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12th August 1870.*

No. 82. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Cumbum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 26th July 1870, No. 15 :—

I have the honour to forward the report on the Municipality of Cumbum, with the accounts of receipts and expenditure for the year 1869-70, as called for by Government Order, No. 820, dated 11th July 1867, received by me from Mr. McCarthy on the 26th July.

From S. T. McCARTHY, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cumbum, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Cumbum, dated 16th July 1870, No. 25.

I have the honour to submit the following report regarding the working of the Cumbum Municipality during the year 1869-70. I enclose herein a detailed statement of expenditure, a statement of receipts, and an abstract of charges under all heads for the year under report.

2. The balance on hand, on the 30th April 1869, was Rupees 738-14-9. That at the end of the year 1869-70 was Rupees 1893-15-7. At the end of this year, only about 80 rupees of recoverable arrears remained uncollected.

3. The amount of Government contribution for sums expended for purposes specified in Section 25 of the Act, during the year, was as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
For the 1st quarter	175	2	10
Do. 2nd do.	250	9	8
Do. 3rd do.	467	13	3
Do. 4th do.	240	13	3

or in all Rupees 1134-7-0. Out of this we had drawn, by the end of the year, the contribution for the first three quarters, and had not, nor have as yet drawn the amount payable for the fourth quarter, viz., Rupees 240-13-3. Previous to the receipt of the Accountant-General's Circular, No. 2221, dated 5th July 1869, the full amount of the Police charges had been paid in the months of May, June, and July, and this amounted in all to Rupees 605-13-4. According to the above circular, we should have deducted one-fourth on account of Government contribution and should only have credited three-fourths of the amount to Government. Subsequently, however, in the month of November, the one-fourth, (amounting to Rupees 151-7-4,) which we had over-credited to Government, was replaced to the credit of our account, and thus the mistake was rectified.

4. I regret to state that, through oversight, we have not yet refunded the sum of Rupees 10, referred to in paragraph 4 of my report for last year, dated 12th July 1869. I shall take care, however, to do so when drawing the Government contribution for the fourth quarter of this year.

5. A sum of Rupees 154-6-4 was received on account of road-cass collected by the revenue officials for Fusly 1268-69.

6. It will be observed, from Statement C., that our receipts from taxes on houses and lands, profession-taxes, and tolls have fallen considerably short of the amounts estimated under those respective heads. The deficiency under the head of house and land-taxes amounts to nearly Rupees 150 ; that under the head of profession-taxes to about 180 rupees ; and the receipts from tolls fall short by over 200 rupees. The falling off in the collection of house-taxes may perhaps be accounted for, to some extent at least, by the fact that many houses were purchased and removed in order to widen the streets. The decrease in the receipts from profession-tax were owing to considerable reductions made, about the beginning of the year, by the Municipal Commissioners in the profession-taxes payable by several persons, many of whom had previously been assessed at Rupees 25 per annum. It is not easy to account for the decrease in toll collections, but this is a source of revenue which must be expected to fluctuate a good deal, as it depends entirely on the amount of traffic which may be carried on with the neighbouring localities.

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7. The receipts from other sources, viz., taxes on animals and vehicles, registration of carts, fees for licensing slaughter-houses, and fines, &c., have been slightly in excess of the sums which had been estimated.

8. Various improvements were effected during the year 1869-70. Four good and substantial latrines of stone and mud were erected in different parts of the town. The superficial areas of those latrines were respectively 392, 282, 152, and 136 square-yards, the height in all cases being six feet. Each latrine is divided into separate compartments for males and females, except the last and smallest one. This one is almost too small to divide into two compartments, and there is not sufficient vacant ground close to it on which to erect another one of similar size. It is used entirely by females I believe. We have thus done a good deal in the way of latrines, but what we have already done is scarcely sufficient for the requirements of the population. We will no doubt be able to do all that will be required within the current year.

9. The expenses incurred in the construction of the four latrines above mentioned amounted in all to Rupees 381-0-9. This included a sum of Rupees 132 paid as compensation to the owners of lands on which the latrines were built. Of the remainder of the sum Rupees 491-4-5, put down under the head of "New buildings," Rupees 96-14-1 was expended in the construction of a toll-keeper's shed at the *Chintalapollem*, or principal entrance to the town. The previous toll-shed, which was a wretched mud-hovel, having tumbled down, it was resolved to erect a substantial one of stone and chunam, and this was accordingly done, though the cost was higher than it was expected to be. It is proposed also to erect substantial sheds at the two other toll-gates, but not at so great a cost as the one near Chintalapollem, which is, I think, somewhat larger than it need be.

The remaining sum of Rupees 13-5-7 was spent in the formation of a new market-place which was commenced before the end of the year. The construction of this market-place will not cost very much, as the chief thing that required to be done was to clear away some old ruined walls of houses the owners of which, for a wonder, did not press for any compensation. It will cost but little now to finish it. This market will prove a great boon and convenience to the people.

10. A great deal has also been done in widening and straightening the streets. In one place this has been done for a distance of 500 yards, and in two others for a distance of 150 yards in each place. In all these cases, houses or portions of houses had to be purchased and pulled down. The streets thus widened were then thoroughly repaired. An entirely new cross street was also opened out so as to connect the two main thoroughfares, (which run parallel). The length of this new street thus opened out is about ninety yards. In order to construct it, it was found necessary to purchase some houses and also to remove a large quantity of rock. The opening of this new street has proved of great benefit to the people as a thoroughfare, and has also tended to facilitate the detection, by the police, of nuisances, which otherwise would be easily committed without discovery, owing to the large number of rocks in that portion of the town.

11. Some portions of roads in other places were also repaired, *without* the streets being widened, for an aggregate distance of about 300 yards.

12. The total expense incurred in making compensation for houses taken up by the Municipality was Rupees 1322-9-4. I have thought it proper to include this under the head of "*works*."

13. The total expense incurred in repairing those roads so widened, and also in making repairs where such had *not* been found necessary, was Rupees 519-1-6. This I have entered under the head of "*repairs*."

14. The town has been very much improved by the widening of the streets, where this has been done, and the people are now beginning to see the advantage of such improvements. In all cases the width of the streets has been increased from three or four to about eight yards.

15. A sum of Rupees 30-14-3 was expended on account of repairs to the *Gurralapatti* bridge, which crosses a channel at the extremity of the Municipal limits on the eastern side.

16. Some steps were also taken towards lighting the town. Towards the end of the year we procured fifteen lanterns from Kurnool, and fixed them in different parts of the town. The

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streets are now regularly lighted every night except when there is moonlight. The people seem to be more pleased with this than any other improvement which has been introduced. Of course the number of lanterns already procured are by no means sufficient, but we intend to procure more during the current year.

17. I regret to say that we have as yet been unable to construct the cisterns estimated for in the Budget for 1869-70, but we expect to be able to do so this year.

18. The expenditure on works fell short of the estimate by Rupees 1186-2-3, and that on repairs by Rupees 450-0-3. The cause of this was that I had not leisure to superintend the execution of more works than were actually carried out, and there scarcely could have been time to do much more. Moreover, the works that were done were done much more cheaply than was expected. I trust it will not be supposed, from this, that they were performed in an inefficient manner, but the fact was that I took care to use as much economy as possible.

19. The health of the town was very good during the year. Of course fever prevailed to a large extent as it always does in Cumbum during certain portions of the year, but there was no sign of cholera or any other epidemic. The only time at which there is a very large assemblage of people here is during the annual Mohorum festival. At the time of this festival, in April last, a large number of extra scavengers were employed, and stringent arrangements were adopted for the preservation of health. These arrangements were attended with complete success.

20. There has been a decrease in the expenditure under the head of Police charges. This is owing to a reduction in the Police force maintained by the Municipality, which was sanctioned in Government Order, No. 1346, dated 28th September 1869.

21. The accounts of the Municipality were audited by P. Nammayya Nayudu, a clerk in the Head Assistant Collector's office, and declared by him to be on the whole correct, though he states he detected certain irregularities on the part of the Manager in his mode of making entries, not however of a grave nature. It is my intention in future, therefore, to get the accounts audited once a-month, and pay the Auditor a monthly salary of three or four rupees, instead of paying him a lump sum annually, should this arrangement meet with approval.

22. I regret the delay which I have made in sending in this report. This delay arose in the auditing and preparation of the annual accounts.

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1870, No. 1018.

The report and statements submitted by the Vice-President of the Municipal

Current—			Rs.	A.	P.
Rate on Houses, Buildings, and Lands...	1,358	8	4		
Tax on Arts, Trades, &c.....	1,121	0	0		
Tolls.....	1,278	13	0		
Tax on Carriages, &c.....	507	12	0		
Registration of Carts.....	263	0	0		
License Fees.....	20	0	0		
Fines, &c.....	139	12	0		
	4,703	13	4		
State contribution.....	893	9	9		
Arrears—					
Houses, &c.....	302	11	11		
Trades.....	602	8	0		
Tolls.....	23	5	6		
Tax on Carriages, &c.....	1	0	0		
Miscellaneous.....	3	5	0		
State contribution.....	703	2	1		
	1,756	0	6		
Other receipts.....	154	6	4		
Balance.....	793	14	9		
	8,246	13	8		

Commission of Cumbum show that the receipts from current taxes were Rupees 4703-13-4, and from arrears Rupees 1756-0-6; and the State contribution drawn, the balance brought forward, and the other receipts being added, that the Commissioners had at their disposal Rupees 8246-12-8. In framing the marginal abstract, the Government have deducted from the receipts under Fines and Miscellaneous (which ought to have been shown in detail) the fines refunded on appeal entered in the statement of expenditure, and have transferred to that statement the adjustment of the sum overpaid on account of current Police charges

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in the first quarter. The amount should have been deducted from the gross sum debited for Police in Statement A.

2. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 8352-13-1, as shown in the margin.

	Rs.	A.	P.
New Works.....	1,800	8	2
Repairs.....	549	15	9
Conservancy.....	818	15	1
Police.....	1,749	8	7
Establishment.....	1,395	15	11
	6,277	15	6
Purposes other than those specified in Section 25.....	94	13	7
	6,372	13	1
Balance carried forward	1,879	15	7
Total...	8,251	12	8

The outlay on preparing a site for the market, Rupees 13-5-7, has been transferred to purposes other than those specified in Section 25. The Government notice with dissatisfaction the high proportion which the charges for establishment bear to the whole receipts and charges of the Municipality. It is chiefly caused by the charge for toll-keepers Rupees 358, which is no less than 27·9 per cent. of the toll

collections. The Commissioners would find it much more economical to let the tolls on contract. Notwithstanding the expensive establishment the arrears, which were outstanding at the beginning of the year and subsequently collected, are equivalent to more than one-fifth of the current receipts. The conservancy outlay appears inadequate. Only ten sweepers are maintained; and though the Commissioners have ample funds, only four permanent latrines have been built.

3. The actual cost of the Police has not been stated. The President will in future invariably forward with the Municipal statements the Police Superintendent's account, and the report of the Auditor by whom the statements submitted to Government should be authenticated. Assuming the cost of the Police to have been in conformity with the estimates the expenditure under Section 25 has been Rupees 6861-2-4; and as one-third of the current receipts independent of the State contribution, or Rupees 1563-4-5, is less than one-fourth of this sum, it is to be taken as the State contribution. Rupees 674-10-8 is, therefore, due to the Commissioners, but from this sum must be deducted Rupees 20, made up of Rupees 10 adverted to in paragraph 4 of the Vice-President's report, and Rupees 10 which has been overdrawn in adjustment of the State contribution for 1868-69. The payment sanctioned in G. O., 2nd August 1869, No. 1068, was Rupees 753-2-1, but the Commissioners have drawn Rupees 763-2-1. The mistake should have been explained.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. J. Wright.

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Abstract of charges under all heads in current by the Municipal Council for the Town of Cumbum during the year ending 30th April 1870.

	Actual Exp.	
	Amount	Total
1. New works and improvements	1813/13 9	
2 Repairs	549/15 9	
3 Conservancy	818/15 1	
4 Police	1900/15 11 157 7 4	1749 8 7
5 Establishment	1354/15 11	
		6,438/12 2
For the purposes other than those specified in Sec 25 of act X of 1865		81 8 "
Total		6,520/4 5

Cumbum
Municipal Council Office
16th July 1870

P. M. M. M.
Vice President
C. W. C.

Boat of 18703

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To

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

Dated August, 12th.

Recd.

Enc.

G. O., 12th August 1870, No. 1018.

AUGUST.
Nos. 82-83.

Reviewing the Statements showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the Cumbum Municipality for the year 1869-70.

Actual charges
 incurred
 since all began
 during the year 1869-70

In Public Office

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Actual receipts for the year ending 30th April 1870

	actual Collection	Arrears collected for	Total
1 Rates on houses buildings & lands	135884	30211	166143
2 Tax on Arts, trades & Professions	1121	6628	17838
3 Tolls	127813	2356	130226
4 Tax on Carriage and Animals	50712	1	50812
5 Registration of Motor vehicles without tax	268		268
6 Fees for Licensing Slaughter Houses	20		20
7 Fines and other miscellaneous receipts	16512	35	1691
	471913	499214	55712119
Balance from last year			7381493
Receives for 1868-69			15464
Govt contribution for last 2 quarters of 1868-69			76321
Govt contribution for 1 st three quarters of 1869-70			76321
at the rate of £. of sum expended for purposes specified in sec 25 with exception of Police expenditure)	89399		893993
Refund of Govt Contribution of £ of Police expenditure during 1 st quarter this amount having been overpaid by the Municipality to Government	15174		15174
			84144
Comptroller Municipal Council Office 16 th July 1870			
			Pro. Secy Vice President C. W. C.

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

from the
President Municipal Commission
Cumbum. Kurnool.

(Recd. order 21 July 70. P. 10)

Order Thomas B. A. 12. Jan.
1901. P. 1018.

J. P. S.

Current	
Rate on houses buildings land	1388-8-4
Tax on Cattle trade &c	1121-11-11
Tolls	1275-13-11
Tax on Carriages &c	577-12-11
Registration of Cattle	268-11-11
License fees	20-11-11
Fines &c	147-12-11
	4703-13-4
State contribution	843-9-9

Current	
Houses &c	322-11-11
Tolls	662-8-11
Tolls	23-5-6
Tax on Carriages &c	1-11-11
Miscellaneous	3-5-11
State Contribution	768-2-1
	1756-11-6
Other receipts	1874-6-4
Balance	738-11-9
	8246-12-8

The report and statement
submitted by the Vice-
President of the Municipal
Commission of Cumbum
show that the receipts
from current taxes were
Rs 4703-13-4 and from
arrears Rs 1706-11-6, and
the State contribution
drawn, the balance brought
forward and the other
receipts being added,
that the Commission
had at their disposal
Rs 8246-12-8. In framing
the marginal abstract

Actual Receipts for
the year ending 30.6.1901

In Public No 1088 of 1901

The Government have deducted from the receipts under fines and miscellanies (which ought to have been shown in detail)

The refunded fines refunded on appeal entered in the statement of expenditure and have transferred to that statement the adjustment of the sum overpaid on account of current police charges in the first quarter. The amount should have been deducted from the gross sum debited for Police in Statement A.

The expenditure
amounted to Rs. 8352-13-1
as shown in the margin.

Repairs	1800-8
Contingency	845-10
Police	848-10
Establishments	1709-2
	1868-10
	6277-10

The outlay on preparing
a site for the market

Outlay other than that specified in Section 26	74-1
Balance carried forward	6372
	1848
	8246

Rs. 8246

Rs. 1000 has been transferred to surplus other than that specified in Section 26. The Government notice with satisfaction the high proportion which the charges for establishment bear to the whole receipts and charges of the Municipality. It is charge caused by the charge for toll keeps Rs. 358 which is no less than 279 per cent of the toll collections. The Commissioners want find it much more economical to let the toll on contract. But without funding the expenses of establishment the amount which was out of

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the cost of the Police
to have been in con-
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estimated expenditure
under Section 25
has been Rs. 686-2-4;
and as one third of
the current receipts
independent of the
State contribution
or Rs. 1568-4-5 is less
than one fourth of
this sum, it is to be
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and Re 10 which has
been over drawn in
adjustment of the
State contribution
for 1868-69. The payment
sanctioned in G.O.
2nd August 1864 to 1068
was Re 768-2-1 but
the Commissioners
have drawn Re 763-2-1.
The mistake should
have been explained.

H.P. W.

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To the President of the
Cumbrian Humane Society
"Superintendent of Police"
"Accountant General"
"Public Works Dept"
"Board of Revenue & Sanitary Comm."

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To

The Pres. of the "Common"

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Concerning the statement
showing the receipt of the
action of the conference
consequently for the
year 1869/70

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C. H. P. H.