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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 976	Press Mis.
Dated 5-8	1870 19

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
5th August 1870.*

No. 28. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Cocanada, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cocanada, 28th June 1870, No. 21:—

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act during the year 1869-70, accompanied by Statements A., B., and C. in the prescribed forms.

2. The year opened with a balance of Rupees 7507-0-5, inclusive of Rupees 756-10-9, on account of deposits* of tolls and wharves.

	RS.	A.	P.
* Of Tolls	666	10	9
Of Wharves	90	0	0
Total...	756	10	9

3. The receipts during the year, for the purposes mentioned in Section 25, amounted to Rupees 15,846-2-0, as particularized below:—

	Actuals of 1868-69.			Actuals of 1869-70.			Difference.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. House-tax	4,110	13	0	4,629	0	0	+518	3	0
2. Professional-tax... ..	5,496	8	0	6,321	8	0	+825	0	0
3. Tolls... ..	4,850	0	0	4,000	0	0	—850	0	0
4. Tax on Carriages and Animals... ..	415	8	0	534	8	0	+119	0	0
5. Registration of Carts and Vehicles without springs	57	0	0	85	0	0	+ 28	0	0
6. Fees for licensing offensive Trades	20	0	0	30	0	0	+ 10	0	0
7. Fines and other Miscellaneous receipts	172	4	0	246	2	0	+ 73	13	3
Total...	15,122	1	9	15,846	2	0	+724	0	3

The increase under House and Professional taxes is due to the number of new houses built, and to the number of traders newly settled in the place. The falling off under tolls was occasioned by a prevalence of uncertainty among the contractors as to the changes contemplated by Government in respect to Cart-tax. The improvement under other heads is too small to call for remark.

4. Under Section 29 of the Act the receipts during the year were Rupees 1058-6-2, or Rupees 428-14-1 in excess of last year's collections:—

	Actuals of 1868-69.			Actuals of 1869-70.			Difference.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Fees for temporary Thatch Pandals	44	0	0	38	0	0	— 6	0	0
2. Rent on the Municipal Wharves... ..	296	4	0	543	12	0	+ 247	8	0
3. Tax on Woodyards	159	1	7	236	14	0	+ 77	12	5
4. Surplus of Cattle Trespass Fines... ..	110	6	9	72	4	2	— 38	2	7
5. Sale proceeds of materials of Police Huts, branches of withered Trees, &c... ..	19	11	9	167	8	0	+ 147	12	3
Total...	629	8	1	1,058	6	2	+ 428	14	1

The largest increase is in the rent of wharves, which the Commissioners constructed and rented out. The Commissioners are alive to the importance of

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raising adequate funds in order to have the means to meet the wants of this rising town.

5. The following is a comparative statement of expenditure:—

	Amount expended in 1868-69.			Amount expended in 1869-70.			Difference.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. New Works and Improvements...	7,320	1	7	8,215	0	5	+	894	14 10
2. Repairs	2,209	7	5	3,729	14	1	+	1,520	6 8
3. Conservancy	2,274	10	4	2,611	2	3	+	336	7 11
4. Police... ..	5,373	10	8	4,702	10	11	—	670	15 9
5. Establishment and Miscellaneous charges.	1,781	2	10	5,210	6	6	+	3,429	3 8
Total...	18,959	0	10	24,469	2	2	+	5,510	1 4

Very important works were undertaken during the year and pushed on to completion—

(i.) The Commercial road, which was levelled and sanded last year, was bottomed with broken stone, and gravelled from the bridge to the Sea Custom-house, a distance of 1100 yards running along the Cocanada river.

(ii.) The Suryarow or New Peta road open last year to connect the new and old towns was extended to within a few yards of the northern limit of the Municipality.

(iii.) One branch road from the mosque on the main road to the river was newly made and gravelled. Another was begun and partly done.

(iv.) The construction of a stone V drain on the bazaar road to carry off the rain water was begun and carried to a distance of 200 yards, and materials for its further extension have been collected.

(v.) The construction of a covered drain to bring water from the Samulcottah channel to the tanks in Cocanada has been begun, and this when finished will prove of the greatest benefit to the town. This will be rather a costly work. It is estimated about 6500 rupees, and the funds in hand will only allow of about 360 yards being completed. It will be finished, it is hoped, next year.

(vi.) The Police lines were tiled and put in thorough repair.

(vii.) A piece of ground, measuring twelve acres, was taken possession of under the provisions of the late Act VI. of 1857, at a valuation of Rupees 3213, for being used for latrines, but the matter is now in appeal before the High Court.—*Vide* Proceedings of Government, dated 21st April 1870, No. 550, Revenue Department.

(viii.) The prickly-pear bushes along the salt creek, between the girder and lattice bridges, have been rooted up. Every attention has been paid to providing latrines for the public. Some grounds have been raised and temporary latrines built thereon. The above causes account for the increased expenditure under the various heads. The compensation paid for the ground is included under "Establishment and Miscellaneous charges," and hence the large increase under that head.

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6. The expenditure for the purposes of Section 29 was Rupees 1081-1-1, as shown below:—

	Actual expenditure, 1868-69.			Actual expenditure, 1869-70.			Difference.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Pay of Lamp Lighters	119	13	4	168	0	0	+	48	2 8
2. Value of Coconut-oil for lighting the streets.	487	13	9	616	3	10	+	128	6 1
3. Value of lanterns and posts and cost of repairing the existing ones... ..	95	6	8	38	8	0	—	56	14 8
4. Paid for the construction of Wharves, &c. ...	409	7	5	248	5	3	—	161	2 2
5. Portion of cost of building a wall around the Slaughter-house, Jagannaikapur side... ..	...	...	...	10	0	0	×	10	0 0
6. Planting, watering, and fencing Trees	288	1	2	...	...	...	—	288	1 2
7. Paid for repairing Wharves	18	12	6	...	...	...	—	18	12 6
8. Miscellaneous charges	102	1	0	...	...	...	—	102	1 0
Total...	1,521	7	10	1,081	1	1	—	440	6 9

The increase under the first two items is due to some new lights having been set up. On the whole, there was a decrease in the expenditure, most of the requirements of the town having been attended to in the previous years.

7. The Commissioners held nineteen meetings during the year for the transaction of business. Sub-Committees were formed for the revision of taxes on houses and professions. The number of appeals disposed of by them was thirty-four against the former, and 170 against the latter tax.

8. The three suits, which were stated in my last report as pending, have since been disposed of—one in favour of, and two against, the Municipality. One was instituted by Mr. A. L. Vonsolsten for the recovery of damages, the Commissioners having refused permission to his building a block of thatched huts. The case was decided in favour of the Municipality. The second was for recovery of the cost agreed to be paid by the Municipality to a contractor for building wharves. The Commissioners withheld payment, the work not having been executed according to their directions, but the Court have held the Municipality liable to its payment. The third was brought by the Municipality for arrears of boat-tolls due, but this case went against the Municipality.

9. The total expenditure under Section 25 being Rupees 24,469-2-2, the Government contribution due to the Municipality is Rupees 6117-4-6, of which Rupees 3750-4-9 have been drawn in cash, and Rupees 1329-11-3 have been deducted under the Accountant-General's Circular of 5th July 1869, No. 2221, from the monthly payments made into Treasury on account of Police. Sanction is now solicited for the distribution of the difference of Rupees 1037-4-6.

10. The following is a comparative statement of deaths within the Municipal limits:—

	No. of Deaths in 1868-69.	No. of Deaths in 1869-70.	Difference.
1. Cholera	...	...	...
2. Small-pox	7	2	— 5
3. Fever... ..	93	163	+ 70
4. Ague	30	14	— 16
5. Other causes	144	154	+ 10
Total... ..	274	333	+ 59

11. The town was fortunately entirely free from cholera. There were small-pox and measles to a small extent, but the deaths which resulted therefrom were few. The Municipal Commissioners have no means of ascertaining the numbers vaccinated within the town. Fever of a bad type prevailed all over the district and in this town also from November 1869 to February 1870. In other respects the town enjoyed good health.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1870, No. 976.

With the foregoing letter the President of the Municipal Commission of Cocanada submits the Annual Reports and the usual Statements of Receipts and Disbursements of the Municipality for the year 1869-70.

2. Statement C. shows that the Commissioners realized, from current taxes, Rupees 15,787-12-0, and of arrears Rupees 96-6-0. The balance brought forward was Rupees 6750-5-8, the receipts of State contribution Rupees 3750-4-9, and from other sources Rupees 1403-2-2. The receipts amounted in all to Rupees 27,787-14-7. The fees on temporary thatched pandals are, it is presumed, levied under a bye-law, and should consequently be included under the head License fees, among the receipts, with reference to which the State contribution should be computed.

Current—			Rs.	A.	P.
Rate on Houses and Buildings.....			4,588	2	0
Tax on Arts, Trades, and Professions...			5,286	0	0
Tolls.....			4,000	0	0
Tax on Carriages, &c.....			534	8	0
Registration of Carts.....			85	0	0
License Fees.....			68	0	0
Fines, &c.....			240	2	0
State contribution.....			15,787	12	0
			3,750	4	9
Arrears—			19,538	0	9
Rate on Houses, &c.....	40	14	0		
Tax on Trades, &c.....	55	8	0		
Other receipts.....			96	6	0
			1,403	2	2
Balance brought forward.....			6,750	5	8
Total...			27,787	14	7

3. Notwithstanding the orders conveyed in paragraph 1 of G. O., 12th July 1869, No. 946, regarding the exclusion of deposits, a sum of Rupees 255, belonging to Tolls and Wharf Contractors, was included by the Commissioners in Statement C. Deposits of this kind are not portions of the Municipal Fund, and are not at the disposal of the Commissioners. It is observed that no disbursements of deposits are shown on the side of expenditure, and as the Commissioners held, at the end of 1869, deposits amounting to Rupees 756-10-9, it is presumed that the deposits now amount to Rupees 1011-10-9.

4. In the expenditure under Section 25, New Works, an outlay of Rupees 380-8-1 on tanks is included. The cleansing of tanks is within the scope of that

Section, but Government do not contribute towards works of water supply such as this item apparently refers to. It is observed that the expenditure in cleansing tanks is separately debited under conservancy. The sum of Rupees 380-8-1, under New Works, together with the outlay in connexion with the fresh-water channel and the repairs to tanks and water-course in all Rupees 1343-15-0, will be transferred to

	Rs.	A.	P.
New Works.....	10,852	1	2
Repairs.....	3,050	4	2
Conservancy.....	2,611	2	3
Police.....	4,703	10	11
Establishment.....	1,909	0	3
	23,125	3	2
Purposes, &c.....	2,425	0	1
Refunds.....	235	3	9
	25,785	7	0
Balance carried forward.....	2,002	7	7
Total...	27,787	14	7

purposes other than those specified in Section 25. The large sum paid on account of land for latrine sites, should not be charged to Establishment, Miscellaneous. The outlay should be regarded as part of the cost of the latrines, and should, therefore, be debited to New Works. Revised with reference to the above remarks the abstract of expenditure is as shown in the margin.

5. The Government notice, with dissatisfaction, the outlay upon conservancy which is small in proportion to the resources of the Municipality. The number of sweepers, &c., is not stated, nor does the report give any details as to the system of conservancy in force. Fever appears to have been more than usually prevalent during the year under review.

6. The payments made on account of current Police charges amounted to Rupees 3543-3-10. As the Superintendent's account of sums received and of actual cost has not been forwarded, the Government are uncertain what adjustments are necessary under this head. Eleven instalments only have been disbursed, as the monthly payments have been made in arrears; and it is, therefore, nearly certain that the Commissioners have not paid in full. It is evident, at any rate, that the State contribution is to be computed on the receipts. One-fourth of the expenditure properly falling under Section 25 is Rupees 5781-4-9, and one-third of the independent current receipts Rupees 5262-9-4. The latter is, therefore, the State contribution, but until the actual cost of the Police is reported, the Government are unable to order any adjustment of the State contribution. The Police Superintendent's statement should invariably accompany the report of the Municipal Commissioners, and the statements of receipts and disbursements should bear the Auditor's certificate of correctness.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cocanada.

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

Ed. J. Wright.

Bu. of 1870; 34114

PUBLIC.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

Sec. Sec. Sec.
Clerk Clerk Clerk

Dated August, 5th.

Recd.

Recd.

G. O., 5th August 1870, No. 970.

Attest.

For 22.20.

Reviewing the Annual Statements of Receipts
and Expenditures of the General Municipality for
1869-70.

A

In a letter

from the President
of the Municipal Association
Cocacua

To the Chief Secretary

to our number

Fort San Diego

Dated 28th June 1890

Received

No. 21

Detail of New work
and improvements carried
out by the Municipal

Association of Cocacua

during the year ending
on the 30th April 1890.
for the purposes specified
in Section 25 of Act
X of 1885. Madrid.

Dr. P. G. 1901.

Detail of New Works and Improvements carried out by the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Beaune during the year ending on the 30th April 1970. For the purposes specified in the heading of Art 8 of 1965, 1966, 1967.

I Works	Description	Amount of Estimate	Actual Expenditure for 1969-70
	Roads		
	Commercial Road - 3505-11-5		
	Mogues Road, New Orleans - 2234-12		
	Minerals		
	Balance of cost of building steps to the Bagan Road		
	Latrines		
	Tanks		
	Drainage		
	Construction of stone gutter value of asbestos sheet 1925-11-8		
	Drilling surface drains 64-7-6		
	Value of materials purchased for covering over the fresh water channel		
	Total	8215	5
	Roads		
	Summits		
	Latrines		
	Drains		
	Tanks and water-courses leading to tanks		
	Total	3729	141

II Repairs	Nature of charges	Amount	Actual Expenditure for 1969-70
	Pay of Overseers		
	of Sweepers		
	Price of materials for brooms		
	Cleaning and filling of Tanks		
	Removing prickly bushes and cotton oil plants		
	Total	170	141
	Pay of Overseers		
	of Sweepers		
	Price of materials for brooms		
	Cleaning and filling of Tanks		
	Removing prickly bushes and cotton oil plants		
	Total	170	141
	Pay of Overseers		
	of Sweepers		
	Price of materials for brooms		
	Cleaning and filling of Tanks		
	Removing prickly bushes and cotton oil plants		
	Total	170	141

Paid in March, 1970, to the Overseers for the last year's services. Estimate 1445-13-4. No A.P.

Do from May 1969 to March 1970, as per this year's estimate. 4572-15-1. 5315-15-3.

Amount paid by adjustment on account of 1/4 part of 1969 payable by Government. No A.P.

Value of materials supplied for the use of the town. Police. 1329-11-3. 3989-1-2.

Part of cost of taking the Police. 689-1-9. 713-9-9.

Total 4702-10-11.

Particulars	Salary		Total
	Per annum	Per day	
Supervision and management			
1 Head Clerk	30 "	360 "	
2 Clerks	30 "	360 "	
1 Overseer or Maturity	20 "	250 8 "	
6 Collecting fees	42 "	503 9 7	1474 1 7
Miscellaneous Charges			
Printing & Bonds	"	86 4 10	
Stationery & Contingent charges	"	58 4 3	
Bond Books	"	28 2 "	
Pack labels & notaries stamps	"	11 6 6	
Fees paid to Mr. J. Breary for auditing Accounts	"	100 "	
of the Municipality for 1888-89.			
Per's for the expenses of Audit		150 13 6	X
Amount deposited in the Collectors Treasury on account of value of a portion of Sir Gansolphe's land taken in possession of by the Municipality under Act VII of 1857.		3213 13 10	
Fees paid to the Arbitrators appointed for determining the value of the land for do.		87 8 "	
Amount repaid to Government Treasury being the sum over-drawn during last year on account of Government contribution		3736 4 11	
		5210 6 6	
		235 3 9	
		33015 10	

Section XXIX

Pay of Lamp Lighters		
Value of Coconut oil for lighting the streets		168 "
Value of lanterns and parts & cost of repairing the existing ones		616 3 10
Per's for the construction of wharves &c.		38 8 "
Portion of cost of building a wall around the slaughter house, Jagannathapur side		248 5 3
		10 "
		1081 1 1
Gross Total		25785 7

Municipal Office
Cocanada
28 June 1890
J. Zeater
President
Municipal Commission
Cocanada

* This amount includes Rs 10-8 paise & an extra Rs 5-00

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 5 July/69 No 2221.

B
 Abstract of Charges under all heads incurred
 by the Municipal Commissioners of the Town of
 Coomara during the year ending on the 30th April 1870.

Nature of charge	Actual expenditure	
	Amount	Total
	Rs	P
1 New Works & Improvements	8,215	5
2 Repairs	3,729	14 1
3 Conservancy	2,611	2 3
4 Police	4,702	10 11
5 Establishment & Miscellaneous charges	5,210	6 6 24,469 2 2
6 Amount refunded to Government		
7 Treasury being the same over-drawn during the last year on account of Government contribution		235 3 9
7 For purposes other than those specified in Section 25 of the Act		1081 11
Grand Total	25,785	7

Municipal Office
 Coomara
 28th June 1870

J. Trask
 President
 Municipal Commission
 Coomara

K.R.

Actual receipts of the Ocean Road Municipality
for the year ending on the 30th April 1870.

		Rs	A	P
1	Rate on Houses & Buildings ^{Current} 4,588-2-0 ^{Previous} 40-11-3	4,629	.	.
2	Tax on Arts, trades & Professions, ^{Current} 6,266-4-3 ^{Previous} 55-8-3	6,321	8	.
3	Tolls	4,000	.	.
4	Tax on Carriages and animals	534	8	.
5	Registration of Carts & vehicles without springs	85	.	.
6	Fees for licensing slaughter houses, Cart-stamps and offensive Licenses	30	.	.
7	Fines and other miscellaneous receipts	246	2	.
	Total	15,846	2	.
8	Government Contribution	3,750	4	9
	Total	19,596	6	9
9	Balance of last year	6,750	5	8
	Total	26,346	12	5
10	Sale proceeds of land	382	12	.
	Total	26,729	8	5
11	Deposits from Tolls & Wharves Contractors	255	.	.
	Total	26,984	8	5
Collections under Section XXIX No. A. P.				
1	Fees for temporary thatch Permits	38	.	.
2	Rent on the Municipal Wharves	543	12	.
3	Tax on Wood-yards	236	14	.
4	Surplus of Cattle Troop fines	72	4	2
5	Sale proceeds of materials of Blue Water branches of withered trees	167	8	.
	Total	1,058	6	2
	Grand Total	28,042	14	7

Municipal Officer
Ocean Road
28th June 1870

R. P.

J. Trase
President
Municipal Commission
Ocean Road

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from 1870's Repa.
The Ocean Road
Municipal Commission
to the Chief Secretary
to the Government
Dated 28th June 1870
Received
No 21
Shd be kept charge
of all the Commission
to the Municipal
Commissioner
during the year ending
on the 30th April 1870
R. P.

There are vouchers for all debit entries and the mode of keeping the Accounts appears to be simple, and satisfactory. —

J. M. Lundquist.

Locanada
21^a May 1870

In a letter
 from the President
 Municipal Gov.
 Co. aware
 the Chief Secretary
 to Government
 to Haidygar
 dated 28 June 1870
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 Should be with the
 of the Treasurer
 Municipality for
 the year ending on the
 31st of Dec 1870.
 On Feb 11/71

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

from the
President Municipal Com.
Cocanada dated 23rd June 1870
No. 21.

Order thereon Commanded 5 August 1870
No. 976.

With the foregoing
letter the President of the
Municipal Commission
of Cocanada, submits the
annual reports and the
usual statements of
receipts and disbursements
of the Municipality for the
year 1869-70.

2. Statement A.
shows that the Commission-
ers realized, from current
taxes, Rs. 15,737-12-0 and
of arrears Rs. 96-6-0. The
balance brought forward
was Rs. 4,750-5-8, the
receipts

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receipt of State Contribu-
-tion Rs 3,750-4-9 and
from other sources Rupees
1403-2-2. The receipts
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under a bylaw, and
should consequently
be included under the
head License fees among
the receipts, with reference
to which the State Contribu-
-tion should be com-
-puted.

3. Notwithstanding
the orders conveyed in para
1 of G. O. 12th July 1869, No 946,
regarding the exclusion of
deposits, a sum of Rs 255,
belonging to Tolls and
Wharf Contractors, was
included by the Commis-
-sioners in Statement C,
Deposits

<u>Current.</u>	Rs. - L. - P.
Rates on houses built ¹⁸⁶⁰⁻¹⁴	4,588-2-
Tax on Arts trades & prof ¹⁸⁶⁰⁻¹⁴	6,266--"
Tolls	1,000--"
Tax on Carriages &c	534-8-
Registration of Carts	85--"
License fees	60--"
Fines &c	246-2-
	<u>15,787-12-</u>
State Contribution	3,750-4-9
	<u>19,538--9</u>
<u>Arrears.</u>	
Rates on houses &c 1840-14	96-6-
Tax on trades &c 1840-14	55-8-
Other receipts	14,03-2-2
Balance brought forward	6,750-5-0
	<u>27,787-14-7</u>

Deposits of this kind are
not portions of the Munici-
-pal Fund and are not
at the disposal of the
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observed that no disburse-
-ments of deposits are
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Deposits now amount to
Rupees 1,011-10-9.

4. In the expenditure
under Section 25, New Works,
an outlay of Rs 380-0-1
on Tanks is included.
The clearing of tanks
is within the scope of
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works of water supply
such as this, ^{as item} appeared by

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Revised with reference to the

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Conservancy	2,611	- 2-3
Police	4,702	- 10-0
Establishment	1,909	- 11-8
	23,125	- 3-2
Purposes &c	2,425	- 11-1
Refunds	235	- 3-9
	25,785	- 7-11
Balance carried forward	2,002	- 7-7
	27,787	- 14-7

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6. The payments made on account of Current Police charges amounted to Rs. ^{3543. 3. 10} ~~4,772-15-1~~. As the Superintendent's account of sums received and of actual cost, has not

not been forwarded, the
Govt. ^{now} uncertain what
adjustments are necessary
under this head. Eleven
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been disbursed, as the
monthly payments have
been made in arrears;
and it is therefore nearly
certain that the Com-
missioners have not
paid in full. It is
evident, at any rate,
that the State Contribu-
tion ~~is~~ to be ascertained
on the receipts. One
fourth of the expenditure
properly falling under
section 25, is Rs. 5781-4-9
and one third of the
independent current
receipts Rs. 5262-9-4.

The latter is therefore
the State Contribution
but until the actual
cost

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cost of the Police is reported
the Govt. are unable to
order any adjustment of
the State Contribution. The
Police Superintendent's
Statement should invari-
ably accompany the report
of the Municipal Com-
missioners and the State-
ments of receipts and
disbursements should bear
the auditor's certificate
of correctness.

J. H. S.

The Hon. Municipal Comr. Calcutta
" Inspt. Genl. of Police
" Accountant General
" Board of Revenue.
" Pub. Works Deptt.
" Sanitary Commissioner

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*Receiving the annual list.
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- structure of the Canadian
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Municipal Office
Cocacoo, 28 June 1870.

From

James Fraser Esq^r

President of the
Municipal Corporation
Cocacoo

The Honorable R. S. Ellis Esq^r

Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to submit
my report on the working of the
Towns' Improvement Act during
the year 1869-70, accompanied by
Statements A. B. & C in the
prescribed forms.

2 The year opened with a
balance of Rs 7507-5, inclusive

of Tolls 686-10-9 of Rs 756-10-9, on account of Deposits
of Tolls and wharves.
3

The receipts during the
year for the purposes mentioned

in section 25 amounted to Rs 15,846-2-
as particularized below.

Items	Actuals of 1868-69		Actuals of 1869-70		Difference	
	Rs	A P	Rs	A P	Rs	A P
1 House Tax	4,110	13	4,629		+ 518	3
2 Professional Tax	5,496	8	6,321	8	+ 825	
3 Tolls	4,850		4,000		- 850	
4 Tax on Carriages & animals	415	8	534	8	+ 119	
5 Registration of carts & vehicles without springs	57		85		+ 28	
6 Fees for licensing offensive trades	20		30		+ 10	
7 Fines & other Miscellaneous receipts	172	49	246	2	+ 73	133
Total	15,122	19	15,846	2	+ 724	3

The increase under House, and Professional Taxes is due to the number of new houses built, and to the number of traders newly settled in the place. The falling off under Tolls was occasioned by a prevalence of uncertainty among the Contractors as to the changes contemplated by Government in respect to Cart Tax. The improvement under other heads is too small to call for

for

submitted to Rs 15,846-2-

for remark.

4 Under Section 29 of the Act the receipts, during the year were Rs 1058-6-2, or Rs 428-14-1, in excess of last year's collections.

Items	Actuals of		Difference
	1868-69	1869-70	
1 Fees for temporary thatch Pensals	44 . .	38 . .	-6 . .
2 Rent on the Municipal Wharves	296 4 .	543 12 .	+247 8 .
3 Tax on Wood yards	159 7 7	236 14 .	+77 12 5
4 Surplus of Cattle Trespas fines	110 6 9	72 4 2	-38 2 7
5 Sale proceeds of materials of Police Huts, branches of withered trees &c.	19 11 9	167 8 .	+147 12 3
Total	629 8 1	1058 6 2	+428 14 1

The largest increase is in the rent of wharves which the Commissioners constructed and pointed out. The Commissioners are alive to the importance of raising adequate funds in order to have the means to meet the wants of this rising town.

5 The following is a comparative statement of expenditure.

	Amount expended in		Difference
	1868-69	1869-70	
1 New Works & Improvements	7,320 1 7	8,215 1 5	+ 894 11 10
2 Repairs	2,209 7 5	3,729 14 1	+ 1,520 6 8
3 Conservancy	2,274 10 4	2,611 2 3	+ 336 7 11
4 Police	5,373 10 8	4,702 10 11	- 670 15 9
5 Establishment & Miscellaneous Charges	1,781 2 10	5,210 6 6	+ 3,429 3 8
Total	18,959 10	24,469 2 2	+ 5,510 1 4

Very important works were undertaken during the year and pushed on to completion. i The Commercial Road which was levelled and raised last year, was bottomed with broken stone, and gravelled from the beach to the Sea Customs House a distance of 1100 yards running along the Cocanara pier. ii The Surjaron or New Pita road opened last year to connect

the new and old towns, was extended to within a few yards of the northern limit of the Municipality.

iii One branch road from the Mosque on the Main Road to the pier was newly made and gravelled. Another was begun and partly done.

iv The Construction of a stone V Drain on the Bazaar Road to carry off the rain water was begun and carried to a distance of 200 yards, and materials for its further extension have been collected.

v The Construction of a Covered drain to bring water from the Samul cotter Channel to the tanks in Cocanara has been begun and this when finished will prove of the greatest benefit to the Town. This will be rather a costly work. It is estimated about 6,500 Rs, and

The increase under the first two items is due to some new lights having been set up. On the whole, there was a decrease in the expenditure most of the requirements of the Town having been attended to in the previous years.

7 The Commissioners held 19 meetings during the year for the transaction of business. Subcommittees were formed for the revision of Taxes on Houses and Professions. The number of appeals disposed of by them was 34 against the former and 170 against the latter tax.

8 The three suits which were stated in my last report as pending have since been disposed of - one in favor of the Municipality. One was instituted by Mr A. S. Vonishchen for the recovery of damages, the Commissioners having refused permission to his

building a block of thatched huts.
The case was decided in favor of
the Municipality. The 2nd was for recovery
of the cost agreed to be paid by the
Municipality to a Contractor for
building wharves. The Commissioners
withheld payment, the work not
having been executed according to
their directions, but the Court
have held the Municipality liable
to its payment. The 3rd was brought
by the Municipality for arrears
of boat tolls due, but this case
went against the Municipality.

9 The total expenditure under
Section 35 being Rs 24,469-2-2, the
Government contribution due to the
Municipality is Rs 6,117-4-6, of which

Rs 3,750-4-9, have been drawn in
cash and Rs 13,29-11-3, have been
deducted under the Accountant
General's circular of 5th July 1869 -

1070 Department
From the Presidency of the
Municipal Council
Pocahontas

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Dated 28th June 1870
Received 6th July

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Enclosures. Yours
W. C. C. C.

Submitting report
on the working of the
Towns Improvement Act
in Pocahontas during the
year ending on the 30th April 1870
and enclosing three statements
A B & C together with the
audit certificate.

Oct 29/70