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20th August 1867.*

No. 152. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Cocanada, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cocanada, 7th August 1867, No. 29.

I have the honor to forward my report on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act in Cocanada during the half year ending on the 30th April 1867.

2. The Act was declared introduced on the 1st November, the necessary preliminary arrangements having been effected at a Meeting held three days prior to that date.

3. The Commissioners met twenty-three times, and transacted business. The number of appeals disposed of by them was 90 from holders of houses, and 225 from persons practising professions. They had to supervise the classification of professions and the valuation of houses, besides attending to schemes for the conservancy and improvement of the town. The collection of taxes was made with ease; except in 49 instances of obstinate opposition, recourse was not had to coercive measures. Immediately on the issue of warrants the money was paid.

4. The streets were named, and houses numbered. Under notices from the Commissioners, the prickly-pear on private grounds has been to some extent removed. Temporary latrines were erected in parts of the town; but, their construction being faulty, they have since been removed. The construction, now, of such as are contemplated in the pamphlet drawn up by the Secretary to the Sanitary Commissioner is under consideration. A road from the bazaar to the Sea Custom House was completed and gravelled. Another one of the streets is being gravelled. The existing roads have been kept in repair. The channels supplying water to the tanks from the Godavery channels have been kept in order. Daily, the streets are cleaned by scavengers. The lighting of the town is attended to; and avenues of trees have been planted from the proceeds of taxes under Section 29 of the Act. A market-place in a convenient part of the town has been fixed upon, and its formation is just being commenced. There were various projects in view for providing suitable wharfs, improving certain parts of the town by removing huts and unwholesome matter from the heart of the town, and making new tanks, &c.; but these projects are not yet matured. Several of these works will be undertaken and pushed on during this year, as the work of assessments will prove now comparatively lighter than it did during the time of its first introduction.

5. The subjoined are the statements of receipts and expenses, prepared in conformity with the Proceedings of Government, No. 820, dated 11th instant. The amount of receipts sanctioned by Government is Rupees 5500, and that collected is Rupees 6671-4-0, or Rupees 1171-4-0 in excess, owing to the toll-rent fetching

Government Order, No. 1198, dated 21st November 1866.

more than what was anticipated, tax on carriages and animals subsequently sanctioned, and partly to the increase of professional taxes over the anticipated collections.

6. The sum expended is Rupees 4652-14-7, leaving a balance of Rupees 847-1-5, which added to the excess collections makes Rupees 2018-5-5; from this deduct salaries of Police and establishment, &c., for the month of April (paid in May), Rupees 750, leaves Rupees 1268-5-5. This amount has been reserved for forming a market-place.

7. Out of Rupees 1166-11-0 collected* under Section 29, Rupees 281-1-3 have been disbursed on account of lighting the streets; and out of the remaining portion, the construction of two wharfs have been contracted for, but the work has not as yet been completed—the amount has not been debited.

8. The amount of deposits, Rupees 526, will be paid to the toll contractors on fulfilment of their contract.

* Government Order, No. 1004, dated 4th October 1866, paragraph 10.

A.
DETAIL of new works and improvements carried out by the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Cocanada during the half-year ending 30th April 1867, for the purposes specified in Section 25 of Act X of 1865.

	Description.	Amount of estimate.			Actual expenditure.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
I. Works.	Roads...	...	...	...	638	1	8
	Tunnels...	...	...	...	86	9	8
	Latrines...	...	...	...	181	3	6
	Dust boxes...	...	...	...	9	0	0
	Removing bramble from a place for the purpose of market...	...	...	...	27	0	0
	Purchase of instruments, such as Momaties, Crow-bars, Hatchets, Knives, &c...	...	...	...	18	4	6
	Total...				960	3	4
II. Repairs.	Roads ..	...	...	...	126	7	10
	Tunnels...	...	...	...	5	0	0
	Watercourses leading to tanks...	...	...	...	64	8	9
	Total...				196	0	7
	Nature of charge.	Amount.			Actual expenditure.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
III. Conservancy.	Such as	...	...	...	100	0	0
	Pay of Overseer...	...	...	...	535	8	0
	„ of Sweepers...	...	...	...	2	0	0
	Price of material for brooms...	...	...	...	33	6	6
	Removing prickly-pear...	...	...	...	3	3	3
	Cleaning tanks...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total...				674	1	9
IV. Police.	Maintenance of Police...	...	...	...	2,050	0	0
	Particulars.	Salary				Total.	
		Per mensem.		Per half-year.			
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
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V. Establishment.	<i>Supervision and Management.</i>						
	1 Secretary...	...	...	...	25	12	11
	1 Writer...	...	...	...	150	0	0
	1 Overseer...	...	...	...	88	0	0
	Goomastahs...	...	...	...	147	13	7
	Peons...	...	...	...	186	0	3
						597	10 9
	<i>Miscellaneous Charges.</i>						
	Office furniture, such as, bureaux, desks, mats, &c., &c...	...	...	...	32	0	0
	Printing forms...	...	...	...	50	1	2
	Stationery...	...	...	...	16	7	6
	Binding books...	...	...	...	13	14	0
	2 Maps...	...	...	...	50	0	0
	Post labels...	...	...	...	0	2	0
	Color for numbering houses...	...	...	...	4	5	6
	Seal...	...	...	...	8	0	0
	Total...					772	8 11

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B.

ABSTRACT of charges under all heads incurred by the Municipal Commissioners of Cocanada during the half-year ending 30th April 1867.

Nature of Charge.	Actual expenditure.					
	Amount.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
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2. Repairs...	196	0	7			
3. Conservancy...	674	1	9			
4. Police...	2,050	0	0			
5. Establishment...	772	8	11			
6. For purposes other than those specified in Section 25...				4,652	14	7
				281	1	3
	Total...			4,933	15	10

C.

ACTUAL receipts for the half-year ending 30th April 1867.

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Rate on houses and buildings...	1,709	8	0
2. Tax on arts, trades, and professions...	2,674	0	0
3. Tolls...	730	0	0
4. Tax on carriages and animals...	163	0	0
5. Fines and other miscellaneous receipts...	19	12	0
Government contribution...	Total...	5,296	4 0
		1,375	0 0
Balance of late Municipality...	Total...	6,671	4 0
		77	11 4
Deposits from toll contractors...	Total...	6,748	15 4
		526	0 0
Collections under Section 29...	Total...	7,274	15 4
		1,166	11 0
	Total...	8,441	10 4

(Signed) J. FRASER,
President of the Municipal Commission.

I have examined the accounts of the Cocanada Municipality, and hereby certify to their correctness according to the vouchers and particulars furnished to me and on which they are framed, with the exception of an error in favor of Government, amounting to 3 Pies, through an insufficient credit to cash on 19th March.

COCANADA, 2nd August 1867.

(Signed) F. J. SIMSON.

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No. 153. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1867, No. 1023.

The above report shows that the Towns' Improvement Act was introduced without difficulty, and has worked satisfactorily in the Municipality of Cocanada.

2. The collections exceeded the estimates by Rupees 1171, in consequence of the tolls having been rented out on terms more favorable than was anticipated, and owing to the imposition of a tax on carriages and animals, sanctioned subsequent to submission of the estimates, and to the receipts from the tax on arts and trades having exceeded the sum estimated under that head.

3. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 4652, leaving a balance of Rupees 1268 in favor of the Commission.

4. The chief items of expenditure were as follows:—Numbering of houses, naming streets, eradication of prickly-pear, erection of latrines, scavenging, repairs of roads and water-channels, and lighting.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions in the Godavery District.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

Proc. of the Madras Government.

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