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Public DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
13th July 1869.

No. 78. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 25th June 1869, No. 30.

I have the honour to forward the annual report of the Coonoor Municipality, and have much pleasure in assuring the Government that there is no longer any neglect of sanitary measures at Coonoor; but that, on the contrary, since the formation of the Municipality, a steady and marked improvement is admitted on all sides to have resulted from the labours of the Commission. The necessity of proper conservation is a matter to which the members of the Commission are fully alive, and I am able to express a decided opinion that the progress made within the year under report has been considerable.

2. I am bound to say that much of this is due to the personal exertions of the Vice-President, backed by the cordial co-operations of the Commissioners.

From the Vice-President, Coonoor, to the President of the Coonoor Municipality, Ootacamund; dated Coonoor, 23rd June 1869, No. 24.

I have the honour to submit the annual report of the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners of Coonoor, together with statements in detail of all the works executed by them of all sums received and of all sums expended by them during the year ending 30th April 1869, as required by Section 32 of Act X. of 1865, (Madras,) and request to submit the same to Government.

2. The statements have been drawn up agreeably to the instructions conveyed in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Proceedings of Madras Government, Public Department, No. 820, of 11th July 1867.

3. The perusal of statement A will convey a fair idea of the work performed and the expenditure on that account incurred. I am, however, requested to offer the following remarks by way of more fully explaining the various items contained in this statement.

4. The "extension of the market building" entered under head I. "Works" consists of one wing, which has been added to the north end of the market-house, similar in style of structure (namely, brick and mud and tiled roof) to the wing previously thrown out on the south side; this addition embraces a covered space of 820 square feet. The necessity for its construction was owing to the large and increasing number of weekly market traders from the low country, who were unable to find sufficient space within the market building as it formerly stood. The convenience of this new wing has been much appreciated.

5. The second item under head I. shows the expense incurred for the erection of a slaughter-house in a convenient spot, embracing a covered space of 725 square feet. The average daily number of animals slaughtered in this building has been twenty.

6. The third item shows the amount paid by the Government, namely, half share for the erection of new Police lines in the vicinity of the existing public buildings, and this sum, namely, Rupees 900, has been paid to the Executive Engineer as a first instalment for the same; the balance of the estimate, namely, Rupees 900, will be paid by the Commissioners shortly.

7. The fourth items are for flooring with brick and chunam and tarring three double and one single latrines, the original floors being only mud, and which were found during the wet weather to be continually in a filthy state. Included under this head is the expenditure incurred for building a brick wall at the bottom of the Library Hill for the prevention of accidents to conveyances, &c.

8. The fifth and last item under this head shows the amount paid for an additional single latrine, which, added to those formerly erected, makes up the number to eight.

9. Under head II. "Repairs" are exhibited various essential improvements which have been made to the different roads (not imperial) as also in the village situate within the town of Coonoor. Teakwood railing, measuring 425 running yards, were put up in different dangerous spots contiguous to the public roads, and at the head of the old and new ghaut roads.

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900 running yards of stone parapets have been erected throughout the Municipal limits. Rocks have been blasted, and the principal thoroughfare leading from Coonoor Bridge to the Church and Gray's Hotel has been widened, levelled, and drained, so that carriages are now able to pass up and down, which before was an impossibility.

10. The levelling of the market square has improved that locality, and the large pits which formerly during the rainy season contained stagnant water injurious to the public health now no longer exists.

11. Under head III. "Conservancy" personal supervision has been continually necessary to keep the Inspectors, sweepers, &c., to their work: this the Vice-President has been enabled to do from time to time, so that the Commissioners are able to report a decided improvement in the cleanliness of those parts of the town most thickly inhabited, and, consequently, where dirt and filth is more likely to accumulate, fifteen (15) sweepers are now entertained, but this number will require to be increased when the additional latrines about to be erected during the next official year have been completed. The swamps which have been drained have improved the healthiness of the houses, both European and native, in the diminution of malarious fever which formerly attacked its inmates at certain seasons of the year, and the low brushwood and rank vegetation which has been cleared in various places from time to time during the past year has given rise to a freer ventilation of air, and the Commissioners feel assured that the benefit from these sanitary improvements has been considerable.

12. Under head IV. "Police" the numerical strength of the Town Police consists of one Head Constable, three 1st Class, and two 2nd Class. The assistance which the Commissioners have received from this force has been very limited; this has partly arisen from sickness, when the beats laid down for the day and night Policemen could not be carried out. The Commissioners have already expressed a willingness to pay for a larger force of Town Police with a view to rendering it more effective than is at present the case.

13. Under head V. "Establishment" the various items of expenditure under this head have been necessarily incurred; some of them need not appear in the next report. The avenues of Australian trees, planted since the Commissioners took office under the Act, are doing well. During the past year one thousand fresh trees have been planted out throughout the Municipal limits.

14. In concluding the annual report for the year ending 30th April 1869, the Commissioners are of opinion that a steady improvement is being made in the sanitary condition of the town of Coonoor, and their efforts will still be exerted with a view to further improvement so far as the means at their disposal will allow. The balance in hand at the close of the official year was Rupees 967-1-7. The accounts have been duly audited, and copy of the certificate of the Auditor is attached to the report.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1869, No. 955.

The President of the Coonoor Municipality submits the annual report of the Municipal Commissioners for that town, together with the returns of receipts and disbursements for the year 1868-69.

2. From the returns it appears that the Commissioners raised by the levy of the rate on houses and buildings; taxes on arts, trades, and professions, and on carriages and animals; registration of carts,

	RS.	A.	P.
Rates on Houses and Buildings.....	2,235	7	5
Tax on Arts, Trades, and Professions.....	989	8	0
Tax on Animals and Carriages.....	647	5	3
Registration of Carts without springs.....	48	0	0
Tolls, Coonoor market.....	993	10	9
Bandy Petiah contract.....	171	13	11
Slaughter-house do.	158	0	0
Sale of manure, &c.	170	2	0
Fines and Fees.....	57	8	0
Government contribution.....	1,980	3	9
Balance in hand from the last year.....	2,728	5	3
Received by Government for erection of Police huts.....	900	0	0
Total...	11,080	0	4

&c., &c., Rupees 5471-4-0. Adding to this the balance for last year, Rupees 2728-5-3, the moiety of the cost (Rupees 900) of erecting huts for the Police, and the Government contribution, Rupees 1980-3-9, (not Rupees 2599-11-9,) the amount available for expenditure during the year was Rupees 11,080-0-4. The return C shows that the amount was

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Rupees 11,699-8-4. This has been arrived at by erroneously calculating the State contribution on the expenditure incurred on the market and the slaughter-house, and also on the amount contributed by Government for the Police huts. The market and slaughter-house fall under purposes other than those specified in Section 25, and the Government are not prepared to contribute twenty-five per cent. on a sum (Rupees 900) of money which they have themselves paid towards the erection of the Police huts. By discarding these items, the Government contribution is reduced from Rupees 2599-11-9 to Rupees 1980-3-9.

RS.	A.	P.
984	3	2
927	4	5
900	0	0
2811	7	7

3. The expenditure under the following heads amounts to Rupees 10,732-6-9, and the balance available on the 1st May last, was Rupees 347-9-7 :—

	RS.	A.	P.
New works and improvements.....	1219	3	9
Repairs.....	2312	15	6
Conservancy.....	2321	13	8
Police.....	1133	0	0
Establishment.....	1833	14	3
	8820	15	2
For purposes other than those specified in Section 25.....	1911	7	7
Total...	10,732	6	9

4. The detail of expenditure, return A, should be prepared in future a little more in detail. In the return furnished there are no means of ascertaining what was the cost of "levelling the market square." From the want of the information the charge has been allowed to stand under Section 25. The particulars of the conservancy and office establishment have also not been given in sufficient detail.

5. It appears from the Vice-President's report that, during the year 1868-69, a wing was added to the market to accommodate the increasing number of traders from the low country; that a slaughter-house was erected; that the huts for the Police Force were put in hand; that a new latrine was built, and the flooring of the other latrines improved; that a brick wall was built, and teakwood railings put up for the prevention of accidents; that the swamps have been drained, and that the low brushwood and vegetation have been cleared.

6. The Government notice with satisfaction that there has been a marked improvement in the measures adopted for the conservancy of the town.

7. Paragraph 12 of the annual report will be referred to the Acting Inspector General of Police for his remarks.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Coonoor Municipality, Ooty.
" Acting Inspector General of Police.
" Accountant General.
" Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COONOR
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Ootacamund.
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Dated July, 13th.

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G. O., 13th July 1869, No. 955.

JULY.
Nos. 78-79.

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

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Detail of Expenditure for New works and improvements
carried out by the Municipal Commissioners, for the Town
of Coonoor for the purposes specified in Section XXV of
Act X of 1865. (Madras) from 1st May 1868 to 30th April 1869.

I Works

Description		Amount	Total
<u>Buildings</u>			
Extension of Market buildings	984 3 2	}	
Slaughter house	927 6 5		
Police lines	900 . .		
Latrine floor: 9 x 1 wall in front of library	129 3 9		
Latrine	90 . .		

II Repairs

<u>Roads</u>			3130 .. 4
Teakwood railings in different road sides of the Town	1177 . .		2371
Stone Parapets for main roads			
Do. Covered permanent drains			
Swelling the main road from Black bridge to the Church & blasting the rocks and improvements in market	1135 7 7		

III Commissioners

<u>Nature of Charge</u>			2312 15 6
Pay of 2 Municipal Inspectors, Road and Sweepers	1573 5 1		
Costs for clearing brush wood and draining the swamps	745 7 7		

2321 .. 1

Police

Brought forward

1763 8 6

From 1 May 1868 to 30 April 1869

1133 .

Particulars

Supervision and Management

Pay of Office Establishment & Toll Collectors	777 15 1
Rent of House, Station & Municipal Office	180 8 "
Tools and Tools	115 8 "
Camps and Stationary	57 3 6
Boat Coats and Carriages for Sweepers	42 11 "
Repairs and Compensation	211 12 "
Wool and other charges	166 8 3
and Carls	170 "
Office Furniture	111 12 "
	833 14 3
Total	10732 6 9
Balance in hand	967 1 7
Grand Total	11699 8 4

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Abstract of Charges under all Heads incurred by the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Coon during the year ending 30 April 1869

- I New works and improvements
- ii Repairs
- iii Carriage
- IV Police
- V Establishment

Expenditure	
Amount	Total
1219 2 6	
3036 11 4	
231 5 8	
232 13 8	
1133 .	
1833 14 3	
10732 6 9	

Total 11699 8 4

10732 6 9

To
 The Secretary
 of the
 Board of
 Education
 City of New York
 Date
 1864

Receipts for the year ending 31st April 1869

I Rent on Houses and Buildings	2235 7 5
II Tax on Arts, Trades and Professions	989 8 "
III Do on Animals and Carriages	647 5 2
IV Registration of Carts without Springs	148 " "
V Toll, Coonoor Market	993 10 9
VI Bandy Pottah Contract	171 13 11
VII Rents, House etc.	2247 11 9
VIII Sale of Mangrove etc.	2728 5 3
IX Fines and Fees	900 " "

Total Rs.

Government Contribution	57 8 "
Balance in hand from the last year	
Returned by Government for the erection of Police	5471 7 6
Grand Total Receipts	11089 11 4
	10999 8 1

Excise,
Municipal Office
22nd June 1869

G. J. Hodgson, Major
Vice President

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Commissioner of the Madras

(Here enter 25th June 1869, 11:30.)

Order thereon 13 July 1869, L^o 955

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Ration houses & buildings	2235-7-5
Tax on Arts, Trades & Professions	989-8-0
Do on Animals & Carriages	647-5-3
Registration of Carts with ^{Shrimps} 128-0-0	
Tolls, Coonoor Market	993-10-9
Bandy Pettah Contract	171-13-11
Slaughter House	158-0-0
Salvage of Manure	170-2-0
Fines and fees	57-8-0
Govt Contribution	1980-3-9
Balance in hand from the last year	2728-5-3
Received for the erection of Police lines	730-0-0
Total Rs	11,080-4-4

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Rs 2811-7-7

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New

New works & improvements 1814-3-9
 Repaired 2312-15-6
 Conservancy 2321-13-8
 Police 1133-
 Establishment 1833-14-3
 8820-15-2
 For purposes other
 than those specified
 in Section 25. 1911-7-7
 10732-6-9

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To The Presd., Coonoor Municipality
Acct. Genl.
Board of Revenue
P. M. Dept.
Insp. Genl. of Police.

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Nos. 78-79

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 request of the former owner
 and a letter for 1868-1869.

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