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Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated 17th May, and recorded in Proceedings of the 19th June 1867, No. 711.

Read also the following papers :—

No. 131. From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chetterpore, 20th July 1867.

With reference to the Order of Government, of the 19th ultimo, No. 711, I have the honor to explain that, as the Act has been but recently introduced into the towns of Berhampore and Chicacole in this District, I am unable to furnish the particulars required by Government.

2. I should, however, state that, in order there may be no difficulty in working the Act at the beginning, I advanced to each Commission six months' Government contribution, at 25 per cent. on the estimated collections, agreeably to the orders* of Government on a reference from the Collector of Malabar.

No. 132. From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Vizagapatam, 3rd July 1867, No. 208.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of G. O., dated 19th June last, No. 711, and, in reply, to inform you that the practice in this District, in reference to Municipal Funds, has been to pay the amount of the Government contribution to the credit of the Municipal Fund established in the Treasury, in reference to Section 33 of the Towns' Improvement Act, and to pay therefrom monthly one-twelfth part of the amount fixed by Government for the maintenance of the Police.

2. Copy of the Memorandum on the subject issued by my predecessor is annexed for your information.

3. It has not been thought necessary to demand from the Commissioners any proof as to their collections, as any sum overdrawn can always be recovered, the funds being always in our hands.

No. 852.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

Referring to G. O., dated 3rd October last, No. 986, the undersigned has the honor to request that the following sums, therein sanctioned, may at once be credited to the Municipal Funds respectively, viz :—

				RS.	A.	P.
Government share for six months towards the Vizagapatam Municipality...	4,018	0	0			
Do. do. Vizianagram do. ...	1,640	8	0			
Do. do. Bimlipatam do. ...	917	8	0			
				6,576	0	0

The gross sum will be retained here.

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2. By Section 35 of the Towns' Improvement Act, one-twelfth part of the amount annually fixed by Government for the maintenance of the Police should be paid into the Government Treasury, on account of each Municipality.

		RS. A. P.		
The sums so fixed for this half-year are for Vizagapatam...		...	...	...
Do.	do.	6,235	0	0
Do.	do.	2,518	0	0
	Bimlipatam...	1,840	0	0
		10,593	0	0
Or monthly....		1,765	8	0

3. The Treasury Deputy Collector will be so good as to see to this. It will be observed that the Government share above is Rupees 4017 short of the total amount required for the half-year. This, of course, will be recovered from the several Municipalities as required and duly disbursed.

VIZAGAPATAM,
14th November 1866.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Collector.

To the Deputy Collector, Treasury Department, Vizagapatam.

No. 133. From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cocanada, 13th September 1867, No. 18.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 19th June 1867, No. 711, I have the honor to report that the grants* sanctioned for Cocanada, Rajahmundry, and Ellore, for the half-year from 1st November 1866 to 30th April 1867, were disbursed to the Municipal Commissioners immediately on the Towns' Improvement Act being introduced, in accordance with the permission contained in the Orders of Government, Nos. 1004 and 1115, dated 4th and 30th October 1866, in order to enable them to commence operations, as they had not other funds to begin with.

2. In Cocanada, during the past half-year 1866-67, the receipts were Rupees 6671-4-0, including the Government grant, and Rupees 4652-14-7 expended. One-fourth of the sum actually expended within the year is Rupees 1163-3-8, while the grant disbursed is Rupees 1375. The difference of Rupees 211-12-4 will be short disbursed this year, if the Government desire it.

3. I have not as yet received the requisite particulars and reports from Rajahmundry and Ellore, to which Municipalities I addressed myself twice. On receipt of these details, a further report will be made.

4. This year, the Government grant will be disbursed only on the Commissioners certifying that the proper proportion of the municipal collections have been brought to account and spent.

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No. 134. From W. WILSON, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Masulipatam, 12th July 1867, No. 22.

In reply to paragraph 3 of Government Order, No. 711, dated 19th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that, under instructions from the Accountant General, No. 4497, dated 12th December 1866, the payments from the Huzoor Treasury on account of the Municipality of Masulipatam have been monthly instalments of one-twelfth of the Government contribution. In Guntoor, on the other hand, an advance of half the Government share was made under the sanction of Government Order, No. 958, dated 22nd September 1866, and the balance paid at the close of the half-year, when the accounts were submitted for scrutiny.

2. There has hitherto been no proof demanded that the collections made by the Commissioners are three times (I presume the wording of the order is a mistake) that demanded from the Treasury. A system of monthly payments, to be regulated by the collections of the past month, would guard against Government paying more than a fourth of the sums raised for expenditure, and would obviate the adjustment which the systems adopted in the Guntoor and Masulipatam Municipalities necessarily involve.

No. 135. From J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Nellore, 11th July 1867, No. 30.

In reply to paragraph 3 of the Government Order, No. 711, dated 19th June 1867, I have the honor to state that the contribution of Government for the half-year ending 30th April 1867, sanctioned in the Government Proceedings noted in the margin, was made in two instalments—the first in November 1866, to enable the Commissioners to provide for expenses at first starting, and the 2nd in May 1867, after the collections were actually ascertained from the Treasury account.

2. The collections of each day are remitted to the Treasury, as required by the Act, and the total exhibited in the Treasury Account Current. No further proof has been demanded from the Commissioners as regards the amount of collection.

3. In regard to actual collections beyond the amount of the original estimate, these are stated in the annual report, and a supplementary grant, equivalent to 25 per cent. of this amount, is at the same time sought from Government.

No. 136. From H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddapah, 17th July 1867, No. 27.

With reference to paragraph 5 of the Order of Government as per margin, I have the the honor to state that there is no specific rule in practice regarding the payments made from my Treasury to the Mu-

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municipal Commissioners. The first payment was made by me in November 1866. I think that it would be much better if the payment is made quarterly, instead of monthly, in proportion to the amount collected.

No. 137. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 26th June 1867, No. 31.

With reference to G. O., dated 19th June 1867, No. 711, paragraph 3, requiring me to report what has been the practice hitherto prevailing as regards the payments made from my Treasury to the Municipal Commission under the Town's Improvement Act, I have the honor to state that such Act has not yet been introduced into this District, and that orders are awaited to my reference of the 9th January 1867, regarding its proposed introduction into the towns of Bellary and Adonic.

2. As regards the voluntary Municipal Association of Bellary and Anantapore, the application for sums equivalent to those raised by the community is made twice a year, after certified receipt of the corresponding amount.

No. 138. From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kurnool, 27th June 1867, No. 86.

In reply to Government Order, No. 711, dated 19th June 1867, I have the honor to inform you that, at the commencement of the Towns' Improvement Act (X of 1865), the State contribution was received in advance, according to Government Order, No. 906, Public Department, dated 7th September 1866, and was calculated at 25 per cent on the estimates of receipts. Had this not been granted as an advance, the Municipalities would have been without the means of paying the monthly costs of their establishments. As the money has thus been received, I trust the Government will not require any excess to be refunded in cases when the receipts have fallen short of the estimates.

2. In future, the best plan to be adopted will be to receive the State grant in arrears in May and November, after the receipts of the previous half-year have been ascertained.

No. 139. From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Sydapett, 11th September 1867, No. 188.

In reply to the Government Order, No. 711, of the 19th June last, I have the honor to state that payment was made to the Municipal Commissioners of Conjeveram only once in this District.

2. When the Commission was set on foot at Conjeveram in November last, an application was made to Mr. Cockerell, the then Acting Collector, for an advance from the Government contribution. He placed at the credit of the Commissioners, under the Orders of Government, No. 906, of the 7th September 1866, paragraph 3, a sum of Rupees 1000, out of which only Rupees 810-13-0 have been actually expended on account of the Commission. No further payment has been made from this Treasury.

No. 140. From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chittoor, 20th July 1867, No. 52.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 19th ultimo, No. 711, in which I am directed (paragraph 3) to report what has been the practice hitherto prevailing as regards the payments made from the Treasury to the Municipal Commissioners; in what proportion, and at what periods such payments have been made; and what proof has been demanded of the collection by the Commissioners of a sum equal to three-fourths of that applied for.

2. In reply, I beg to state that, under the authority conveyed in the Orders of Government of the 7th and 22nd September 1866, Nos. 906 and 958, a sum of Rupees 543, and another of Rupees 698-1-0, each being a moiety of the amounts contributed by Government on account of the Municipalities of Wallajahpet and Vellore respectively, were advanced in November last to those Municipalities, for the purpose of enabling the Commissioners to meet the more immediate expenses connected with the introduction of the Act into those towns.

3. Up to the end of March last, no collections were made for the purposes of the Act in the first mentioned town, pending the receipt of the sanction of Government, which I applied for in my letter, dated 26th March, No. 20. As the first advance of Rupees 543 had meanwhile been expended, I again wrote, on the 6th April last, asking the permission of Government to make a further advance of Rupees 543, being the remaining moiety of the amount payable by Government for the half-year ending 30th April 1867. No reply has been received to this reference, and the half-year having meanwhile expired, and some difficulty having arisen in the Municipality of Wallajahpet, owing to the want of funds, the other moiety of the Government subscription was made in May last, in anticipation of the orders of Government, applied for in my letters above quoted. Beyond these two payments, no further advances of public money have been made on this account. Thus, in the case of the Wallajahpet Municipality, the Government subscription for last half-year has been fully paid up, and, in that of Vellore, only the first moiety, which is all the Commissioners have applied for up to this time. In both cases, the advances were made for the purpose of enabling the Commissioners to start operations, and no exception was taken to the admitted fact that no part of the municipal assets had at that time been realized.

No. 141. From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddalore, 15th July 1867, No. 35.

I am in receipt of the Order of Government, dated 19th June last, No. 711, and, in reference to the inquiry in paragraph 3, I have the honor to submit, herewith, a statement, showing the collections made by the Municipal Commissioners of Cuddalore during the half-year ending 30th April 1867, and the dates on which the Government contribution for that period was paid from the Treasury.

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2. It will be seen that the Government contribution, amounting to Rupees 3291, was paid in three instalments. The first payment, viz., that in October 1866, was an advance made specially under the Order of Government, dated 22nd September 1866, No. 958, to meet the more immediate expenses of the Municipality; but the second and third payments, it will be observed, were made with reference to the collections made by the Commissioners and remitted to the Hazoor Treasury, the amount of the remittances thus received before each occasion of payment having been found to exceed three-fourths of that applied for. Thus, up to March last, the proportion of Government contribution paid to the Commissioners was Rupees 2000, while the collections received into the Treasury exceeded Rupees 6000.

3. The dates of payment were not, however, at regular intervals; but it appears to me there can be no difficulty in following any rule which may be laid down by Government for this purpose, and I would suggest, therefore, that future payments of the Government contribution be made quarterly, the amounts of such payments being regulated by the money actually paid into the Treasury by the Commissioners up to that date, or, in other words, that in no case payment be made if the total collections paid into the Treasury up to the date of payment do not amount to three-fourths of that applied for.

4. Government will observe from the foregoing that the Municipality have not received the full quota of the Government contribution according to the actual collections as originally authorized, but the deficiency is trifling, though the payment of it will probably be shortly applied for by the Commissioners.

STATEMENT showing the sums received into the Hazoor Treasury from the Municipal Commissioners of Cuddalore during the half-year ending 30th April 1867.

Month.	Amount.			Remarks.
	RS.	A.	P.	
November 1866.....	2,236	5	6	* Amount advanced on the 25th October 1866 under Government Order, dated 22nd September 1866, No. 958..
December	1,520	10	6	
January 1867.....	1,197	11	0	
February	772	0	6	
March	2,210	0	6	
April	2,180	9	6	Paid on the 7th March 1867..
Total...	10,117	5	6	Paid on the 29th April ..
Add—				1,000 0 0
Government contribution*..	3,291	0	0	1,000 0 0
Grand total...	13,408	5	6	1,291 0 0
				3,291 0 0

SOUTH ARCOT COLLECTOR'S CUTCHERRY,
CUDDALORE, 15th July 1867. •

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

No. 142. From G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Point Calimere, 19th July 1867, No. 175.

With reference to the Proceedings* of Government, dated the 19th June 1867, No. 711, I have the honor to state that out of the sums sanctioned by Govern-

* Public Department.

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ment on account of their contribution to the several Municipalities in this District for the half-year ending 30th April 1867, a moiety was paid to each in the month of November last. To two of the five Municipalities, viz., Combaconum and Negapatam, the other moieties were also subsequently handed over in February 1867, but no further payment has been made to the other three†.

† Tanjore, Munnargoody, and Mayaveram.

2. Nothing has as yet been paid to any Municipality on account of the Government contribution for the current year, 1867-68, nor have any adjustments thereof been made for the second half of the past year, during which the Towns' Improvement Act was in operation, with reference to the actual collections and expenditure during that period.

3. As will be seen by the enclosed statement, the actual collections of the three more important Municipalities during the half-year ending 30th April 1867 have, to a considerable extent, fallen short of three-fourths of the total estimated collections and expenditure, of which the Government contribution forms one-fourth; while those of the other two Municipalities have exceeded the same. It appears to me, however, that the simpler, and, indeed, more correct, plan, will be to adjust the Government contribution to the actual expenditure, and not to actual collections, which must necessarily differ from the actual expenditure. Should the Government concur in this view, accounts of the actual expenditure for the several items specified in Section 25 of the Act during the second half of the past year will be obtained from the several Municipalities; and where, on the one hand, one-fourth falls short of the amount already paid from the Government Treasury, the difference will at once be recovered from the Municipality; and where, on the other, it exceeds the amount already paid, the difference between this one-fourth and the amount already paid from the Government Treasury will now be paid to the Municipality—thus finally closing the account between the Government and the several Municipalities for the past year.

4. With respect to the inquiry contained at the closing part of the Government Order under acknowledgment, I beg to state that, as the collections of each Municipality are, under Section 33 of the Act, paid into the Government Treasury, and credited to that Municipality under a distinct head of account, there can be no difficulty in ascertaining what amounts have been actually collected by the several Municipalities, and there seems, therefore, to be no need for demanding any further proof.

5. As to the course to be adopted with respect to the payment of the Government contribution in future, I would suggest that the same be made in two portions, after the close of every half-year, with reference to the amount actually expended by each Municipality during that period, thus avoiding the necessity for any future adjustment of account between the Government and the Municipalities. The Act nowhere requires that the Government contribution should be paid in advance, and as the Municipalities have now been in working upwards of eight months, it is not likely that they will again require the Government contribution in advance, as they did at first.

STATEMENT showing the estimated and actual collections of the five Municipalities in the District of Tanjore, during the half-year from 1st November 1866 to 30th April 1867.

Names of Municipalities.	1	Total estimated amount of collections on account of taxes, &c., on which the Government contribution was calculated.		Actual collections.		Difference.		One-third of actual collections which should form the amount of Government contribution.		Amount actually paid on account of the Government contribution.		Difference.	
		RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	Increase.	Decrease.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	Increase.	Decrease.
Tanjore...		16,794	0	12,478	8			4,315	8	2,799	0		1,360
Combaconum...		12,153	0	5,519	9			6,633	7	4,051	0	2,211	2
Negapatam...		9,701	10	8,242	7			1,459	2	3,233	14	486	6
Munnargoody.		4,961	10	6,217	6	1,255	12	2,072	7	840	8		1,231
Mayaveram...		3,903	6	4,726	6	823	0	1,575	7	650	9		924
Total.....		47,513	10	37,184	5	2,078	12	12,408	1	11,574	15	2,697	8
Net.....								10,329	4				819

POINT CALIMERE, 19th July 1867.

(Signed) G. L. MORRIS,
President.

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No. 143. From G. VANS AGNEW, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Trichinopoly, 27th June 1867, No. 33.

As required in paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, Public Department, dated the 19th June 1867, No. 711, I have the honor to report that a sum of Rupees 3231-2-0, being a moiety of the maximum amount of the Government contribution for the half-year 1866-67, as specified in the Notification of Government, under date the 30th October 1866, was advanced from the Treasury to the Municipality, in the month of November last, with reference to the Government Order of the same date, No. 1118.

2. On the first days in February, March, and April, respectively, the other moiety was disbursed in three equal instalments, on the understanding that the account should subsequently be adjusted with reference to the actual collections made by the Municipality up to the 30th April last.

3. These amounted to Rupees 17,958-4-7, thus reducing the proper amount of the Government contribution to Rupees 5986-1-6.

4. The difference of Rupees 476-2-6 overpaid to the Municipality, I intend recovering by short payments in the current instalments of the Government contribution.

5. Under Section 33 of Act X of 1865, all sums collected by the Municipality are paid into the District Treasury, and no other proof of the amount of collections has been considered necessary. One of the Commissioners, whose special work in the Commission is the auditing of the municipal accounts, is also the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, and is, therefore, able to testify to the correctness of the whole of the collections of the Commission.

No. 144. From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Courtallum, 29th June 1867, No. 222.

In reply to Government Proceedings, No. 711, dated 19th instant, I have the honor to inform you that a sum equivalent to one-fourth of the sum that each Municipality was empowered to raise was advanced for the half-year ending April 30th, under the sanction conveyed in Government Proceedings, No. 906, dated 7th September 1866. Nothing has been advanced for the current half-year, on the supposition that the Government contribution will in future be paid in arrears. There is more probability of the collections in the Municipalities exceeding than falling short of the authorized amount, and the payment of the Government contribution might be made here either quarterly, half-yearly, or annually, without fear of overpayment.

No. 145. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 6th July 1867, No. 56.

In reply to paragraph 3 of the Government Order, of the 19th ultimo, No. 711,

Name of Municipality.	Sanctioned estimate of Government contribution for the half-year ending 30th April 1867.		Moiety placed at the disposal of the Commissioners.		Date of payment.
	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	
Coimbatore.....	3,967	0 0	1,983	8 0	December 1866
Ootacamund.....	2,398	8 0	1,199	4 0	{ Novr. 1866. 200-0-0 Deer. 1866. 999-1-0
Coonoor.....	406	0 0	203	0 0	December 1866

I have the honor to report that, immediately after the introduction of the Towns' Improvement Act into this District, a moiety of the estimated Government contribution was paid to the Commissioners, as shown in the margin, to enable them to commence their operations, as directed in the Government Orders of the 7th and 22nd September 1866, Nos. 906 and 958, and that no payment has since been made.

2. With a view to enable me to pay the remaining portion of the Government contribution due to the respective Municipalities, I request orders whether payments of the 25 per cent. Government contribution are to be based on the amount of actual collections of each Municipality, or on the amount of actual expenditure incurred by it. The wording of Section 27 of the Towns' Improvement Act is not clear on this point. It says that "the Governor in Council shall determine the total amount required to be raised and expended in any year in any town for the purposes specified in Section 25 of this Act, provided that a sum equal to 25 per cent. of such amount shall be contributed by Government to the Municipal Fund." Both the collections and charges cannot always be the same. A portion of the collections may be left unexpended in one year; while, in another, the expenditure may exceed the collections of that year.

3. It occurs to me that, in order to protect the interests of Government, the 25 per cent. contribution might be paid in arrears by two half-yearly instalments, viz., one instalment in November, and the other in May, based on the actual transactions of the Municipality during the preceding six months. The sanction of Government will, of course, be obtained for payment of any sum above the sanctioned estimate.

No. 146. From C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Shervaroy Hills, 28th June 1867, No. 32.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, dated the 19th instant, No. 711, calling upon me to report what practice prevailed in this District as regards payments made from the Treasury to the Municipal Commission of the Salem town, I have the honor to state that only a moiety of the Government contribution, viz., Rupees 2138-6-0, was paid to the Salem Municipality in February last, in accordance with Government Order, dated 7th September 1866, No. 906. No other sums have been paid to the Commissioners from the Treasury.

No. 147. From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Mangalore, 31st July 1867, No. 29.

With reference to the concluding paragraph of the Order of Government, dated the 19th June last, No. 711, I have the honor to state that payments of the Government contribution on the total amount to be raised and expended for the purposes of the Towns' Improvement Act, were made in two instalments during the past half-year ending on the 30th April last, as shown in the margin, and were advances made in accordance with the estimated collections, and not on any proof of actual collections.

	RS.	A.	P.
In November 1866.			
G. O., 1st October, No. 984.....	1,054	14	0
In April 1867.			
G. O., 2nd idem, No. 353.....	1,054	14	0
Total...	2,109	12	0

2. The estimated expenditure of the Municipality for the half-year was Rupees 8439, and upon this the Government contribution amounted to Rupees 2109-12-0,* leaving the balance of Rupees 6329-4-0 to be raised by local contributions. The actual collections have, according to an account furnished by the Commissioners, amounted to Rupees 4069-13-0, leaving a balance of taxes to the sum of Rupees 2990 to be recovered and brought to account in the current year, while the expenditure within the half-year amounted to Rupees 5747-3-2.

3. The amount overdrawn from Government, reckoning upon the actual expenditure, amounts to Rupees 672-15-3†. This excess is either recoverable from the Municipality, or should form an abatement in the amount to be contributed during the current year.

4. The Municipality being now fairly started, I am of opinion that the Government contribution should not hereafter be in advance, and should be regulated by actuals. The payments may be conveniently made quarterly in arrears—in the first three quarters, the amount to be paid upon the estimated receipts as passed by Government and adjusted in the last quarter, upon proof given by the Commissioners of their actual collections and expenditure—the sanction of Government being separately sought in the event of the result showing any excess over the estimate, but not in the case of its being within the passed estimate.

No. 148. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1867, No. 1274.

In May last, a reference was made by the Acting Collector of Malabar as to the manner in which payment of the Government contribution towards municipal funds was to be made.

2. The letters above recorded contain replies to inquiries made by Government as the manner in which such payments had hitherto been made, and suggestions as to the mode in which payment should be made in future.

3. It appears that, in 1866, an advance of one-half of the Government contribution, as calculated on the estimated collections and expenditure, was made to most of the Municipalities, under the authority of the Orders of Government of the 7th and 22nd September 1866, as a special measure, in order to enable the Com-

missioners to commence operations. This course was no doubt necessary on the initiation of the municipal scheme, but it is not apprehended that such a measure will again be found necessary.

4. The only points which it remains to decide are, first, at what periods payment of the Government grant is to be made; secondly, whether the State grant is to be calculated on actual collections or on actual expenditure.

5. The Government are of opinion that quarterly payments will be the best and, with regard to the second point, it is remarked that the Government grant must, in the first instance, be calculated on the estimated collections and expenditure. The actual payment, which will be made quarterly in arrears, will in future be made in proportion to the actual collections. In the event of the collections exceeding the estimates, the Government will be prepared, on receipt of statements of actual collections, to contribute a further proportionate amount.

6. Any sums received by Municipalities from Government in excess of 25 per cent. on the actual expenditure must be refunded by the Municipal Commissioners at the close of the municipal year.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of

„ Inspector General of Police.

„ Accountant General.

Memorandum.

In May last the Acting Collector of Malabar made a reference with regard to the manner in which the Government Contribution toward Municipalities should be made: Mr. Haugington suggested that payments should be made monthly by Government in proportion to actual collections. The Government then called on all Collectors to report the practice hitherto prevailing as regards payments made from their Treasuries to the Municipal Commissions, and what proof was demanded that the Commissioners had actually collected a sum equal to 3 times that the contributed Government.

From the replies now before us it appears that in nearly every Municipality, one-half of the Government Contribution calculated on estimated receipts and expenditure was advanced in order to

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With reference to his letter
Sept: 1871 vs: 70 the from
the President of the Municipal
Comm: ~~Beatty~~ Joty, the U.S.
to Mr. Putnam Esq. is directed to
request that office to furnish
details of the ~~his~~ Miscellaneous
receipts of the expenditure on Buildings
(New Works & Repairs) & on Contingencies.
Also to ~~forward~~ forward
the Acc^t furnished by the Sub: of
Police showing the actual cost
of the Police during the year & to
state whether any & if any what sum
was paid on account of the force
in arrears after the close of the year.
H.C.

enable the Commissioners to start operations. These advances were known evidently intended only as a special measure, on the initiation of the scheme - (O.S. 9th and 22nd September 1866. Nos 906. 958).

In some cases Government have by this means paid more than the sum due on actual expenditure.

In some cases less. In the latter cases the Commissioners have only to pay to Government, and 25 per cent on the additional amount so raised will at once be paid.

In the former case, it is doubtful whether our payments can be recovered from the Commissioners. This question has been mooted before - and should be authoritatively settled. Section 33 of the Act appears to throw some doubt over the point.

It was determined in Council yesterday, on a count from Calcutta, that the sum now paid for the M. Council should be 15 Sept 67

Advances payment of a weekly may have been necessary to start the municipal system before - once the system is started there will be no further advances made.

The only points which require to be decided are - (1) at what periods payment of the Govt. grant is to be made - (2) - how is it to be calculated - on actual expenditure, or on actual collections.

The Collector of Cuddalore, South Arcot & South Canara recommend quarterly payments.

The Collector of Tanjore, & Coromandel recommend half-yearly payments.

The Act; Collector of the Krishna District suggests monthly payments.

The Collector of Tanjore thinks that payments might be either quarterly, half yearly or yearly.

The Collector of Malabar would sanction ^{pre-} payment of half the Govt. grant as calculated on the estimates, and at the close of the half-year, monthly payments based on actuals.

6. The Govt. contribution should
be done, ^{unless} ~~except~~ under exceptional
circumstances, be paid in arrears,
and quarterly payments appear
to be best.

Minister
W.D.

7. It is clear that the actual receipts
and actual expenditure in
any quarter will hardly ever
coincide - and for the reasons
given in Mr. Ballard's letter
printed in Proceedings of the
5th August No. 947, there is
little doubt that the Govt. grant
should be calculated on
actual collections - all moneys
collected must under the act
be paid into the Treasury,
and if the collection had been
by ~~the~~ ^{the} calculation, there
will be a safe guarantee that
3/4th of the sum has been
collected.

Should make the actual
collections the basis.
W.D.

Police Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Recd again letter from
the Collector of Malabar, dated
1st May and recorded in Proceedings
of the 19th June No. 9711.

Recd also the following letter

From the Collector of Malabar	26 th June No. 9731
" " " "	27 th " " " 1386
" " " "	28 th " " " 1332
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" " " "	29 th " " " 1322
" " " "	3 rd July " " 1328
" " " "	6 th July " " 1336
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" " " "	20 th " " " 13107
" " " "	29 th " " " 1329
" " " "	11 th Sept. " " 1388
" " " "	13 th " " " 1310
" " " "	15 th October 1867 No. 1274

In May last a
reference was made by the
Acting Collector of Malabar
as to the manner in which
payment of the Government
contribution

W.D.

contribution towards Municipal Funds was to be made.

2 The letters above recorded contain replies & enquiries made by C. Govt. as to the manner in which such payments had hitherto been made, and suggestions as to the mode in which payment should be made in future.

3 It appears that in 1866 an advance of one half of the C. Govt. contribution was calculated on the estimated collections and expenditure, was made to most of the Municipalities, under the authority of the orders of C. Govt. of the 7th and 22^d September 1866, as a special measure, in order to enable the Commissioners to commence operations. This course was no doubt necessary on the initiation of the Municipal Scheme, but it is not apprehended that such a measure will again be found necessary.

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The only points which it remains to decide are, first, at what periods payment of the C. Govt. grant is to be made: secondly whether the state grant is to be calculated on actual collections or on actual expenditure.

The Government are of opinion that quarterly payments will be the best, and with regard to the second point, it is remarked, that the Government grant must in the first instance be calculated on the estimated collections and expenditure: the actual payment which will be made quarterly in future will in future be made in proportion to the actual collections; in the event of the collections exceeding the estimate the Government will be required on receipt of statements of actual collections to contribute a further proportionate amount.

Doubts

7 Doubt having been
raised as to whether the
Government could call upon
Municipalities to refund any
sums in excess of 25 per
cent "on the actual collection in past time
which may have been paid
to their credit, the Government
have decided on further con-
sideration that any amount
so overpaid ^{must} should be refunded
by the Municipal Com-
missioners at the cost
of the Municipal Corp.

by A.

To the Collectors of all Districts
deposited {with seal of Office}
17/10 1861
W. E. F. S. C. A. B.

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