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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
12th August 1870.*

From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 24th June 1870, No. 26.

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Under Secy. to Govt.

For Supd. Approved.
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To the President of the Municipal Commission,

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Exd. J. Wright.

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60th of 1870

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

Coonoor.

Dated August, 1870.

Read.

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G. O. 12th August 1870, No. 1010.

17/8/70.

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coonoor Municipality 1870.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, dated 20th June 1870.

I have the honour to forward 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 1870, as required by Section 32 of Act X. of 1865, (Madras,) and request to submit the same to Government. 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 the 11th July 1867.

The perusal of Statement A. will enable the Government to see the nature of the works performed, and the expenditure incurred thereon.

2. WORKS.—The first item under this head refers to five (5) additional latrines which have been erected during the year at a cost of Rupees 939-11-6. It was found that the then existing number of latrines (10) were quite insufficient for the public wants, and that often when delinquents were charged before the Magistrate for having committed nuisance within Municipal limits, they pleaded as an excuse (which in some cases was a just one) the want of accommodation for the purposes of nature, and, therefore, with a view to put an end to similar complaints in future, the number of latrines was increased as already stated.

3. The second item under this head has reference to the amount expended, being half of the actual cost in the erection of new Police Lines for the accommodation of the Town Municipal Police, the old thatched lines being unfit for habitation and consequently unhealthy. In the present new block of buildings the Town Police are comfortably housed, and the site, besides being more healthy, is in a central position—both desirable objects, not only for the men themselves, but for the public in general.

4. The sum of Rupees 500, exhibited as the third item under this head, was the amount contributed by the Commissioners as their donation towards the erection of a bridge by the Department of Public Works on the road leading to the Lamb's Rock Sholah, and the various tea and coffee plantations in that direction; the old bridge had become unsafe for traffic and is now replaced in nearly the same spot by a more permanent structure within the Municipal limits of Coonoor, and which necessary improvement the public fully appreciate.

5. REPAIRS.—The first item of expenditure under this head was incurred in the necessary repairs to the existing latrines, caused by the ingress and egress of those who resorted to them, and consequently coming under the head of fair wear and tear. It was also found necessary to make some alterations and improvements in the slaughter-house situated near the stream on the old ghaut road; the particulars of the repairs were re-flooring, re-tarring, and white-washing.

6. The sum given under the second item was incurred in putting up additional teak railings in different dangerous places within the Municipal limits verging on the public roads which were necessarily required for the prevention of accidents.

7. Stone parapets were built for the same reasons as above given, and the amount shown as the third item of expenditure under this head was accordingly incurred; both items were given out

Rs.	A.	P.
* 0	10	8
† 1	0	0

by contract; the railings at so much the running foot,* and this parapet at so much running yard†.

8. The fourth and last item under this head gives the amount incurred in improving and widening the various bye-roads and bridle-paths within Municipal limits which had become greatly out of repair. These roads and bridle-paths were formerly kept in order from District Funds at the disposal of the Collector of Coimbatore, who then exercised authority on the Neilgherry plateau. The Commissioners have now the charge and supervision of these roads and paths which were demarcated as public ones in the late survey made by that department.

9. CONSERVANCY.—Before proceeding to enumerate the various items of expenditure under this head, I beg to report for your information and to Government, to whom these proceedings will be submitted by you, that the past year has been on the whole a very healthy one notwith-

standing the station of Coonoor was fuller than usual owing to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and Staff having resided here for some months, so that every house was then occupied.

The rainfall in Coonoor amounted to sixty-four inches, which is much over the average, and it was much wanted as in 1868 many springs formerly perennial dried up. It is, however, to be hoped that they will again become permanent sources of water supply.

10. The town has been kept clean, and there are now fifteen latrines which is considered sufficient for the requirements of the present population. The principal sanitary measure required is to keep down redundant vegetation. This is done in most parts effectually. The Commissioners, however, regret, in a sanitary point of view, that Government has not made over as a public garden a sholah under the library between that and the church, and owing to the undergrowths of which the natives can with difficulty be prevented from using it as a latrine. The Commissioner of the Neilgherries has, however, very promptly acceded to the wishes of the Municipal Commissioners, and issued his orders to have this and other Government sholahs within Municipal limits relieved of the undergrowth which is a decided improvement, but even this does not meet the case, as the undergrowth will again return after no great length of time.

An Agricultural Society for Coonoor was got up under the understanding that this sholah was to be made over as a garden to the Society. This has not yet been sanctioned to the great loss of Coonoor in a sanitary point of view. The water supply still requires improvement, and will come under the consideration of the Commissioners during the next official year.

11. On the whole it may be said that, whereas two years since the nose was often offended by disgusting smells in Coonoor, such is now very rarely the case owing to the activity of the Municipal Inspectors, of whom there are two.

12. I beg now to proceed to detail the expenditure under the head Conservancy:—

The first item shows the amount as salaries to the Conservancy Inspectors, whose duty especially is to inspect the latrines and attend to the general conservancy improvements of the town.

The second item gives the pay of two peons employed in assisting the Inspectors and to look after the north Coonoor water channel.

The third item shows the amount paid for the establishment of nine scavengers and nine sweepers employed in the general cleanliness of the town.

The fourth item is the amount expended in the feeding and shoeing of the bullocks employed by the Commissioners in carting the manure and sweepings to the different stations set apart for the reception of ordure and sweepings.

The fifth item is the amount paid for the above cart and bullocks.

The sixth and last items under this head represents the expense incurred in mending and repairing the water channel, and in putting down under-drains.

13. POLICE.—The numerical strength of the Town Police remains the same as that given in the annual report of the previous year, viz., one Head Constable, three first class, and two second class.

The Commissioners have much pleasure in stating that this Force has worked much more satisfactorily during the past year and have afforded the Commissioners greater assistance more especially in detecting nuisances committed within the town. This happy change has been brought about in a great measure by the activity displayed by the Inspectors in charge from time to time. The expenditure under this head refers to the pay of the Police for seven months; the pay of the remaining months was not disbursed at the time owing to the want of funds. It has, however, since been paid.

14. ESTABLISHMENT.—The first item refers to the pay of two clerks, one on Rupees 40 and the other on Rupees 12 per mensem, and two collecting peons on Rupees 10 each; one clerk will shortly be dispensed with in consequence of the Commissioners having let out the market tolls by contract for the year ending 30th April 1871.

The second item is the monthly rent for the Municipal Office, the Government Office before used being now required for another department, which necessitated the Commissioners making other arrangements. Rupees 100 is the amount paid for the ground used as a bandy-pettah.

The third item, purchase and repair of tools and dust-tubs.

The fourth item is for a new set of printed books and forms which the Commissioners considered it necessary to adopt for the better keeping of the accounts.

The fifth item, stationery and other contingent expenses such as oil for office for the use of peons on duty at night.

Sixth item, receipt and postage stamps, the former required to be affixed to bills exceeding in amount Rupees 20.

Seventh item, authorized amount paid to the Auditor for auditing the accounts for the past year.

The eighth item shows the amount paid for a brick-and-chunam cistern, for the reception of drinking water in the centre of the bazaar, which was much needed by the inhabitants who previously found it difficult to obtain good water for drinking purposes.

The ninth item, temporary repair to north water-channel, the same having burst in various places; also repairs made to conservancy carts.

The tenth item gives the amount paid for the Australian trees planted on the sides of the public roads during the year.

The eleventh item, refund on vacant houses.

The twelfth and last item, purchase of peons' coats and sweepers' cumblies.

15. In concluding the annual report for the year ending 30th April 1870, the Commissioners are of opinion that a steady improvement is still being made in the sanitary condition of the town of Coonoor, and they believe their efforts have and will not be in vain.

16. The balance in hand at the close of the official year was Rupees 702-3-11.

17. The accounts have been duly audited, and copy of the letter of the Auditor is attached to the report.

No. 66. From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, to the Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 14th July 1870, No. 27.

I have the honour to forward the explanation, called for in your Official Memorandum of the 1st instant, No. 171, in regard to the Municipality of Coonoor.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, dated 8th July 1870, No. 10.

With reference to the Memorandum from the Under Secretary to Government, No. 171, of the 1st July 1870, I have the honour to explain as follows:—

1. Rupees 67-4-0 were expended in repairing the slaughter-house by re-flooring with granite stones and white-washing; the remaining Rupees 282-12-0 in repairing, re-flooring, re-tarring, and blue-washing the latrines.

2. Rupees 292-8-0 were expended in putting zinc gutterings in two places, viz., one at the centre of the bazaar, and the other at the Peach Cottage and clearing the water-channels, and the work was one of water-supply item; the remaining Rupees 117-0-7 were expended in making temporary drains.

3. Twenty cumblies were purchased, at a cost of Rupees 40, for the use of toties and sweepers, the remaining Rupees 55-11-0 were expended in making coats and belts for the use of the peons.

4. Particulars of Miscellaneous receipts:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Sale of manure and sweepings	1,368	3	4
Do. of Bandy-pettah toll.....	180	5	4
Do. of Slaughter-house toll...	310	10	8
Do. of Market tolls.....	250	0	0
Do. of ruinous Houses...	116	0	0
License Fee	62	2	0
Fines imposed under the Towns' Improvement Act	157	9	2
Total...	2,444	14	6

5. Arrears are not included in the figures given in the Statement C.

No. 66-A. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1870, No. 1010.

The statement of receipts, furnished by the Municipal Commissioners of

Current—	RS.	A.	P.
Rates from Houses and Buildings	2,312	1	5
Tax on Arts, Trades, and Professions ...	1,220	0	0
Tax on Carriages, &c.....	878	8	0
Registration of Carts.....	55	0	0
License Fees.....	62	2	0
Fines, &c.....	1,525	12	6
State contribution.....	6,053	7	11
Other receipts—	1,861	5	10
Market tolls.....	1,281	4	3
Bandy-pettah toll.....	180	5	4
Slaughter-house tolls.....	310	10	8
Ruinous Houses.....	116	0	0
Balance brought forward.....	1,888	4	3
	967	1	7
Total...	10,770	3	7

Coonoor for the year 1869-70, shows that they raised by current taxation Rupees 6223-7-11. They drew from the State a sum of Rupees 1861-5-10, and with the receipts from sources not provided for in the Act, and the balance brought forward, had at their disposal Rupees 10,770-3-7. The balance brought forward does not correspond with the abstracts embodied in G. O., 13th July 1869, No. 955, in consequence of the State contribution due, and not that received, having been there entered. It is said that the statements now furnished include no arrears, and consequently it is presumed that the State contribution drawn is entirely current. If this be so, a sum of Rupees 384-0-4 paid on account of 1868-69 in June 1869, (*vide* President's letter recorded in the Proceedings of Government, 12th May 1870, No. 52,) has not been shown in the statements. The receipts agree in the main with the estimates, except the miscellaneous receipts and the market tolls, which show a considerable increase. With regard to the proceeds of sale of ruinous houses, the Government observe that, under Section 107 of the Act, the surplus above expenses is to be returned to the owners. The money should, therefore, be kept in deposit, and is not at the disposal of the Municipal Commissioners. The refunds of house-rate should have been set-off against the gross yield.

2. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 10,067-15-8, leaving a balance of Rupees 702-3-11 to be carried forward.

	RS.	A.	P.
New Works.....	1,439	11	6
Repairs.....	2,479	12	7
Conservancy.....	2,573	0	10
Police.....	1,574	4	0
Establishment.....	1,570	2	9
	9,636	15	8
Purposes other than those specified in Section 25.....	431	0	0
Balance carried forward.....	10,067	15	8
	702	3	11
Total...	10,770	3	7

3. The sum paid for Police huts should have been shown as a Police charge; but, as the Government have already paid an equivalent, it will not be included in the expenditure with reference to which the State contribution is to be computed. The repairs of the slaughter-house Rupees 67-4-0, the outlay

on the water-channel, &c., Rupees 202-8-0, the rent of a bandy-pettah, (from which the Commissioners derive a revenue,) Rupees 100, the cost of cistern and water-cart Rupees 33-6-0, and of plants Rupees 27-14-0 must be transferred to purposes other than those specified in Section 25. The cost of sweepers' cumblies should be charged to conservancy.

4. It is said that the Commissioners have paid the Police charges for seven months only, amounting to Rupees 649-4-0, but that the balance has since been paid. The Superintendent's account has not been forwarded, nor has the actual cost of the Police been stated. It appears that the Accountant-General's Circular, No. 2221, dated 5th July 1869, has been disregarded. The Government will now deal with the payments as they stand, leaving adjustments of charge to be made hereafter. Excluding the cost of Police huts, one-fourth of the Section 25 expenditure is Rupees 2177-15-11, and one-third of the independent current receipts Rupees 2014-7-11. The latter sum, as the less, will be the State contribution. The Commissioners have received Rupees 1861-5-10, and are, therefore, entitled to Rupees 153-2-1. If the sum of Rupees 384-0-4 referred to in paragraph 1 has been included in Statement C., they have now to receive Rupees 537-2-5.

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6. His Excellency the Governor in Council has learnt with satisfaction that the sanitary condition of the town of Coonoor has continued to improve during the year under review, and that the efforts of the Commissioners are appreciated by the inhabitants.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor.

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

Edw. J. Wright.

Commissioner's Office
Potosi
24 June 1870

No. 26
From

J. N. Brooks Esquire
President
Municipal Commission
Cochabamba

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

Sec. &c. &c.
Cochabamba

Dated August, 12th.

Recd.

G. O. 12th August 1870, No. 1010.

AUGUST
Nos. 65-66-A.

Reviewing the Annual Statements of the Income
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1869-70.

VI Miscellaneous receipts
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I have the honor to be,

Yr.
Yours Most Obedt Servant

Truly

President
Municipal Commission
Leonor.

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1st May ————— b e s r

Public Report
 from the account
 Municipal Commission
 London.
 1869.
 The Chief Secretary
 to Government
 Lord Stanley &c.
 White Hall June 1869
 Received 28
 of 1869
 Enclosure 15
 No 1039
 Towards the Annual
 Report of the
 Commission for
 1869-70

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 1869 to
30th April 1870.

	Description	Amount	Total
I. Works	1 Buildings. 5 Latines	939 11 6	
	2 " " Police Lines	925 . .	
	3 Constructing a new Bridge	500 . .	
			2364 11
II. Repairs	1 Repairs Latines &c.	350 . .	
	2 Teak wood Railings	920 . .	
	3 Stone Parapets	801 11 11	
	4 Clearing Roads	475 4 8	
			2547
III. Conseruancy	1 Pay of 2. Inspectors	480 11 7	
	2 " of 2. Peons	139 12 1	
	3 " of 9 Watch & 9 Sweepers	1451 4 4	
	4 x Feeding of Bullocks	200 4 3	
	5 Purchase of a cart & 2. Bullocks	144 . .	
	6 Clearing water channel & drains	319 8 7	
			2735 8

Price

For 7 months

649 4

1	Pay of Office establishment	827 7 0
2	Rent of Office & Bazaar ~~X~~	400 0 0
3	Tools and Dist. Vans	135 14 0
4	Printed Forms	95 12 0
5	Stationery Office contingent	67 10 9
6	Stamps Postage & Receipts	37 12 0
7	Amount paid to the Auditor	50 0 0
8	For making a water cistern	20 0 0
9	For mending water channel & cart	13 6 0
10	Purchase of Plants ~~X~~	27 14 0
11	Refunds ~~X~~	170 0 0
12	House coats & Sweepers families ~~X~~	95 11 0

1941 6 9

331 4 0

1610 2 9

1 00

33 6 0

27 14 0

170 0 0

22 4 0

V. Establishment

B

Abstract of charges under all heads incurred by the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of London during the year ending 30 April 1870.

	Amount	Total
I New works and improvements	2364 11 6	1439 11 6
II Repairs	2547 0 7	2479 12 7
III Concurrence	2725 8 10	2570 0 10
IV Police	649 4 0	1574 4 0
V Establishment	1941 6 9	

Balance in hand on the 30 April 1870.

Grand Total

10237 15 8

702 3 11

10940 3 7

Receipts for the Year ending 30th April 1870.

Balance on the 1 st May 1869	✓ 967 1
Raised by	
Rate on Houses and Buildings	2482 1 5
Rate on Trades and Professions	1220 . .
Rate on Carriages & Animals	878 8 .
Registration of Carts	55 . .
Common Market D ^{ts}	1031 4 3
Fines & other Miscellaneous Receipts	2444 14 6
Total R ^{ce}	9078 13 9
Government Contribution	1861 5 10

Grand Total R^{ce} — 10,940 3 1

Common
Municipal Comm^{rs} Office

20 June 1870

H. G. H. Esq. J. Esq. Esq.

Vice President

Copy

No 171.
Memorandum.

With reference to the letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Council, No 26 dated 25th June 1870, the undersigned is directed to request that information on the following points may be furnished as early as possible

1. The amount expended on the repairs of the Slaughter house. (item 1 Repairs)
2. The cost of clearing the water channel and whether the work was one of water supply (item 6 Conservancy) or of drainage.
3. Cost of Sweepers Cumbies. (12 Establishments)
4. Particulars of Miscellaneous Receipts amounting to Rs 26,444-14-6.
5. Whether areas are included in the figures given in Statement C, and if so, to what amount (vide G.O. 12th May 1870 No 603).

For S. J. J. J.
1st July 1870

Signed / H. E. Stokes
Anda Sey;

To the President Municipal Comm.
Coonoor.

Public Department

ORDERS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from the
President of the Coornoor
Municipality

(P.L. 21st June 1870 No. 26
and 14th July - No. 27)

Order No. 100, Ootacamund,
12th August/70. No. 1010.

The Statement of
receipts furnished by the
Municipal Commissioners
of Coornoor for the year
1869-70 shows that they
received by current taxa-
tion Rs 1,223-7-11. They
draw from the State a
sum of Rs 1861-5-10 and
with the receipts from
sources not provided
for in the Act
and

and the balance brought forward, had at their disposal Rs 10,770-3-7. The balance brought forward does not correspond with the abstracts embodied in G. O. 13th July 1869 Rs 755 in consequence of the State Contribution due, and not that received, having been there entered. It is said that the State-ments now furnished include no arrears, and consequently it is presumed that the State Contribution drawn is entirely current. If this be so, a sum of Rs 384-4-4 paid in account of 1868-9 in June 1869 (Vide Press-club's letter recorded in the Proceedings of Government 12th May 1870 p. 52) has not been shown

Current			
Rents from houses & buildings	2313	1	5
Tax on carts, trades & professions	1220	0	0
Tax on carriages &c.	878	8	0
Registration of Carts	55	0	0
Licence fees	62	2	0
Fine fees	1525	12	6
	6053	7	1
State contribution	1861	5	10
Other receipts			
Market tolls	1281	4	3
Barley & straw &c.	180	5	4
Slaughter house &c.	310	10	8
Various donors	116	0	0
	1888	4	3
Balance brought forward	967	1	7
	10770	3	7

shown in the Statements. The receipts agree in the main with the estimates, except the Miscellaneous receipts and the market tolls, which show a considerable increase. The

With regard to the proceeds of sale of ruinous houses, the Government observe that under section 107 of the act, the surplus proceeds of house sale plus above expenses is to be returned to the owners. The money should therefore be kept in deposit, and is not at the disposal of the Municipal Commissioners, off against the property.

New Works	1439	11	6
Repairs	2479	12	7
Contingency	2575	0	10
Police	1574	4	0
Establishment	1570	2	9
	9636	15	8
Proportion of other than above specified in Section 25.	431	0	0
	10067	15	8
Balance carried forward	702	3	11
	10770	3	7

2. The expenditure amounted to Rs 10,067-15-8 leaving a balance of Rs 702 3-11 to be carried forward. 3. The sum paid for Police should have been shown as a Police charge, but, as the Government have already paid an equivalent, will not be included in the expenditure with reference to which the State contribution is to be computed. The

Repairs of the Slaughter
House, No 67-4-11, the
valley in the water chan-
nel No 202-8-11, the
road of a sandy patch,
from which the Com-
missioners derive a revenue.
The cost of water
& water cart No 33-6-11
of plants No 27-11-11 must
be transferred to purposes
other than those speci-
fied in Section 25. The
cost of Sussper's Camellia
should be charged to
Conceivancey.

4. It is said that the
Commissioners have paid
the Police charges for
seven months only, amount-
ing to Rs 649-11-11, but
that the balance has
since been paid. The
Superintendent's account
has not been forwarded

nor has the actual cost
of the Police been stated.
It appears that the
Accountant General's
Circular No 2221 dated
5th July 1869 has been
disregarded. The Govern-
ment will now deal with
the payments as they
stand, leaving adjust-
ments of charge to be
made hereafter. Extend-
ing the cost of Police
Rs 1, as fourth of the
Section 25 expenditure is
Rs 2,177-15-11 and on third
of the independent current
receipts Rs 2,014-7-11.
The latter sum, as the
Govt, will be the State
Contribution. The Com-
missioners have received
Rs 48,15-10 and are
therefore entitled to
Rs 153-2-1. If the

Sum of Rs 384-0-4 refer-
-red to in para 1 has been
included in Statement
C, they have now to
receive Rs 337-2-5.

5. The Statements
submitted to Government
should have borne the
Auditor's certificate
of correctness and his
report should have been
forwarded to Govern-
ment. From the re-
marks made by the
President as to what
an Auditor ought to do,
the Government infer
that the audit was un-
satisfactory. The
Government fully
concur in Mr. Bruce's
remarks & suggestions
and resolve to commu-
nicate them to the
Presidents.

See below

Presidents of all Munici-
palities for information
and guidance. The

Government would add
that it is the duty of
the Auditor to examine
whether the various registers
prescribed by the Act are
kept & contain the pre-
scribed particulars.

It is also advisable that the Auditor
should scrutinise the issues of revenue
warrants, a matter in which munici-
pal servants are apt to commit in-
regularities; but this seems scarcely
the business of an auditor. Col. should
be provided in the registers for showing
the dates of issue of bills, notices &
warrants, & in this way the issue
can be readily checked.

He,

Mr. Bruce's suggestions regarding Audit
are very useful. I think however that it would
be better if the Under Secy were to prepare a short
code of instructions regarding Municipal Audit, em-
bodying Mr. Bruce's suggestions & any other
and any others that may occur to him & that these
instructions should be issued direct from Govt to
all municipalities. — RSE

The President Mr. Connor

Dist. Secy. Police

Accountant General

P. M. Dept.

Board of Revenue

Sanitary Commissioners

Para 5 - with paper referred to,

& the President of all Municipalities

Yrs. but will refer to Law

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and expenditure of the
Commissioners of the
1869-70.