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

Read the following papers :—

No. 51. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 12th March 1870, No. 20.

In paragraph 3 of my letter to Government, dated 19th August 1869, No. 46, I said, "In reviewing the annual report of the Coonoor Municipality the Government in their Order of the 13th July 1869, No. 955, pointed out that the Commissioners had overdrawn Rupees 619-8-0 under the head of Government contributions. They now request* that this sum (Rupees 619-8-0) may be taken in part adjustment of the Rupees 900, and that the balance, Rupees 280-8-0, may be paid over to them."

* This request was made under the idea that Rs. 619-8-0 had been actually overdrawn by them, and they wished that amount, plus Rs. 280-8-0 to go to their credit as a re-payment on the part of Govt. of Rs. 900, the moiety of the cost of the new Police Lines paid by the Municipality. The Govt. in their Order, 19th Jan. 1870, No. 75, have decided that the Municipality must bear half the cost of the new Police Lines, and the Rs. 900 accordingly is not to be refunded to them.

2. The Commissioners have now discovered that no such sum was actually overdrawn by them, but that, on the contrary, taking the actual money raised and expended by them from the commencement of the Municipality, (omitting all items raised and expended by them for purposes other than those specified in Section 25, and omitting the Rupees 900 granted by Government as the Government moiety of the cost of the new Police Lines,) there exists a balance of Rupees 156-6-8 to be paid by Government as their contribution under the Act up to 30th April 1869.

The Municipal Commissioners submit a statement showing all the Government contributions they have actually received from the beginning, and the several sums they have actually raised and expended (omitting the items mentioned before) up to the 30th April 1869.

This statement leaves a balance in their favour of Rupees 156-6-8.

3. The Commissioners are urgently in want of funds. I shall be glad of an early order upon this letter.

No. 52. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 23rd April 1870, No. 22.

With reference to your Under Secretary's Official Memorandum, No. 78, of the 6th instant, Public Department, wishing to be informed of the manner in which the instalments of Government contribution paid to the Coonoor Municipality were arrived at, I beg to state that the Rupees 1823-13-1 consist of three sums, viz., Rupees 906-4-11 paid for the first two quarters of 1868-69 on 19th December 1868; Rupees 533-7-10 paid for the third quarter of the same year on 10th March 1869; and Rupees 384-0-4 paid for the last quarter on the 18th June 1869. These sums are one-third the actual receipts—*vide* Statements A., B., and C., in accordance with Government Order, No. 1274, of 15th October 1867, Public Department. On the actual expenditure by the Municipality being ascertained at the close of the year the amount of contribution due, viz., twenty-five per cent., was found to be Rupees 1980-3-9, or Rupees 156-6-8 in excess of the sums previously paid. The statement prepared by the Municipal Commissioners showing the Government contributions from the commencement tallies with the entries in the public accounts.

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12th May 1870.*

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1870, No. 603.

Under the explanation now furnished by the President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, and on the understanding that no sums on account of the sanctioned State contribution for 1868-69 have been paid since June 1869, which is not clearly stated in the President's letters, the Government cancel paragraph 3 of G. O., 19th January 1870, No. 75, and authorize the disbursement, to the Commissioners of Coonoor, of Rupees 156-6-8, the balance remaining unpaid.

2. Had the arrears and current receipts been properly discriminated in the statements submitted by the Commissioners with their annual report for 1868-69, the mistake and subsequent correspondence would have been avoided. The President will be good enough to see that the two classes of receipts above mentioned are separately shown in the statements shortly to be submitted for 1869-70, not only with regard to the Government contribution, but also to all other items.

3. This order will be communicated to the Presidents of all Municipalities, with a view to their observing the instructions contained in paragraph 2.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions in
,, Accountant-General.
,, Inspector-General of Police.

Exd, J. Wright,

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It will appear that the sum of \$109-15⁰⁰ was the Government Contribution for the whole of the year ending April/68 and the sum of 906-4-11 the contributions for the 1st half year of 1868/69. Government have included these two amounts in their contribution for 1868 & 1869, whereas the first amount is the Contribution for 1867 & 1868 alone, although the whole 2599-11-9 was received in 1868 & 1869.

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Enclosure 1.

Statement of Coonoor Municipal Funds
raised under each head, during the half year ending
31st October 1868.

Assessment on Houses, Buildings and Lands	1124	6	3
Tax on Trades and Profession	271	8	"
Do on Carriages and Animals	338	1	3
Fees for Registration of Carts	24	"	"
Market Tolls	486	9	3
Fines	54	"	"
Process Service Fees	3	8	"
Sale of Manure	92	"	"
Bandy Pettah Contract Tolls	121	13	11

Total Rupees, 2,718 11 10

(Office of the President of
the Municipal Commission (Municipal Board)
Cotacamund 19th December 1868) (Signed H. H. Roupell.
President)

(True copy)
J. W. Seeler
President

I have not observed the
actual receipt of
any amount Contribution
since the amount within
the Coonoor Municipality
are sent to the Board.

Dec 12 - May 1/70 & co 57
 100/100/100

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Actual Receipts for the 3rd Quarter
ending 31st January 1869.

1	Rate on Houses and Buildings —	785	8	9
2	Tax on Arts, Trade, & Professions —	243	"	"
3	Tolls Coonoor Market —	253	14	9
4	Tax on Carriages and Animals —	205	"	"
5	Registration of Carts and vehicles without Springs —	13	"	"
Total Receipts.		1600	7	6
Government Contribution at 1/3 of the actual Collections as per G. O. of the 15 th October 1867 N ^o 1274.		533	7	10
Grand Total Receipts.		2133	15	14

Coonoor
Municipal Office B / Signed / S. G. Hodgson, Mayor
3rd February 1869
Vice President

True Copy
J. Moorely
President

To the Chief Secretary
Government.
Madras.
Dated 23rd Feb 1869
Recd
Statement of Coonoor
Municipal Taxes
received under Sec.
No. 12 during the
half year ending
31st Dec 1868.
From "M" May 1869 No. 1853
M. No. 612 / 70.

Abstract report of Receipts and Expenditure for the 4th Quarter ending 30 April 1869

Receipts	Amount	Total	Expenditure	Amount	Total
1 st February 1869 Balance from last Month		2270 14	Buildings / Gates and Road		
Tax on houses and Buildings	325	8 3	for Laughton house and Police	963	11
Tax on Trades	171	" "	Lines		
Tax on Vehicles and Animals	105	4 "	Roads / Railings / Parapets and level	890	6 11
Registration of Carts	11	" "	ling &c		
Sale of Mamour & thatched houses	48	2 "	Conservancy	1059	5 1
Market Tolls	253	2 9	Police	283	4 "
Laughton house Contract	158	" "	Office	262	15 1
Bandyfella Contract	50	1152 1	Compensation and Refunds	79	8
Government contribution up to 31 st Dec			Sundries Tools and Plants	290	4 "
January 1869	3	533 7 10	Total Ruppes		3829 6 1
Received from Government for Police fines	900	1433 7 10	Balance in hand on the 30 April 1869		967 1 7
Grand Total Ruppes		4796 7 8	Grand Total Ruppes		4796 7 8

Coonoor
Municipal Office
16 June 1869

(True Copy)
Witness
President

Signed J. H. Hooper
Vice President

4th Public Ref

The Commissioner

at Calhoun

Pres. 12th May 1870.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government

Fort Saint George.

Dated 12th March 1870

Received 16th

10.603.

No. 20

Do 406.

Enclosures 1.

Submit a statement
from the Co-
Municipality and
requests that Rs.
156-6.8 may be
disbursed to them
for reasons
stated in the letter

19 Jan'y/70 Rs. 80-81
2 Sept/69 — 16-17
18 Octr — 73-74
8 Feby — 71-72
18 Novr/68 — 90-91
16 October/66 — 138-139

Memorandum for orders.

G. O. 13th July 1869 N^o 955.

When the report and accounts of the Municipality of Coonoor for 1868-9 were reviewed, it was decided that the Commissioners were entitled to a state contribution of Rs 1980-3-9, whereas the accounts showed that they had received within the year Rs 2599-11-9; and subsequently

G. O. 2nd Sep. 1869 N^o 1234

when the disbursement of a special grant of Rs 900, a minority of

authorized in G. O. 18th Nov. 1868 N^o 1425

The cost of police huts to be erected by the Com^{rs} was sanctioned, it was ordered that the sum of Rs 280-8-0, overdrawn in 1868-9 should be set off against the grant, & the difference, Rs 280-8-0, paid in cash. The Inspector General of Police reported that the grant of Rs 900 had been paid in January 1869; and was ordered to withhold payment of the Rs 280-8-0.

G. O. 18th October 1869 N^o 1434.

On receipt of this order,

The President of the Com^{rs} addressed a letter to Govt^t from which it appeared that the application of the Com^{rs} in which the order of the 2nd Sep. was passed, really was that they should be reimbursing the sum of Rs 900 which they originally paid for the Police huts as the equivalent of the Govt^t grant; and in fact, that the whole cost of the huts should be borne by the State. They repeated this application, asking that they might be excused from repaying the Rs 619.8.0 overdrawn, & that they might be paid in cash Rs 280.8.0, as sanctioned in the order of the 2nd Sep.

3. Govt^t, in reply, stated that that order was passed under the supposition that the original grant had not been disbursed; and, declining to comply with the Commission^{ers},

22nd Dec^r 1869 N^o 65

G.O. 19th Jan. 1870. N^o 75.

	Sums actually received in each year.	Sanctioned on basis of the accounts.
1866-7	203. 0. 0	277. 3. 6
1867-8	74. 3. 6	1159. 15. 0
1868-9	2599. 11. 9	1980. 3. 9
	<u>2876. 15. 3.</u>	<u>3417. 6. 3</u>
Difference		540. 7. 0
Since paid on acct. of 1868-9		384. 0. 4
Balance now payable.		156. 6. 8

Consisting of	
Arrears for 1867-8.	1159. 15. 0.
Current 1868-9	1439. 12. 9
	<u>2599. 11. 9</u>

request for the grant of the second moiety of the cost of the huts, directed that the sum overdrawn in 1868-9 should be repaid by the Commissioners.

President's letter N^o 20 of 12th March 1870. They now forward a statement of sums received, and sums due, on account of State contribution in 1866-7, 1867-8, & 1868-9; which it ap-

pears that the sum received in 1868-9 consisted in Cash of arrears from 1867-8; that the full sanctioned contribution for 1868-9 has not been paid; and that so far from the Commissioners owing Govt^t Rs 619-8-0, for overdraft, Govt^t must pay the Com^{rs} Rs 156. 6. 8.

5. The correctness of the statement is vouched for by Mr. Brakes; and, if the Govt^t adhere to the order sanctioning a State contribution of Rs 1980-3-9 for 1868-9, it is clear that

the Commissioners' present claim must be admitted. It is no less clear that the Com^r was not entitled to a contribution of that amount; as in computing the contribution, it was struck on the expenditures under section 25 without any reference to the ^{independent} current receipts accruing under the act. The contribution must be struck on whichever is the less; and will be either one ^{the same proportion} of the expenditures; or of the gross receipts including the contribution, which is the same thing as one third of the receipts independent of it. The following statement shows the proper method of computing the contribution for the 3 years.

For.	Actual receipts for State Contribution	* Current receipts exclusive of do.	Expenditure under sec. 25.	$\frac{1}{4}$ Col. 4.	$\frac{1}{5}$ Column 3.
1866-7	277. 3. 6.	1907. 1. 6	1108. 14. 2	<u>277. 3. 6</u>	635. 11. 2.
1867-8	1159. 15. 0	4557. 3. 8	4639. 12. 0	<u>1159. 15. 0</u>	1519. 1. 2
1868-9	1823. 13. 1	4147. 14. 8	7920. 15. 2.	1980. 3. 9	<u>1382. 7. 6</u>
	<u>3260. 15. 7</u>				

The sums underlined in the last two columns, are the proper amounts of the State Contribution, and aggregate Rs 2819.10.0. The Com^r

* Certain inadmissible receipts such as market ^{tax} &c, are omitted in this column.

however, have received Rs 3260. 15. 7; and, on a correct computation of the contribution should therefore refund Rs 441. 5. 7.

6. It is presumed, however, that Gov^t having once, though erroneously, sanctioned Rs 1980. 3. 9 as the State contribution for 1868-9 will not now go back of this order; and the accompanying draft has therefore been prepared.

H. L. S.
27/4/70.

I would yield
the point.
J. D. S.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following letter
from the Presd. of the
Municipal Commⁿ, Coonoor,
dated 23rd April 70. No 22.

Order thereon to 603-12 May 70.

Under the explana-
-tion now furnished by
the President of the Mun-
-icipal Commission,
Coonoor, and on the under-
-standing that no sums on
account of the sanctioned
State Contribution for 1868-9
have been paid since June
1869, which is not clearly
stated in the President's
letters,

S. D. S.
J.
B. A.

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letters; the Govt cancel
para 3 of G.O 19th January
1870, No 75, and authorize
the disbursement, to the
Commissioners of Income,
of Rs 156-6-8, the balance
remaining unpaid.

I Had the arrears and
current receipts been pro-
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the statements submitted
by the Commissioners with
their annual report for 1868-9,
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not only with regard to
the Govt contribution but
also to all other items.

3. This order will be
communicated to the
Presidents of all Munici-
-palities with a view
to their observing the in-
-structions contained in
paragraph 2.

Her
V. M.

To the Presidents of the several municipalities. *dist 1870*

— Secy General }
" Insp of Police } *dist 1870*

C. 28/4
R. 10 May