

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Municipal—Reports.

Read the following paper :—

No. 72. *From C. S. CROLE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Tanjore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Tanjore, 16th October 1879, No. 228.*

I have the honor to forward the report of the Combaconum Municipality for the official year 1878-79.

2. The accounts were audited by Mr. E. B. Dawson, Agent of the Branch Bank, Negapatam. His report is herewith submitted.

3. The report on the working of the civil dispensary submitted by the Apothecary in charge, together with that of the branch dispensary, is enclosed.

4. The gross receipts and charges of the Municipality amounted to Rupees 55,054-12-8 and 54,928-5-10, respectively, against an estimate of Rs. 45,340 on account of each.

5. The increase under the head of receipts is mainly due to the collections of license-tax, amounting to Rs. 3,242-4-0, as also to the income from tolls having exceeded the budget estimate by Rs. 4,150 owing to keen competition and to the recovery of Rs. 498-13-5 from Government on account of dieting pauper patients sent to the dispensary for treatment from famine relief camps.

6. The increase under the head of expenditure is due to payment of license-tax collections to Government, amounting to Rs. 3,267-1-0, as also to an excess expenditure of Rs. 11,314-2-3 over the budget estimate on account of thorough metalling and repair of some of the principal roads of the town in accordance with the views of Government expressed in their Order, No. 560, dated 23rd March 1878, and to the payment during the year under report of Rs. 1,015-15-0 for the value of medicines supplied for the previous year.

7. *Grant II—Education Results Grants.*—Although the budget allotment was Rs. 300, only Rs. 118-8-0 have been spent according to the certifying memoranda received from the Deputy Inspector of Schools.

8. *Grant III—Vaccination.*—The number of cases vaccinated during the year under report was 1211 against 1022 in the previous year, showing an increase of 189. The result is not satisfactory. Stringent orders having been issued by my predecessor, the vaccinator is now showing more promptitude and energy. In the current year I hope better results would be exhibited.

9. The other items call for no remark.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. GOVINDA ROW, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Combaconum, dated Combaconum, 7th October 1879, No. 148.

I have the honor to submit, for transmissions to Government, my report on the working of this Municipality during 1878-79 with the usual statements of receipts and expenditure as prescribed in G.O., No. 1347, dated 25th April 1877, together with the report of the Apothecary in charge of the hospital and dispensary.

2. The budget estimate for the year under report received the sanction of Government in their Order, No. 560, dated 23rd March 1878.

3. The accounts of the year under review were audited by Mr. E. B. Dawson, Agent of the Branch Bank, Negapatam, a copy of whose report is sent herewith.

4. The annual reports on the working of the major and branch dispensaries of this town are also forwarded in accordance with G.O., No. 209, dated 2nd March 1872. These reports give a full and detailed account of the institutions, together with the several items showing the receipts and expenditure; I therefore consider it unnecessary to make further remarks.

5. The actual receipts and expenditure for the year amounted to Rs. 52,688-11-7 and Rs. 54,928-5-10 against Rs. 45,340 and Rs. 45,340 respectively, as per budget. The causes of variations are fully explained in the comparative statements (VI-B 1 and 11) appended.

6. From the statements of receipts and expenditure, I and II, it will be observed that in the former the gross receipts amounted to Rs. 55,054-12-8 and in the latter the expenditure was Rs. 54,928-5-10, thus showing a balance in favor of the Municipality at the close of the year of Rs. 126-6-10.

7. *House and Land-tax.*—In the assessment register the demand was Rs. 14,086-9-1, but the actual receipts were Rs. 12,792-8-7, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,294-0-6 at the close of the year; of this sum Rs. 394-2-0 were written off as irrecoverable owing to the distressed condition of the people, so that the actual amount of balance recoverable at the close of the year was Rs. 899-14-6. A great portion of this amount has been realised.

8. Of the previous year's balance under this item Rs. 1,121-1-11 were collected and Rs. 1,338-1-7 written off as irrecoverable under Sections 41 and 50 of the Act; measures are being taken for the realisation of the balance as far as possible.

9. *Tax on Arts, &c.*—The total assessment according to the register was Rs. 7,887-8-0, out of which Rs. 7,011 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 876-8-0 at the close of the year. A difference of opinion having arisen regarding the imposition of the tax on money-dealers, and the question not having been decided before the end of the year, the whole of the budget sum was not collected.

10. *Tolls.*—The toll-gates were put up to auction, and were sold to the highest bidders for Rs. 27,225, which amount is Rs. 6,225 in excess of the budget. This large increase is due to a very keen competition at the auction sale.

11. *Fines and Fees.*—Under this head are included "magisterial fines" and "demand and warrant fees;" the former amounting to Rs. 756-14-0 and the latter to Rs. 271.

12. The other items of receipts call for no remark.

13. *EXPENDITURE—Grant I, Communications.*—Rs. 16,324-10-3 were spent in thoroughly metalling some of the principal roads of the town and Rs. 199-8-0 in repairs and extensions of old tunnels in some of the streets where they were urgently needed.

14. The large expenditure of Rs. 16,324-10-3 incurred in the metalling of roads was in accordance with the views of Government expressed in their Order, No. 560, dated 23rd March 1878.

15. *Buildings.*—Rs. 3,126-4-0 were spent under this head as detailed in Statement II-A. The necessity and importance of these works having been fully explained in my covering letter to the budget of the year under report, I think it unnecessary to mention them here again.

16. *Repairs, Communications.*—No provision was made in the budget for the marginally-noted works, but as the tunnels were very narrow, it was subsequently considered very necessary to extend them.

Tunnel in Jail Road.
Tunnel in Schekulam Road.

17. *Grant II—Education.*—A total of Rs. 3,119-8-1 were spent under this grant against Rs. 3,886 of the budget. The cause for a decrease of expenditure is fully given in the comparative statement.

18. There were in all six schools as last year, five being boys' and one a girls' school. These schools were examined during the year by M.R.Ry. N. Kistna Row, B.A., Head Master of the Town School, Combaconum, and some of his assistants, all of whom expressed themselves quite satisfied with the results.

19. All the above schools were examined by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tanjore Circle. A copy of this report is herewith sent.

20. The Mahomedan schools were separately examined by the Mahomedan Deputy Inspector of Schools, whose report thereon, forwarded to me for ascertaining the views of the Commissioners with respect to certain remarks therein contained (in paragraph 7), is herewith forwarded.

21. I have myself visited these schools on many occasions during the course of the year, and I am glad to state that a good deal of improvement has been effected.

22. On certain certified memoranda received from the Deputy Inspector of Schools Rs. 118-8-0 only were paid to the three schools examined under the result system. A separate list of other schools in the town, showing their numbers and condition, is herewith sent as per G.O., No. 1347, dated 23rd April 1877.

23. *Grant III—Sanitation, &c., Hospitals.*—Rs. 8,991-10-8 were spent against Rs. 7,714 of the budget. The increase of expenditure has been fully accounted for in the comparative statement. I visited the dispensary several times during the year, and found it always in a thoroughly satisfactory state.

24. Several repairs are required in the hospital buildings, specially the male wards, the roofing of which from being constructed from the materials of the old hospital is in a very bad state, and will require renewing altogether. The store-room and kitchen require additions; but it would hardly be possible for the Municipality to meet the expenditure which these works will necessitate, unless assisted by contributions from the Local Fund Board.

25. *Vaccination.*—Only one vaccinator was employed as in previous years. The number of cases vaccinated was 1211. Of these 964 were successful, 131 unsuccessful, and 116 unknown. I am glad to observe that some improvement has been effected this year, there being an increase of 189 in the number of operations.

26. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—As in last year only one registrar was employed. The total births and deaths registered were 1338 and 1681 against 1419 and 2273 of the previous year. The number of deaths from small-pox, cholera, and fever were 44, 84, and 335, respectively.

27. *Conservancy.*—The conservancy of the town was managed under the same system as in previous year; and the establishment consisted of two nuisance inspectors, six sub-inspectors, six peons, twenty-four sweepers, and twenty-two toties.

The daily sweepings are deposited in receptacles built of brick-in-chunam and removed by scavenging carts which go their rounds twice a-day. These carts and the bullocks for the latrine carts are hired on contract. The total cost under this head amounted to Rs. 4,498-14-0.

28. The old dust-bins have been repaired and new ones erected in places where their absence was greatly felt.

29. The construction of six latrine carts were commenced during the year, but the work was not finished before the close of the year.

30. *Grant IV—Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—Lighting.*—No new lights were put up this year. The outlay under this head falls short of the budget estimate by Rs. 494-10-5. The decrease is due to the provision for the additional masalchies and for the purchase of kerosine oil not having been sent.

31. *Avenues.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 377-3-11 against Rs. 268 of the budget. Trees of various kinds were planted and reared along the sides of the roads. The above sum includes the up-keep of establishment and the cost of plants purchased.

32. *Grant V—Supervision and Management.*—Under this head Rs. 3,083-15-4 were spent, and the several items which are detailed in Statements II and II-B call for no special remark.

33. *General Observations.*—The general health of the town was fair. Cholera, small-pox, and fever prevailed to a moderate extent at certain seasons, and were properly attended to. The improvements effected have the general approbation of the rate-payers, but they complain of the different taxes imposed upon them, and great difficulty is experienced in the realisation of the revenues and taxes owing to the distressed condition of the poorer classes of the towns people.

34. The instructions of the Auditor contained in his report will be duly attended to. But

* Paragraph 5.

I beg to observe that his suggestions* with regard to the adjustment of tolls cannot be adopted, as it is in contravention to the views of Government expressed in their Orders, No. 295, dated 15th February 1878, and No. 1614, dated 22nd August 1879.

35. With reference to the remarks in paragraph 7 of the Auditor's report, I beg to point out that no payment in excess of the collection was made to Government, and that the sum of Rs. 3,267-1-0 (in Statement II) includes costs on account of collection, but debited to Municipal fund.

36. During the year a visit was paid to this town on the 30th and 31st January 1879 by Surgeon-Major W. R. Cornish, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, during his tour of inspection. His notes of inspection have been already forwarded to Government.

37. The report on the sanitation of the town submitted under G.O., No. 264, dated 9th March 1874, is subjoined to this as therein required:

RETURN of Births and Deaths during the Calendar Year 1878.

Diseases.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
Cholera ..	16 18	11 11	1 0	..	..	..	..	26 38	11 9	..	..	..	65 76
Small-pox ..	2 5	9 3	5 8	7 3	4 0	7 3	1 4	3 5	2 4	..	0 1	..	40 36
Small-pox under one year ..	0 1	2 0	0 3	1 0	1 0	4 1	0 4	..	1 2	..	0 1	..	9 12
Small-pox under twelve years.	1 4	3 2	3 5	4 2	2 0	3 1	1 0	3 3	1 2	..	..	..	21 19
Fever ..	9 12	12 9	7 16	9 10	15 13	11 12	10 13	14 10	14 21	15 24	14 19	14 19	144 178
Bowel-complaints ..	20 21	21 20	18 15	14 16	8 7	15 15	18 14	22 36	25 19	6 12	14 6	10 16	191 197
Violence and Accidents ..	0 1	1 1	2 2	3 2	..	1 0	3 0	1 2	1 0	1 0	1 0	..	14 8
Other diseases ..	63 49	32 38	37 21	30 31	31 28	28 22	34 36	45 47	45 41	34 31	40 30	34 44	453 418
Total Deaths ..	110 106	86 82	70 62	63 62	58 48	62 52	66 67	111 138	98 94	56 67	69 56	58 79	907 913
Total Births ..	63 61	55 46	53 40	41 37	46 44	46 65	47 45	77 49	65 61	55 75	62 61	68 68	678 652

RETURN of Vaccination for the Calendar Year 1878.

Months.	Number of Vaccinators employed, 1st Class and 2nd Class.	PRIMARY VACCINATION.						RE-VACCINATION.			GRAND TOTAL.		
		Under one Year.			Above one Year and under six Years.			Above six Years.			Total.		
		Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Total.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Total.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Total.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Total.
January ..	11	1	12	29	10	39	49	12	7	19	52	13	65
February ..	11	..	11	37	9	46	55	7	4	11	55	11	66
March ..	8	3	14	27	6	33	39	3	7	10	39	15	54
April ..	13	3	16	26	10	36	46	3	10	13	46	16	62
May ..	24	3	27	38	5	33	38	3	14	17	63	13	76
June ..	15	2	17	33	7	45	52	2	9	11	60	11	71
July ..	19	1	20	39	7	40	47	5	5	10	56	12	68
August ..	13	12	25	60	19	79	112	3	39	42	112	39	151
September ..	26	1	27	46	4	50	90	8	18	26	92	19	111
October ..	12	..	12	25	10	35	45	5	5	10	42	14	56
November ..	11	..	11	29	1	30	31	8	4	12	50	10	60
December ..	14	3	17	37	5	42	47	12	3	15	60	12	72
Total ..	177	32	209	415	93	508	724	46	178	895	727	185	912

	RS.
1. State the income as estimated in the budget for 1878-79 (official year)	45,340
2. Amount sanctioned for sanitary purposes	25,098
3. Amount sanctioned for vaccination	315
4. Amount expended during the year for sanitary works	35,269
5. Amount expended for vaccination—	RS.
(a) Cost of supervision	35
(b) Pay of vaccinators	179
(c) Contingencies	80
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6. State briefly the sanitary works executed and in progress during the year as regards (a) drainage, (b) water-supply, (c) improvement of village or town-sites, (d) conservancy, (e) other sanitary improvements specifying the nature of each work begun, in operation or completed during the year.

7. How is the refuse disposed of, and what arrangements are made for conservancy? State number of public latrines and the description of latrines in working order.

8. Any outbreak of epidemic disease? If so, give particulars and dates of commencement and termination, and the measures adopted to control the epidemic.

9. Quality of water-supply. Its sources and character.

Two tunnels were extended at their ends to the width of the road, so as to admit of free passage of conveyances—one at the southern termination of the Court-house road, and the other near Subroya Naik's chuttrum on the road leading to railway station. A culvert over the surplus or drainage channel of the large Mahomakam tank should have been completed, but unavoidably delayed; this work however will soon be commenced with. The construction of a wall enclosing the burning ground on the north bank of the Cauvery was commenced with during the year, and is now in completion. It is also intended to commence and complete before the termination of the official year, if possible, the slaughter-house which should have been completed long ere this, but for the delay caused in the procuring of the site. Some new ash-tubs will also be constructed, and the purchase of a site for the construction of a vegetable market before the termination of the official year.

The rubbish is carted away to depôt some distance out of town; for this purpose twenty-four carts are employed and the contractor pays one pie per cart-load of the rubbish he removes? One cart with cask fitted on is employed for removing the accumulations in the cess-pool at Kumbesweram Therumanjana Street. There are seventeen public latrines enclosed by high walls in use throughout the various parts of the town, some of them are merely open spaces enclosed by a wall, while others have masonry seats with bottoms free on ground. For the removal of night-soil six carts are employed; these are constructed on an improved principle, and consist of iron shells well covered and tarred. The conservancy establishment consists of the following:—Two inspectors, six sub-inspectors, who also attend to the registration of births and deaths and the collection of assessments, &c. Two tank watchmen, twenty-four street-sweepers, and twenty-three toties. The cost of the maintenance of the conservancy establishment amounts to Rs. 9,556. Besides this for other miscellaneous purposes during the cholera epidemic an expenditure of Rs. 655 was incurred.

The epidemic of the previous year 1877 continued up to the end of February of this year. A fresh epidemic however broke out on 5th August 1878 and terminated on the 18th September, but not very severe. Measures were at once adopted for stamping out the disease. Timely medical aid was rendered, and cholera medicine freely distributed, and sulphur and tar was freely burnt in streets. The houses freely disinfected by the use of Macdougall's disinfecting powder and lime-washing.

Good. The tanks are supplied with water from the river Cauvery and its branch the Arasalar; one tank is specially kept for drinking purpose, and precautions taken that the beds of rivers are kept clean when dry by watchman appointed for the purpose. Water from the rivers as also from this tank are used by the inhabitants.

10. State of drainage, (a) of streets, (b) of houses.

11. Give a brief report of the general health of the people and the sanitary condition of the town. (This should be answered by the medical officer of the station.)

At present there are no drainage to streets or houses.

The health of the town was on the whole tolerably fair, considering that it was not entirely freed from wanderers and others from the famine districts. Its sanitation is maintained as usual, in the removal of all rubbish, &c. The drainage is still very defective (as already pointed out in previous years), and sadly needs attention. Cess-pools are allowed to exist in almost all back-yards and in some places along the sides of public roads. There are several latrines in various parts of the town, but with all nuisances are still committed in public thoroughfares and in channels bordering on the back-yards of houses, &c. 1820 deaths for the year were registered by the Municipal Registrars against 2220 of the previous year, giving a death-rate of 41,783 per mille of the population. The birth registered number 1330 only less than the deaths by 490, very unsatisfactory, more so as the number reported in the previous year was in excess by 59. Amongst the causes of mortality fevers and bowel-complaints include a large number, 322 and 388 respectively. The cholera epidemic which appeared at the beginning of August was evidently imported from Cauverypatam. As the first case of death reported was an Ayengar who was attacked there, travelled by train to this place, and died the same day. 141 deaths were reported. Of this number 47 were children under 12 years of age and 94 adults. Amongst the latter the majority were females. Similarly amongst children the female sex preponderated. Small-pox also prevailed to a certain extent, mostly during the hot months. 76 deaths were reported against 243 of the previous year. The deaths occurred mostly amongst children; there were 22 under one year of age, 39 above one and under 12 years of age, and 15 adults.

Vaccination is kept up as usual. 1037 cases were operated on during the year. Of this number 912 were operated by the Municipal vaccinator; the rest (125) by the hospital establishment. The results were 805 successful, 156 unsuccessful, and 76 unknown. Compared with the number vaccinated in the previous year there is a falling off of 229.

(Signed) J. G. ASHWORTH,
Apothecary.

ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT of the Civil Dispensary, Combaconum, for 1878-79.

There was nothing particular to note in the climate of this station during the past official year. The maximum temperature was 96° during the hot months and the minimum 72° in January.

The rain-fall for the year amounted to only 24.15 inches, much below the usual average.

The prices of food-grain, especially rice, have not quite reached the minimum rates at which they were sold prior to the famine.

The health of the town was on the whole tolerably fair, although not freed from wanderers and paupers from other districts. Its sanitation is maintained as usual in the clearance of rubbish, &c., but its drainage is very defective, cess-pools existing in several back-yards and sides of roads. There are several latrines in various parts of the town, but with all nuisances are still committed in public thoroughfares and in channels skirting the back-yards of houses, &c.

During the year 1681 deaths and 1338 births were registered by the Municipality against 2273 of the former and 1419 of the latter in the previous year. The death-rate for the year was 38.59 per mille.

Small-pox and cholera epidemic occurred during the hot months. The last outbreak of cholera was in August and continued up to September.

The total number of patients treated at the dispensary were European and Eurasian in patients 1, out-patients 34, native in-patients 400, out-patients 6791. Of the total number 7226 treated 7081 were admissions during the year, while 145 were cases remained from the previous year. From the subjoined statement it will be observed that there was an increase amongst the natives in the total number of admissions as compared with that of the previous year:—

					1877-78.		1878-79.		Increase.	Decrease.
					Admission.		Admission.			
					In.	Out.	In.	Out.		
European and Eurasians	..	..	..	..	4	31	1	33	..	1
Natives	..	..	..	..	409	6,137	374	6,673	601	..

The diseases causing the most admissions are those included in sub-divisions A and B, Class I, General. Next in order of frequency comes skin and ear diseases in Class II, Local. Wounds and injuries also give a large per-centage. 8.317 of the total treated.

With some exceptions the diseases were generally of the same nature as what is ordinarily met with in hospitals. In Class IV, Poisons, most of the admissions in this class include bites from animals and reptiles, &c. Of vegetable and mineral poison, there were only twelve cases.

The daily average attendance was 25.34 in-patients and 83.95 out-patients.

There were no deaths amongst the Europeans and Eurasians.

The mortality amongst the native in-patients was from ague 1, ague cum anasarca 3, febris remit. 1, choleraic diarrhoea 1, leprosy cum anasarca 1, phthisis pulmon. 1, anæmia cum anasarca 1, acute dysentery 2, scrofula with anasarca 1, diarrhoea 5, diarrhoea cum anasarca 13, abscess liver 1, Jaundice cum anasarca 1, abscess thigh 1, ulcers 1, ulcers cum anasarca 1, multiple injury 2, scalp wound bone exposed 1, amputation thigh 1. Amongst the out-patients, cholera 11, tabes mesenterica 1, infantile convulsion 1, strangulated hernia 1, intus-susceptio 1, gangrene 1, carbuncle 1. Most of the deaths occurred in emaciated weakly subjects who had suffered from far advanced choronic diseases, and a great many of the cases were from the famine districts.

The following return gives the various castes of the admissions of in and out-patients during the year:—

	EUROPEANS.			EURASIANS.			HINDOOS.			MAHOMEDANS.			OTHER CASTES.			TOTAL.		
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.
In-patients	..	..	..	1	..	..	220	98	33	8	2	..	4	6	3	233	106	36
Out-patients	..	4	..	7	3	17	3,263	1,303	1,630	85	26	45	99	92	130	3,458	1,424	1,824

Of the admissions amongst the in-patients 123 dieted themselves.

There were 343 operations during the year. Of this number 16 were major operations as

Gangrene right hand and forearm	1	marginally noted. In one case the injuries were caused by the wheel of a car passing over both lower extremities of a little boy, necessitating amputation of one limb. He, however, succumbed to the shock and expired shortly after. The native midwife attached to the Municipality attended to fifty-five cases during the year both in and out of hospital, as follows:—
Medullary tumour	1	
Dislocation, lower jaw	5	
Do. shoulder	2	
Do. elbow	2	
Amputation thigh	1	
Do. for cicatrices	1	
Sebaceous tumour, forehead	1	
Do. do. face	1	
Fibrous tumour, ear	1	

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								In Hospital.	Out of Hospital.
Natural labor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Tedious labor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Laborious labor (instrumental)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Preternatural	{ leg presentation		...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	{ hand (cross birth twins)		...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...

Vaccination is kept up as usual: 1,399 cases were operated on during the year; an increase of 228, as compared with the previous year. Of the number vaccinated, 188 were cases operated on by the Hospital staff, and 1,211 by the Municipal Vaccinator. The results were, 1,102 successful, 160 unsuccessful, and 137 unknown.

The Municipal Vaccinator's return shows better results this year than in the previous year, there being an increase of 189 in the numbers operated on.

The financial statement of the institution appended to this report exhibits an income of Rs. 7,369-6-1, with an equal sum as the expenditure; the balance in favor of the institution being the same, Rs. 20,000, which is the sum invested.

A new latrine for males and females was constructed nearer to the wards, as the old one had become dilapidated and situated too far from the wards the patients seldom or never made use of it at nights. A shed for cholera patients was also erected on a more substantial plan, consisting of brick and mud basement and pillars, with a strong roofing of the Portia wood and bamboos, &c.

The Branch Dispensary, situated in a more central part of the town, continues to secure its share of usefulness. Only out-patients are attended to here, mostly residents in the central and western parts of the town and suburbs. There was an increase of 533, as compared with the admission only of the previous year.

The building unfortunately is rather small, too much on the road side, and quite exposed. A more commodious building with a site suitable would, no doubt, be a desideratum; the building, however, ought to be large enough to provide accommodation also for the Hospital Assistant attached.

(Signed) J. G. ASHWORTH, Apothecary,
In Medical Charge, Civil Dispensary, Combaconum.

ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT on the Municipal Branch Dispensary, Combaconum, for the
Official Year ending 31st March 1879.

This Municipal Branch Dispensary has been in existence since the 1st June 1876, and is intended for the benefit of out-patients only. It is located temporarily in an old Mantapam, which is kept in good repair. It is provided in front with a shed for the convenience of out-patients attending.

2. The total number treated during the official year was 7,080, of which 18 were Europeans and Eurasians. The average daily attendance of natives was $80\frac{1}{2}$, and that of Europeans and Eurasians $\frac{1}{4}$ th. The following tabular statement will show the increase in the number of out-patients during the official year as compared with that of the previous year:—

			OUT-PATIENTS.			
			1877-78.	1878-79.	Increase.	Decrease.
Europeans and Eurasians	..	..	16	18	2	..
Natives	..	..	6,484	7,062	578	..

3. The principal diseases were fevers, rheumatic affections, syphilitic affections, anæmia, ophthalmia, inflammation of the external ear, respiratory affections, diseases of the stomach and bowels, gonorrhœa and its complications, cutaneous affections, abscess and boils, wounds and injuries.

4. The number of deaths was forty-three, of which thirty-nine were from cholera, one from choleraic diarrhoea, one from pyæmia, one from general dropsy, and one from infantile paralysis :—

	EUROPEANS.			EURASIANS.			HINDUS.			MAHO-MEDANS.			CHRISTIANS.			TOTAL.		
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.
Out-patients ..	..	..	..	2	7	9	2,918	1,644	2,036	90	23	53	57	37	66	3,167	1,711	2,164

5. Cholera and small-pox prevailed in the town and its neighbourhood. The Dispensary being situated in the heart of the town is conveniently resorted to by a large number of people.

6. It is almost entirely supported by the Municipality.

7. Its only other source of income is from sale of medicines.

COMBACONUM,
10th July 1879.

(Signed) J. W. TEROOMALIAH NAIDU,
Pensioned First-class Hospital Assistant.

From MAHOMED RUZZA, Deputy Inspector of Mahomedan Schools, to the Inspector of Schools, 5th Division, dated Trichinopoly, 13th February 1879, No. 55.

I have the honor to report on my inspection of the Municipal Salary School, Combaconum, which took place on the 12th instant.

2. The annexed table and statements give particulars of the classes inspected.

3. The 2nd Class.—Seven present out of 12—bad. Read Kitabai Salis, the whole. The reading was distinct and generally correct.

Meanings of words, &c., from the text—poor.

Dictation.—The writing was legible and the spelling respectable.

Grammar.—Kavaidai Urdoo, 1st Part, 1 to 7 pages—bad.

Arithmetic.—The four Simple Rules—miserable.

4. The 1st Class, Section A.—Twelve on the roll, all present—bad. Read the first half of Hoofai Thanggi. The reading was clear and partly good.

Meanings of Words.—None attempted. The Head Master informed me that they knew Tamil meanings and could write them out in it.

Dictation.—The writing was pretty fair and the spelling, excepting the last three boys, all the rest failed in words of three or four letters.

Arithmetic.—Numeration and Simple Addition of four figures in five lines. Only two worked a sum in the latter correctly; but as for my numeration of 1101 read out in Hindustani, the pupils stood as if petrified, and the Head Master wanted to explain it in Tamil, which I objected, since I was not a Tamil scholar.

Section B.—Seventeen present out of 21, were all simple beginners in various stages.

5. The Head Master alleged that the Deputy Inspector of the Range visited this school about two years ago, and I beg therefore to observe that he, with his Assistant, might have easily been taking advantage of the absence of his visit. The Inspecting Officer of the circle may legitimately pay his quarterly visit to this school also; this will be a check on them and they (like others) require close supervision.

6. On my suddenly entering in the school, I found some pupils were reading the Koran; this study, I submit, is objectionable. I asked the Head Master whether the Municipality had permitted him to teach it, and he told me that the parents of the children insisted on its study, else they refused to send them to this school. I am therefore led to conclude that most of the appointed hours are expended on this study. If the parents should require this course of sacred study, they must not tax the Municipal Budget for it.

7. Lastly, I beg to reiterate my former views that Hindustani ceases to be the vernacular of Mahomedans towards the south, and this is quite perceptible from their manners and the tone of their talking. The Municipality pays monthly about 24 rupees for maintaining this poor Elementary Hindustani School, and this, I submit, is too excessive if its present stage is considered.

No. 56.

True copy, with the statement, forwarded to the President of the Municipality, Tanjore, for information and consideration.

TRICHINOPOLY,
13th February 1879.

(Signed) MAHOMED RUZZA,
Deputy Inspector of Mahomedan Schools.

Class.	Strength.	Present.	Monthly Cost.		Remarks.
			RS.	A. P.	
II Class ..	12	7	..	..	The pupils are <i>all free</i> scholars. I think each of them may be made to pay one anna per month.
I Section A ..	12	12	..	..	
Section B ..	20	17	..	..	
First Master ..	..	..	10	0 0	
Second Master ..	..	..	8	0 0	
Peon ..	..	..	2	8 0	
House-rent ..	..	..	2	8 0	
Sweeper ..	..	..	0	4 0	
	..	..	23	4 0	

Municipal Salary School, Combaconum.

Number.	II Class.	Reading.	Meaning.	Dictation.	Grammar.	Arithmetic.	Total.
		10	5	10	5	10	40
1	Abdool Hamid ..	5½	2	7	1	6	21½
2	Omer Saheb ..	5	..	5	..	..	10
3	Kamal Saheb ..	4	1	4	..	3	12
4	Ismael Khan ..	3½	1½	4	..	6	15
5	Abdoor Rahman ..	4	..	3	..	..	7
6	Ahmed Hoossain ..	5	1	3	1½	..	10½
7	Kader Padsha ..	3	..	..	..	..	3

Number.	I Class, Section A.	Reading.	Meaning.	Dictation.	Arithmetic.	Total.
		10	5	10	5	30
1	Ahmed Saheb ..	5	..	..	..	5
2	Raj Mahomed ..	4	..	..	3	7
3	Abdoor Rahiman ..	3½	..	1	..	4½
4	Latiff ..	1½	..	2	..	3½
5	Nasir-ood-Deen ..	2½	..	..	..	2½
6	Ahmed Saheb ..	2½	..	..	..	2½
7	Kader Padsha ..	4½	..	..	..	4½
8	Ghouse Mian ..	4	..	..	..	4
9	Chaboo ..	1	..	..	..	1
10	Kader Mohidden ..	4	..	7	..	11
11	Gulam Rasool ..	3½	..	5	3	11½
12	Mahomed Khan ..	3	..	3	..	6
	Section B—Beginners in various stages.					

TRICHINOPOLY,
13th February 1879.

(Signed) MAHOMED RUZZA,
Deputy Inspector of Mahomedan Schools.

Extract from the Administration Report on Education in Tanjore Circle for the Year 1878-79.

35. *Municipal Schools.*—There are six schools of this class, of which two are exclusively for the Mahomedans, and the Church compound for Christians and Pariahs. All these were examined by me in March last, and a detailed report was sent with my letters Nos. 23 and 117. In my examination, Schools Nos. 1—3 did satisfactorily, the best being the Pettah School, showing an increase both in numbers and efficiency, whilst the others showed a decrease. This is owing to, I was informed, the change of Head Masters in both the schools. Next in importance is the Church Compound Schools. It consists of two departments, Tamil and English, with 49 and 30 pupils, respectively. They did pretty satisfactorily in my examination. I suggest that the Master in charge of the English Department, as recommended in my last report, be made to take a division in the Tamil Department.

36. *Mahomedan School, Tanjore and Combaconum.*—These schools are intended for the elementary instruction of the Mahomedan children. At my examination the former school did well in Arithmetic, and the latter Tamil and Arithmetic. I recommended in my last report the introduction of Tamil into the Combaconum School, as it forms the principal vernacular of the district. The Mahomedan Deputy Inspector of Schools has not inspected these schools during the year. The principal defects that struck me when I visited these schools were that there was no sufficient number of black boards. In some schools some classes had neither mats nor benches to sit on.

43. *Girls' School, Combaconum.*—This was closed temporarily on the 15th March last, and reopened on the 9th October. There were 90 girls on the rolls on the 31st March last. One and all the girls of this institution belong to the highest class of the Hindu community. I examined the school in March last with satisfactory results, but the result is owing to two years stay of the majority of the girls in the same classes. The chief defect I noticed was in reading and pronunciation. Some lengthen the words and others lay stress on the last word of every sentence. But the fancy needle-work executed by some of the girls of the highest class deserve favorable notice.

70. *Results System.*—The following table shows the number of schools aided and unaided and the amount of Result Grants disbursed during the year:—

Municipalities.	AIDED.		UNAIDED.		TOTAL.		Amount of Grant.	From Municipal Funds.			From Provincial Funds.		
	No.	Boys.	No.	Boys.	No.	Boys.							
							RS. A. P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Combaconum	3	162	1	27	4	189	206 8 0	118	8	0	88	0	0

(Signed) G. S. SESHIAH,
Acting Deputy Inspector of Schools,
Tanjore Circle.

No. 73.

ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1879, No. 2169.

In the following abstract the receipts and expenditure of the Combaconum Municipality for the year 1878-79, contrasted with the estimate of the year and the actuals of the preceding year, are shown:—

RECEIPTS.

	Actuals, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.	Actuals, 1878-79.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	8,740	..	2,366
Rates on Houses and Lands	13,331	14,000	13,914
Taxes on Arts	..	8,000	6,660
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	1,669	1,700	1,744
Tolls	4,310	14,000	18,150
Licenses	1,037	1,050	960

RECEIPTS—continued.

	Actuals, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.	Actuals, 1878-79.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
License Tax	..	..	3,242
Assignments by Government	144	150	162
Contributions from Local Funds	2,000	2,000	2,000
Fines and Fees	1,226	800	1,028
Endowments	1,568	1,730	2,498
Miscellaneous	1,884	1,910	2,331
Advances Recoverable	464	..	..
Total	36,373	45,340	55,055

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.	Actuals, 1878-79.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications	3	5,210	16,524
Buildings	255	4,738	3,126
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	471	495	573
Repairs—			
Communications	3,803	3,636	1,602
Buildings	591	20	236
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	..	..	39
Establishment	840	840	837
Tools and Plant	5	50	115
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	2,839	3,116	2,695
Results Grants	246	300	119
Inspection (Contribution)	70	70	70
Miscellaneous	471	400	236
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	7,203	7,714	8,765
Medical College	..	..	227
Vaccination	282	315	263
Registration of Births and Deaths	200	228	225
Conservancy	9,532	11,654	9,729
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	1,778	2,304	1,809
Travellers' Bungalow	124	172	179
Avenues and Watering Roads	260	268	377
License Tax	..	..	3,267
Miscellaneous	2,153	862	832
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	2,881	2,948	3,084
Balances	2,366	..	126
Total	36,373	45,340	55,055

2. The receipts, excluding the License Tax, amounted to Rs. 49,447, against Rs. 45,340 estimated and Rs. 27,633 actual of 1877-78. The increase as compared with the estimate is due mainly to increased revenue derived from Tolls during the year, and the imposition of the Tax on Arts, &c. The large arrear payments made to Local Funds from Tolls in 1877-78, reduced the net revenue therefrom retainable by the Commission in that year to a figure considerably below the share of actual proceeds of the tax, which would have belonged to the Commission had there been no arrears for 1876-77.

The House Tax collections were satisfactory. The uncollected arrears were, current Rs. 900, arrears Rs. 1,718. A sum of Rs. 394-2-0 of the current demand and Rs. 1,338-1-7 of the arrears demand were written off as irrecoverable. The Government trust that their remarks in paragraph 2 of G.O., 30th October 1878, No. 1967, were duly borne in mind in giving up the above sums. The extent to which coercive measures became necessary in the collection of this tax should have been stated, especially as the Vice-President remarks that great difficulty was experienced in the collection of the revenue owing to the distressed condition of the poorer classes. The particulars of demand, collection and balance should be given separately for House and Land rates in Statement IV.

Out of a demand of Rs. 7,887-8-0 on account of Profession Tax against Rs. 8,000 estimated, all but Rs. 876-8-0 was collected. This amount is stated to have fallen into arrears owing to no decision having been come to by the Commissioners regarding the liability of money lenders to the tax before the close of the year. The President should have furnished precise information on the point. He should also have stated whether any prosecutions for not taking out licenses took place during the year.

The Government are glad to find that the revenue from Tolls has revived. The gross receipts were Rs. 27,225 against Rs. 18,570 in 1875-76, Rs. 19,070 in 1876-77, and Rs. 16,000 in 1877-78. The decrease in 1877-78 was ascribed to diversion of traffic caused by the opening of the new line of Railway. The history of the year under review shows that the Commissioners were entirely mistaken in the view taken by them. The opening of the Railway has manifestly stimulated the movements of trade.

3. The increase under Endowments is due to recovery from Government of the amount spent in dieting famine patients at the Municipal Hospital. The Commissioners will do well to direct their attention to the development of Miscellaneous Revenue which is capable of much expansion under judicious management. The sale of sweepings realised the insignificant sum of Rs. 56; and private scavenging service has not been undertaken. The failure to secure the efficient conservancy of private houses, especially of the wealthy, even at the cost of the local tax-payer, is a blot on the administration of this Commission. But there is no reason why the owner or occupier should not pay for such private service. The Vice-President complains that Municipal taxation is felt much by the poor; but the remedy—the development of these miscellaneous revenues—is, in great measure in the hands of the Commissioners.

4. The expenditure excluding License Tax aggregated Rs. 51,662, against Rs. 45,340 estimated and Rs. 34,007 actual of 1877-78. It was distributed among the various grants in the following proportions:—

Grant	I—Public Works	..	..	..	..	..	..	44.6
"	II—Education	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.0
"	III—Sanitation	..	..	..	..	..	..	37.3
"	IV—Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.2
"	V—Supervision	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.9

5. The expenditure on Public Works amounted to Rs. 23,052, against Rs. 14,989 provided in the Budget. The increased expenditure was due to the metalling of some of the principal roads at a cost of Rs. 16,524. The work was undertaken with reference to the remarks of Government in G.O., 23rd March 1878, No. 560, Financial Department. The amount spent on the repair of roads consists chiefly of the pay of road coolies. The state of the communications in the town is not described as required by Government in paragraph 8, G.O., 30th October 1878, No. 1967. A special report showing the details of the work done will now be submitted.

6. There were six Municipal Schools as in the previous year, one of them being a Girls' School. The attendance in this school shows a falling off from 89 to 25; in the others it was almost stationary, having been 430 against 420 in 1877-78. The falling off in the attendance at the Girls' School should have been explained. All the schools are reported to have worked satisfactorily. The results of the

annual examination were fair. The attention of the Commissioners is requested to the remarks of the Mahomedan Deputy Inspector of Schools regarding the study of the Koran in the school, and the desirability of levying a small school fee. The amount of school fees levied in Chakrapani Street School amounted to Rs. 689, and almost covered its cost which was Rs. 735. The cost of educating each pupil in the Roman Catholic Chapel Compound School and in the Mahomedan School was high, being Rs. 7-1-4 and Rs. 7-12-6 respectively. The Government note that no attempt has been made to bring under systematic inspection any of the numerous elementary schools in the town, notwithstanding the opinion expressed by Government in paragraph 5 of their order reviewing the previous year's report.

7. The working of the Hospital and its branch was, as usual, very satisfactory. The number of patients treated was 14,161 against 13,081 in 1877-78. The Hospital buildings are reported to require considerable repairs and additions. These should be executed as soon as funds are available.

8. Vaccination work was less unsatisfactory than in the previous year, the number of operations having been 1,211 against 1,022 in 1877-78: but the cost per operation is still high, being 3 annas 5 pies. The Government note the assurances of the President in paragraph 8 of his letter. As regards Conservancy much remains to be done in public as well as in private sanitation already referred to. The drainage is said to be very defective, and numerous cess-pools exist on the sides of roads and on private premises. The commission of nuisances in public streets is said still to continue. The Government rely on the President using his influence with the Commissioners to secure efficient administration in these respects.

9. The other items do not call for remark. The suggestions of the Auditor regarding the exhibition in Municipal accounts of the whole of the transactions on account of Tolls are not opposed to the ruling of Government. The latter applies only to the statements submitted to Government with the annual report.

10. The License Tax transactions should be clearly shown in a separate account. The charges of establishment are not separately entered nor the demand on account of the tax. It is observed that the charges exceeded the receipts, which should be explained.

11. The note to Statement II should include the deposit balance; and in Statement V the attendance in the Results Grants Schools should be shown.

(True Extract.)

L. B. Fyfe
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, Tanjore District.

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