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No. 60. Read the following letter from the President of the Cocanada Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Cocanada, 23rd June 1869, No. 8.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act, during the year ending on the 30th April 1869, accompanied by statements in the forms A, B, and C annexed to the Government Order, dated 11th July 1867, No. 820.

2. The receipts during the year, for the purposes mentioned in Section 25 of the Act, amounted to Rupees 15,627-1-9, as particularized below :—

Particulars.	Actuals of 1867-68.			Actuals of 1868-69.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. House-tax.....	4,030	13	6	4,110	13	0
2. Professional-tax.....	4,670	8	0	5,496	8	0
3. Tolls.....	1,954	0	0	4,850	0	0
4. Tax on Carriages and Animals.....	328	0	0	415	8	0
5. Registration of Carts and Vehicles.....				57	0	0
6. Fees for licensing offensive Trades.....				20	0	0
7. Fines and other miscellaneous receipts.....	378	15	7	172	4	9
8. Subscriptions received for gravelling new Pettah and Commercial roads.....				505	0	0
Total...	11,362	5	1	15,627	1	9

The increase under all the heads compared with the year past is a satisfactory indication of the care bestowed by the Commissioners in working the Act, and the elasticity of the resources. From Statement C it will be seen that Rupees 5000 were derived from the sale of the Fishermen's village, which was removed from the heart of the town in consequence of its being a nuisance. The fisher-people were provided by the Zemindar of Pittapur with a piece of building ground twice as large as what they had given up, and more conveniently situated for the exercise of their calling. The expenditure for the purposes specified in Section 25 was Rupees 18,959-0-10, or Rupees 1872-10-9 above that of the year preceding. The increase was under the heads shown in the margin.

	1867-68.			1868-69.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
I. Works.....	6,092	14	8	7,320	1	7
II. Repairs.....	1,513	10	11	2,209	7	5
III. Conservancy.....	1,951	7	10	2,274	10	4
IV. Police.....	5,300	0	0	5,373	10	8
Total...	14,868	1	5	17,177	14	0

The expenditure on establishment has been, it will be seen, retrenched by the abolition of office of " Paid Secretary." A Government contribution of Rupees 4975 has been drawn, but this being in excess of twenty-five per cent. on the actual expenditure, the difference Rupees 235-3-9 have been refunded to Government in this month. The total receipts under all the heads inclusive of the last year's balance were Rupees 27,987-9-1, and the expenditure Rupees 20,480-8-8, which leave a balance of Rupees 7507-0-5 to be carried to the account of 1869-70.

3. Under Section 29 Rupees 629-8-1 were raised, and Rupees 1521-7-10 were expended. The increased expenditure was met from the balances of past years.

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4. The Commissioners met twenty-one times for the transaction of business. The number of appeals disposed of by them was nineteen from householders, and ninety-seven from persons practising professions and trades. Sub-Committees were appointed for the purposes of supervising the classifications of professions, and the valuations of houses, &c. The collections have been made without any difficulty. Recourse was had to coercive measures only in one hundred and twenty-seven cases. On the issue of warrants the money was tendered.

5. During the year eight temporary latrines were built, six on the Jagannaikapur side, and two on that of Cocanada. A larger number of public privies being required, it has become necessary to resort to Act VI. of 1857, for acquiring a piece of land belonging to one Mr. L. Gandolphe, who refused to come to any terms whatever with the Commissioners. The value of this ground will be a charge in 1869-70, the arbitrators having only in this month awarded Rupees 3200 as compensation. The Cutcherry road, which was not broad enough for two carriages passing, has been widened from the girder bridge to the District Moonsiff's Court, a distance of 1500 yards. A new road has been opened connecting the new Pettah Suryarow's Pettah with the main bazaar road, towards the cost of which the Bank of Madras contributed Rupees 300, while the Zemindar of Pittapur built the bridge over the channel supplying water to the tanks. The Government having declined to sanction, at the expense of the Port Fund, the making of the Commercial road leading to the sea along the river embankment, it has been undertaken by the Municipality. The ground has been levelled and sanded so as to be fit for conveyances and traffic up to within a few yards of the Custom-house. A sum of Rupees 205 has been subscribed by a few merchants of the town towards gravelling the same road. The roads already made have been kept in good repair. A wharf was built on this river newly for the convenience of trade. Steps have been erected on the side of the road for the use of passengers using the transit-boats. A piece of land in old Cocanada having been presented to the Municipality by Bollapragada Kamayyagar, a tank has been dug, and it has been of great service during the hot months when water was scarce. The eight tanks which supply water to the Municipality have been kept in good repair. They are all fed by canals from the anicut channels. The girder bridge over the salt creek called Robertson's canal having been completed, water from the Kovur channel was conducted to the Jagannaikapur tanks through the covered channel. Some wells also were dug, the tanks having been for some time dry owing to the channels having been closed.

6. The streets are kept clean. Lighting is attended to. Prickly-pear on private and public grounds has been almost eradicated. Avenues have been planted.

7. Small-pox and fever prevailed to some extent, but the place was free from cholera. In other respects public health was good.

8. The two suits alluded to in the last year's report are still pending in the District Moonsiff's Court of Peddapur.

9. I am glad to testify to the Towns' Improvement Act having worked satisfactorily.

ENCLOSURES 4.—3 Returns and 1 Letter.

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No. 61. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1869, No. 946.

The returns of receipts and disbursements in the Cocanada Municipality during

	RS.	A.	P.
Rate on Houses and Buildings.....	4,110	13	0
Tax on Arts, Trades, and Professions.....	5,496	8	0
Tolls.....	4,850	0	0
Tax on Carriages and Animals.....	415	8	0
Registration of Carts and Vehicles, &c.....	57	0	0
Fees for licensing Slaughter-houses, Cart-stands, and offensive Trades.....	20	0	0
Fines and other miscellaneous receipts.....	172	4	9
Subscriptions received for gravelling the new Pettah and Commercial roads.....	505	0	0
Collections under Section 29.....	629	8	1
Sale proceeds of the site vacated by fishermen.....	5,000	0	0
Government contribution.....	4,975	0	0
Balance of last year.....	999	4	6
Total.....	27,230	14	4

the year 1868-69, received with the foregoing report, show that the Commissioners raised Rupees 27,987-9-1, and expended Rupees 20,480-8-8. The correct amount of the receipts, however, is Rupees 27,230-14-4, as entered in the margin, which excludes a sum of Rupees 756-10-9, being the "Deposits from the Tolls and Wharves Contractors," such deposits not being receipts at the disposal of the Commissioners.

2. The expenditure, Rupees 20,480-8-8, is distributed under the following heads, and is within the estimate sanctioned by Government on the 18th August 1863 :—

	RS.	A.	P.
New works and improvements.....	7,320	1	7
Repairs.....	2,209	7	5
Conservancy.....	2,274	10	4
Police.....	5,373	10	8
Establishment.....	1,781	2	10
	18,959	0	10

For purposes other than those specified in Section 25..... 1,521 7 10

Grand total... 20,480 8 8

6,750.5.8

3. The State contribution on Rupees 18,959-0-10 is Rupees 4739-12-3. But the amount (Rupees 4975) paid to the Commissioners is Rupees 235-3-9 in excess. This excess, the President in paragraph 2 of his report states, has been refunded. Care should be taken in future that the last instalment of the Government contribution is paid after the close of the official year, an arrangement which will prevent any over-payments.

4. It appears that, during the year under review, eight temporary latrines were built; the "Cutcherry road" widened; a new road constructed to connect the new Pettah with the main bazaar road; the "Commercial road" levelled and sanded; a new tank excavated on a piece of land presented to the Municipality by the Ballapragada Kamayyagar, and several wells sunk.

5. The particulars of the works undertaken for the sum of Rupees 1521-7-10, which is placed under the head of "Purposes other than those specified in Section 25," has not been given in the Return A. The outlay, it is observed, exceeds the estimate by Rupees 846-7-10.

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6. The Government are pleased to find from the President's report that he can testify to the Towns' Improvement Act having worked satisfactorily in the town of Cocanada during the year 1868-69.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Cocanada Municipal Commission.

- „ Inspector General of Police.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Board of Revenue.
- „ Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Count of 1869 ending.

PUBLIC.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COCANADA
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 12th.

Recd.

End.

G. O., 12th July 1869, No. 946.

JULY.
Nos. 60-61.

Reviewing the annual report of the Cocanada
Municipality for 1868-69.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
President of the Municipal
Commission, Coimbatore.
(New enter 28th Jan 1869 No. 8)

Order No. 946 of 12th Feb 1869

Wm

The Return of
receipts and disbursements
in the Coimbatore Municipal
Commission during the year
1868-9 received with the
foregoing report show

Rate on houses and buildings 4110 18.
Tax on carts, boats and professions 5496 8.
Sole 4850 ..
Tax on carriages and animals 1416 8.
Registration of carts and vehicles 57 ..
Fees for licensing slaughter houses,
cart stands and offensive trades 20 ..
Fines and other miscellaneous receipts 172 49

that the Commission
received Papers 27987-9-1
and expended Papers
20480-8-8. The correct
amount of the receipts
however is Rs 27200-14-14
as entered in the margin,
which includes a sum
of Rs 75-6-10-9 being the
"Deposit"

Subscriptions received for travelling
the New Teluk commercial roads 605 ..
Collections under Section 220 629 8 1/2
Sale proceeds of the late Mayor's estate 35000
Government contribution 4975 ..
Balance of last year 9994 6
Total 372004-4

"Deposits from the State
and wharves Contractors"
such deposits not being
receipts at the disposal
of the Commissioners.

2 The expenditure
Rs 20,480-8-8 is dis-
tributed under the follow-
ing heads, and is within
the estimate sanctioned
by Government on the
18th August 1858.

Grants Rs 1000

For Works and Improvements	7820-1-7
Repairs	2209-7-6
Contingency	2274-10-4
Police	6878-10-8
Establishment	1787-2-10
	18,959-11-10

For purposes other than
those specified in Section 265 1621-7-10

Grand Total 20,480-8-8

3 The state contribution
in Rs 18,959-11-10 is
Rs 14,739-12-3. But
the amount (Rs 4,948-)
paid to the Commissioners
is Rs 235-3-9 in excess.

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in paragraph 2 of his report
States has been refunded.
Care should be taken
in future that the
last instalment of the
Government contribution
is paid after the close
of the official year,
an arrangement which
will prevent
any overpayments.

It appears that
during the year under
review 8 temporary
latrines were built,
the "Cutcherry road"
widened; a new road
constructed to connect
the new Petla with
the main bazaar road,
the "commercial road"
levelled and sandbed,
a new Tank excavated
on a piece of land
presented to the Muni-
cipality by the
Ballapragada.

Ballapragada & Hanugga
and several wells sunk.

5. The particulars of
the works undertaken for
the sum of Rs. 1000
1620-7-10 which is placed
under the head of
purposes other than those
specified, ^{in Budget} had not been
given in the Return. 4.
The outlay, it is observed,
exceeds the estimate by
Rs. 846-7-10.

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pleased to find from
the President's report
that he can testify to
the Town's Improvement
Act having worked
satisfactorily in the
town of Cocanada
during the years 1868-69.

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To the President of the Cocanada
Municipal Council
High Police
Municipal Council
Board of Revenue
Public Works Department

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To
The Board of
the Board of
Councils
for
the
year

Dated July 12 }
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Nos. 60. 61.

Respecting the annual
report of the Board of
Councils for 1868.
by

25 July.
1869