

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	370	Press Mis.
Dated	18-3-	1871

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
18th March 1871.*

No. 100. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Dindigul, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 1st February 1871, No. 1:—

Adverting to the Order of Government, Public Department, dated 8th December 1870, No. 1584, I have the honour to submit copy of a letter from the Vice-President, Dindigul, containing the explanations required by Government, and to request you will be good enough to procure me the authority of Government for the disbursement of Rupees 1,384-7-11 on account of State contribution, and of Rupees 199-1-5, the sum referred to in paragraph 3 of the Government Order.

From J. R. ARBUTHNOTT, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Dindigul, to the President of the Dindigul Municipal Commission, Madura, dated Dindigul, 25th January 1871, No. 39.

Adverting to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government, dated the 8th December 1870, No. 41, I have the honour to report that the miscellaneous receipts, therein referred to, are made up of the following items :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Magisterial and Departmental fines	263	0	0
Sale of avenue trees and clippings	62	3	0
Pound fines	71	0	0
Fees for Licenses under Section 115 of the Towns' Improvement Act	12	0	0
Sale of town sweepings... ..	11	3	0
Total...	419	6	0

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Proceedings, the balance in hand, at the end of the year 1869-70, amounts to Rupees 3,806-3-0, which includes the sum of Rupees 199-1-5 referred to in paragraph 3 as advance recoverable.

3. With regard to the sum of Rupees 488-9-10, referred to in paragraph 6, I beg to inform you that, under the circumstances mentioned in paragraph 10 of Mr. Bliss' report, dated the 12th August 1869, the State contribution for previous years remained unadjusted up to November 1869, in which month, and in the month of February following, the adjustment was completed, and hence the sum in question, viz., Rupees 488-9-10, was credited to the Municipality for previous years in the treasury accounts; whilst, in the Municipal report for 1869-70, this sum has been included with the balance in hand at the beginning of the year.

4. Referring to paragraph 7, the State contribution for the year 1869-70 comes to the amount of Rupees 1,384-7-11 as mentioned by Government, who should be requested to sanction its disbursement, as well as the refund of Rupees 199-1-5, referred to in paragraph 2 above, to the Municipality.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1871, No. 370.

The foregoing letters are in reply to G. O., 8th December 1870, No. 1584.

2. In paragraph 1 of the Vice-President's letter he furnishes details of the miscellaneous receipts. The President is informed that departmental fines and proceeds of sale of sweepings should be set off against the cost of establishments and conservancy respectively, and that the Government do not contribute on receipts from the sale of avenue clippings and pound fines.

3. In paragraph 2 it is stated that the sum of Rupees 199-1-5, overpaid by the Police in 1869-70, formed part of the balance in hand at the end of the year.

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be so, the sum must have been refunded before the close of the year, and the refund claimed is not now due.

4. The President was called on to state the balances in cash at the beginning and the end of the year, and to explain the sum drawn on account of repairs not executed, and the items by which Mr. Sharp explained the discrepancy between the balance carried forward in the report for 1868-69 and that brought forward in the report for 1869-70. These requisitions have not been complied with.

5. The Commissioners of Dindigul drew, during the year 1869-70, a sum of Rupees 488-9-10 on account of State contribution for previous years, and the Government desired information as to the mode in which this sum was arrived at. In paragraph 3 of his letter, the Vice-President states that it was paid in adjustment of the confusion referred to by Mr. Bliss in his report for the year 1868-69, but he affords no further information. The confusion was owing to the cost of the clothing and accoutrements of the Police not having been paid by the Commissioners from 1866-67 to 1868-69, and to entitle them to the sum which they have drawn, this cost must have amounted to Rupees 1,954-7-4, which is impossible. Further, the accounts for 1869-70 do not shew any payment to have been made on this account. The actual excess cost of the Police in the two and half-years was stated by Mr. Sharp in his letter of the 1st November 1870 to be Rupees 649-1-10, and this, by some extraordinary process, was included in the balance brought forward in 1869-70. Mr. J. R. Arbuthnott now states that the sum drawn on account of State contribution on the excess payment for Police was also included in the same balance.

6. So far from being entitled to receive any sum from Government on account of the transaction exhibited in the accounts which have been submitted, the Commissioners overdrew Rupees 220-2-1, as shewn in the margin, in the years 1866-67 to 1868-69.

	Due.			Drawn.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1866-67	298	8	0	298	10	7
1867-68	798	5	4	798	5	10
1868-69	838	3	0	1,058	2	0
	1,935	0	4	2,155	2	5
Overdrawn...		220	2		1	

7. It is evident to Government that the accounts furnished by the Municipal Commissioners of Dindigul for 1869-70 are inaccurate; and until the confusion is cleared up, and accurate accounts showing the actual receipts and payments and opening and closing balances in cash are furnished, the Government cannot permit any disbursement to be made of the State contribution for the year. The President is directed to cause such a set of accounts to be prepared and submitted without delay, and to furnish full explanation, supported by the bills of the Superintendent of Police, of the mode in which the adjustment, as it is called, of the excess cost of the Police in the previous years and the State contribution thereon, was arrived at.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Dindigul.
 .. Accountant-General.
 .. Inspector-General of Police.

Edw. J. Wright.

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To

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

Dated March, 18th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 18th March 1871, No. 370.

MARCH.
Nos. 100-101.

Passing orders on the explanation submitted, as
called for, by the President, regarding certain items
of the accounts of the Municipality for 1869-70.

No. 1 Madras.
1st February 1878 ✓
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Dear Sir,

The Honorable W. Arbuthnot,
President, Cuddalore Municipality
The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort St. George

Adverting to the order of Government Public Department dated 8 December 1870 No 1584. I have the honor to submit copy of a letter from the Vice President, Cuddalore, containing the explanations required by Government and to request you will be good enough to procure me the authority of Government for the disbursement of Rupees 1384.7.11. on account of State contribution and of Rupees 144.1.5 the sum referred to in para 3 of the Government Order—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Yours most obedt Servt

W. Arbuthnot
President

I have written a copy of a
 letter from the West Point
 at Fort Mifflin, and
 according to the method
 of Fort Mifflin for the dissem-
 ination of certain docu-
 ments.

3. With regard to the sum of Rupees 400-9-10 referred to in para 6, I beg to inform you that under the circumstances mentioned in para 10 of Mr. Bliss' report dated the 12th August 1869, the State contribution for previous years remained undischarged up to November 1869, in which month and in the month of February following the adjustment was completed and hence the sum in question viz Rupees 400-9-10 was credited to the Municipality for previous years in the Treasury accounts, whilst in the Municipal Report for 1869-70, this sum has been included with the balance in hand - at the beginning of the year.

4. Referring to para 7, the State contribution for the year 1869-70 comes to the amount of 1384-7-11 as mentioned by Government. I should be requested to sanction its disbursement as well as the refund of Rupees 199-1-5 referred to in para 2 above to

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Yours faithfully

J. K. Arbuthnot

(True copy)

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Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
President of Dindigul Municipality
dated 1st February 1871 Not with an
enclosure from the Vice President

Order thereon 18th March 1871. N^o 370.

The foregoing letters are
in reply to G. O. 8th December 1870
N^o 1584.

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3 In para 2 it is stated that the sum of Rs. 199-1-5 overpaid for police in 1869-70, formed part of the balance in hand at the end of the year.

If this be so, the sum must have been refunded before the close of the year, and the refund claimed is not now due.

4. The President was called on to state the balance in cash at the beginning and the end of the year, and to explain the sum drawn on account of repairs not executed, and the items by which Mr. St. John explained the discrepancy between the balance carried forward in the reports for 1868-69 and that brought forward in the reports for 1869-70. These requisitions have not been complied with.

5 The Commissioners of Dindigul drew, during the

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the year 1869-70, a sum of Rs. 1488-9-10 on account of state contributions for previous years, and the Government desired information as to the mode in which this sum was arrived at. In para 3 of his letter, the Vice President states that it was paid in adjustment of the confusion referred to by Mr. St. John in his report for the year 1868-9, but he affords no further information. The confusion was owing to the cost of the clothing and accoutrements of the police not having been paid by the four missioons from 1866-7 to 1868-9, and to entitle them to the sum which they have drawn, this cost must have amounted to Rs. 1954-7-11, which is impossible. Further, the accounts for 1869-70 do not show any payment to have been made.

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b. So far from being
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It is evident to you
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1868-9.	838. 3. 11.	1058. 2. 11.

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Ordinance No. 220-2-1.

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 in the previous years
 and the State contribution
 thereon, was arrived at.

The Secy, Comm. Genl, Dindigul
 Accountant General
 Secy Genl of Police

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 M. H.

David Gul Brewery

Cont. of 1187 } **Quarries.**

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To
The Prop. S. Bond. Term
Candidate
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Dated Aug 1871 }
Recd. 1871, No. 370.

Nos. 100-141.

Passing orders on the 24th.
action submitted, as called
for by the Prop. S., regarding
certain items of the accounts
of the Quarry, 1871-70.

Send over