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HYDERABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS,
FOR
1879-80.

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*Remarks by the Resident at Hyderabad on the Municipal Reports of the
Hyderabad Assigned Districts for the year 1879-80.*

The Resident regrets he has been prevented by the pressure of public business from issuing these reports at an earlier date, more especially as the Commissioner's review of them was late. He finds in them but little room for fresh comment. The constitution of municipal committees and sources of municipal income remain unchanged, and the amalgamation of cesses advocated last year does not appear to have been carried out as yet in any municipality, though changes in this direction are under contemplation. What is chiefly needed everywhere is more money. There seems to be some prospect of an increase of income at Amraoti, Akola, and Ellichpur. At Khamgaon it does not appear to be needed; the record of this municipality is very fairly satisfactory. Basim is still little more than a village, and much cannot be expected. The report from this municipality, however, shows a want of effort and management which calls for reform, and the personal attention of the Deputy Commissioner should be directed to it.

2. The Commissioner's review explains the increase and decrease of municipal receipts at each of the five towns where municipalities exist, the incidence of taxation, and the progress made in conservancy and projects for water-supply, and his conclusion, "that our municipal committees are taking an intelligent interest in the application of the funds at their disposal, and that the condition of our chief towns is being thereby as much improved as the limited sums available in some of them will permit of," may be accepted. The proposals he refers to for the enhancement of municipal income should be submitted as soon as possible. The incidence of taxation at Akola seems low compared with Amraoti and Khamgaon, and the Town Fund assessments, as observed by the Commissioner in para. 10, certainly call for improvement. The Commissioner will doubtless see to this.

3. With regard to expenditure, it may be observed that the amounts spent on conservancy in every municipality have increased somewhat. The percentage, however, under this head on the total expenditure may well be advanced beyond its present figure, 21.

HYDERABAD RESIDENCY, }
3rd February 1881. }

(By order,)

G. H. TREVOR,

Secretary for Berar.

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FROM

LIEUT. COLONEL J. G. BELL,

Officiating Commissioner,

Hyderabad Assigned Districts.

TO

THE SECRETARY FOR BERAL TO THE RESIDENT,

Hyderabad.

DATED AMRAOTI, 9th October 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the prescribed statements for the year 1879-80, showing: (1) the income of the Municipalities, and (2) their expenditure.

2. The number of the Municipalities remains the same as for the preceding year, and their constitution is also unchanged. There were 81 members, as in the previous year; 33 of these were *ex-officio* Government officials, and 48 non-officials; of the 81 members, 30 were Europeans, and 51 Natives.

3. The sources of income of the Municipalities are the same as in the preceding year.

The income from latrine cess, and the cess for clearing sinks and roads, in Amraoti, taken together, scarcely cover the expenditure on conservancy, and the Committee are considering the advisability of substituting a general tax of 1 rupee per annum as "*safai puttee*," for the sink cess, and it is supposed that this change will raise the income by Rs. 7,000 per annum.

In Akola the cart tax, which was proposed, has been abandoned, and the Committee propose to levy an octroi instead. The Committee has been asked to consider whether there are any articles which enter the town for consumption solely, or at all events principally, and not in the course of trade, to be exported again, and also whether the tax can be collected without an expense disproportionate to the sum it will produce, but it is noted that Akola is but little suited for an octroi, for the difficulty and cost of collection would probably be considerable.

At Khamgaon the Committee are engaged in maturing a scheme for the absorption of the sweeper cess and the house tax into one general conservancy cess.

The Committee at Ellichpur have had under consideration the imposition of a light octroi, and the proposals made seem to have met with the Commissioner's approval, but it will take some little time before this cess can be introduced.

4. The income and expenditure of the Municipalities are given below, and compared with the figures of the

the Municipalities are given below, and as year:—

Municipalities.	Income during year.		Balance from previous years.	Total available income for year under report.	Expenditure.		Balance at the close of year under report.
	1878-79.	1879-80.			1878-79.	1879-80.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amraoti	46,027	34,202	25,370	59,572	34,693	44,929	14,643
Akola	10,963	19,911	3,416	23,327	9,200	17,925	5,402
Khamgaon	24,116	17,591	17,947	35,238	14,878	14,138	21,100
Ellichpur	13,055	11,419	7,739	19,358	13,082	14,403	4,955
Basim	3,034	3,274	2,323	5,597	2,634	3,243	2,354
Total	97,195	86,397	56,795	1,43,092	74,487	94,633	43,454

The total receipts of the Municipalities during the year amounted to Rs. 86,297, against Rs. 97,195 in the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 10,898.

5. The large decrease in Amraoti, amounting to Rs. 11,825, is owing partly to the income of 1878-79 having included balances of former years, aggregating Rs. 4,399, collected in that year, and partly to decrease in the town fund owing to dulness in trade.

At Khamgaon also there is a large decrease, owing chiefly to the falling-off in the cotton cess, the result of a short crop in 1878-79, the exports from Khamgaon in that season being only 66,400 bales, against 107,719 in the preceding year; also owing to a tramway, which realized Rs. 1,430 last year, having been discontinued this year.

6. The decrease against Ellichpur is nominal, as the receipts of 1878-79 included large balances of former years.

7. The large increase in Basim is owing chiefly to the surplus pound receipts of the district having been transferred to the Municipality, for the maintenance and improvement of station roads.

8. The Committees have not complied with the Resident's directions, contained in para. 3 of Review for 1878-79, regarding the amendment of the form so as to show separately realizations on account of the year reported on.

The Municipalities should, in addition to the two statements prescribed by Government, submit—

(1.) Statement showing demand collections and balances of the year.

(2.) Statement showing demand and collections on account of balances of previous years.

Of the amount of income, Rs. 86,297, Rs. 38,064 were from taxes actually levied from the inhabitants of the municipal towns.

9. The following table shows the amount realized from taxation by each of the Municipalities:—

Municipalities.	Population.	Paid by inhabitants of Municipal towns.						Other sources of income.	Grand total.	Incidence per head of population on column 8.
		Town fund (or tax on incomes) collections.	House tax.	Tax for latrines.	Tax for cleaning sinks.	Slough for house.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.
Amraoti	23,410	11,189	...	4,067	3,511	400	19,176	15,026	34,202	0 13 1
Akola	14,606	3,232	...	2,571	...	538	6,341	13,570	19,911	0 6 11
Khamgaon	8,472	5,608	690	828	...	...	7,126	10,165	17,291	0 13 5
Ellichpur	27,782	3,725	...	...	...	640	4,365	7,254	11,619	0 2 6
Basim	8,531	1,056	...	...	...	...	1,056	2,218	3,274	0 1 11
Total	82,801	24,810	690	7,466	3,511	1,557	38,064	48,233	86,297	0 7 4

The amount derived from taxation generally is extremely small. The assessments for the main source of municipal revenue, viz., the town fund or tax on incomes, are still far from perfect, as will be seen from the following table, extracted from the statistics which exhibit its assessment throughout the province:—

Municipalities.	Total number assessed.			Total amount assessed.			Incidence per head of persons assessed.		
	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Amraoti	1,262	1,263	1,028	11,676	11,531	9,350	9 4 0	9 2 0	9 1 6
Akola	417	435	450	2,619	2,641	2,923	6 4 5	6 1 10	6 7 11
Khamgaon	307	331	336	5,354	5,811	5,879	17 7 0	17 10 8	17 7 11
Ellichpur	792	794	935	3,514	3,111	4,023	4 8 7	3 11 9	4 4 10
Basim	156	154	166	1,133	1,010	1,121	7 6 2	7 0 6	6 12 0
Total	2,934	2,977	2,915	24,306	24,103	23,296	8 5 0	8 2 3	7 15 10

10. The incidence of taxation is very low in Ellichpur, but the population there is comprised chiefly of poor Muslims. There is, however, no apparent reason why in Akola it should be lower than in Basim, nor is it apparent why people assessed at Khamgaon should pay nearly double the amount levied from Amraoti townspeople. The percentages of the total persons assessed, who were assessed in each class, show considerable irregularities, clearly indicating careless assessment. When the municipal rules are revised, as it is hoped they shortly will be by the Commissioner, it is in contemplation to increase the town fund, which at present is an assessment on incomes of Rs. 200 and upwards per annum, by lowering the limit to incomes of Rs. 100, and making all such liable to assessment.

11. The expenditure of the year amounts to Rs. 94,633, against Rs. 74,487 in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 20,151.

The expenditure of the year consists of the following items of expenditure:—

	Akoti	Akola	Khamgaon	Ellichpur	Basim	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Conservancy and cleansing	9,443	4,145	3,729	2,055	740	21,015
Police	3,334	1,548	1,317	2,887	93	9,119
Sanitary Works.						
Drainage	6,562	480	274	300	450	8,066
Urinals	1,359	...	302	2	...	1,661
Dust-bins	202	...	...	...	...	202
Improving water-supply	...	150	8	128	100	386
Do. streets	241	473	498	549	1,150	2,911
Do. bazaars	986	677	365	...	200	2,228
Filling up pits, &c.	445	597	...	...	...	1,042
Total	9,795	2,377	1,447	977	1,900	16,496
Works of public utility.						
Serais for travellers	...	579	322	887	...	1,788
Bazaar sheds	898	188	...	997	...	6,083
Cotton-yard shed	5013	...	...	...	...	4,013
Maintenance and repairs of roads	1,824	4,000	963	310	...	8,097
Lighting and watering streets	785	362	868	300	...	2,315
Arboriculture	111	...	1,220	...	...	1,331
Education and Library	4	213	861	765	243	2,446
Dispensaries	...	757	1,037	1,053	...	3,871
Rewards for snakes	...	...	...	1	...	30
Total	548	6,099	4,771	4,313	243	29,974
Establishments.						
Head office	1,638	624	237	1,354	...	4,853
Collecting	848	340	136	409	166	1,899
Cotton-yard	123	510	552	...	...	2,185
Fire engines, &c.	847	...	...	...	...	347
Registering vital statistics	60	60	24	36	18	198
Pound	1,257	...	77	216	108	758
Total	5,773	1,534	1,026	2,015	292	10,240
Miscellaneous.						
Stationery and Contingencies	1,772	272	...	...	...	446
Rent of building	800	...	...	...	...	300
Refunds	95	834	...	...	...	929
Miscellaneous	1,677	1,116	1,848	1,253	35	6,119
Total	4,344	2,232	1,848	1,253	85	7,794
Grand Total	19,938	17,935	14,138	14,403	3,243	94,638

12. A regular scheme for drainage has been sanctioned for Amraoti; the work is in progress, and will soon be completed, which will doubtless be a great improvement. At Khamgaon the town is being surveyed both for drainage and water-supply.

Water-supply projects are being made for both Khamgaon and Amraoti, and it is hoped that the estimates will be ready this year, and that arrangements will be made for funds to carry out both the important works.

At Akola the small anicut across the Merna river is being raised, which will secure a larger supply of sweet water.

The scheme for the improvement of the Ellichpur water works will be completed during this year. The iron pipes laid down during the year under report in substitution of the old water channels, have been a great success, and the benefit is very much appreciated.

13. The progress which is being made by the Municipality at Amraoti in the sanitary improvements of their town is very commendable and satisfactory. The principal streets have been metalled and considerably improved. The main drains are of masonry; in the narrow streets saucer-shaped stone drains have been laid down in the centre. These drains are quite effective for carrying the surface drainage into the main street drains. The town is kept fairly clean, and a decided improvement has been effected in this respect. Twelve latrines, on the pattern of Crawford's rural privy, were lately introduced as an experiment, it being doubtful whether the people would utilize them. They have been found to work well, and are readily resorted to by the townspeople. The Municipality have 24 more in process of construction. The conservancy establishment is sufficient for the requirements of the town. Dust-bins abound for the collection of rubbish. The town refuse is taken to a depot outside the town, while night soil is disposed of in trenches to the north-west of the town.

14. At Akola a sum of Rs. 2,377 was expended in sanitary works, in repairing drains, improving water-supply, and roads and streets in the town, &c.

15. An important improvement has been effected during the year at Khamgaon in the construction of public urinals. Five of these are now in use, and as they are appreciated, and it is found that people resort to them, it is contemplated to gradually increase the number of them.

16. At Ellichpur the conservancy establishment has been increased, drains have been repaired and put in order, and the ruined parts of the city are being cleared and levelled.

Some improvement has also been made during the year in the sanitary condition of the town of Basim generally, and it is satisfactory to find that the expenditure on conservancy has increased.

17. On the whole, I think it may be conceded that our Municipal Committees are taking an intelligent interest in the application of the funds at their disposal, and that the condition of our chief towns is being thereby as much improved as the limited sums available in some of them will permit of. My remarks must necessarily be somewhat meagre, for it is late in the season; this report is overdue, and I have only lately taken charge of this office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. G. B. ELL, LIEUT.-COLONEL

Offg. Commissioner,
Hyderabad Assigned Districts

No 1.

Statement showing the income of the Municipalities of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1879-80.

Name of District.	Name of Municipality.	Number.	Act under which constituted.	Population within Municipal limits.	Number of Members of Committee.										Income during the year from octroi.	House tax.	Town fund.	Begar cess.	Mortuary.	Slaughter house.	Sale of building sites.	Cart tax.	Cotton cess.	Broker's license.	Rent of land.	Total income from taxation.	Fines.	Rent of houses, gardens, markets, &c.	Miscellaneous.	Payments for Municipal services rendered to inhabitants.	Grants-in-aid from provincial or local funds.	Total income of year excluding balance.	Total including balance.	Incidence of taxation (column 15) per head of population.	Incidence of income shown in column 21 per head of population.	Remarks.								
					Number of Members of Committee.																																							
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1	2	3	4	5	6										7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14										15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
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					a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.	g.	h.																																
					Unopposed.	Contested.	Total.	Official.	Non-official.	Europeans.	Natives.																																	
					...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...							
Amroli	1	Amroli	...	23,410	7	9	...	16	7	9	9	7,25,270	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								
Alola	2	Alola	...	14,606	8	...	...	17	8	17	6	19,346	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								
Alola	3	Khangon	...	8,472	5	9	...	14	6	8	8	6,17,947	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								
Ellichpur	4	Ellichpur	...	27,733	4	5	...	14	6	8	3	11,7739	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								
Basin	5	Basin	...	8,831	6	...	...	12	6	6	4	8,2323	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								
Total		Total	...	82,801	30	23	...	81	33	48	30	51,56,795	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								

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ABSTRACT OF FORM I, giving the following particulars:—

Number of Municipalities under Act IV. of 1873	...	...	3
Population within Municipal limits	...	...	82,801
Number of towns of which the Municipal Committees are—			
a. Appointed by election only	...	...	...
b. Appointed partly by election and partly by nomination.	...	...	...
c. Appointed by nomination only	...	...	...
Aggregate number of members of Municipal Committees—			
a. <i>Ex-officio</i> members	...	...	30
b. Elected members	...	...	28
c. Nominated members	...	...	28
Of the above—			
d. Officials	...	...	38
e. Non-officials	...	...	48
f. Europeans	...	...	30
g. Natives	...	...	51
System of Municipal taxation & force—			
a. Octroi	...	...	690
b. House tax	...	...	24,810
c. Town fund	...	...	10,535
d. Bazaar cess	...	...	3,511
e. Mohri putti	...	...	1,587
f. Slaughter house	...	...	...
Others—			
Sale of building sites	...	...	2,728
Pounds receipts	...	...	9,977
Cart tax	...	...	5,436
Cotton cess	...	...	7,914
Broker's license	...	...	760
Rent of land	...	...	5,504
Fines	...	...	644
Rent of houses, gardens, markets, &c.	...	...	1,835
Miscellaneous	...	...	2,302
Payments for Municipal works rendered to individuals	...	...	7,781
Grants-in-aid from provincial or Local Funds	...	...	283
Amount of income under each head separately, being the total for the provinces of columns 8 to 21 of Statement I.	...	...	86,297
Average incidence of taxation per head of population in Municipalities in five towns	...	...	0 14 2
Average incidence per head of Municipal income from all sources	...	...	1 - 0 8

No. II.
Statement showing the expenditure of the Municipalities in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1879-80.

Statement showing the expenditure of the municipalities in the 1920-21 financial year.																											
District.	Serial No.	Name of Municipality	Expenditure.																	Balance in hand at close of year.	Remarks.	Expenditure in excess of income of the year.	Do.	Do.			
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20						21	22	23
			Income during the year.	Head office of the municipality.	Collection of taxes and other sources of income.	Establishment for other sources of income.	Conservancy and cleansing.	Police.	Registration of births and deaths.	Lighting establishment.	Construction of roads.	Water supply.	Drainage works.	Building and repairs.	Other works.	Social and charitable works.	Educational institutions.	Miscellaneous.	Contributions to local or provincial funds.	Repayment of debts.	Total at close of year.	Balance in hand at close of year.	Remarks.	Expenditure in excess of income of the year.	Do.	Do.	
Amraoti	1	Amraoti	25,370	34,202	2,638	848	1,827	9,443	3,334	60	785	2,824	6,562	12,144	111	1,024	861	2,465	...	...	44,929	10,727	14,643	...	...	...	
Akola	2	Akola	...	...	624	340	510	4,145	1,548	60	...	4,000	362	2,514	...	757	213	2,222	...	...	17,925	1,986	5,402	...	...	...	
Akola	3	Khamgaon	...	...	287	136	629	3,729	1,317	24	194	963	674	274	8	1,220	1,037	361	1,848	...	...	14,138	3,153	21,160	...	...	...
Klichpur	4	Filichpur	...	...	1,354	409	216	2,958	2,887	36	...	310	300	128	2,433	...	1,053	765	1,254	...	...	14,403	2,751	4,955	...	...	...
Basim	5	Basim	...	...	...	166	108	740	33	18	...	...	450	1,350	...	...	...	243	35	...	...	3,243	31	2,354	...	...	...
Total			56,793	86,297	4,823	1,899	3,290	21,015	9,119	198	979	8,097	1,336	8,066	19,928	1,331	3,871	2,446	7,824	...	...	91,038	8,311	48,454	...	...	...

J. C. PILLAI,
Officiating Commissioner,
Hyderabad Assigned Districts.COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Hyderabad Assigned Districts,
Amraoti, 9th October 1880.

ABSTRACT OF FORM No. II., giving the provincial totals for each column from 4 to 26.

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Balance of previous year	...	...	..	...	56,795
Income during the year	...	...	...	...	86,297
				Total	1,48,092
Head office establishment	...	...	...	...	4,853
Collection of town fund	...	...	...	...	1,899
Establishment for other sources of income	...	...	...	...	3,290
Conservancy and cleansing	...	...	...	...	21,015
Police	...	...	...	...	9,119
Registration of births and deaths	...	...	...	...	198
Lighting establishment	...	...	...	...	979
Construction and maintenance of roads	...	...	...	...	8,097
Watering establishment	...	...	...	...	1,336
Drainage works	...	...	...	...	8,066
Water-supply	...	...	...	...	386
Buildings, &c.	...	...	...	...	19,928
Other public works, including gardens and similar improvements	...	...	...	...	1,331
Survey and charitable establishments, hospitals, alms-houses, vaccination &c.	...	...	...	...	3,871
Education, Science and Art	...	...	...	...	2,446
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	7,824
Contributions to local or provincial funds	...	...	...	...	
Re-payment of debt	...	...	...	...	
				Total	94,638
Balance at close of year	...	...	...	...	48,454

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The only alteration in the constitution of the Committee during the year has been the substitution of a Native taluk officer in place of a European; this reduced the European representatives by one, both on the Managing and General Committees.

Mohri putti, which you recommend should be abolished, as "they* are universal necessities and not luxuries." Doubtless this is the case, but the Committee point out that the mohri putti is not absolutely a tax for cleaning sinks; it originated in sink cleaning, but has gradually developed into a general conservancy tax.

I see by General Committee Resolution No. 1, dated 5th November 1879, that sanction of the Resident has been asked for the alteration of the name of this cess to "Suffai putt," which better explains the meaning of the cess, as it is levied at the rates noted below for the purpose of removing dirty water, sweeping roads, and general conservancy purposes.

Residents within Municipal limits whose gross annual income is Rs. 1,000 and over. ... Rs. 5

Residents within Municipal limits whose gross annual income
is Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1,000: „ 3

Residents within Municipal limits whose gross annual income
is Rs. 200 and under Rs. 500. " 2

Residents within Municipal limits whose gross annual income is Rs. 100 and under Rs. 200

Residents within Municipal limits whose gross annual income is under Rs. 100, excluding day labourers who are exempt ... As. 8

The latrine cess is only charged for the luxury of having private privies. Taking the two cesses together, it will be seen that they scarcely cover the expenditure on conservancy; the rates levied are:—

If a calculation is made you will come to the conclusion that private individuals making their own arrangements could hardly do it as cheap, especially in a part of the country where the sweeper is not indigenous.

There is little doubt that the class 1 is heavy, yet a reduction is deprecated by the Committee; the richer neighbour certainly pays for the poorer for all the civilized appliances of the quarter where they both live. This is still under the consideration of the Committee; they see that at the present moment the tax falls on 7,416 persons, and the remaining 15,994 get off free, as the work is done for all, although the few pay. The only way to alter this is by fixing a tax, to be called "Suffai putti," of one rupee per head per annum on the well-to-do poor, who are calculated at about 7,000 adults; this addition to the funds would enable the Committee to carry out sanitary improvements, beneficial to all.

Touching on the office establishment, which appears excessive, it is in fact less than it seems. In former years many petty items were debited under this head which virtually should have been charged to other heads of expenditure; this year's supplemental statement given below shows details of expenditure:—

Month.	Head office Establishment, (Secretary, clerk, and 8 peons.)	Collection.	Receipt and postage stamps.	Railway charges.	Oil.	Stationery and books.	Printed forms.	Total of the month.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1879 April ...	199 12 0	38 0 0	1 0 0	0 15 0	...	...	...	264 11 0
May ...	201 0 0	82 0 0	3 13 0	...	1 8 0	38 7 0	...	351 12 0
June ...	200 8 0	16 4 1	1 0 0	...	2 14 9	0 4 0	...	245 14 10
July ...	225 12 0	38 0 0	1 1 0	...	...	1 10 0	13 15 0	305 6 0
August ...	225 12 0	38 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0	0 8 0	0 4 6	...	292 8 6
Sept. ...	226 0 0	38 0 0	2 0 0	...	1 10 0	6 3 6	...	298 13 6
Oct. ...	247 8 0	38 0 0	3 0 0	...	...	0 1 0	48 7 0	359 0 0
Nov. ...	207 5 10	38 0 0	3 0 0	...	...	4 6 0	...	277 11 10
Dec. ...	226 0 0	38 0 0	2 0 0	...	...	1 1 0	...	300 7 0
1880 Jany. ...	226 0 0	38 0 0	2 1 0	...	...	4 0 0	...	295 1 0
Feby. ...	226 0 0	38 0 0	1 7 0	...	...	9 8 6	...	299 15 6
March ...	226 0 0	38 0 0	1 3 9	...	...	8 3 0	...	298 6 9
Total ...	2,637 9 10	478 4 1	17 15 9	2 15 0	6 8 9	84 0 6	62 6 0	3,589 11 11

The Committee have, I see in their budget for the current year, drawn your attention to the fact that the heavy item of Secretary's pay, though charged to head of office establishment, should really be debited as follows:—

½ to public works, ½ to conservancy, ½ to office.

In Amraoti we have to employ a Secretary who is competent to plan works and superintend their execution.

When it is considered that in most large municipalities there is generally an Inspector for conservancy supervision and none in Amraoti, the office expenditure is not so very much in excess of that of other Bazar Municipalities.

During the year the General Committee met ten times, against seven times the previous year. The members of the Managing Committee were active, and held 27 meetings. Only on two occasions had the general meeting to be postponed owing to a paucity of members attending.

The Municipality has suffered a great loss by the departure for home of Mr. R. Anderson, our public-spirited and able Chairman of the Managing Committee; he went away after the close of the year when the General Committee had thanked him, besides presenting him with an address on vellum for all his disinterested services to the Municipality.

Municipal revenue.

The actual revenue receipts for the year are very different from those of last year.

Town Fund.—Shows a decrease of no less than Rs. 5,514-3-6; this is mainly due to last year's exceeding the usual income which was caused by abolishing the old custom of collecting in arrears.

In the year 1878-79, it will be seen from Appendix A., that the Committee received in that year on account of Town Fund Rs. 4,399-1-3 in excess of the previous year; taking this and the dulness in the year into account, there is reason to be satisfied that matters do not compare worse.

The Mohri Putti and Latrine Cess.—Demand for the year was:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Mohri putti ...	3,223	8	0
Latrine cess ...	4,328	0	0
Total ...	7,551	8	0

But owing to your not approving of the new rules compelling payment in advance by adoption of the license system, the recoveries were made by the Secretary in arrears, and amounted to:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Mohri putti ...	2,568	6	0
Latrine cess ...	1,424	11	0
Total ...	3,993	1	0

But since the close of the year the Committee have adopted your views, which now appear to them to be based on experience; therefore, I hope there will be a material change in the ensuing year.

Bazaar Cess.—There is a large decrease under this head, supposed to be owing to the modification of the rates, as laid down in your Book Circular No. XXIV. of 1879, and passed by the General Committee in their resolution of 13th August 1879. I am sorry to say there was a difficulty in procuring a contractor at the start, as the stall keepers for a time entirely abandoned the covered sheds, as they refused to pay the extra charge; ultimately they thought better of it, and great many reverted to their old places. Under the new rules I am afraid the income will not quite come up to that under the old rules.

Toll on Carts.—It will be observed that the decrease in income of Rs. 3,025 under this head is great; this is probably due to the exceptionally bad cotton season and general depression of trade. Even at the low rate realized at the auction sale for collecting the tax, the old contractor has given up as, he states, he lost by it.

Fines.—The large number of prosecutions in 1878-79 against offenders under Section 34, Act V., and the Bye-laws, has had a beneficial effect. This year the people have seen the errors of their ways, therefore the decrease in fines.

Brokers License; Rent on Stalls; Cotton Yard Fees.—These items are derived principally from cotton; the bad season has materially decreased the income.

The expenditure has been Rs. 44,928. It will be observed that the total disbursements exceed by Rs. 10,236 the expenditure of the year previous; this is due to the large amount spent on public works.

Original Works.—The details given below show that attention has been paid to works of utility:—

1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
2,290 0 4	6,873 7 9	18,586 3 2

It is possible that this 1879-80 expenditure is the largest amount expended for many years past. The principal works were, two new covered chabutras in weekly bazaars, estimated at Rs. 4,386; constructing the first portion of a covered way for the protection and convenience of merchants and others attending the cotton yard. The sanctioned estimate amounts to Rs. 12,077; of this sum Rs. 4,018 have been expended. Then we have the new drainage scheme for which the sanctioned estimate is Rs. 10,248. Some 10,000 running feet of the eastern section of the drainage have been completed; the remainder would have been in a fair way of completion if the supplementary budget forwarded for sanction on the 9th March 1880 had been returned. Lighting the principal streets of the city was introduced this year at an expenditure of Rs. 785; this is appreciated by the public. Providing and spreading moorum in the weekly bazaar cost Rs. 1,000.

The erection of 36 sets of Crawford's rural privies and other small works makes up the expenditure.

Repairs.—Under this head the chief items of expenditure were:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Roads ...	1,823	12	6
Conservancy carts ...	1,377	12	6
Dust bins ...	202	3	6
Total ...	3,403	12	6

Contingencies.—Include :—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Refund of excess collections	94	12	0
Office rent	300	0	0
Suspense account	129	6	0
Stationery and other petty items	173	14	0
	696	0	0

I have already stated that about 10,000 running feet of side drains have been constructed; the remainder of the section already sanctioned, which comprises a little over half of the town and all the best portion of it, I am informed will be soon completed.

The Government have made a most liberal offer for this purpose. Unfortunately steps were not taken in the matter till the close of the year when the Committee thankfully availed itself of the loan and sent up a scheme for the recovery of the money from the city, the residents of which are most anxious that some steps be taken speedily to grant them the boon of unlimited sweet water, such as the citizens of Nagpore and Bombay enjoy.

Dams on Amba River. I believe a scheme was approved of for storing water on the Amba River, but nothing has been done in this respect.

The cleanliness of the city proves that the Secretary has exerted himself in removing the filth and keeping down nuisances. I think some help might be given by the police; at present they only arrest for nuisances, &c., when with the Secretary, who has a great many duties to perform besides that of abating nuisances. There was some delay during the year in issuing summonses under Section 34, Act V. of 1861; this I have endeavoured to remedy now.

Conservancy establishment. The establishment is of the same strength as the year before; the expenditure is given below :—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Establishment	5,723	1	9
Bullocks	2,592	0	0
Repair of carts	700	0	0
Contingencies	427	11	4
Total	9,442	18	1

Thirty-six sets of Crawford's rural privies were erected during the year; you have seen them; they are unanimously approved of. They appear to be actually cheaper than the usual masonry constructions, although the iron castings make them appear expensive. With these privies a double seat appears to be ample in places where the masonry constructions would require 10 sittings. The reason for this assertion is that the water used by natives tends to carry away the deposits outside and leaves the place clean for the next comer; whilst with the other the deposits accumulate until removed, which is objectionable. I hear that the new privies are most popular; even women of the lower classes resort to them occasionally.

The roads are not in as good a state as they should be; this is owing to their being used for the purpose of the new drainage. The nuisance of road encroachments has not diminished; to-day what appears to be a few baskets of earth gradually develops into a chabutra. The constant re-building of mud walls enables the owners to push them forward and encroach on the road. It is difficult to watch these people, especially those who reside in the side gullies.

Have been this year reduced by Rs. 1,281-11-0, which still leaves Rs. 13,915-5 to be collected; it is very difficult to hunt up old defaulters of four years standing. I anticipate the recovery of about Rs. 2,000 more, and then the remainder will have to be written off as irrecoverable.

The balance against the latrine cess is excessive; the Secretary tells me that the Mussulmen are difficult to deal with; they open out new latrines till the time for collection of the cess arrives, then they disappear on the approach of the collector, who is helpless, as he cannot follow them inside their houses and violate the sanctity of the purdah.

These are difficult to suppress and keep clean; notices are frequently served, and for a time the mohri is closed, and again opened out in a new place and the whole business has to be done over again.

Your remarks in reviewing last year's report have had good effect, as the expenditure under this head has been reduced by Rs. 614 :—

	Old scale.	New scale.
	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment	480	860
Dieting paupers	720	460
Bazaar medicine	324	240
Special charges	300	150
Total	1,824	1,210

Some years ago, at your suggestion, the Committee invited subscriptions for dieting paupers; the sum subscribed took a very long time in being collected, therefore no effort was made in subsequent years. But since the close of the year I have got the Committee to exert themselves, and they have succeeded in persuading the well-to-do residents to pay a yearly subscription. Mr. Juggernath, broker, started the list by putting down a yearly subscription of 15 rupees on which others, followed, showing that they were willing to pay towards a charity if it was properly represented to them.

Public Health.

I am glad to report that no epidemic occurred, and the general health has been good.

The General Committee in their resolution No. 5, of 8th May 1879, asked for the services of a special vaccinator for the city and suburbs, but up to the present no vaccinator has been appointed.

In conclusion, I must state that the official and non-official members of the Committee have worked well; there have been no disagreements of any sort under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Anderson (who was most popular); the Managing Committee worked with him in a most exemplary manner.

The Secretary, Mr. Hexter, although he may not be popular, yet those who do not like him admit that he does his work thoroughly, and has managed to clean up the city in a most creditable manner. Colonel Menzies was pleased with his work.

(Signed) H. NICHOLETT, Secretary, &c.,

President,

Municipal Committee,

Amraoti.

From MAJOR J. FITZGERALD, Deputy Commissioner, Akola District, to the Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts, No. 607, dated Akola, 19th June 1880.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward reports on the working of the Khamgaon and Akola Municipalities in this district, for the year 1879-80.

2. The subjoined table gives the demand of the town fund cess for 1879-80, as compared with that of the preceding year :—

	1878-79.	1879-80.	Increase.	Decrease.
Khamgaon	5,832	5,808	24	224
Akola	2,079	2,216	137	...

3. The decrease in the town fund assessment for Khamgaon is accounted for by a reduction in assessment on one of the Cotton Pressing Companies and not to lighter assessment.

4. Akola Vice-President furnishes no explanation for the increase, and may be attributed to variation in receipts by equalization of taxation than to increase of taxation.

5. The incidence of taxation is as follows:—

	Per head of population.	Per head of persons assessed.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Akola	0 2 10	5 13 3
Khamgaon	0 10 7	17 5 9

6. The figures for the year previous are given below:—

	Per head of population.	Per head of persons assessed.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Akola	0 2 8	5 14 3
Khamgaon	0 11 0	17 14 2

7. The distribution of the assessment in each Municipality is as follows:—

Amount assessed.	Akola. No. of persons.	Khamgaon. No. of persons.
Exceeding Rs. 800	...	...
From Rs. 200 to Rs. 300	...	7
From " 150 to " 200	...	3
From " 100 to " 150	...	5
From " 50 to " 100	3	12
From " 25 to " 50	17	20
From " 10 to " 25	42	38
From " 2 to " 10	318	238
Total	380	323

8. The town fund assessment of Government servants was Rs. 53 in 1879-80, and this has been ordered to be recovered and placed to the credit of the Municipality.

9. The Tahsildar of Khamgaon was unfortunately late in giving credit to certain sums inadvertently placed under town fund, but the Vice-President need only deal with the demand as the state of collection is at once apparent from the towji.

10. The other miscellaneous receipts are:—

Receipts.	Akola. Rs. a. p.	Khamgaon. Rs. a. p.
House tax	...	690 0 0
Private latrine cess	2,571 10 6	828 4 0
Bazaar cess	2,676 5 6	3,350 0 0
Cotton cess	1,071 0 3	2,105 13 2
Rent of sites	487 9 6	1,272 0 6
Rent of land in Municipal limits	...	1,065 8 6
Pound receipts	7,889 7 0	129 11 6
Public garden receipts	...	165 3 0
Fines	67 7 0	149 9 6
Miscellaneous	132 3 6	1,927 5 4
Slaughter-house fees	538 0 0	...
Sale of shops	256 0 0	...
Sale proceeds of rubbish	490 10 0	...
Dispensary subscriptions	314 13 4	...
Sale proceeds of grass	162 8 0	...
Total	16,657 10 7	11,683 7 6
Add Town Fund assessment for 1879-80	2,216 0 0	5,608 0 0
Balance of previous year	5,637 4 8	16,296 3 1
Grand Total	24,510 15 3	33,587 10 7

11. Decrease Revenue, Khamgaon.—Khamgaon shows a large decrease of Rs. 1,566-5-4 under cotton cess, and is attributable to a short cotton crop as compared with the preceding year.

12. No tramway rent was collected in the year under review, against Rs. 1,430-10 in the preceding year, and is due to the discontinuance of the practice of lying the tramway from the pressing factories to the railway station on contract.

13. Increase in Revenue, Khamgaon.—Under head Miscellaneous there has been an increase of Rs. 1,24-14-6, owing to sale of building sites, which, at a large commercial town like Khamgaon, are daily becoming more valuable.

14. Decrease in Revenue, Akola.—The private latrine cess amounted to Rs. 2,571-10-6, against Rs. 3,844-5-7 in the preceding year, or a decrease of Rs. 1,27-10-6.

15. This cess shows a very slow progress, and its principal cause of decrease during the year arose from the uncollected balances of previous years having been credited in 1878-79. If the town were divided into circles, I feel to see why its operation should not be satisfactory. This will receive my attention during the current year.

16. Increase in Revenue, Akola.—The development of this source of revenue continues steady. The people pay the tax willingly, and the bazaar is in a flourishing condition. There has been no "change made in the reckoning of the year" as stated by the Vice-President of Akola, but the period of lease was simply brought down to the end of June so as to extend to the termination as well as opening of the month to be adopted for future leases.

17. This very large increase is chiefly due to Rs. 5,000 having been transferred to the Municipality from the pound fund in anticipation of the Resident's sanction to the Cantonment being included in the Municipal limits.

18. The expenditure was:—

Expenditure.	Akola. Rs. a. p.	Khamgaon. Rs. a. p.
Lighting town	...	194 1 0
Drains	486 5 8	274 0 4
Latrines	...	302 7 6
Roads	4,478 8 7	1,461 8 6
Arbiculture	...	528 2 0
Wells (temporary)	150 0 0	7 10 0
Cotton and weekly markets	1,573 7 0	916 12 0
Charitable dispensary	756 3 5	1,036 10 0
Travellers' bungalow	200 0 0	322 1 0
Schools	173 15 0	360 12 0
Pounds	...	77 3 0
Conservancy	3,988 4 5	3,729 0 0
Police	1,607 8 0	1,341 0 0
Public gardens	...	691 8 9
Office establishment	624 0 0	237 8 0
Collection of taxes	110 0 5	135 7 6
Miscellaneous	1,420 15 1	2,522 9 0
Town hall	879 2 4	...
Tools and plant	537 8 0	...
Total	16,330 15 6	14,138 5 1

19. The outlay during the year was Rs. 14,138-5-1; of this 10 per cent. has been spent on town police, 26 per cent. on conservancy arrangements, 7 per cent. on dispensaries, 10 per cent. on roads, and 46 per cent. on schools and other local improvements.

20. At Akola the outlay was Rs. 16,330-15-6; of this 10 per cent. has been spent on town police, 24 per cent. on conservancy arrangements, 4 per cent. on dispensaries, 28 per cent. on roads, and 34 per cent. on schools and other local improvements.

21. The above facts sufficiently display the interest taken by the Municipalities in the development of the resources placed at their disposal, and the progress of Municipal improvements has been fair.

22. The charges of the establishment both at Akola and Khamgaon, Office establishment. Men capable of out-door work is what is wanted, the clerical work being insignificant.

Roads. All the roads in and out of the towns of Khamgaon and Akola have been attended to so far as funds admitted.

24. The cost for maintenance of the Municipal Police does not now absorb so large a per cent. of the municipal income as formerly.

25. The Municipalities have not been slow in meeting the wants of dispensaries, an particular attention has been paid in keeping the buildings clean and tidy.

26. I consider the conservancy establishment equal to the wants of Khamgaon and Akola. It absorbs the major part of the municipal income. The progress in sanitation may be considered satisfactory, and I have impressed on the Municipalities its importance.

27. Water-supply.—A good deal of correspondence has passed regarding the construction of the tank at Khamgaon, and at the close of the year the matter was laid before the Commissioner in all its details. The work is one of much importance.

28. The small anicut across the Morna River at Akola is to be raised. This will secure a larger body of water which it will be my duty to try and keep sweet.

29. It is also in contemplation to bring water from a spring discovered near Barai Takli. The scheme is being matured.

30. Miscellaneous.—The limits of the Akola Municipality have been extended to include the civil station, and I expect good results from this arrangement.

Meetings. 31. The General Committee met 19 times during the year at Akola, and on 11 meetings the Deputy Commissioner presided.

At Khamgaon the Committee had ten general meetings.

32. Khamgaon prosecuted and convicted under bye-laws 47 persons, and inflicted fines to the extent of Rs. 18-13-0; under Section 34, Police Act, 274 persons, and inflicted fines to the extent of Rs. 130-12-6.

Under this head no information has been furnished by the Vice-President, Akola.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. FITZGERALD,

Deputy Commissioner,

Akola District.

From DASTUR BYMANJI JAMASJI, C. I. E., Vice-President, Akola Municipality, to MAJOR J. FITZGERALD, Deputy Commissioner, Akola, No. 75, dated Akola, 21st April 1880.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the following Report on the working of the Akola Municipality during the year 1879-80.

2. The gross revenue of the year amounted to Rupees 20,011-10-7, as against Rs. 10,963-12-4 in the previous year. The details of this revenue are as given below:—

Heads of Receipts.	Net amount received.			Amount remitted.			Total.		
	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
Town fund assessment	2,512	0	0	720	0	0	*3,232	0	0
Mehter cess	2,494	2	3	77	8	3	2,571	10	6
Slaughter-house fees	538	0	0	...	...	...	538	0	0
Sale of shops	256	0	0	...	...	...	256	0	0
Bazaar cess	2,675	13	6	0	8	0	2,676	5	6
Fines	67	7	0	...	...	...	67	7	0
Pound fund collection	7,889	7	0	...	...	...	7,889	7	0
Rent of sites	487	9	6	...	...	...	487	9	6
Sale proceeds of rubbish	490	10	0	...	...	...	490	10	0
Cotton cess	1,071	0	3	...	...	...	1,071	0	3
Dispensary subscription	314	13	4	...	...	...	314	13	4
Sale proceeds of grass	162	8	0	...	...	...	162	8	0
Miscellaneous	132	3	6	...	...	...	132	3	6
Amount credited in adjustment of debits through oversight	...	...	...	22	0	0	22	0	0
	19,191	10	4	820	0	8	19,911	10	7

* Includes collections of previous years.

3. The town fund assessment for the year under report being collected by the Deputy Commissioner instead of by the Committee as heretofore is not detailed here. The assessment under this head amounted to Rs. 2,216, as against Rs. 2,079 in the previous year.

4. The mehter cess amounted to Rs. 2,571-10-6, as against Rs. 3,844-15-7 in the last year, thus showing a reduction of Rs. 1,273-10-6. This decrease is owing to the fact that a number of arrears were recovered during the previous year, whereas the amount shown this year is mostly what was due for that year and not for any arrears.

It has been found however by experience that the cess is not satisfactory in its operation, and that it is difficult to work it in a systematic manner. A new cess under the denomination of the latrine or conservancy cess has therefore been proposed in its stead this year. Should the proposal be sanctioned, the Committee hope to introduce something like order and regularity where they do not exist at present, and expect an increase of about Rs. 7,000 in the revenue, enabling them to make better arrangements for the conservancy of the town.

5. The amount of bazaar cess, it will be seen, was increased this year. This is done to effect an increase in the trade of the town and to the fact that the amount represents the income of 15 months, a change being made in the reckoning of the year. The cess was hitherto farmed out for the official year which ends in March, but hereafter it will be farmed for the year ending June.

6. The increase under pound fund collection is owing to a portion of the collection on account of the pound fund being credited to the Municipality, consequent on the civil station of Akola being included in the limits of the Municipality.

7. The cash in hand at the end of the year under report was as follows:—

Balance at end of 1878-79	Rs. 3,416	9	9
Receipts during the year as above	19,911	10	7
Total	Rs. 23,328	4	4
Deduct—			
Disbursement, vide para. 3 below	23,025	8	10
Balance	3,403	0	6

8. The disbursements during the year 1879-80 were as under:—

Original Works.

Hindustani Middle Class school building ...	Rs.	28	8	2
New roads in town ...	"	284	2	10
Bazaar improvement ...	"	677	3	5
Watering roads ...	"	362	0	8
New gutters ...	"	399	4	4
Compensation for land ...	"	393	8	0
Cotton market improvement ...	"	203	8	2
Public serai ...	"	200	0	0

Total Rs. 2,548 3 7

Repairs.

Station roads ...	Rs.	4,000	0	0
Town roads ...	"	189	5	9
Charitable dispensary ...	"	124	5	0
Town hall ...	"	379	2	4
Market sheds ...	"	188	5	5
Drains and gutters ...	"	80	14	11
Wells ...	"	150	0	0
Miscellaneous ...	"	353	0	7

Rs. 5,465 2 0

Re-establishment.

Office ...	Rs.	624	0	0
Conservancy ...	"	3,758	7	7
Mehter putti collection ...	"	229	12	10
Town fund assessment collection ...	"	110	0	5
Cotton market ...	"	510	0	0
Contingencies in connection with charitable dispensary ...	"	632	8	5
Subscription towards native library ...	"	40	0	0
Marathi female school ...	"	145	6	10
Municipal police ...	"	1,607	8	0
Office contingencies ...	"	272	5	10

Total Rs. 7,930 1 11

Tools and Plant.

Night-soil carts ...	Rs.	387	8	0
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Other disbursements.

Account standing against Municipality, being balance of the permanent advance of Rs. 1,000 for shops, to be refunded hereafter when the shops are sold ...	Rs.	760	1	6
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Amounts remitted as shown in para. 2nd ...	Rs.	798	0	3
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Amount paid to the late Colonel Mayne's estate on account of remission of town fund assessment, the amount of which was credited in the Treasury instead of the Municipality ...	Rs.			
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The amount actually paid by the Municipality as above shown is therefore to be recovered from the Deputy Commissioner.	Rs.	10	2	7
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Amount debited in adjustments of credits by oversight ...	Rs.	26	0	0
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Total Rs. 1,594 4 4

Grand Total Rs. 17,925 3 10

Against Rs. 9,200-7-7 in 1878-79.

9. The increase during the year under report is owing to almost all the works budgetted for being carried out during the year. The construction of the Bohamanji Bazaar for the weekly market has not yet been completed. The shops which private merchants have undertaken to erect are mostly finished. Half of those that are to be erected by the Municipality are also completed. The construction of the other half will be commenced when the shops to the value of Rs. 4,000, which have not been yet sold, are disposed of. It may be mentioned here in passing that the value here fixed for these shops is merely the selling price and does not represent the actual cost incurred on their construction, which is considerably less.

10. Of the Rs. 4,189-5-9 expended on account of repairs, Rs. 4,000 were expended in repairing the roads in the civil station of Akola now included within the Municipal limits, and Rs. 189-5-9 on roads in the town. Most of the latter sum was expended on the road leading from the market to the railway station, on which there is a constant and heavy traffic, and which has been thoroughly macadamised, so that fresh repairs will not be necessary for a long time to come. The other items of expenditure don't call for any remarks.

11. The exports by railway during the year under report amounted to 185,746 maunds, and the imports to 45,269 maunds, as against 224,117 and 31,917 maunds respectively in the preceding year. The reason of increase in exports is attributable to the scarcity that prevailed in several parts of the country around, and the rise in imports may be principally assigned to a greater activity of trade in Akola.

12. There were 244 births this year, as against 144 in the previous year. The reason of the increase is probably attributable to greater accuracy being observed in the registration of births, the statistics of which hardly used to be correct in former years. Another reason may be that many emigrants made this place their permanent abode as they found it a much easier task to earn a livelihood here on account of the increased commercial activity of the town.

13. The following table shows the causes of the deaths registered during the year:—

Immediately after birth.	Small-pox.	Bowel-complaint.	Accidents and suicide.	Snake-bites.	Other diseases.	Fever.	Total.
25	1	99	2	1	249	71	455

The number of deaths, it will be seen, has decreased during the year under report. This is owing to better conservancy arrangements which happily succeeded in checking the advent of cholera and other epidemic diseases. The condition of the people, it is gratifying to state, was generally healthy throughout the year.

14. The population of Akola, according to the census of 1867, was 12,386 souls. This number cannot be now relied upon, as the population has been increasing every day. The increase may be roughly estimated at 50 per cent. at present.

15. The water-supply project was much discussed during the year, but without any conclusion being arrived at. I am glad to report that the Deputy Commissioner is trying to give the inhabitants of Akola pure and healthy drinking water by means of pipes from the bund on the south. He has similarly taken up my suggestion of raising the dam near Masoomshawali on the north and is endeavoring to carry it into effect.

16. 18,243 bojahs were sold in the Akola Market during the year under report, as compared with 30,770 bojahs in the previous year. The decrease is owing to the partial failure of the cotton crop. Compared with the output of the year, however, the sales by no means show a reduction on the past year, but on the contrary an increase of about 50 per cent. This proves that the market is quite in a flourishing condition. The number of bales pressed in the two presses was 7,193 including those purchased in the mofussil and sent here for pressing.

17. Appendix No. 6 shows the number of prosecutions undertaken for breaches of Municipal bye-laws, and the results of such prosecutions.

18. The General Committee of the Municipality assembled 19 times during the year, on 11 of which occasions the Deputy Commissioner presided. The Committee is now convened under the orders of the Commissioner on the 16th of each month.

19. Mention was made in last year's report about the erection of a dharamsala on a site between the town and peth out of the materials of Mr. Pestonjee Vikaji Mherji's dharamsala at Akola Kot (a suburb of Akola) which was in a dilapidated state by means of private contributions amounting to Rs. 2,000. The building is being erected under my supervision, people having liberally contributed Rs. 2,000 more. It is intended

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Outstanding balances. At the close of the year the outstanding balances were as follows:—

	Recoverable.	Irrecoverable.	Total.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Sweeper cess ...	5 13 0	83 0 0	88 13 0
House tax ...	15 0 0	...	16 0 0
Total ...	21 13 0	83 0 0	104 13 0

And since then the items in column 1 have been recovered—all but Rs. 1, house tax, and those in column 2 written off the accounts.

I may add, from figures supplied by the Tahsildar, that Rs. 5,399-8-0 of town fund have been collected, and the balance of Rs. 203-8-0 is outstanding. There are no arrears from previous years outstanding in the municipal accounts.

The expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 4,138-5-1, as under:—

Original Works.			
No.	Particulars	Actual expenditure	Total
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1.	Lighting town	194 1 0	
2.	Drains	274 0 4	
3.	Latrines (urinals)	302 7 6	
4.	Roads	408 9 3	
5.	Arboriculture	38 2 0	
6.	Temporary wells	7 10 0	
			1,314 14 1
Repairs.			
1.	Cotton market	265 2 0	
2.	Weekly market	99 14 0	
3.	Charitable dispensary	38 0 0	
4.	Travellers' bungalow	125 11 6	
5.	Anglo-vernacular school house	198 12 0	
6.	Pound	5 3 0	
7.	Roads	962 15 2	
			1,695 9 2
Establishment.			
1.	Conservancy	3,729 0 0	
2.	Police	1,344 0 0	
3.	Charitable dispensary	998 10 0	
4.	Public gardens	691 8 2	
5.	Watering roads	674 0 0	
6.	Watering trees	490 0 0	
7.	Cotton market	551 12 0	
8.	Office	237 8 0	
9.	Female school	162 0 0	
10.	Pound	72 0 0	
11.	Travellers' bungalow	196 6 0	
12.	Collection of taxes	135 7 6	
			9,279 4 3
Miscellaneous			
1.	Sundries	296 11 0	
2.	Compensation for loss of property	1,551 14 0	
			1,848 9 0
Total expenditure			
			14,138 5 1

If the town fund collected, but not yet credited to the Municipality be taken into account, the expenditure during the year is then considerably less than the receipts in the same period.

The expenditure under this head has been confined, with the exception of some repairs, to the cost of surveying the town. In January last the services of a Surveyor in the Public Works Department were placed at the disposal of the Municipality for this purpose, and he has since been employed under the direction of the Executive Engineer in surveying and preparing plans of the drainage scheme, which, when completed, will permit of further progress being made in this important work.

Rs. 498-9-3 were expended in laying out and metalling new roads, and Rs. 962-15-3 on repairs to existing ones. The cart traffic during the cotton season is so heavy that the proper maintenance of roads forms a large, but at the same time unavoidable, item of expenditure.

Latrines.—The question of erecting public latrines is under consideration, and I hope some action may shortly be decided upon. The Municipal Committee is fully alive to the importance of the subject. But the difficulty is not so much one of expense (although we cannot expect to inaugurate a complete system of latrines until the conservancy cess is revised) as that the people themselves display an intense reluctance to resort to latrines, and immeasurably prefer selecting spots for themselves in adjacent fields. Khungam is probably not peculiar in this respect, but yet it is remarkable to find in the percentage that even some of our wealthiest sowkars who might reasonably be expected to indulge in private arrangements in their own houses, still adhere to the ancient custom of resorting to open fields, and it is to this very general feeling and not to remissness on the part of the Municipality in providing facilities in this respect that the signal failure of two previous attempts to introduce public latrines must be attributed.

An important improvement has been effected during the year in the construction of public urinals in the town. Five of these are now in use, and as they are appreciated and are really a success, it is contemplated to gradually increase the number of them.

Conservancy.—The total sum expended on scavenging and cleansing latrines, including the Sanitary Inspector's pay, was as follows:—

	Rs.
Sweepers ...	1,132
Carts ...	1,800
Inspector's pay ...	780
Sundries ...	17
Total ...	3,729

The conservancy establishment is barely sufficient for the requirements of the town, and any increase in the number of latrines, or in the staff of sweepers, must certainly be met by an increase in the staff of sweepers.

The project referred to in my last Report for improving the water-supply of the town has been approved and definitely estimated for during the year. The papers, it is understood, are now before the Resident, and orders on them are anxiously awaited, not only by the Municipal Committee but by many other persons who take an interest in the measure.

Public health.

6. Compared with the preceding year the season was happily a much healthier one, as the following figures show:—

Cause of death.	Deaths.		Decrease.
	1878-79.	1879-80.	
Cholera ...	93	241	93
Fevers ...	402	175	227
Bowel-complaints ...	172	64	108
At birth ...	16	15	1
Accidents ...	16	6	10
Other causes ...	107	26	81
Total ...	806	238	520

The death-rate has thus fallen from the abnormal rate of 95.13 to 33.75 per mille

4. Turning now to Statement II, it will be seen that we spent during the year under report Rs. 14,408-5-4, against Rs. 13,082-2-4 in 1878-79. We spent therefore Rs. 2,784-4-1 in excess of the actual income of the year (Rs. 11,619-13), and which excess came from the unnecessarily large opening balance of Rs. 7,738-15-7, and was therefore quite legitimate, reducing the latter to the sufficient amount of Rs. 4,954-11-0.

This expenditure may, most usefully, I think, be grouped thus:—

	Rs.	a.	p.	Percentage of expenditure. (Rs. 14,408-5-4)	Rs.	a.	p.
1. Police	2,887	5	7	20	0	10	
2. Conservancy.—							
Scavenging, &c.	1,957	12	11				
Watering roads...	309	0	0				
Dispensaries and medicine...	2,552	9	11				
Drainage	306	0	0				
Water-supply	137	12	0				
	4,738	2	10	32	14	4	
3. Works including repairs.—							
Buildings	303	9	0				
Repairs and improvements	348	10	0				
Roads	310	1	7				
Imprest advance to daroga for petty works	422	0	0				
	3,450	4	7	23	15	3	
4. Establishments.—							
Head office	304	11	9				
Vital statistics	30	0	0				
Pounds	30	0	0				
Collection of taxes	30	14	0				
	2,014	9	9	13	15	9	
5. Miscellaneous.—							
Education	302	2	8				
Mail tonga service	302	10	8				
City survey	302	1	9				
Snake rewards	302	4	0				
Miscellaneous petty items	302	11	6				
	1,312	14	7	9	1	10	
	14,408	5	4				

1 Chief Constable.
4 Head Constables
24 Constables.

5. The cost of police strength, as per margin, is an item beyond our control, and has recently been very largely raised, that is, from Rs. 1,797 to Rs. 2,833 per annum.

The increase under head Office establishments is nominal, not real, and includes back pay due to a clerk who had been dismissed, and an item of travelling allowance for the Secretary and daroga visiting Nagpur on duty. The other items call for no special remark.

6. Pushing on the serai (Rs. 986-0), building some much wanted bazar chabutras, (Rs. 997), erecting a school-house (Rs. 483), opening out and improving the city in one point (Rs. 310-1-7), and making some drains (Rs. 300), has been our chief employment under the heading "Works."

The iron main piping laid down by the Executive Engineer in repair of the old water-work channels has been a great success, and the benefit at this particular (the hot) season is very much appreciated.

7. The Government of India in its review on past administration desires to see a larger expenditure on conservancy proper, and in particular the introduction of a system of public latrines.

As a matter of fact, this wish has been constantly before the Committee, but though a slight addition to the scavenging establishment which now consists of eight carts, 16 sweepers, and five peons, has been made, we are practically hampered, first, by a want of funds, secondly, by an inadequate sweeper population, and we can only cut our coat according to our cloth.

8. Regarding increasing our means, the town fund being the only direct source of revenue, and being contributed by but a small number of the inhabitants, under 1/4th, the desirability of a light octroi on articles of most common consumption was pressed by yourself in the Committee as the most likely way of obtaining the necessary increase. After deputation two of their members to Nagpur to investigate the working of the octroi there, and after ascertaining, as far as could be, the data of local consumption, proposals were submitted with this office No. 551, dated 12th March 1887. The Resident desired to see the cart tax, and you advised the bazaar cess being merged in the octroi; but the Committee, considering that they can afford so little, are anxious, before they commit themselves to giving up any thing, to see what the new proposals, if allowed, will really bring in.

9. As to introducing a system of public latrines, our chief difficulty is the absence here of a sweeper population in sufficiency* to provide the establishment necessary to keep such latrines clean once they are set up. Till our means are enlarged, too, we could hardly afford the cost of the establishment, even if it could be at once found. The subject, however, is under consideration, and the wishes of the Government of India will be given effect to on the earliest opportunity. It may be barbarous for people to have to resort to the open, but it is better than having uncleansed latrines in our midst, and it is a habit long enforced here by the absence of a sweeper population. The same reasons that make it difficult for the Municipality to tackle a system of public latrines, cause them for the present to refrain from dealing with private ones, which, it is estimated, over 6,000 of the city population use, and you have yourself recognized* that for the present they had best refrain.

10. Reverting for a moment to the town fund, it may be proper here to note that the demand under it during the year under report was Rs. 4,028, against Rs. 3,115 in the year previous. The incidence of taxation per head of persons assessed (935 in all) being Rs. 4-4-0, against Rs. 3-14-9 in 1878-79. It was assessed by the Tahsildar with the aid of panchayats and revised by myself. There were 44 appeals only against the assessments, which terminated thus:—

Dismissed by default	...	16
Assessment upheld	...	27
Assessment increased	...	1
Total		44

11. For the immediate future an extension of the water supply has been proposed, and an allotment in the current budget is set aside for the Executive Engineer's report, in whose hands the scheme at present is. When it is ascertained how far this extension can be carried, we shall be in a position to know exactly where to improve (if necessary) the water-supply from wells. It is obvious that we are spending money on wells in those parts of the city to which this extension will not reach, and an uncontaminatable source without can be carried. Next on the agenda is the survey, now close at hand, it is proposed to improve the drainage; meanwhile, the suggestion, which emanated from you, the Committee have started a permanent gang of workmen to clear and level the more ruined parts, in the course of which work can and will be done to improve the surface drainage at least.

12. The public health in the city during the year under report has been excellent. There was no epidemic of any kind. The births registered were 1,000, and 784 deaths. The Vaccination Department, however, have got all the children who were registered, for but 505* were vaccinated.

That our people are very decently amenable to regulations is to be gathered from the fact that there were only 62 prosecutions for breach of Section 84 of the Police Act, in which 59 convictions were obtained with fines to the amount of Rs. 71-10-0. Inspection and patrol under the police and daroga is very fairly vigorous with the best results as to external cleanliness. Speaking generally, inspection of the city carries the impression that some advance in improvement in various directions is steadily being made, even if the pace (from a want of funds) be slow.

15. The Committee are most excellently served by Mr. Balaji Narsimha, their Secretary (who is also the Deputy Educational Inspector of the district) and their datang, Khawji Daud-ul-Din: their interest in, and attention to, the affairs of the city during the year merit the Committee's warmest acknowledgment.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) K. J. L. MACKENZIE.

Deputy Commissioner,

Ellichpur District,

and President, Municipal Committee.

From H. B. KNOWLES, Esq., Officiating Deputy Commissioner, Basim, to the Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts, No. 1857, dated Basim, 30th July 1880.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the annual Report on the Basim Municipality for the year 1879-80.

Charge 2. Major Farrer was President up to the 27th April, since when I have held that office.

3. There have been no alterations in the number of the Committee or in the non-official members. The *ex-officio* members change as the officers change.

There were six of the latter to six of the former. The non-officials have been for many years on the board. A change in these gentlemen was proposed but apparently not approved of, as the names sent were never published in the *Residency Orders*.

There were three Europeans, one Eurasian, and eight Natives on the Committee.

4. The Extra Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Bapuji Rugonath, was Vice-President, and the Tahsildar was Honorary Secretary.

5. The General Committee met only twice, and the Deputy Commissioner as President was present each time. The income of the Municipality was so small that the expenditure was little over a mere trifle under 2,000 Rupees, so that more general meetings were hardly requisite.

6. The Managing Committee met ten times.

The actual receipts of the Municipality, as compared with those of the former year, were as follows:—

1878-79	Rs. 3,034
1879-80	„ 3,274
Increase ..	240

This small increase is due to the heads Bazaar Cess, Fines, and Miscellaneous.

7. The following statement shows the chief sources from which the Municipal Committee derived its income:

Particulars	Amount
	Rs. a. p.
Town Fund	1,056 1 2
Bazaar cess	1,375 2 0
Pound receipts	302 7 0
Fines	119 4 0
Rent of cultivated land within Municipal limits	372 14 6
Miscellaneous	48 2 0
	3,274 2 4
Add balance of previous year	2,323 1 0
Total available for expenditure	5,597 6 4

Of the Rs. 1,056-4-2 realized under town fund Rs. 134-4-2 was on account of balances of former years, and Rs. 922 for the year under report.

8. The assessment was Rs. 985, as detailed below:—

133 persons paying Rupees 10 and under	Rs. 528
16 do. above „ 10 .. do.	Rs. 20
2 do. do. „ 20 .. do.	30
2 do. do. „ 30 .. do.	40
2 do. do. „ 40 .. do.	50
Total ..	Rs. 985

The highest rate of assessment was Rs. 41, and the lowest Rs. 2. Government servants contributed Rs. 47, and traders Rs. 933 of the assessment.

9. The following table gives the expenditure for the year under report as compared with the previous one:—

Particulars	1879-80.	1878-79.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Collection of taxes (column 9) ..	166 0 0	237 0 0	71 0 0	
Conservancy and cleansing ..	739 11 9	566 0 0	173 11 9	
Police ..	83 6 0	792 0 0		758 10 0
Registration of births and deaths ..	18 0 0	24 0 0		6 0 0
Construction and maintenance of roads ..	1,350 0 0	64 0 0	1,286 0 0	
Bazaar stalls ..		200 0 0		200 0 0
Drainage works ..	450 0 0	225 0 0	225 0 0	
Water-supply ..	100 0 0	21 0 0	79 0 0	
Removing prickly-pear ..		40 0 0		40 0 0
Purchase of iron hooks for putting out fire ..		12 0 0		12 0 0
Library ..	110 0 0	180 0 0		70 0 0
Education, Science and Art ..	133 7 0	130 1 0	3 6 0	
Pound establishment ..	108 0 0	92 14 0	15 2 0	
Miscellaneous ..	85 0 0	50 0 0		15 0 0
Total ..	3,243 8 9	2,633 15 0	1,782 3 9	1,172 10 0
			1,172 10 0	
Net increase ..			609 9 9	

10. In conservancy there has been an increase of Rupees 173-11-9. The conservancy establishment consists of—

- 6 Sweepers.
- 2 Mchters.
- 3 Carts for removing rubbish, costing about Rs. 740, or 1 anna 5 pie per head of population

11. The increase under Construction and maintenance of roads and drains, &c., is mostly owing to the expenditure in the previous year having been only Rs. 64. The expenditure was for moorrunning the roads in the town, making side drains, and re-paving some mouths of public wells.

12. The decrease under Police is owing to the amount of contribution for 1879-80 not having been drawn before the close of the official year.

13. The other items call for no remark.

14. Of the total expenditure Rs. 3,243-8-9, there was 40.33 per cent. devoted to establishments, 58.59 per cent. to public works, and 1.08 to miscellaneous charges.

15. Below is the detail of the public works expenditure :-

Original Works.

	Ra.
Masonry drains on sides of the road leading from Kateebase to Walkah's house	200
Paving stone floor on the road near Lyransing's house	150
Mooruming road leading from old Fort to Mr. Wilson's bungalow	200
Do. do. chowry to Joomalpett	200
Earth-work on road leading from Anglo-Vernacular school to Balajee Naik's house	200
Mooruming road do. do. do.	200
Mooruming roads in weekly market at Basim	200
Digging side drains to roads in the town	100
Total Original-works	1,550

Repairs.

Rolling roads in the town	200
Repairs to drains in the town	150
Total Repairs	350

Total public works charges 1,900

16. The sanitary condition of the town generally is improved, yet it is not in a satisfactory condition, and never will be, till there are more funds at the disposal of the Committee.

17. The public latrines are about as unsatisfactory as they can be. They were to have been removed to other sites further out of the town, but there were no funds for this purpose. How the site for females could have been chosen I cannot conceive. It is an open space of ground surrounded by dwelling houses on three sides, and with a low wall of not two feet high separating it from a much frequented road. This year it will be removed.

An attempt is made to clean these public latrines, but the staff of mehters is not sufficient, so buffaloes and vultures do the rest. I trust things will be better ere another report is due.

At each general meeting I suggested a latrine putti, but my suggestion met with the strongest opposition from the whole of the native members. I therefore saw it useless to press the matter with the present Committee.

18. The public health has been generally good. During the latter portion of the rains there was a great deal of remittent fever, and a little bowel-complaint.

19. The death-rate was 3.2 per cent. of population, and the birth-rate 3.3.

20. The following gives the number and result of prosecutions under the bye-laws and Section 34 of Act V. of 1861 :-

Prosecutions.		Acquitted.		Convicted.		Punishments awarded				Amount of fine	Remarks
						Imprisonment.		Fine			
Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.		
52	52	1	1	51	51	...	...	51	51	Rs. 4	p.
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21. The Town Police are the agency employed in the suppression of nuisances, but are most apathetic.

They will let a man commit a nuisance even close to their station-house, but will not take the trouble to arrest him. I have had often to speak about this to the Superintendent of Police, Mr. Hobson, but with no result. The police have an idea that it is beneath them to look after these cases.

22. I am sorry to say that Mr. Bapujee Rungnath took little interest in the Municipality. I gave him the vice-presidency as I had seen how well he had worked in Karanja some years ago, and was in hopes that he would have taken a real interest as there was so much to be done here.

I have since the close of this year under report put Mr. Hare, as Taluk Officer, in charge, who has gone through the accounts, which were in sad confusion.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. B. KNOWLYS.

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Basim District.

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