads in connection
with the various items of
receipt & expenditure in
accounts as submitted in the Chairman's report,
Correspondence to be avoided
for the future: they have been
erased from the printed copy of
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Statement I.—Revenues and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Town of Vellore during the official year 1896-97.

	Actuals 1896-97.						Budget			Revised			Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures.)		
	Details of Minor Heads.			Totals of Major Heads.			Estimate for 1896-97.			Estimate for 1896-97.					
1	2			3			4			5			6		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Balance brought forward—															
a. Municipal Fund	-179	12	4				7300	"	"	-180	"	"	14034	"	"
b. Endowments	"	"	"				340	"	"	"	"	"	286	"	"
c. Water-tax Fund	"	"	"	-179	12	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2. Municipal rates and taxes—															
a. Tax on arts, &c. (section 53) ..	7155	8	"				9000	"	"	9000	"	"	7050	"	"
b. Tax on buildings (section 63) ..	8526	11	9				10000	"	"	10000	"	"	9174	"	"
c. Tax on lands (section 63) ..	638	3	6				1000	"	"	1000	"	"	890	"	"
d. Water-tax on buildings and lands (section 75)	9164	15	3				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
e. Tax on vehicles with springs and palanquins (section 77) ..	706	8	"				800	"	"	800	"	"	752	"	"
f. Tax on animals (section 77) ..	1015	8	"				1200	"	"	1200	"	"	1054	"	"
g. Tax on carts and other vehicles without springs (section 85) ..	1349	"	"				1450	"	"	1450	"	"	1632	"	"
h. Tolls (section 91)—															
Gross receipts 16710.0.0															
Less Local Fund share 8306.6.1	8403	9	11				8000	"	"	8360	"	"	8705	"	"
8403.9.11															
i. Penalties on account of—															
i. Tax on arts	"	"	"				100	"	"	100	"	"	"	"	"
ii. Tax on buildings ..	"	"	"				50	"	"	50	"	"	"	"	"
iii. Tax on lands	"	"	"				10	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"
iv. Water-tax on buildings and lands	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
v. Tax on vehicles, &c. ..	"	"	"				20	"	"	20	"	"	"	"	"
vi. Tax on animals	"	"	"				10	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"
vii. Tax on carts, &c. ..	"	"	"				10	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"
viii. Evasion of tolls	"	"	"	27795	12		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3. Realizations under Special Acts—															
a. Pounds	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
b. Ferry rents	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
c. Fees under Act II of 1888 ..	125	"	"	125	"	"	150	"	"	110	"	"	105	"	"
Carried forward ..				27920	1	2	31800	"	"	32120	"	"	28762	"	"

Statement I.—Revenues and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Town of Vellore during the official year 1896-97—*cont.*

—	Actuals 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward ..		27920 1 2	31800 " "	32120 " "	28762 " "
4. Revenue derived from Municipal property and powers apart from taxation—					
a. i. Rent of lands	784 " "		900 " "	770 " "	969 " "
ii. Rent of buildings ..	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
iii. Avenue receipts	150 6 "		400 " "	260 " "	189 " "
iv. Fees from Travellers' Bungalows	176 12 "		100 " "	150 " "	80 " "
b. i. Sale-proceeds of lands and buildings	" " "		300 " "	300 " "	" " "
ii. Produce of lands, gardens, &c.	100 " "		80 " "	80 " "	106 " "
iii. Sale-proceeds of old materials, empty oil cans, packing cases, &c.	26 8 3		50 " "	50 " "	48 " "
c. Conservancy receipts—					
Sale-proceeds of night-soil, street refuse, &c.	1280 " "		1200 " "	1280 " "	1050 " "
d. i. Fees from educational institutions	687 15 "		870 " "	870 " "	856 " "
ii. Other revenue from educational institutions ..	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
e. i. Sale-proceeds and composition fees of medicines ..	151 " 3		100 " "	140 " "	133 " "
ii. Other Hospital receipts ..	" " "		" " "	" " "	1 " "
f. i. Income from markets ..	9445 6 6		8900 " "	9210 " "	8890 " "
ii. ,, slaughter-houses.	2567 " "		2650 " "	2550 " "	2653 " "
g. Other fees	12012 6 9		11550	11760	11543
i. Distraint fees	5 6 "		100 " "	20 " "	15 " "
ii. License fees	699 7 5		1000 " "	860 " "	854 " "
iii. Cartstand fees	702 " "		800 " "	700 " "	755 " "
iv. Other fees	" 8 "		10 " "	10 " "	5 " "
h. Fines under Municipal and other Acts	770 10 "		700 " "	700 " "	710 " "
i. Interest on investments—					
i. General, including choultries	97 12 "		150 " "	100 " "	98 " "
ii. Educational	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
iii. Medical	87 4 6		150 " "	90 " "	87 " "
j. Premium on loans		17731 15 11			
	185 0 6		300	150	185
Carried forward ..		45652 1 1	50260 " "	50200 " "	46261 " "

Statement I.—Revenues and Receipts of the Muncipal Fund of the Town of Vellore during the official year 1896-97—*cont.*

—	Actuals 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads	Actuals 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals 1895-96 (audited figures.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward ..		45652 1 1	50260 " "	50200 " "	46261 " "
5. Grants and contributions—					
a. From Government—					
i. Education—					
Normal stipends ..	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
Buildings	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
Municipal Schools ..	1 5 "		130 " "	30 " "	10 " "
Other purposes	362 8 "		240 " "	400 " "	105 " "
ii. Medical	2200 " "		2200 " "	2200 " "	2200 " "
iii. Other purposes—					
Communications ..	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
Water-supply	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
Drainage	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
Sanitation	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
Other purposes ..	1176 " "	6739 13 "	4180 " "	4180 " "	4176 " "
			6750	6810	6491
b. From Local Boards—					
i. Education	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
ii. Medical	1200 " "		1200 " "	1200 " "	1200 " "
iii. Other purposes	100 " "	1300 " "	100 " "	100 " "	100 " "
c. Other grants and contributions—					
i. Education	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
ii. Medical	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
iii. Other purposes	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
6. Miscellaneous—					
a. Recoveries on account of services rendered to private individuals—					
i. Private scavenging ..	1213 1 6		1520 " "	1350 " "	1127 " "
					3 " "
ii. Other purposes	" " "				
b. Other items—					
i. Fishery rents	" " "		50 " "	50 " "	388 " "
ii. Refunds of Expenditure of previous year ..	956 8 5		30 " "	930 " "	" " "
iii. Fee for numbering carts, &c.	3 14 "		10 " "	10 " "	5 " "
iv. Other items	" " "	2173 7 11	50 " "	50 " "	" " "
	960 6 5		140	1040	393
Carried forward ..		55865 6 "	59970 " "	60700 " "	55575 " "

Statement I.—Revenues and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Town of Vellore during the official year 1896-97 —*cont.*

—	Actuals 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward ..		55865 6 -	59970 - -	60700 - -	55515 - -
7. Extraordinary and debt—					
a. Sale-proceeds of Government securities and withdrawals from Savings Bank.	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
b. Loans—					
i. From Government ..	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
ii. In the market from private individuals	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
c. Realizations of Sinking fund for repayment of loans.	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
d. Advances—					
i. Permanent	50 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
ii. Others	3 " "	53 " "	390 " "	50 " "	350 " "
Total Receipts ..		55918 6 -	60360 - -	60750 - -	55925 - -
Grand Total ..		55738 9 8	68000 - -	60570 - -	70245 - -

Note to Statement I.

1. Tax on arts, &c., is levied on ~~the first~~ all classes.
2. Tax on buildings is levied at 5 per cent. and tax on lands at 5 annas per cent. of rent value. for every 80 square yards.
3. Water-tax on buildings and lands is ~~levied at —— per cent.~~ Not levied.
4. Tax on vehicles and animals is levied at ~~scheduled~~ the maximum rates. for double bullock carts and R
5. Tax on carts, &c., is levied at Rs. 4 per cart per annum. for single bullock carts under G.O. No. 2603 dated 23.8.95
6. Tolls are levied at half the maximum rates. under G.O. No. 110 dt. 23.7.88 & G.O. No. 346 dt. 13.4.88.
7. License-fees are levied at the rates sanctioned in G.O. No. 411 dt. 20.8.85 & G.O. No. 184 dt. 23.2.86
8. The house-tax registers were last revised in the official year 1895-96 and the land tax registers in the official year. 1896-97
9. Total extent of land assessed is 1052 acres. 50 cents
10. The mode of estimating the annual rental of houses and lands is as follows:—

Houses. This is done by a personal inspection of the houses having regard also to the dimensions and nature of buildings as also to the locality.

Land. This is done with reference to the produce of the lands and locality.

Chairman

Statement I-A.—Endowments entrusted to the Municipal Council under Sections 25 and 26 of Act IV of 1884 for the official year 1896-97.

Name of Institution.	Amount of Funded Capital.	Opening Balance.	Interest, Produce of Land, or Rent of buildings.	Appropriation from Capital for Expenditure.	Private Contributions and Donations	Sale of Medicines or Sundry Property.	Total (Columns 4—7).	Contribution from Local Funds.	Contribution from Provincial Funds.	Total Receipts (Columns 3, 8 and 9).	Appropriation from Municipal Capital Funds (Column 16 minus Column 10).	Invested.	Current Charges.	Total (Statement II.)	Allotted for Public Works, (Statement II-A).	Total Charges (Column 14 plus Column 15).	Closing Balance (Column 10 minus Column 16).	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Civil Hospital, Vellore	2500 - -	" " "	87 4 6	" " "	" " "	151 - 3	238 4 9	1200 - -	2200 - -	3635 4 9	2904 5 9	" " "	64 25 4	3064 25 4	117 6 3	3685 7 5	588 4 4	
Govt. Girls' School, Vellore	2500 - -	" " "	97 12 -	" " "	" " "	" " "	97 12 -	" " "	476 - -	4273 12 -	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	3685 7 5	588 4 4	

Statement II.—Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Vellore for the official year 1896-97.

—	Actuals 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
GRANT I—(*Public Works*)—					
1. New Works—					
a. Communications	64 15 3		1000 " "	70 " "	" " "
b. Buildings	181 15 6		3000 " "	2000 " "	2038 " "
c. Drainage	77 2 6		" " "	50 " "	3680 " "
d. Water-supply	" " "		" " "	" " "	296 " "
(e) Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	140 " "	1464 1 2	" " "	140 " "	1890 " "
2. Repairs—					
a. Communications	3119 9 9		5000 " "	5000 " "	3221 " "
b. Buildings	1736 4 9		2700 " "	2700 " "	526 " "
c. Drainage—					
i. Repairs to works ..	255 " 5		" " "	20 " "	408 " "
ii Establishment for flushing drains, &c.	1255 " "		1260 " "	1260 " "	1260 " "
d. Water-supply—					
i. Repairs to works, machinery, &c.	292 7 3		500 " "	250 " "	859 " "
ii. Establishment	309 12 "		310 " "	310 " "	274 " "
iii. Contingencies	3 " "		810 " "	560 " "	8 " "
(e) Miscellaneous Public Improvement	325 2 5	7296 4 7	" " "	" " "	108 " "
3. Establishment	846 8 "	846 8 "	850 " "	850 " "	849 " "
4. Tools and Plant and other stores.	64 1 9	64 1 9	100 " "	60 " "	4 " "
5. Contributions—					
a. To Local Boards for works ..	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
b. To Provincial Funds for scrutiny of estimates, &c.	" " "		100 " "	" " "	" " "
c. To others for public works ..	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	7 " "
Total, Grant I ..		8670 15 6	14820 " "	12830 " "	15421 " "
GRANT II—(*Education.*)—					
1. Training Schools—					
a. Contributions to Local Boards ..	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
b. Stipends to Normal students ..	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
2. Municipal Schools—					
i. On Salary System—					
a. Establishment	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
b. Contingencies	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Carried forward ..		" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "

Statement II.—Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Vellore for the official year 1896-97—*cont.*

—	Actuals 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward ..	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
GRANT II—(*Education*)—cont.					
ii. On Salary-Results System—					
a. Fixed Payments	2124 3 5		2040 " "	2040 " "	2815 " "
b. Results Grants	839 6 6		780 " "	780 " "	1128 " "
c. Contingencies	447 3 2	3410 13 1	520 " "	520 " "	806 " "
3. Salary Grants	1706 0 8	1706 " 8	1600 " "	1600 " "	1597 " "
4. Results Grants	884 13 "	884 13 "	1200 " "	1200 " "	1203 " "
5. Combined Grants—					
a. Fixed Payments	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
b. Results Grants	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
6. Inspection—					
a. Contributions to Local Boards ..					30 " "
b. Municipal Inspectors—					
i. Establishment	437 " "		420 " "	420 " "	316 " "
ii. Contingencies	35 13 11	472 13 11	40 " "	40 " "	65 " "
7. Miscellaneous—					
a. Building, furniture, &c., grants ..	118 12 "		200 " "	200 " "	" " "
b. Common gymnasium—					
i. Establishment	248 5 4		240 " "	240 " "	293 " "
ii. Contingencies	" " "		40 " "	40 " "	7 " "
c. Other items	" " "	367 " 4	50 " "	50 " "	" " "
Total, Grant II ..		6841 10 "	7130 " "	7130 " "	8260 " "
GRANT III—(*Sanitation and Medical Services.*)					
1. Hospitals and Dispensaries—					
a. Establishment	2948 9 8		3810 " "	3030 " "	3090 " "
b. Medicines and Supplies	1818 15 1		1200 " "	1790 " "	2262 " "
c. Diet of Patients	1009 13 8		1000 " "	1000 " "	1158 " "
d. Sundries and Contingencies ..	647 13 10		700 " "	700 " "	785 " "
e. Contributions to Local Boards ..	" " "	6425 4 3	120 " "	120 " "	120 " "
&c., &, &c. ..					
Carried forward ..		6425 4 3	6830 " "	6640 " "	7415 " "

Statement II.—Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Vellore for the official year 1896-97—*cont.*

—	Actuals 1896-97 Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals 1896-97 Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward ..		6425 4 3	6830 " "	6640 " "	7415 " "
GRANT III—*Sanitation and Medical Services*—cont.					
2. *a.* Contributions to Provincial funds for—					
i. Medical College ..	224 " "		270 " "	270 " "	272 " "
ii. Sanitary Inspection ..	179 " "		170 " "	170 " "	185 " "
iii. Medical Reserve staff ..	51 " "		30 " "	30 " "	36 " "
iv. Cutlers' Establishment ..	" " "	454 " "	" " "	" " "	9 " "
b. Contributions to Local Boards, &c., for—			470	470	502
i. Medical Schools ..	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
ii Reserve staff	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
&c., &c., &c ..	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
c. Other contributions					
3. Vaccination—					
a. Establishment	369 " "		360 " "	360 " "	358 " "
b. Contingencies	361 14 8		390 " "	360 " "	358 " "
c. Contributions to Local Boards ..	" " "	721 14 8	" " "	" " "	" " "
4. Registration of Births and Deaths—					
a. Establishment	502 6 5		500 " "	500 " "	570 " "
b. Contingencies	" " "	562 6 5	60 " "	" " "	3 " "
5. Conservancy, Road cleaning and Road watering—					
a. i. Establishment	7079 14 9		7280 " "	7020 " "	7312 " "
ii. Other charges such as purchase or hire of carts, dry earth, purchase and maintenance or hire of bullocks, &c. ..	5409 7 2		4920 " "	4680 " "	6875 " "
b. Private scavenging—					
i. Establishment	1473 9 6		1320 " "	1320 " "	1455 " "
ii. Contingencies, such as cost of scavenging carts, &c. ..	7 8 7		300 " "	300 " "	373 " "
c. Cholera charges	1442 11 "		200 " "	1200 " "	37 " "
d. Contingencies	243 2 2	15656 5 2	300 " "	300 " "	438 " "
&c., &c., &c ..			1432	1482	1464
Total, Grant III ..		23759 14 6	22930 " "	23150 " "	25696 " "

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1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
GRANT IV—(*Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal purposes*)—					
1. Lighting—					
a. Establishment	238 2 10		240 " "	240 " "	237 " "
b. Contingencies	4769 9 11	5007 12 9	3000 " " 1240	4880	4404 4644
2. i. Markets—					
a. Establishment	192 " "		190 " "	190 " "	192 " "
b. Contingencies	12 7 4	204 7 4	10 " "	10 " "	" " "
ii. Slaughter-houses—					
a. Establishment	177 10 8		180 " "	180 " "	180 " "
b. Contingencies	11 10 6	189 5 2	20 " " 400	20 " " 400	22 " " 394
3. Choultries—					
a. Establishment	94 " "		80 " "	100 " "	209 " "
b. Contingencies	3 11 3		10 " "	" " "	5 " "
c. Feeding ~~Travellers~~ *Paupers* ..	3587 12 2	3685 7 5	4090 " " 4180	3570 " " 3610	4491 " " 4705
4. Travellers' bungalows—					
a. Establishment	81 12 6		80 " "	80 " "	77 " "
b. Contingencies	205 6 9	287 3 3	230 " " 310	230 " " 310	282 " " 359
5. Avenues—					
a. Establishment	175 5 8		180 " "	180 " "	179 " "
b. Contingencies	1 4 "	176 9 8	100 " "	" " "	3 " "
6. Public Garden—					
a. Establishment	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
b. Purchase of seeds, repair of well, purchase of bullocks, &c. ..	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
7. Survey of land	" "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
8. Fire—					
a. Establishment	" " "		" " "	" " "	" " "
b. Purchase of fire-engine, buckets, repairs, &c.	" " "	" " "	20 " "	" " "	" " "
9. Other charges—					
i. Work done for private individuals other than private scavenging	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Carried forward ..		9550 13 7	8430 " "	9380 " "	10281 " "

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1	2			3			4			5			6		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A	P.
Brought forward ..				9550	13	7	8430	"	"	9380	"	"	10281	"	"
GRANT IV—(*Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal purposes*) - cont.															
9. Other Charges—*cont.*															
ii. Rewards for destruction of wild animals and snakes ..	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
iii. Printing	553	8	0				400	"	"	400	"	"	375	"	"
iv. Compensation for lands ..	1632	12	"				1000	"	"	1570	"	"	"	"	"
v. Other items	135	10	10	2321	14	10	180	"	"	120	"	"	5614	"	"
Quit rent 11.12.0 Killing pigs 3 yrs 13.9.0 Net weather charts 24.11.10 Cost of two sign boards 35.0.0 Re-numbering carts 7.8.6 numbering houses 14.0.0 Law charges 29.1.6 135.10.10	112	7	3				1600			2090			5989		
Total, Grant IV ..				11872	12	5	10010	"	"	11470	"	"	16270	"	"
GRANT V—															
a. General Establishment—															
i. Office Establishment ..	2076	11	3				2080	"	"	2080	"	"	2072	"	"
ii. Inspection	600	"	"				600	"	"	600	"	"	590	"	"
b Collection of Municipal Taxes—															
i. Establishment	721	14	11				730	"	"	730	"	"	689	"	"
ii. Purchase of account books, paper, money-boxes, repair to out-posts, &c. ..	327	4	5				200	"	"	50	"	"	531	"	"
c. Collection of Tolls—															
i. Establishment	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
ii. Contingencies	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
d. Office contingencies other than (b) (ii)	400	7	4				200	"	"	350	"	"	530	"	"
e. Contributions for Central office and Audit establishments ..	393	"	"	4519	5	11	310	"	"	390	"	"	310	"	"
Total, Grant V ..				4519	5	11	4120	"	"	4200	"	"	4722	"	"
Repayment of Debt—															
a. Instalments paid during the year.	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
b. Invested on account of Sinking Fund (Value of securities purchased)	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
c. Charges of investment ..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Interest—															
a. On account of last year ..	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
b. „ of current year ..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

Statement II.—Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Vellore for the official year 1896-97—*cont.*

—	Actuals 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.			Actuals 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.			Budget Estimate for 1896-97.			Revised Estimate for 1896-97.			Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures.)		
1	2			3			4			5			6		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Advances recoverable—															
a. Permanent	100	"	"				"	"	"	100	"	"	"	"	"
b. Others	100	"	"	200	"	"	350	"	"	280	"	"	47	"	"
Refunds of other than current collections ..	375	"	"	375	"	"	160	"	"	370	"	"	9	"	"
Discount	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pensions and gratuities	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Investments—															
a. In Government securities for purposes other than Sinking Fund	"	"	"				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
b. In Savings Bank	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total Expenditure ..				56239	10	4	59520	"	"	59530	"	"	70425	"	"
Balances—															
a. Municipal Fund				-1089	5	3	7990	"	"	550	"	"	-180	"	"
b. Endowments				+588	4	7	490	"	"	490	"	"	"	"	"
c. Water-tax Fund				-501	0	8									
Grand Total ..				55738	9	8	68000	"	"	60570	"	"	70245	"	"

Note to Statement II.

Position of the Municipality of Vellore *on 31st March* 1897.

Liabilities.

	RS.
Liabilities—	
Balance of Loans	.. 0.0.0
Deposits to be adjusted ..	.. 1716.9.4
Other Liabilities (in detail) ..	.. 1575.14.5
Cholera charges for march 1897. 65.5.6	
Lighting charges for march - 564.1.5	
Supply of Conservancy Night Soil carts in march - 447.10.1	
Lungarkhana Contractors bill for march 97 — 160.9.14	
Value of diets &c for march - 87.1.7.8	
Salary Grants for march - 117.4.0	
Quit rent of Sadupet land 8.3.10	
Result grant bill of Chamanbhamsahib School 4.8.0	
Rent of Vaccine Depots - 13.8.0	
Travellers Bungalows rent for February & march 97 17.8.0	
Hospital Cart bills for mar - 7.13.6	
House rent bills of 7 Municipal Schools 24.11.3	
Total ..	6292.7.9
Victoria Press bill for march 24.7.10	
Supplemental salary bill of Teachers School for Oct 96. 0.11.5	
1575.14.5	

Assets.

		RS.
Municipal Balance ..	Cash	- 501.0.8
	Securities	" " "
Deposit Balance ..	Cash	1716.9.4
	Securities	" " "
Sinking Fund of loans		" " "
Funded Capital of endowed institutions, Hospitals, &c.		5300.0.0
	Total ..	7016.9.4
Value of Premises, &c.		20036.4.7
Do. of Tools and plant		" " "
Do. of Live stock		" " "
Do. of Furniture		" " "
Arrears of taxes, &c.		2866.12.0
Other assets (in detail)		35.12.0
Provincial Grants towards salary of Drawing master & Gymnastic Instructor for 1896-97 — 35.12.0		
Total ..		33456.8.7
Claims—		
Advances Recoverable—		
Permanent advance		190.0.0
Advances for works, &c.		144.8.0
Total ..		334.8.0
Grand Total —		33790.14.7

Chairman.

Statement II-A.—Details of Expenditure on Public Works.

Part I.—New Works.

No.	Project.	Amount of estimate.	Past expenditure.			Expenditure in 1896-97.			Remarks.
1	2	3	4			5			6
		Rs.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
(a)	Communications								
1	Constructing a tunnel in								
2	Velapady Rhondavaroya	100	"	"	"	64	15	3	
3	fowden street								
	Total ..	100	"	"	"	64	15	3	
(b)	Buildings								
1	Constructing a cholera shed								
	and out-houses for males	51	"	"	"	47	12	4	
2	—Do— an additional								
3	Cholera-shed for females	66	"	"	"	65	10	6	
	with out houses								
3	Constructing an earth shed								
	for latrine in cart Stand	18	"	"	"	16	8	7	
4	Constructing an additional								
	urinal in market.	60	"	"	"	47	"	"	
5	Balance due for Con=								
	structing latrine near	37	15	"	"	5	"	"	
	grass-market.								
	Total ..	232	15	"	"	181	15	5	

Statement II-A.—Details of Expenditure, &c.—*cont.*

Part I.—New Works—*cont.*

Number.	Project.	Amount of estimate.	Past expenditure.			Expenditure 1896-97.			Remarks.
1	2	3	4			5			6
		Rs.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
(c)	Drainage								
1	Construction of drain in								
2	Contractor Sheik Ahmed								
3	Sait's street Ramnaikka=	85	"	"	"	77	2	6	
4	palyam in continuation of the								
	one constructed in 1895-96								
	Total ..	85	"	"	"	77	2	6	
(d)	Water-supply								
1									
2		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
3									
	Total	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
(e)	Miscellaneous Public Improvements.								
(i)	Constructing protection wall								
	near Katpadi Toll-gate	140	"	"	"	140	"	"	
	Total ..	140	"	"	"	140	"	"	

Statement II-A.—Details of Expenditure, &c.—*cont.*

PART II.—Repairs.

Number.	Project.	Grant.			Actual expenditure.			Remarks.
1	2	3			4			5
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
(a)	Communications							Total mileage of roads, streets, lanes, &c., in the town. 25 miles
1	Watering main Bazaar Road				69	9	6	
2	Removing earth in front of barracks				5	2	6	Metalled or Gravelled } Unmetalled.
3	Repairs to road in Municipal office compound				6	4	3	18 miles - 7 miles
4	Removing earth from Sarpanah road				8	13	9	
5	Repairs to road entering Fort				70	2	"	
6	Cutting & removing earth in Chetty naiken street from over drain				6	14	"	Total mileage under maintenance. 21½ miles
7	Repairing Killadar Sayakara street				13	6	3	Metalled or Gravelled } Unmetalled.
8	Cutting & removing earth from Mundy street				116	14	8	14½ miles - 7 miles
9	Repairs to Runa Sastry & Comaty streets	5000	"	"	31	2	3	
10	Repairs to Butcher's Kanar road				1	2	"	
11	Cutting & removing earth over covered drain in Sheik ahmed saib's street				35	11	3	
12	Repairs to Arni road				99	15	3	
13	Repairs to tunnel near Sureapettah				18	11	2	
14	Repairs to officers' Line Road & Cantonment road				888	5	6	
15686	Repairing streets in 1st 2nd 3rd & 4th & 5th wards & exclusive of above roads				1487	7	5	
	Value of materials stacked for urgent repairs				260	"	"	
	Total ..	5000	"	"	3119	9	9	

Statement II-A.—Details of Expenditure, &c.—*cont.*

PART II.—Repairs—*cont.*

Number.	Project.	Grant.			Actual expenditure.			Remarks.
1	2	3			4			5
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
(b)	Buildings							
1	Repairs to Municipal office				130	6	3	
2	Repairs to Slaughter House				350	8	1	
3	Repairs to Cart Stand				31	0	5	
4	Repairs to latrine near barracks				4	"	"	
5	Repairs to toll-gates and furnishing same with toll-bars				97	3	10	
6	Repairs to Market	2700	"	"	871	10	11	
7	Putting out fire in Market				112	7	"	
8	Improving latrine in Butcher's Kanar				20	"	"	
9	Repairs to Cholera shed				1	10	"	
10	Repairs to Civil & Lying in Hospitals				117	6	3	
	Total ..	2700	"	"	1736	4	9	

Statement II-A.—Details of Expenditure, &c.—*cont.*

Part II.—Repairs—*cont.*

Number.	Project.	Grant.			Actual expenditure.			Remarks.
1	2	3			4			5
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
(c)	Drainage							
1	Repairing V shaped drain in Vythea							
2	Vasudeva mudaliar's Street				14	3	10	
2	Continuation of Thennamaram street drain opposite barracks	"	"	"	219	1	5	
3	Removing silt from covered drain in Fort				21	11	2	
	Total ..	"	"	"	255	0	5	
(d)	Water-supply							
1	Deepening Palar Spring				23	15	9	
2	Supplying cross beam & pulley to well on Kusbah Kanaar				14	"	"	
3	Removing silt from Basapathan Kolam				4	"	"	
4	Do from silt trap of Surcapunkah				26	5	8	
5	Baling water & removing silt from silt trap of Johnson's Pond				5	5	9	
6	Deepening well in Voothoria matha Koil street	500	"	"	30	6	"	
7	Repairing cistern near Surcapunkah				31	1	8	
8	Removing silt from good water well in Rammaikan paliyam				56	6	6	
9	Repairing & deepening well in Arugandan pon St pavadeady				89	15	11	
10	Deepening well in Kubadar Sheik Hussain Saib's street Rammaikan paliyam				10	14	"	
	Total	500	"	"	292	7	3	
(e)	Miscellaneous Public Improvements.							
1	Building parapet wall in Butchers Kanaar	"	"	"	115	0	2	
2	Covering & levelling stream in Cundasamy Jemadar street	"	"	"	210	2	3	
	Total ..	"	"	"	325	2	5	

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments.

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT I.—2. *c.* Drainage—							
Overseers	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Drain cleaners at Rs 5 each	21	105	"	"	1260	"	"
Total ..	21	105	"	"	1260	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					5	"	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					1255	"	"
d. Water works—							
Overseers	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Watchmen 3 at Rs 4 each	3	12	"	"	144	"	"
Do 4 at Rs 3/8 each	4	14	"	"	168	"	"
Total ..	7	26	"	"	312	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					2	4	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					309	12	"
3. General—							
Overseers Pay Rs 40.00 Horse allowance 15.00	1	55	"	"	660	"	"
Maistries	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Clerks	1	10	"	"	120	"	"
Peons	1	6	"	"	72	"	"
Total ..	3	71	"	"	852	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					5	8	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					846	8	"

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT II.—Education—							
1. Training Schools—							
Pupils receiving scholarships	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total ..					"	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					"	"	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					"	"	"
2. Municipal Schools—							
a. On the Salary System—							
Head Master	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1st Assistant Master	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2nd " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total ..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					"	"	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					"	"	"

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT II.—Education—*cont.*							
b. On the Salary Result System—							
Masters on Rupees 12.00 each	3	36	"	"	432	"	"
Do " 9.00 "	1	9	"	"	108	"	"
Do " 8.00 "	7	56	"	"	672	"	"
Do " 7.00 "	1	7	"	"	84	"	"
Do " 6.00 "	4	24	"	"	288	"	"
Do " 5.00 "	4	20	"	"	240	"	"
Peons on " 4 " "	3	12	"	"	144	"	"
Do " " 3.00 "	2	6	"	"	72	"	"
Total ..	25	170	"	"	2040	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					"	"	"
Add ~~arrears for last year~~ for extra masters paid this year ..					84	3	5
Balance (Statement II) ..					2124	3	5

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT II.—EDUCATION—*cont.*							
6. INSPECTION—							
Inspecting schoolmaster on Rupees 20.0.0	1	20	"	"	240	"	"
—Do— " " 15.0.0	1	15	"	"	180	"	"
Total ..	2	35	"	"	420	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					3	"	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					417	"	"
					26	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					437	"	"
7. GYMNASTIC INSTRUCTORS— Drawing master ..	1	20	"	"	240	"	"
Total ..	1	20	"	"	240	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					"	"	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					8	5	4
Balance (Statement II) ..					248	5	4

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT III.—SANITATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES—							
1. HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES—							
Civil & Prison Hospitals Vellore.							
Medical Subordinates Pay Rs. 55 0 0 Housrent " 5 0 0	1	60	"	"	720	"	"
" Do " Pay Rs. 25 0 0 Housrent " 4 8 0	1	29	8	"	354	"	"
Midwife	1	15	"	"	180	"	"
Clerk	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Compounders at Rs. 15 each	2	30	"	"	360	"	"
Servants	16	~~102~~ 99	"	"	~~1224~~ 1188	"	"
Purveyor	1	10	"	"	120	"	"
"							
Dispensary for women & children.							
Female ~~Lady~~ apothecary	1	50	"	"	600	"	"
Female Compounder	1	8	"	"	96	"	"
Nurse	1	5	"	"	60	"	"
Waterwoman & Sweeper	1	4	"	"	48	"	"
	~~26~~	313	8	0	3762	"	"
Temporary Cook for Europeans					50	"	"
Total ..	26	313	8	0	3812	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					863	6	4
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					2948	9	8

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT III.—Sanitation and Medical Services—*cont.*							
3. Vaccination—							
Vaccinators at Rs 15 each	2	30	"	"	360	"	"
Peons	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total ..	2	30	"	"	360	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					"	"	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..					360	"	"
4. Registration—							
Registrars	1	18	"	"	216	"	"
Reporters on Rs 12 each	2	24	"	"	288	"	"
Peons							
Total ..	3	42	"	"	504	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					1	9	7
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					502	6	5

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT III.—Sanitation and Medical Services—*cont.*							
5. *a.* "Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering."—							
Nuisance Inspectors Chief: Pay Rs 25-0-0 Horse allow. 10-0-0	1	35	"	"	420	"	"
Do Assistants on Rs 20 each	3	60	"	"	720	"	"
Do — Do — on Rs 15 — " —	2	30	"	"	360	"	"
Majistries	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Peons on Rs 6 each	7	42	"	"	504	"	"
Scavengers on Rs. 5 each	48	240	"	"	2880	"	"
Sweepers on Rs. 5 each	40	200	"	"	2400	"	"
	1	1					
Total ..	101	607	"	"	7284	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					204	1	3
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					7079	14	9

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT III.—Sanitation and Medical Services—*cont.*							
b. Private Scavenging—							
Inspectors	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Maistries	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Scavengers at Rs 5/4. each ..	21	110	4	4	1323	4	4
Total ..	21	110	4	4	1323	4	4
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					4	4	4
× ~~Add arrears for last year paid this year~~ ..					150	9	6
Balance (Statement II) ..					1473	9	6
GRANT IV.—Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—							
1. Lighting—							
Superintendents on Rupees 10 each ..	2	20	4	4	240	4	4
Masalchies							
Total ..	2	20	4	4	240	4	4
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					1	13	2
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					4	9	4
Balance (Statement II) ..					238	2	10

× For extra establishment of one scavenger sanctioned in Proceedings of Madras Government No 854 in Mis 8/15 May 96 vz another Whose pay is monthly met by the Big Tubbay street Mosque committee the proceeds of which is shewn under the head Private Scavenging on the receipt side—

Govt. Sanction is necessary

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT IV.—Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—*cont.*							
2. i. Markets—							
Superintendents	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
2 Servants 1 Person on Rs 6-0-0 } each on Rs 5-0-0 } each	3	16	4	4	192	4	4
Total ..	3	16	4	4	192	4	4
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					4	4	4
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					4	4	4
Balance (Statement II) ..					192	4	4
ii. Slaughter-houses—							
Superintendents	1	10	4	4	120	4	4
Servants	1	5	4	4	60	4	4
Total ..	2	15	4	4	180	4	4
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					2	5	4
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					4	4	4
Balance (Statement II) ..					177	10	8
3. Choultries—							
Servants (Jumadar)	1	7	4	4	84	4	4
Total ..	1	7	4	4	84	4	4
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					4	4	4
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					10	4	4
Balance (Statement II) ..					94	4	4

Note— Salary of Jumadar reduced from Rs 10 to Rs 7 from 1st April 96

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT IV.—Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—*cont.*							
4. Travellers' Bungalows—							
Maty	1	7	"	"	84	"	"
Servants	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total ..	1	7	"	"	84	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					2	3	6
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					81	12	6
5. Avenues—							
Servants @ Rs 5-0-0 each	3	15	"	"	180	"	"
Total ..	3	15	"	"	180	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					4	10	4
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					175	5	8
6. Public Garden—							
Gardeners	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total ..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					"	"	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					"	"	"

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT IV.—Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—*cont.*							
8. Fire—							
Servants	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total ..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					"	"	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					"	"	"
9.—							

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT V.—*a.* General Establishment—							
i. Office—							
Manager	1	60	"	"	720	"	"
Head Clerks	1	25	"	"	300	"	"
Translator	1	20	"	"	240	"	"
Shroff	1	17	"	"	204	"	"
Head Accountant	1	25	"	"	300	"	"
1 Peons on Rs 7 ..each.. .. .. 2 Do on Rs 6 — " —	3	19	"	"	228	"	"
Painter	1	8	"	"	96	"	"
Total ..	9	174	"	"	2088	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					11	4	9
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					2076	10	3
ii. Inspection—							
Chairman's salary or carriage allowance ..	1	50	"	"	600	"	"
Total ..	1	50	"	"	600	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					"	"	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					600	"	"

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT V.—*a.* General Establishment—*cont.*							
b. Collection—							
Clerks	1	15	"	"	180	"	"
Bill Collectors 2 on Rs 12 each 2 on Rs 8 each ..	4	40	"	"	480	"	"
Peons	1	6	"	"	72	"	"
2 Temporary Collectors @ 8 Rs.					16	—	—
Total ..	6	61	"	"	732	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					10	1	1
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					721	14	11
c. Collection of tolls—							
Inspectors	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Gate-keepers	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total ..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					"	"	"
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					"	"	"
Balance (Statement II) ..					"	"	"

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STATEMENT III.—*Municipality of* Vellore — Abstract of Deposits Account for the year 1896-97.

	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
Balance brought forward ..	4630	2	8				
1. Deposits by appellants ..	2607	10	"	1. Credited to Municipal Funds ..	6193	7	4
2. Deposits by renters ..	3754	13	4	2. Returned to appellants ..	393	4	"
3. Deposits by contractors ..	1406	"	"	3. Returned to renters ..	386	"	"
4. Deposits as security by municipal servants	250	"	"	4. Returned to contractors ..	1068	5	4
5. Deposited for the execution of work for which private parties are liable. .	"	"	"	5. Returned to municipal servants ..	"	"	"
				6. Returned to parties ..	"	"	"
6. Other deposits under the Act or bye-laws	16	2	"	7. Paid to claimants ..	7	2	"
				Total ..	8048	2	8
Total, Receipts ..	8134	9	4	Balance ..	4717	9	4
	12765			Total ..	12765	12	4

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STATEMENT IV-A.—*Municipality of* Vellore — Demand, Collection and Balance Statement for the year 1896-97. Current.

Tax.	Demand as originally assessed by the Chairman.			Remitted by the Council on appeal.			Demand as finally settled (column 2 *minus* column 3).			Collected.			Remitted on account of vacant houses, &c.			Written off as irrecoverable.			Balance (column 4 *minus* columns 5, 6 and 7).		
1	2			3			4			5			6			7			8		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Tax on arts, &c.	9578	8	"	2183	"	"	7395	8	"	6978	"	"	"	"	"	127	"	"	290	8	"
2. Tax on buildings	9429	4	"	102	9	"	9326	11	"	8005	1	9	8	12	3	"	"	"	1312	13	"
3. Tax on lands	877	10	6	"	"	"	877	10	6	622	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	255	0	6
4. Water-tax on buildings and lands	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
5. Tolls (gross receipts)	16710	"	"	"	"	"	16710	"	"	16710	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
6. Market rents	9678	"	"	"	"	"	9678	"	"	9445	6	6	"	"	"	232	9	6	"	"	"
7. Slaughter-house fees	2567	"	"	"	"	"	2567	"	"	2567	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
8. Rent of cart-stands	702	"	"	"	"	"	702	"	"	702	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9. Private scavenging fees	1493	5	"	"	"	"	1493	5	"	1036	2	"	"	"	"	14	4	"	439	15	"
10 Grazing rent	784	"	"	"	"	"	784	"	"	784	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11 Street Sweeping	1280	"	"	"	"	"	1280	"	"	1280	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total ..	53099	11	6	2285	9	"	50814	2	6	48130	4	3	8	12	3	376	13	6	2298	4	6

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Statement IV-B.—Arrears.

—	Balance of old demand.		Arrears of previous year.		Total demand.		Collected.		Remitted.		Written off.		Balance (column 4 *minus* columns 5, 6 and 7).		Years to which the balance relates.			
1	2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9			
	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	A.	B.	C.	&c.
1. Tax on arts, &c.	6	" "	657	8 "	663	8 "	177	8 "	"	" "	198	" "	288	" "	1895-96 288.0.0			
2. Tax on buildings	"	" "	805	11 "	805	11 "	521	10 "	"	" "	80	11 "	203	6 "	203.6.0			
3. Tax on lands	"	" "	74	15 6	74	15 6	15	9 6	"	" "	"	" "	59	6 "	59.6.0			
4. Water-tax on buildings and lands ..	"	" "	"	" "	"	" "	"	" "										
5. Tolls	"	" "	"	" "														
6. Market rents	"	" "	"	" "														
7. Slaughter-house fees	"	" "	"	" "														
8. Rent of cart-stands	"	" "	"	" "														
9. Private scavenging fees	"	" "	204	12 "	201	10 "	176	15 6	3	5 "	3	10 "	17	11 6	17.11.6			
Total ..	6	" "	1739	12 6	1745	12 6	891	11 "	3	5 "	282 Current 2298	5 " 4 6	568	7 6	568.7.6			

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Appendix A to Statements IV-A and IV-B.

Taxes.	Warrants remaining unexecuted at the beginning of the year.		Warrants issued during the year		Total.		Warrants executed and warrants cancelled during the year.		Warrants remaining unexecuted at the close of the year.		Cancelled warrants on which no collections were made.		Collected after issue of warrants, but before distraint.		Property distrained, but not sold.		Property sold	
	Number.	Amount involved.	Number.	Amount involved.	Number.	Amount involved.	Number.	Amount involved.	Number.	Amount involved.	Number of cases.	Amount involved	Number of cases.	Amount.	Number of cases.	Amount realized on distraint.	Number of cases.	Amount realized by sale.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
1. Tax on arts, &c. ...	50	357 " "	138	401 " "	188	758 " "	121	575 8 "	67	242 8 "	23	64 " "	97	445 8 "	1	6 " "	"	" " "
2. Tax on buildings ..	341	248 3 "	1399	1148 11 6	1740	1396 14 6	425	360 2 6	1315	1036 12 "	174	80 11 "	233	252 13 6	18	26 10 "	"	" " "
3. Tax on lands ..	38	55 3 6	"	" " "	38	55 3 6	8	8 12 "	30	46 7 6	"	" " "	8	8 12 "	"	" " "	"	" " "
4. Water-tax on buildings and lands.	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "
5. Tax on vehicles with springs and palanquins ..	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "
6. Tax on animals ..	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "
Tax on carts, &c. ..	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "
Total ..	429	660 6 6	1537	1549 11 6	1966	2210 2 "	554	884 6 6	1412	1325 11 6	197	144 11 "	338	707 1 6	19	32 10 "	"	" " "

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Appendix B to Statements IV-A and IV-B.

Taxes.	Prosecutions instituted.		Collections before judgment.		Collections after judgment.		Prosecutions withdrawn or dismissed.		Balance.	
	Number of cases.	Amount involved.	Number of cases.	Amount collected.	Number of cases.	Amount collected.	Number of cases.	Amount involved.	Number of cases.	Amount involved.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
1. Tax on arts, &c.										
2. Tax on buildings.										
3. Tax on lands ..										
4. Water-tax on buildings and lands ..					Nil					
5. Tax on vehicles with springs and palanquins ..										
6. Tax on animals..										
7. Tax on carts and other vehicles without springs.										
Total ..					Nil					

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Statement V-A.—Showing the Statistics of Municipal Schools in the Municipality of Vellore for the official year 1896-97.

STATEMENT V-A.—Showing the Statistics of Municipal Schools in the Municipality of Vellore for the official year 1896-97.

Schools.	Number of schools.				Number on rolls on 31st March 189 .		Average attendance throughout the year.	Receipts.					Expenditure.					Net cost to Municipality.	Average net cost per pupil in each class of municipal schools.	Remarks.
	At the beginning of the year.	Opened during the year.	Closed in the year.	At the close of the year.	Boys.	Girls.		Grants from Provincial Funds.	Grants from Local Funds.	School fees.	Other receipts.	Total.	Masters.			Contingencies and miscellaneous.	Total.			
													Fixed salary (masters, clerks and servants).	Results grant.	School fees.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
I.—Colleges										Nil.										
II.—Upper Secondary Schools and Departments																				
(1)																				
(2)																				
(3)										Nil										
Total ..										Nil										
Total of Colleges and Upper Secondary Schools and Departments ..										Nil										
III.—Lower Secondary Schools and Departments																				
(a) Salary System—										Nil										
(1)																				
(2)																				
(3)																				
Total ..										Nil										
(b) Salary-results System—																				
(1)										Nil										
(2)																				
(3)																				
Total ..										Nil										
Total, Colleges and Secondary Schools.										Nil										
IV.—Primary Schools and Departments																				
(a) Salary System—																				
(1)										Nil										
(2)																				
(3)																				
Total ..										Nil										

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STATEMENT V-B.—Showing the Statistics of Aided Schools in the Municipality of Vellore for the official year 1896-97.

Schools.	Number of Schools: At the beginning of the year	Opened during the year.	Closed during the year.	At the close of the year.	Number on rolls on 31st March 1897: Boys.	Girls.	Number of pupils examined.	Number of pupils found qualified for grants.	Full amount of grant earned	Amount of such grant payable.	Amount disbursed: For current year.	For previous year.	Total	Paid as salaries to masters.	Total expenditure from Municipal funds, columns 14 and 15.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
GRANT-IN-AID.									Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
A. Result Grant (*i.e.*, Schools actually examined for results grants)—																Rate at which grants were paid.
(*a*) Secondary									Nil							X
Total ..									Nil							
(*b*) Primary																
1. New Town Church of England mission school	1	"	"	1	31	8	20	16	37 14 "	37 14 "	37 14 "	" " "	37 14 "	" " "	37 14 "	
2. Do American mission primary school	1	"	"	1	39	12	21	13	17 10 "	17 10 "	17 10 "	" " "	17 10 "	" " "	17 10 "	
3. Hanumandal R.C. mission school	1	"	"	1	33	"	31	14	57 " "	57 " "	57 " "	" " "	57 " "	" " "	57 " "	
4. Anugandampondi school	1	"	"	1	48	5	46	39	79 12 "	79 12 "	79 12 "	" " "	79 12 "	" " "	79 12 "	
5. Thotapalyam school	1	"	"	1	33	4	35	30	68 8 0	68 8 0	68 8 0	" " "	68 8 0	" " "	68 8 0	
6. Ettijammal R.C. mission school	1	"	"	1	28	3	29	10	18 12 "	18 12 "	18 12 "	" " "	18 12 "	" " "	18 12 "	
7. Kammola street School	1	"	"	1	27	"	24	16	29 8 "	29 8 0	29 8 0	" " "	29 8 "	" " "	29 8 "	
8. China Vania street School	1	"	"	1	52	1	35	17	24 2 "	22 15 "	22 15 "	" " "	22 15 "	" " "	22 15 "	
9. Rajapet School	1	"	"	1	57	2	40	23	39 4 "	39 4 "	39 4 "	" " "	39 4 "	" " "	39 4 "	
10. Marathodi Kuppachary st. Sch	1	"	"	1	25	6	22	14	19 8 0	19 8 "	19 8 "	" " "	19 8 "	" " "	19 8 "	
11. Circar mundy street School	1	"	"	1	52	4	50	39	79 12 "	79 12 "	79 12 "	" " "	79 12 "	" " "	79 12 "	
12. Kalyanimman koil street Sch	1	"	"	1	43	5	35	19	48 8 "	48 8 0	48 8 0	" " "	48 8 "	" " "	48 8 "	
13. Chennambakara st. School	1	"	"	1	26	"	22	9	16 8 0	15 11 "	15 11 "	" " "	15 11 "	" " "	15 11 "	
14. Sanjeevi Pillay street School	1	"	"	1	44	"	39	19	31 4 "	29 11 "	29 11 "	" " "	29 11 "	" " "	29 11 "	
15. Arasanavaram street School	1	"	"	1	52	"	37	17	18 4 "	17 6 "	17 6 "	" " "	17 6 "	" " "	17 6 "	
16. Thennamaram street School	"	1	"	1	31	"	20	16	15 - -	15 " "	15 " "	" " "	15 " "	" " "	15 " "	
17. Seshavinayaka mudali st. School	1	"	"	1	27	"	22	11	23 4 "	23 4 "	23 4 "	" " "	23 4 "	" " "	23 4 "	
18. Kalasapillaiyar koil st. Sch	1	"	"	1	45	4	19	11	8 " "	7 10 "	7 10 "	" " "	7 10 "	" " "	7 10 "	
19. Kallai subadar street Sch	"	1	"	1	39	4	28	13	16 " "	15 4 "	15 4 "	" " "	15 4 "	" " "	15 4 "	
20. Reddiappa mudali st. School	1	"	"	1	36	4	32	27	50 8 "	50 8 "	50 8 0	" " "	50 8 "	" " "	50 8 "	
21. Velapadi Veppamaram st. Sch	1	"	"	1	44	3	23	15	33 " "	33 " "	33 " "	" " "	33 " "	" " "	33 " "	
22. Velapadi Pillaiyarkoil st. Sch	1	"	"	1	32	"	7	4	2 8 "	2 6 "	2 6 "	" " "	2 6 "	" " "	2 6 "	
23. Velapadi School	1	"	"	1	11	1	18	8	16 12 "	16 12 "	16 12 "	" " "	16 12 "	" " "	16 12 "	
24. Engineer subroya mudali st. Sch	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	
25. Peria Vania street School	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	
26. Anugandampondi Panchayat Sch	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	
27. Chennambakara Street Sch	"	1	1	"	"	"	8	3	4 8 "	4 8 "	4 8 "	" " "	4 8 "	" " "	4 8 "	
28. Resaldar Street School	1	"	"	1	36	"	25	20	52 8 0	52 8 0	52 8 0	" " "	52 8 "	" " "	52 8 "	
29. Commissary Bazaar School	1	"	"	1	37	"	18	11	22 13 "	22 13 "	22 13 "	" " "	22 13 "	" " "	22 13 "	
30. China Subbaya Street School	1	"	"	1	24	"	7	2	2 8 0	2 8 "	2 8 "	" " "	2 8 "	" " "	2 8 "	
31. Kusta School	1	"	"	1	12	"	13	10	27 13 "	27 13 "	27 13 "	" " "	27 13 "	" " "	27 13 "	
32. Alli Sultan Durga School	1	"	"	"	"	"	9	4	13 12 "	13 12 "	13 12 "	" " "	13 12 "	" " "	13 12 "	
33. Latif Bathsha street School	"	1	"	1	22	"	14	9	20 " "	20 " "	20 " "	" " "	20 " "	" " "	20 " "	
Total ..	29	4	5	28	980	66	749	459	895 " "	889 5 "	884 13 "	" " "	884 13 "	" " "	884 13 "	
Grand Total ..	29	4	5	28	980	66	749	459	895 " "	889 5 "	884 13 "	" " "	884 13 "	" " "	884 13 "	

Owing to Kattu Ornana the grant although [illegible] for payment was not p

Inexistence vide para-66 of the Chairman's report

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Statement V-B.—Showing the Statistics of Aided Schools in the Municipality of Vellore for the official year 1896-97—*cont.*

Schools.	Number of Schools: At the beginning of the year.	Opened during the year.	Closed during the year.	At the close of the year.	Number on rolls on 31st March 1897: Boys.	Girls.	Number of pupils examined.	Number of pupils found qualified for grants.	Full amount of grant earned.	Amount of such grant payable.	Amount disbursed: For current year.	For previous year	Total.	Paid as salaries to masters.	Total expenditure from Municipal funds, columns 14 and 15.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
B. Combined Grant Schools—									Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
(a) Secondary																
									Nil							
Total ..									Nil							
(b) Primary																
									Nil							
Total ..									Nil							
Grand Total ..									Nil							
C. Salary Grant Schools—																
(a) Secondary																
1. American Mission High School Vellore	1	"	"	1	469	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1078 5 8	1078 5 8	
2. Sri Mahanto's Students Union School Vellore	1	"	"	1	67	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	115 7 9	115 7 9	
Total ..	2	"	"	2	536	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1193 13 5	1193 13 5	
(b) Primary ..																
1. American Mission High School Vellore	1	"	"	1	420	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	310 7 "	310 7 "	
2. Sri Mahanto's Students Union School, Vellore	1	"	"	1	45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	201 12 3	201 12 3	
Total ..	2	"	"	2	465	-	-	-	"	"	"	"	"	512 3 3	512 3 3	
Grand Total ..	4	"	"	4	1001	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1706 0 8	1706 0 8	

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885
1397

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1706

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STATEMENT VI-A.—Showing the Budget Grants with subsequent Additions and Deductions for the Town of Vellore for the year 1896-97.

(To be prepared in accordance with the instructions in G.O., dated 4th June 1892, No. 978 M.)

Items of expenditure.	Original budget grant as sanctioned by Government.			Subsequent additions.			Subsequent deductions.			Total grant.			Authority for the additions and deductions shown in columns 3 and 4.
1	2			3			4			5			6
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
Entries as per Statement II wherever there is alteration													
Grant III 5 Conservancy Vc. (6) Private Scavenging (1) Esta	1620	"	"	70	"	"	"	"	"	1690	"	"	Proceedings of the Madras Government No 845 M. dated 15th May 1896.
Grant III 5 Conservancy Vc Road Cleaning & Road watering	14320	"	"	800	"	"	"	"	"	15120	"	"	Proceedings of the Madras Government No 1893 M. dated 10th November 1896
Grant V General Establishment (2) Collection Esta	4120	"	"	30	"	"	"	"	"	4150	"	"	Proceedings of the Madras Government No 155 M. dated 4th February 1897.
Grant III 5 Conservancy Vc Road cleaning & Road watering	14320 increased 15120. (Rs 730 of private scavenging Establishment)	"	"	* 250	"	"	"	"	"	15370	"	"	Proceedings of the Madras Government No 302 M. dated 26th February 1897.
Grant 2. 4. Result grants	1200	-	-	~~200~~	-	-	200	-	-	1000	-	-	R. P. No 1090 dated 6-5-97
Do 3 - Salary grants	1600			200			-			1800			

Note. * Rs. 1000 applied for but only Rs. 250 were sanctioned by Government

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Statement VI-A.—Showing the Budget Grants with subsequent Additions and Deductions for the Town of for the year 189 -9 —*continued.*

(To be prepared in accordance with the instructions in G.O., dated 4th June 1892, No. 978 M.)

Items of expenditure.	Original budget grant as sanctioned by Government.			Subsequent additions.			Subsequent deductions.			Total grant.			Authority for the additions and deductions shown in columns 3 and 4.
1	2			3			4			5			6
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	

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Statement VII.—Tolls.

Number of toll-gates.	Whether collection of tolls is leased out or managed departmentally.	Amount of collections.			Expenditure on									Balance (column 3 *minus* column 7.)			Share due to the District Board.			Amount paid to the District Board.			Balance, if any, due to the District Board and date on which it was paid.		
					Works.			Establishment.			Contingencies.			Total.													
1	2	3			4			5			6			7				8			9			10			11		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A	P.	RS.	A.	P	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
6	Collection of tolls leased out	167	10	"	97	3	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	97	3	10	166	12	2	83	6	1	83	6	1	"	"	"

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Statement VIII.—Loans.

Amount of loan and rate of interest.	For what purpose and terms on which obtained and year in which taken.	Date of Government sanction.	Amount paid.			Amount transferred to Sinking Fund.			Invested out of the total amount transferred up to end of 189 -9 .	
			Up to 31st March 189 .		In 189 -9 .	Up to 31st March 189 .		In 189 -9 .	In Government Securities.	In the Savings Bank.
			Number of years.	Amount.		Number of years.	Amount.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
RS. A. P.				RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS A. P.	RS. A. P.
					Nil					

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Statement IX.—Showing the Incidence of the House-tax.

Name of Municipality.	Total Number of houses, as per census (occupied and unoccupied).	Number of houses on the municipal register out of the number in col. 2	Assessed.													
			Under 8 Annas.		8 Annas to Rs. 1½.		Rs. 1½ to Rs. 5.		Rs. 5 to Rs. 15.		Rs. 15 to Rs. 30.		Rs. 30 and above.		Total.	
			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS A. P.		RS. A. P.
Vellore Municipality	7624	7842	2189	772 8 -	4087	3215 15 -	1376	318 12 -	153	972 12 -	23	441 12 -	14	805 - -	7842	9326 11 -

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Statement IX-A.—Showing the Incidence of the Tax on Arts.

Name of the Municipality.	Assessed in	Class I.		Class II.		Class III.		Class IV.**		Class V.		Class VI.		Class VII.		Class VIII.		Total.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
Vellore municipality		3	300 " "	16	800 " "	50	1187 8 "	134	1506 " "	215	1281 " "	516	6348 "	21	42 " "	749	744 8 "	1704	12958 "

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Statement X.

1. Name of Municipality .. .. Vellore
2. Population as per last census 44,925
3. Sanctioned number of Councillors { (a) Nominated .. .. 5 ; (b) Elected .. .. .. 15 }
4. Actual number of Councillors on 31st March 1897— Total 20
   - (a) Ex-officio 1
   - (b) Nominated { Officials .. .. 3 ; Non-officials .. .. 1 }
   - (c) Elected .. { Officials .. .. 1 ; Non-officials .. .. 14 }

   Total .. 20

   - (d) Europeans and Eurasians 4
   - (e) Natives 16
5. Total number of meetings actually held during the year 5½
6. Number of meetings adjourned for want of a quorum 7
7. Average attendance at each meeting *actually* held—
   - (a) Officials 3
   - (b) Non-officials 6

   Total .. 9

   - (c) Europeans and Eurasians 2
   - (d) Natives 7

   Total .. 9
8. Is the Chairman appointed or elected .. .. Elected
9. Name and designation of persons who have held the office of Chairman during the year, with the date of appointment or election in each case .. ..

Mutammad Habibullah Sahib
Elected 17th September 1895.

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Statement X-A.—Showing the particulars of elections held in the Municipality of Vellore in 1896-97.

Name of the wards, if any, into which the town is divided.	Population.	Number of registered voters.	Date of election.	Number of seats filled by election.	Whether election was contested or not and the number of seats contested.	If contested, number of voters who went to the poll.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. North-Eastern ward		174 A				
2. Muhammadan ward		234 A				
3. Merchants' ward	44,925	267 B	17.11.96	one	Contested one	180
4. South-Eastern ward		255 A				
5. South-Western ward		137 A				
6.						
7.						
8.						
9.						
10.						
Total ..	44,925	1067	4	1	1 Contested	180

A. Number of voters according to lists prepared on 30th September 1896.

B.—Do— Do— on 30th Septr 1896.

Statement XI.—Furnishing information regarding Municipal markets, houses served by the private scavenging agency, number of latrines and of lights, &c., in the Town of Vellore for the year 1896-97.

Area of Municipality in square miles.	Name of Municipal markets.	Whether collection of fees, rents, &c., was leased out or managed departmentally.	Number of houses served by the private scavenging agency on the registers on 31st March 1897.	Number of public latrines on 31st March 1897.	Number of latrines constructed in 1896-97.	Number of latrines demolished in 1896-97.	Number of latrines on 31st March 1897.	Number of lamps on 31st March 1896.	Number of lamps put up in 1896-97.	Number of lamps removed in 1896-97.	Number of lamps on 31st March 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
6¼ Square miles according to Survey Settlement for 1891-92 and 3.3 Square miles according to Revenue Survey Settlement of Vellore Town	Public Market Sibirakal between Car Stand and Rest Roads	Collection of fees, &c., leased out	976	Kadiwala — 29 Mussalla — 4		Kadiwala " Mussalla " Kadiwala 3 Mussalla "		687	3	"	690

STATEMENT XII.—Showing particulars regarding the number of patients treated, &c., in the Town of Vellore during the year 1896-97.

Name of hospital and dispensary.	Patients treated.			Number and name of midwives employed.	Number of labour cases attended by the midwives.	Date and Number of G.O. sanctioning rules for the treatment of the sick under section 127 of Act IV of 1884.
	In.	Out.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Civil Hospital	681	30,445	31,126	"	"	GO 12th May 1887 No 438 Sn
Lying-in-Hospital	99	50	149	one Mariyammal	149	
Dispensary for Women and Children	"	72	72	"	"	

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STATEMENT XIII.—Showing the Statistics of Vaccination and of Births and Deaths registered in the Town of Vellore during the year 1896-97.

Number of births registered.	Number of deaths registered.	Number of prosecutions instituted for failure to register births or deaths.	Name of Medical subordinates and vaccinators performing vaccine operations.	Number of operations performed.		Number of successful operations.		Number of operations with animal lymph.	Number of successful operations with animal lymph.	Number of prosecutions instituted for failure to have children vaccinated.	Remarks.
				Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.	Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.				
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aided from Lo. / ~~Unaided and Indigenous~~											
			Medical Subordinates								
			1 1st Class Hospital Assistant S Kamaul Singh	"	20	"	20	20	20	"	
			2								
			3								
1508	1155	400	Total ..	"	20	"	20	20	20	"	
			Municipal Vaccinators								
			1 Ramasawmy naiker	526	481	525	436	1007	961	26	
			2 Venkatsawmy Naidu	642	381	642	351	1023	993	61	
			3								
			Total ..	1168	862	1167	787	2030	1954	87	
			Grand Total ..	1168	882	1167	807	2050	1974	87	

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here on institution is aided from P. comments should be made except statement should be submitted.

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Vellore

State Municipality

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			Remarks.
Colleges	Government ..		These two are the A. M. High School and Srimahanti Middle School. The former shows an increase of 192 pupils and the latter 5 pupils
	Board or Municipal ..		
	Aided from Provincial F		
	Aided from Local or Mu		
	Unaided and Indigenous		
Secondary Schools ..	Government ..		Of these three are advanced schools for Muhammadans in which an additional classic is taught and one unaided school with a strength of 45 pupils. The former increased by 5 pupils.
	Board or Municipal ..		
	Aided from Provincial F		
	Aided from ~~Local or~~ Mu		
	Unaided and Indigenous		
Primary Schools ..	Government ..		Two Municipal Schools for Hindus were abolished; and one of them a good school with 120 pupils on its rolls. This was considered by the Council to be unnecessary owing to proximity to another School.
	~~Board or~~ Municipal ..		
	Aided from Provincial Fu		
	Aided from ~~Local or~~ Mu		The number of Municipal Schools for Muhammadans remained the same but there was an advance of 50 pupils thereon.
	Unaided and Indigenous		
Training Schools ..	Government ..		Aided Result Schools for Hindus show a decline of 1 School and 22 pupils. This class of schools for Muhammadans remained the same as in the previous year but there was a fall of 8 pupils. Of these 12 were for Hindus and 10 of these were unaided schools. This was less when compared with the number of previous year with a corresponding fall of 63 pupils.
	Board or Municipal ..		
	Aided from Provincial F		
	Aided from Local or Mu		
	Unaided and Indigenous		
Sessional Schools ..	Government ..		The No. of schools for Muhammadans remained as in the previous year though there was an advance of 36 pupils. As there is great room for improvement the Hindu D. S. Inspector should endeavour to bring more schools on the aided list. Seeing that there were as many as 9 unaided schools on the 31st March last each with a very fair strength, earnest attempts should be made by the Inspector for Muhammedan Schools.
	Board or Municipal ..		
	Aided from Provincial Fu		
	Aided from Local ~~or Mu~~		
	Unaided and Indigenous		
Industrial Schools ..	Government ..		
	Board or Municipal ..		
	Aided from Provincial Fu		
	Aided from Local or Mun		
	~~Unaided and Indigenous~~		

Note.—1. *Where an institution is aided from Pr* *from Provincial or Local (or Municipal) Funds.*

2. *No comments should be made except as*

3. *This statement should be submitted in t*

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Vellore 3 Dy Asst Insp
10th May 1897. Clerk

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Statement No. I relating to General S stics in Schools, Vellore Municipality

MUNICIPAL OFFICE 13 MAY 97 VELLORE

		1895-96			1896-97			Remarks.
		Number of Schools.	Number of pupils on 31st March. 15		Number of Schools.	Number of pupils on 31st March. 1897		
			Boys.	Girls.		Boys.	Girls.	
Colleges	Government							(a) These two are the A. M. High school and Srimahanti Middle School. The former shows an increase of 192 pupils and the latter 2 pupils
	Board or Municipal							
	Aided from Provincial Funds							
	Aided from Local or Municipal Funds ..							
	Unaided and Indigenous							
Secondary Schools ..	Government							(b) Of these three are advanced schools for Muhammadans in which an Oriental Classic is taught and one an unaided school with a strength of 49 pupils. The former increased by 195 pupils.
	Board or Municipal							
	Aided from Provincial Funds	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	Aided from ~~Local or~~ Municipal Funds ..	2	807	..	2 (a)	1001	..	
	Unaided and Indigenous	3	296	..	4 (b)	460	..	(c) Two Municipal Schools for Hindus were abolished; and one of them was a good school with 120 pupils on its roll. This was considered by the Council to be unnecessary owing to its proximity to another school.
Primary Schools ..	Government	-	..	-	..	..	..	
	~~Board or~~ Municipal	11	652	14	9 (c)	597	47	
	Aided from Provincial Funds	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	Aided from ~~Local or~~ Municipal Funds ..	29	998	78	28 (d)	980	66	(d) The number of Municipal schools for Muhammadans remained the same but there was an advance of 50 pupils in them.
	Unaided and Indigenous	20	533	10	18 (e)	500	16	(d) Aided Result schools for Hindus show a decline of 1 school and 22 pupils
Training Schools ..	Government							This class of schools for Muhammadans remained the same as in the previous year
	Board or Municipal							
	Aided from Provincial Funds							
	Aided from Local or Municipal Funds ..							
	Unaided and Indigenous							
Sessional Schools ..	Government							
	Board or Municipal				1	8		
	Aided from Provincial Funds							
	Aided from Local ~~or Municipal~~ Funds ..							
	Unaided and Indigenous							
Industrial Schools ..	Government							
	Board or Municipal							
	Aided from Provincial Funds							
	Aided from Local or Municipal Funds ..							
	~~Unaided and Indigenous~~ Total ..	65	3286	102	62	3546	129	

there was a fall of 8 pupils. (e) Of these 12 were for Hindus and 10 of them were unaided schools. This was less when compared with the number of previous year with a corresponding fall of 63 pupils.

The No of schools for Muhammadans was 6 as in the previous year though there was an advance. 36 pupils

- ment is there is great room for improvement under the Hindu I. S. Inspector should endeavour to bring more schools on the aided list. Seeing that there were as many as 9 unaided schools on the 31st March last each with a very fair strength an attempt should be made by the Inspector for Muhammedan Schools.

Note.—1. *Where an institution is aided from Provincial or Local (or Municipal) Funds, it should be shown against Provincial or Local (or Municipal) according as it has received a larger grant from Provincial or Local (or Municipal) Funds.*

2. *No comments should be made except as notes entered in the column of remarks.*

3. *This statement should be submitted in time to reach the Presidents of Local Boards or the Chairmen of Municipal Councils concerned before the 1st May.*

Vellore
10th May 1897

Deputy Inspector of Schools
Clerk

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Statement No. II showing the proportion of pupils of the great classes of the population under instruction to children of school-going age in Schools in Vellore Municipality

Classes of Population.	Population of school-going age.		Pupils under instruction.		Percentage.		Remarks.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	
Europeans and Eurasians	95	126	5	2	158·95	15·87	The percentages for 1895-96 were. Boys - 84
Native Christians			146	18			1) Europeans &c 175 · 16
Muhammadans	867	966	1111	26	128·14	2·69	2) Muhammadans 107 " 2
Hindus — Brahmans	2231	2453	278	3	102·37	3·38	3) Hindus — 98 3
Hindus — Non-Brahman Caste Hindus ..			1906	77			There was an increase in number under instruction under Muhammadans, Brahmans, Non Brahman Caste Hindus and Paraiyas and kindred classes but the number under Europeans and Eurasians and Native Christians declined by 15 on the whole
Hindus — Paraiyas and Kindred Classes ..			100	3			The total percentages of boys and girls during the year under report were 111.05 and 3.6 respectively against 102.87 and 3.87 the previous year
Others	"	"	"	"	-	"	
	3193	3545	3546	129	111·05	3·6	

Note.—1. *No comments should be made except as notes entered in the column of remarks.*
2. *In the column of remarks the figures of the previous year should be briefly compared.*
3. *This statement should be submitted in time to reach the Presidents of Local Boards or the Chairmen of Municipal Councils concerned before the 1st May.*

Vellore, 2 May 1893

Dy. Educational Inspr. Circle

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Statement No. III. giving particulars as to the qualifications of teaching Staff employed in Schools, Vellore Municipality

Classes of Institutions.		Number of Teachers employed.	Number possessing Trained Teachers' Certificates.	Number possessing Untrained Teachers' Certificates.	Number with General Education Certificates.	Unpassed Teachers.	Remarks.
Colleges	Government						(a) Does not include three teachers viz two gymnastic Instructors and one drawing master. The drawing master is also an assistant gymnastic Instructor. Of these 43, 35 belonged to the A.M. High school and the rest to Srishanti's middle school. Of the 35, one is a European and three are Bible teachers. (b) One of them underwent training but has yet to qualify for a trained teacher's certificate. (c) 2 have undergone training but have yet to qualify for certificates; and 2 have passed the written Examination for teacher's Certificates. (d) Three of these are munshis. (e) These are teachers employed in the Lower secondary unaided school for Muhammadans and three advanced schools for the same class. (f) Of the 20 teachers 10 belong to the schools for Hindus; 8 of these 10 possess trained teachers' Certificates, 1 an untrained teacher's certificate and one a general education certificate – Of the latter two, one has also undergone and one has been exempted from a course of training. Of the remaining 10 teachers employed in Muhammadan schools, 1 has a trained teacher's certificate, 2 untrained teachers' Certificates, 5 General Education Certificates and 2 are unpassed men. One of the 5 possessing general education certificates has also undergone a course of training. (g) 5 of these are teachers employed in Muhammadan schools and all of them are unpassed. (h) One of them has undergone a course of training. (i) one of them underwent training. Of the 144 teachers employed 24·3 per cent possess trained teachers certificates 10·4 per cent untrained teachers' certificates, 20·9 per cent General education certificates and the rest viz 44·4 per cent are unpassed men. The percentages for Muhammadans and other schools are as follows:-
	Board or Municipal						
	Aided from Provincial Funds						
	Aided from Local or Municipal Funds						
	Unaided and Indigenous						
Secondary Schools.	Government	–	–	–	–	–	
	Board or Municipal	–	–	–	–	–	
	Aided from Provincial Funds	–	–	–	–	–	
	Aided from ~~Local or~~ Municipal Funds	(a) 43	23	(b) 11	(c) 5	(d) 4	
	Unaided and Indigenous	(e) 24	–	–	3	21	
Primary Schools	Government	–	–	–	–	–	
	~~Board or~~ Municipal	(f) 20	9	3	6	2	
	Local Aided from ~~Provincial~~ Funds	1	–	1	–	–	
	Aided from ~~Local or~~ Municipal Funds	(g) 37	3	–	(h) 14	(i) 20	
	Unaided and Indigenous	19	–	–	2	17	
	Total	144	35	15	30	64	

	Teachers holding	G.E.C	Unpaid
T.T. Certificate	4·3 per cent	17·4 p.c	76·1 p.c
2·2 per cent	13·3 p.c	22·4 p.c	29·6 p.c
34·7 p.c			

No of teachers employed in Muhammadan Schools – 46
– Do – in other schools 98
No provision was made in the Budget for sending teachers for training.

Note.—1. *In the column of remarks it should be noted whether the provision made in the budget for training teachers during the year under report had been carried out.*
2. *No comments should be made except as notes entered in the column of remarks.*
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Vellore
6th May 1893

C.E. Inspr of Schools
Chittoor Range

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Statement No. IV relating to the results of the Grant Examinations in Salary Result Schools. Tellure Municipality.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE 13 MAY 97 VELLORE

Standards.	1895.96 Compulsory Subjects only. Number of pupils presented for the Standard.	Number passed.	Merit.	Ordinary.	1896.97 Compulsory Subjects only. Number of pupils presented for the Standard.	Number passed.	Merit.	Ordinary.	Remarks.
VII. Standard or Lower Secondary Examination.									It is noticed that there is a fall in the number presented in all the Standards except the 1st; this is due to the abolition of two municipal schools one of which was a good school with a good strength.
VI. Standard									
V. Do.									
IV. Do. including Primary School Examination.	76	75	12	63	65	54	5	49	Except at the Primary Exn where the percentage of passes for Muh: schools was 80 while it was 86, for other schools, the Muh: schools did better at the grant examination than the others. The total No presented from the 1st to 3rd Standards was 254 against 308 in the previous year and the No passed was 208 against 333. The percentage of passes during the year under report was 70.7 against 81.6 per cent during 1895-96. The work of Muhr: Sc
III. Standard	90	67	9	58	83	54	19	35	
II. Do.	100	80	14	66	68	43	13	30	
I. Do.	66	58	27	31	76	63	22	41	
Infant Do.	76	53	13	40	67	48	28	20	

Name of Subject.*	189 . Optional Subjects.	189 . Optional Subjects.	
			H.S. Master was not satisfactory. It is hoped that better results are turned out for the current year.

Geography	199	108	36	72	105	63	21	42	
English	196	139	53	86	112	94	44	50	
Gymnastics	222	222	146	76	143	123	"	123	
Hygiene	116	88	38	50	93	74	42	32	
Second Language	10	9	6	3	3	3	1	2	
Drawing	12	10	..	10	65	44	-	44	

Other [illegible] and Practical work, B Rating [illegible] 1898

The number presented under each optional subject during the year under report was less than that for the previous year except in Drawing where the number that appeared for the Examination was more than 5 times that for 1895-96. The percentage of passes was as follows.

Geography 60 per cent
English 82½ per cent
Gymnastics 86 pc.
Hygiene 79·6 pc
Second Language 100 pc.
Drawing 69·2 pc.

* Particulars relating to optional subjects need not be shown by standards.

Wallace, Carmarthen (1897)

NOTE.—1. This statement should be submitted in three parts when necessary, one for salary-result schools, one for combined schools, and one for pure results schools.
2. In the last column should be entered the remarks of the Inspecting Officer bearing directly on the result.
3. No comments should be made except as notes entered in the column of remarks.
4. This statement should be submitted in time to reach the Presidents of Local Boards or the Chairmen of Municipal Councils concerned before the 1st May.

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Rev. Salmon
D.S. Inspector
Carmarthen

Vellore Municipality

Statement No. IV for

Salary Results

1896-97

Statement No. IV relating to the results of the Grant Examinations in Result-schools, Vellore Municipality

Standard.	1895-96 Compulsory Subjects only. Number of pupils presented for the Standard.	Number passed.	Merit.	Ordinary.	1896-97 Compulsory Subjects only. Number of pupils presented for the Standard.	Number passed.	Merit.	Ordinary.	Remarks.
VII. Standard or Lower Secondary Examination.									All the Muhammadan schools were Lower Primary ones. The number presented for grant of examination was less than in the year previous under the current year.
VI. Standard									
V. Do.									
Sewing									
Needle work	9	9	4	5	4	4	2	2	

* Particulars relating to optional subjects need not be shown by standards.

Vellore 6th May 1897

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Vellore Municipality
Statement No III for
Result schools
1896-97

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Office of the Assistant Inspector of Schools,
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No. 1580 N

Vellore 11 May 1897.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE
13 MAY 97
VELLORE

From

In Rc
C.N. Subramania Aiyar and B.A.

Assistant Inspector of Schools,
Arcot Division.

To

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Vellore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Statements I to IV relating to the Vellore Municipality for 1896-97 with the following remarks.

2. Statement I. It is observed that there has been a steady decrease in the number of Schools during the last three years, the total number having fallen from 71 to 62. It is however gratifying to note that this strength has risen from 3523 in 1894-95 and 3388 in 1895-96 to 3675. This indicates greater consolidation of Schools. The bulk of the increase appertained to Secondary Schools. The variations in the number of Board, Aided and Unaided Schools have been fully explained by the Sub Assistant

Inspector in the Remarks column.

3. Statement II - The table is interesting as showing the progress made by the several classes of the community. The variations under Europeans and Eurasians count for nothing. Native Christians have remained almost stationary. All the other classes show an advance. The improvement made by Mahomedans and Panchamas is encouraging. The percentages of pupils both under boys and girls as compared with the School going population show a satisfactory rise.

4. Statement III. Full particulars have been furnished in the Remarks Column. Taken as a whole there was a slight improvement in the qualifications of the teaching Staff. Taking Primary schools alone (Board and Aided) there were about 25 per cent holding Technical Certificates and 33 per cent holding General Education Certificates. It is much to be regretted that none of the teachers of Aided Mahomedan Schools

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passed a General Education Test. Of the teachers of the Municipal Mahomedan schools only 3 out of 10 possessed Technical Teachers' Certificates. Every endeavour should be made to see that the others qualify soon.

Statement IV Salary Result schools. The results of the Primary Examination were very good, while those of the Result grant Examination may be characterised as fair. The results of the Under schools showed a deterioration. The Under Inspecting Schoolmaster should see that the lost ground is recovered. Mahomedan schools acquitted themselves very fairly. There was an improvement under Drawing; but the results were not commensurate with the expenditure involved. The Panchama School did badly.

Statement IV - Result schools. There was a slight increase in the total number of pupils presented for examination; but the results showed a deterioration. The Under Inspecting Schoolmaster should

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throw more energy into his work & show better results. The Muhammadan teaching pupils did very fairly, about 65 per cent of the entrants having passed. Saurashtra pupils also acquitted themselves well about 60 per cent of the examinees having turned out successful. The very small number presented under Optional subjects is mainly attributable to the inefficiency of teachers. To improve the quality of instruction in the Municipality both the Muhammadan and Union Inspecting Schoolmasters should take more interest in their work and lead themselves better.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

C Kuppuswamy
Actg Asst. Inspector of Schools
Arcot Division

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Meeting No. 9

Extract from Proceedings at a GENERAL ~~SPECIAL~~ Meeting of the Municipal Council for the Town of Vellore, dated 5th June 1897.

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Rao Bahadur A C. Seshagiriengal Rao avergal Presiding Councillor
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