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Public DEPARTMENT.

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7th November 1870.

No. 43. Read the following letter from the Acting President of the Municipal Commissions in Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 30th September 1870, No. 427:—

Referring to the Proceedings of Government, Public Department, dated 4th August 1870, No. 973, I have the honour to submit the following explanation in respect to the remarks therein contained.

2. VIZAGAPATAM, *paragraph 3*.—The ferry-boat referred to was made over to the former Municipal Association, on condition of the payment to Government of an annual ferry rent of Rupees 150, the boat's crew being maintained and two canoes kept for ferrying the mails over free of all expenses to Government. Upon the introduction of Act X. of 1865 the rent ceased; but, as the ferry is within the municipal limits, the boat was taken charge of by this Municipality, and the ferry farmed out under an engagement that the charges should not exceed the rates shown in the schedule annexed. The fees in question are the same as those of the other boat-owners who ply their boats in the same locality. An efficient establishment is maintained for the working of the boat, and two canoes are kept to ply over the Government mails regularly.

The system adopted works satisfactorily, and it is not a monopoly.

Tolls payable for Ferriage.

	RS.	A.	P.
On every palanquin, tonjon, dooly or other conveyance with a set of bearers and occupant	0	2	0
To every bag, bundle or cooly load	0	0	1
On every person with load	0	0	2
Do. do. without load	0	0	1

The tolls levied on vehicles and animals are in accordance with Schedule B of the Act.

3. VIZIANAGRAM, *paragraph 7*.—Arrears to the amount of Rupees 103-2-0, it appears, have been included in the sums entered in Statement C under the head "Fines and Miscellaneous receipts." This is a sum recovered in part of the amount decreed by the Civil Court against two toll contractors for the year 1867-68, as was exhibited in Statement C for the year 1868-69. There is a sum of Rupees 204-10-2 still to be recovered from them. No Government grant was passed on this amount in the latter year.

4. BIMPATAM, *paragraph 11*.—A revised Statement C, showing the arrear and current collections separately, as directed, is appended.

5. *Paragraph 12*.—The charge for bricklayers has always been shown under the head of "Conservancy—Road Establishment." Since the Act came into operation, they were permanently employed for the purpose of keeping the drains, wells, &c., in repair. Some time ago the Commissioners resolved to give out all works on contract, and the services of the bricklayers were dispensed with.

As regards the item of Rupees 140, expended for the purchase of huts for the new roads, I beg to observe that a fire took place in the town on the 4th January last, and destroyed no less than eighty-eight houses. A meeting of the inhabitants was convened to subscribe towards alleviating the distress of the burnt-out poor, and it was then proposed that two new streets should be made through the village. The Municipality had to purchase fourteen huts which obstructed the line of new road at Rupees 10 each, or Rupees 140.

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The public wells in this Municipality are so connected with the drains that all waste water from them runs into the latter.

6. *Paragraph 15.*—The over-payment on account of Police charges, for 1868-69, of Rupees 116 8-7, was omitted to be recovered by an oversight. This will at once be deducted from the current year's accounts.

7. Referring to the remarks of Government contained in paragraph 16, I beg to submit an explanation from the Auditor of the Bimlipatam accounts for the information of Government.

8. The other instructions contained generally in the Order of Government, now under reply, will be duly attended to.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1870, No. 1137.

The abstract of expenditure in the Municipality of Bimlipatam, embodied in G. O., 4th August 1870, No. 973, will be corrected by the transfer of the sum of Rupees 140, referred to in paragraph 5 of the foregoing letter, from "Establishment" to "New Works."

2. The Commissioners are entitled to a balance of State contribution amounting to Rupees 78-3-5.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting President of the Municipal Commissions in Vizagapatam

„ Inspector-General of Police.

„ Accountant-General.

On a letter from the Ctg. Secy.
in aid of the Municipal
Commission of Vizagapatam
dated 13th September 1870
N^o 427.

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Statement showing the
collections of the P. D. in
Vizagapatam Municipality
for 1869-70.

Cost. of 1870 ~~3~~ 1/2 Rs.

PUBLIC.

To
THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS IN
VIZAGAPATAM,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 7th.

Recd.

Exo.

G. O. 7th November 1870. No. 1437.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 43-44.

Making a certain allusion in the abstract of
expenditure in the Municipal Municipality,
embodied in G. O. 4th August 1870, No. 928.

Statement showing the collections of the
Ponteponen Municipality for 1869.70

Collections for 1869.70

Particulars Current & Mac. Credits

Tax on Cuts made by None	1963.12.0	1963.12.0
Tolls do	5400.0.0	5400.0.0
Taxes on Curriepede do	350.0.0	350.0.0
Fines & Miscellaneous do	59.5.3	59.5.3
	7.773.1.3	7.773.1.3

State Contributions	1781.8.4
Balance brought forward	2792.13.6

Due 12,367.7.1

Ponteponen } By order of Commissioners/
6th October 1870.

V. J. Blundell
Assistant for Ag. Magistrate
Ponteponen M.C.

Chas. Pugh
Secretary

Office of Municipal Commissioners
Ponteponen 1st September 1870

To Mr. Brown Esq. &
Ponteponen

Sir
In reply to your letter
of this day's date I have the honor
to say that I cannot see how I
can allow you to make a re. audit
without the sanction of government,
I have the honor to be

Yours most ob. Servant,
Richard Rogers
Chair President

Frank M. Mason

Principatum 1st Sep^r 1896

The Vice President

Municipal Commission

Principatum

Sir

I was intended to make a re-audit,
but I am at a loss to understand why
you should show me the remarks on the
audit, unless you gain me the means for
replying to them.

I am &c.

Yours truly
Frank M. Mason

Sand of Madras
Sivulipatam 2^d September 1891

The President
Municipal Commission
Vizagapatam

Sir

The other day my attention was drawn by the Vice President Municipal Commission, Sivulipatam to some remarks of Government about my last audit, & I afterwards wrote to him for permission to look at the books again, with a view to sending you a reply to the paper referred to, as it reflected on the way I had audited the accounts. I enclose the Vice President's reply to my request, & a copy of my answer. I believe that any rate payee has a right to look at the books of the Commission, & that therefore I was entitled to see them; however, as I was refused, I will try reply to what I recollect of the order of Government already mentioned.

The statements were

Firstly, that mentioning an error in the balance I did not state to what balance I referred.

The only balance mentioned in my letter was the Deputy Tahsildar's, and is the only balance I know of in the return.

Secondly, that there was an error of two pias in some part of the returns.

I cannot go into this, as I have no books to refer to, but I carefully checked the returns sent into Government with the cash books, and I have no recollection of any

error. The balance, as I said before, was a few pios in excess, this was caused by a mistake in the additions in the cash book, which I pointed out to the Secretary at the time, & which he acknowledged. A trivial error also arose from some of the fortnightly balances having an imaginary sum of a half a pio, which of ^{course} caused confusion, & was afterwards discontinued. The total of these mistakes was only a few pios, & as the balance was in excess, I did not think it necessary to have books & returns all altered. This I say. It is said I ought not to have taken the Minute Book as a voucher, that I say nothing of the registers being correct, and that the audit seems to have been performed in "a perfunctory manner". To these statements I reply, that the Minute book is signed every fortnight by the Vice President, & has the total of the accounts copied out of the cash book, & this being the case I considered it & the Deputy Tahiti fortnightly balances as good vouchers as I required. The cash book is an epitome of all the work done in the office, and as I went over every figure in this book, and took out the returns from it, I believe I went as fully as was necessary into the accounts & more so than is generally done in an audit of the sort, and that after the errors I pointed out in my former letter, and the explanation given of the work done, I can scarcely understand why my audit should be termed "perfunctory". Hoping that you will consider my explanation satisfactory.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

M. J. J. J.

N^o 427. Viragapatam 30th September 1870

A. J., Melville Esq:
 Cg., President of the Municipal Commission,
 Vizagapatam

The Honorable R. S. Ellis C. B.
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Fort St. George

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In a letter from the
President of the Principal
Commission of Virginia
dated 30 September 1870
N^o 1427

— Explanation of the Circumstances of the Philadelphia Meeting, actual one only.

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Your most obed^t. servant,

W^m H. Harrison
Ag^t & President of the, Man^l. fem^l.

Govt. of Madras

Public

The Dy. Pres. Muni. Comm.
Vizagapatam

Dated Nov. 7.
Recd.

G. O. 7 Nov. 1870 No. 437

Nos. 43. 44.

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the Bimlipatam Municipality
embodied in G. O. 4 Aug. 1870
No. 973.

7 November 1870 No. 1637-
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President of the M. C. in Vizagapatam
Santhosh Kumar & Co.
General Account

From
The Dy. President
of the Municipal Commission
Vizagapatam

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Dist. D. George
Dated 30th September 1870
Received *[Signature]*

3. *[Signature]*
No. 427

Forwarding explanation
on the remarks contained
in the Proceedings of Govt.
dated 14 August 1870 & 1871