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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

2nd August 1869.

No. 3. Read the following letter from the President of the Cumbum Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kurnool, 19th July 1869, No. 14.

I have the honour to forward the report on the Municipality of Cumbum, with the accounts of the receipts and expenditure for the year 1868-69, as called by Government Order, No. 820, dated 11th July 1867.

ENCLOSURES 4.—One Report and three Returns of Receipts and Expenditure.

From the Vice-President of the Cumbum Municipal Commission, to the President of the Cumbum Municipal Commission, Kurnool; dated Cumbum, 12th July 1869, No. 40.

I have the honour to submit the following report regarding the working of the Cumbum Municipality during the year 1868-69, with detailed statement of expenditure, statement of actual receipts, and an abstract of charges under all heads for the above year.

2. The balance in hand at the end of the year 1867-68, as corrected by Government in paragraph 7 of their Order, dated 20th August 1868, No. 1027, was Rupees 1292-1-2.

3. The balance on the 30th April 1869 was Rupees 738-14-9. I regret to state that a considerable sum, under the head of profession-tax and house-tax, for the year under report, amounting in all to something over Rupees 1000, remained still uncollected at the end of that year. The reason of this was that the Notification for the collection of taxes for 1868-69 was not issued until the 20th August 1868. No collections were, therefore, made for house-tax until the end of August, nor for profession-tax until the beginning of November 1868. We have, however, been making considerable exertions during the last two months, and there is now only within Rupees 100 of arrears for the past year remaining uncollected. The taxes for this year will also be collected soon as the Notification was issued on the 20th April.

4. The Government contribution for sums expended for purposes specified in Section 25 during the whole year amounts to Rupees 1388-15-11, but by the end of the year we had only drawn the Government contribution for the first two quarters, amounting to Rupees 635-13-11. This, I believe, is Rupees 10 in excess of what we ought to have drawn, as, in calculating it, a sum of Rupees 40 expended for purposes *other than specified in Section 25*, was erroneously included in the expenditure for the second quarter. This sum of Rupees 10 we have to refund. We were not then aware of our mistake, and no objection was made at the time by the Deputy Collector, though he afterwards did so in regard to a similar mistake of our's about the Government contribution for the third quarter.

5. A sum of Rupees 83-12-10 was received on account of road cess collected by the Revenue authorities for the year 1867-68. The road cess collected for 1868-69 has yet to be paid to the Municipal Commissioners. I am not aware of the exact amount of it, but I am informed roughly that it is upwards of Rupees 100.

6. It will be seen that our expenditure under the head of repairs was not so great as provided for in the estimates for the past year, nor has it been strictly confined to the purposes therein set forth. A sum, amounting to Rupees 1610, was estimated for repairing roads. With the exception of portions of the *Pedda Vidi*, or principal bazaar, there is not a single street in Cumbum worthy of the name. There are nothing but wretchedly narrow zigzag lanes, worse probably than are to be found even in other towns of the kind, there being in many places barely room for one bandy to pass at a time, such are the *Reya Vidi*, and other streets, and worse than any was the *Chervu Katta vidi* or tank bund street, an important thorough fare leading on towards the tank bund, and connecting together the *Pedda vidi* and *Roya vidi*, (the two principal streets and which run parallel to one another). When I arrived here, in November last, it struck me that it would be either waste of money to spend any on such wretched lanes, and that it was extremely desirable, in the first instance, to widen and straighten them. The other Commissioners fully concurred with me on this point, and we, therefore, set to work to buy up houses in the *tank bund road* and *Roya vidi*. The houses being generally of an inferior description, we were

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enabled to procure all those required in the former, and in a portion of the latter street for Rupees 361-8-0. The houses purchased were pulled down, and we expended a sum of Rupees 425-15-9 in forming the new streets. The tank bund street is very much improved. It is now a fine open road in good repair and from six to seven yards in width, instead of, as previously, a narrow crooked passage from six to nine feet wide. A portion of the *Roya vidi* was similarly improved. It is intended to make considerable improvements in the *Pedda vidi* and *Roya vidi*, which, as I above observed, are the two principal streets (if they may be so called) in the town.

7. It has since occurred to me that perhaps we may not have been strictly warranted in thus deviating from the course of expenditure laid down in the estimate, but by reason of (as it appeared to me and the other Commissioners) the primary importance of the improvements we resolved on carrying out, I trust that we may be excused for any irregularity that there may have been in our proceedings.

8. During the earlier portion of the year, and previous to my arrival here, seven latrines had been constructed at a cost of Rupees 192-0-7; one of these only is of stone, the other being simply matted enclosures. Such frail structures are, however, of little use. They are liable to be blown down by any heavy gale of wind, or by the entry within them (which cannot always be prevented) of buffaloes and other animals. The natives also manifest great reluctance towards entering them, which would not be the case were they constructed in a substantial manner, and of sufficient size. An estimate has this year been made for erecting stone and mud latrines, and they are now in progress. We trust soon to have the town provided with a sufficient number of suitable latrines.

9. I beg earnestly to bring to your notice the great advisability of reducing the Police force maintained by the Municipality. This charge absorbs, as you may see, far too considerable a portion of our receipts. In my letter No. 7 of the 23rd January 1869, I recommended the reduction of the Police force to the following strength in lieu of that at present prevailing:—

- 1 Head Constable.
- 2 Deputy Head Constables.
- 15 Second Class Constables.

I was informed by you that the Superintendent of Police saw no objection to this reduction. I would suggest the desirability of having this change effected as soon as possible. It would save the Municipality about twenty rupees per mensem.

10. The accounts of the Municipality for the year 1868-69 were audited by A. Kesavula Naidoo, Head Clerk in the Head Assistant's Office, and certified by him to be all correct.

11. I regret very much that we have so little to show for the past year, but feel confident that we shall make up for it before long, and that, by the end of the present year, there will be a very considerable improvement in the town.

12. With the exception of fever, which has at times prevailed to a large extent, there has not been during the year any sickness to speak of in the town. There have been no cases of cholera. During the last Mohorrum festival we employed a large number of extra scavengers, and took some precautionary measures, as the town was very thickly crowded. No cases of sickness occurred during the year after the festival. I think I may conclude that the measures adopted for the improvement and conservancy of the town have had a beneficial effect.

13. I am preparing a plan of the town (to be drawn to scale) which, when finished, I will forward to you. This will show the various alterations contemplated.

14. I was obliged, owing to pressure of other work, and delay in preparing the accounts, to defer the submission of this report before now.

ENCLOSURES 2, 3, and 4.—Statements of Receipts and Expenditure.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1869, No. 1068.

The President of the Municipal Commission for the town of Cumbum forwards, with his letter above recorded, the annual report and abstracts of the audited accounts of the receipts and expenditure for the year 1868-69.

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	RS.	A.	P.
Rate on Houses and Buildings.....	1,220	4	5
Tax on Arts, Trades, &c.....	686	8	0
Tolls.....	1,482	11	6
Tax on Carriages and Animals.....	479	4	0
Registration of Carts, &c.....	275	0	0
Fees for licensing Slaughter-houses.....	10	0	0
Fines and other receipts.....	282	10	0
	4,446	5	11
Balance from last year.....	1,292	1	2
Government contribution actually received up to 2nd quarter.....	635	13	11
Total...	6,374	5	0

	RS.	A.	P.
New works and improvements.....	749	10	5
Repairs.....	467	15	8
Conservancy.....	636	13	7
Police.....	2,426	0	0
Establishment.....	1,275	8	7
	5,556	0	3
For purposes other than those specified in Section 25.....	79	6	0
Total...	5,635	6	3

749-10-5, and repairs Rupees 467-15-8.

	RS.	A.	P.
* Balance.....	738	14	9
Government contribution...	753	2	1
Total...	1,492	0	10

2. The actual receipts during the year fell short of the estimate by Rupees 1366. This is ascribed to the rate on houses and lands, tax on arts, trades, and professions, tolls, tax on carriages and animals, and registration of carts having produced less than was estimated for, and to no more than Rupees 635-13-11 of the State contribution (Rupees 1389) having been received.

3. The expenditure also fell short of the estimate by Rupees 1375-9-9, owing to the works estimated for not having been executed to the extent expected.

The Commissioners explain their reasons for departing from the estimate, and the explanation is satisfactory. The new works undertaken during the year cost Rupees 749-10-5, and repairs Rupees 467-15-8. The Government trust that, with the large balance (Rupees 1492)* available, the Commissioners will arrange for the early construction of the permanent latrines, which appear to be preferred by the inhabitants to the temporary matted enclosures which have been put up.

4. The resolution of the Commissioners to endeavour, as far as their means will allow, to widen the existing lanes before spending any money on their repair, is approved.

5. The Government learn with satisfaction that the conservancy of the town was well managed, and that the precautionary measures taken during the Mohorrum festival were completely successful in preventing the outbreak of any epidemic disease.

(True Extract).

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Cumbum Municipal Commission.
 „ Inspector General of Police.
 „ Accountant General.
 „ Public Works Department.
 „ Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 14.

From

Runnol Municipal
Commissioners Office
19th July 1869.

J. A. A. Chase Esquire
President Mub. Comm^{rs} Runnol

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government Port of G.

I have the honor to forward
the report on the Municipality of
Runnol, with the accounts of the
receipts and expenditure for the year
1868 & 1869. as Colled by Government
Order No. 820 dated 11th July 1869.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servt.

J Chase
President

Port of 1869 Runnol

PUBLIC.

To

THE TREASURER OF THE CUBAN
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
At. to. to.

Dated August 2nd.

Recd.

Recd.

G. O. 2nd August 1869, No. 1068.

AUGUST.
Nos. 3-4.

Reviewing the annual report, No. of the
Cuban Municipality for 1868-69.

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A

Detail of expenditure for new works and improvements actually carried out by Municipal Commissioners for the town of Cumbum during the year 1868-69 for the purposes specified in Section 25 of Act X of 1855 Madras

Forwarding report on the Municipality of Cumbum to get the audit the accounts of the year 1868 and 1869 -

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Description

Actual expenditure for 1868-69

Buildings

Latrine made of stones and bricks 192 7
Filled up holes in a waste land near Markapur 100 4 292 1

Roads

For compensation for widening Cheruvukatta
Tide, and a portion of Raja-idi road 351 8

Drains

300 yards of a new drain made of stone at Rajavidi 95 10 95 10

Total 747 10

Construction

Actual expenditure for 1868-69

Buildings

Commission Town Police Station 3 8
Markapur and Takara Tollgate 25 13 4 29 54

Roads

Cheruvukatta wide road 350 yds in length & 7 yds wide 281 6 11
Raja-idi road 150 yds in length & 5 yds wide 85 3 4
Filled up holes in the middle of Rajavidi 58 5 6 425 15

Drains

7 small tunnels at Chida-vidi Road 12 10 7 12 10
Total 467 15

Native charges

Amount per annum Actual expenditure for 1868-69

1. Cumbum 12 20 100 5
2. Raja-idi 6 42 70 9
3. Sweepers at 500 yds 21 28 36 1

Detail of expenditure for new works and improvements & continued.

Rs Rs Rs Rs

The total expenditure for the year ending
30th April 1869. 2426 . .

2426 . .

Particulars	Salary Per month	Per month	Total
Supervision & management	Rs Rs	Rs Rs	Rs Rs
1 Manager - - - - -	40 . .	470 . .	
1 Over-See - - - - -	10 . .	102 7 6	
2 Peons, each at 5 Rs per month -	12 . .	144 . .	
1 Peon temporary - - - - -	5 . .	18 . .	
5 Toll gate keepers each at 6 Rs per month	30 . .	359 4 . .	
1 Toll gate keeper temporary - - - -	6 . .	18 . .	411 11 6
Miscellaneous charges			
Auditors fees - - - - -	" . .	35 . .	
Painting numbers on doors & chests & carts	" . .	12 6 . .	
Painting tin plates & fixing them on carts	" . .	13 3 8	
Stationery and printing charges	" . .	74 5 8	
Repainting toll gate schedules & boards	" . .	3 15 6	
Sundries as stamps & &	" . .	18 11 3	
Expenses of a Civil Suit	" . .	5 3 . .	153 13 1
		Total	1275 8 7

For Lighting the Town.

Lanterns &	40 . .	
Oil, cotton for wicks & &	179 . .	579 . .
Materials for extinguishing fires		
23 Leather Buckets and 10 Ladders		
Kept in the Town Police Station	21 13 . .	21 13 . .
		795 . .

Lumbum
Municipal Commr. Office
12th June 1869.

Wm. J. McCarthy
Vice President

J. C. C. C.

B

Abstract of Charges under all heads incurred by
the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of
Lumbum during the year ending 30th April 1869.

Actual Expenditure
Amount Total

1. New works and Improvements	749 10 5
2. Repairs	467 15 8
3. Conservancy	636 13 7
4. Police	2426 . .
5. Establishment	1275 8 7

5656 . .

For purposes other than those specified
in Section 25. 796 . .

Total Rupees. 5635 6 3

Lumbum
Municipal Commr. Office
Office 12th July 1869.

(Signed) J. J. McCarthy
Vice President

J. C. C. C.
President

For purposes
other than those
specified in Sec 25.

C

Actual receipts for the year ending on the 30th April 1869.

	Rs	1	0
1. Rates on Houses, buildings, and Lands.	1230	4	5
2. Tax on arts, trades, and Professions.	686	8	
3. Tolls.	1482	11	6
4. Tax on Carriages and Animals.	479	4	
5. Registration of Carts & vehicles without Springs	275		
6. Fees for Licensing slaughter houses.	10		
7. Fines and other Miscellaneous receipts	282	10	
	4446	5	11

Balance remained from last year by adjusting the accounts, as corrected by Government in para 7 of their order dated 20th August 1868 Rs 1292 1 2

Government Contribution at 25 percent on expenditure for the year 1868-69 Rs 1388-15-11 } 635 13 11

Actually received upto 2 quarter. Total Rs 6374 5 -

Disbursement during the year 1868-69 vide Abstract 5635 6 3

" Balance remained on 1st May 1869 - 738 14 9

Municipal Commission
Office 12th July 1869

Signed S. J. McCarthy
True Copy. Vice President
President

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

President Municipal Comm. Cumbum.
(Memorandum 14th July 1869 No 14)

Order thereon 2nd Aug 1869 No 1068.

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The President
of the Municipal Comm.
Cumbum forwards with his letter
above recorded the
Annual report and
abstracts of the audited
accounts of the receipts
and expenditure for the
year 1868-69.

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during the year fell short
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Tax on carts, traders, &c. 886-8-"
Tolls 1482-11-6
Tax on carriages & animals 479-4-"
Registration of Carts, &c. 275-0-"
Fees for licensing & carrying
houses } -10-0-"
Fines & other receipts 282-10-"
Balance from last year 1292-1-2
Govt. Contribution actually 635-13-11
reduced to 2nd quarter 6374-5-0

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Tax on arts trades and
professions, Tolls, Tax
on Carriages & animals,
and Registration of Carts
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than was estimated for,
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Rs 635-13-11 of the State
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been received.

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executed to the ~~full~~
extent.

The Commissioners
explain their reasons
for departing from the
estimate, and the ex-
planation is satisfactory.
The new works undertaken
during

New works & improvements	749-10-3
Repairs	487-15-8
Concurrence	636-13-1
Police	2426 - - -
Estab ^t ishment	1275-8-7
For purposes other than	5556-0-3
those specified in Sec. 263	79-6-
	<u>5635-6-</u>

Balance Rs 738-14-9.
Bond Cont. Rs 753-2-1
Rs 1492 - - 10

during the year cost
Rs 749-10-3, and Repairs
Rs 487-15-8. The Government
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means.

measures taken during the
 Loochuan festival were
 completely successful in
 preventing the out-break of
 any epidemic disease.

7th No 1068 of 1870

Resolving the annual
 Report, &c., of the Loochuan
 Municipality for 1868. by

Nos. 3-4.

Dated Aug. 2. } 1869, No. 1068
 Recd.

Govt. of 186 } 1870

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To the President of the Loochuan
 Municipality.

for

To the President of the Loochuan
 Municipality. }
 To the Loochuan Police }
 To the Loochuan Council. }
 To the Loochuan Board of Health. }
 To the Loochuan Board of Education. }