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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers:—

From W. LYS, Esq., Ex-officio Chairman, Municipal Council, Vizianagram, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Divisional-officer, Vizianagram), dated 27th June 1898.

I have the honour to submit herewith the report on the administration of the Vizianagram Municipality for the official year 1897-98, together with the statements noted in the margin. The report was approved, and passed by, the council at its meeting held on the 27th June 1898.

## I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL.

2. M.R.Ry. V. Venkatrayasastry Garu presided over the municipality as elected Chairman until the expiry of his term of office as councillor on 24th April 1897, when he handed over charge to Mr. E. B. Elwin, Divisional-officer, who delegated his powers to M.R.Ry. Ch. Ramamurti Pantulu Garu. On the 8th July 1897, M.R.Ry. V. Venkatrayasastry Garu resumed office as Chairman-delegate till the 21st October and from that date presided over the council as elected Chairman until the 4th February 1898, when he handed over charge to M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur V. Anandarao Pantulu Garu, to whom the powers of Chairman were delegated and who acted as Chairman-delegate until after the close of the year.

3. The accounts of the year have not as yet been audited.

4. The number of councillors allowed to this municipality is 16, 12 being elected and 4 being appointed by Government. The council had its full strength until the 24th April 1897, when the term of two councillors, viz., M.R.Ry. V. Venkatrayasastry Garu and M.R.Ry. Y. Appalanarasaiya Pantulu Garu, expired. These two seats remained vacant until 15th June 1897. Again on the 21st August 1897, the term of Padsha Sahib Bahadur expired. This vacancy remained unfilled till the 16th November 1897, when M.R.Ry. P. Kristnamurti Pantulu Garu was elected to fill the vacancy. The term of M.R.Ry. K. Venkanna Pantulu Garu, nominated councillor, having expired, the vacancy was filled on the 2nd November 1897 by the appointment of M.R.Ry. P. Sreeramasastri Garu. On the 6th November, another vacancy was caused by the expiry of the term of M.R.Ry. V. Kristnarau Pantulu Garu and was filled by the re-election of the same gentleman, whose name was only gazetted on the 1st March 1898. On the 4th February, M.R.Ry. V. Venkatrayasastry Garu resigned and on March the 5th the term of M.R.Ry. C. Ramamurti Pantulu Garu, elected councillor, expired. These two vacancies were not filled within the year.

## II.—RECEIPTS.

5. The year opened with a balance of Rs. 509. The receipts of the year were Rs. 30,610-0-5 against Rs. 32,806-10-4 of the previous year and against the sum of Rs. 32,000 anticipated in the revised estimate passed by Government in their Order, No. 625 M., dated 22nd March 1898. There is a great fall in the actual receipts of the year when compared with those of the previous year. The causes of decrease are hereinafter explained in their appropriate places. As explained in paragraph 5 of the current year's budget report of the municipality, the fall in the collections of taxes is mainly due to the great attack of famine which the people at large have very recently passed through and consequent inability of paying up their taxes. Many a petty trader, agriculturist and customer had to leave the place for other districts and countries and many others fell victims to the then impending distress. In the foregoing circumstances and owing to the frequent changes in the office of Chairman in the year under report, the financial administration has not been what it ought to be.

6. *Tax on Arts.*—The current demand under this head, as finally settled by the council, was Rs. 3,552 and the arrears were Rs. 2,301-4-6, while the collections were Rs. 2,850-8-0 and Rs. 423-7-3, respectively, making in all a total of Rs. 3,273-15-3 against the actual collections of Rs. 3,437-1-0 of the previous year. The decrease in revenue under this head is due to the revision of the schedule of rates.

7. *Tax on Buildings.*—The rate at which the tax on buildings was levied in the year continued to be  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the annual rent value. A copy of the rules framed by the council for fixing the annual rent value on buildings and lands is herewith attached for the information of Government. The house-tax registers were thoroughly revised in the year 1895-96. The current demand under this head was Rs. 10,929-5-0 as originally assessed by the Chairman, the final demand being Rs. 10,913-14-0, out of which a sum of Rs. 9,483-9-0 was collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,430-5-0. The arrear demand outstanding at the commencement of the year was Rs. 2,517-11-3 appertaining to the two previous years, viz., 1895-96 and 1896-97. Of this, a sum of Rs. 420-10-9 was collected; the balance still remaining to be collected or otherwise disposed of is Rs. 2,097-0-6. The greater part of this sum will probably have to be written off as irrecoverable. The total collections, both arrear and current, under this head were Rs. 9,904-3-9. From the above it will be seen that 87 per cent. of the current and about 17 per cent. of the arrear demands was collected during the year. That the collections have been less satisfactory than in the previous year, is due to the distress prevailing consequent upon an unfavourable season.

8. *Tax on Lands.*—The current demand under this head is Rs. 104-2-0 and there were arrears amounting to Rs. 27-11-0, making a total of Rs. 131-13-0, of which a sum of Rs. 91-3-0 was collected in the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 40-10-0 both under arrear and current demands, which will be collected before long.

9. *Tax on Vehicles.*—Nearly the amount anticipated in the revised estimate was collected.

*Tax on Animals.*—The amount actually collected was less by Rs. 71 than the amount anticipated in the revised estimate. The decrease in the number of horses, &c., kept by the Samustanum since the death of the Maharajah is the cause of this.

*Tax on Carts.*—The decrease in the collections under this head was due to the fact that certain persons who sold their carts during the recent famine have not purchased them again and hence they have not applied for cart registration.

10. *Coercive Processes.*—Appendix A to statement IV-A and IV-B shows the number of warrants during the year. In 33 cases property was attached and in four cases the property seized was sold and the sale-proceeds credited in satisfaction of the amounts due.

11. *Tolls.*—The right of collecting the municipal tolls was leased out to one M.R.Ry. B. Parvatisam Garu for Rs. 12,250 against Rs. 14,000 of the previous year. Although the contractor did not pay the instalments punctually, the whole amount was collected with some difficulty within the close of the year. The amount due to the District Board on account of its share in the collection of tolls was also fully

paid within the close of the year, though at irregular intervals. It may be mentioned here that, as the revenue from tolls has been steadily falling off of late years, the council has resolved to keep the collections under this head under departmental management during the year 1898-99 and so far the step has proved satisfactory, more than Rs. 4,000 having been collected during the last two months.

12. *Incidence of Taxation.*—The total actual income from taxation including tolls was Rs. 26,236-14-0 against Rs. 28,313-10-9 of the previous year and excluding tolls was Rs. 17,049-6-0 against Rs. 17,813-10-9 of last year. The population of the town according to the census returns of 1891 is 29,180; the incidence per head, tolls being included, was As. 14-4 against As. 15-6 of last year, and tolls being excluded, As. 9-4 against As. 9-9 of 1896-97.

13. *Realization under Special Acts—(c) Fees under Act II of 1888.*—No provision was made under this head in the revised estimate; yet as two dramatic companies took licenses for giving performances during the latter part of the year, the sum of Rs. 120 was collected as license fee.

14. *Produce of Lands and Gardens.*—Although there was an increase in the sale of grass from the Park meadows, vegetables, &c., suffered from the excessive rainfall and there was a slight decrease in the revenue under this head.

15. *Sale-proceeds of Materials.*—The increase is small and does not call for special remarks.

16. *Conservancy Receipts—Sale-proceeds of Night-soil, Street-sweepings, &c.*—There was no competition in the year amongst the agriculturists for the manure and there was consequently some decrease in the receipts.

17. (4) (d) (i) and (ii).—The decrease in the amount under these two heads may be attributed to the fact that admissions in the Muhammadan school under the former head did not increase and that in the latter the number of subscriptions fell off during the year.

18. *Income from Slaughter-houses.*—The amount anticipated in the revised estimate was collected in full. The increase over the amount shown in the budget column was due to the fact that the outstanding arrears of the previous year due from the slaughter-houses contractor, was collected in the year 1897-98, while in the budget column only the amount of the current year's provision was shown.

19. *Distrain Fees.*—The actual receipts show an advance on previous years. The amended Municipal Act provides that a fee of two annas on every warrant issued should be charged apart from the distraint fee which is provided to be charged in the event of warrant being executed on any defaulter. The fees thus collected in the year amounted to Rs. 9-4-3.

20. (4) (g) (ii) *License Fees.*—The owners of certain oil presses who have been usually paying a license fee have abandoned their business and left this place for Cocanada; hence there was a decrease under this head.

21. *Fines under Municipal and other Acts.*—The amount of fines collected under this head is Rs. 194-10-0, which includes also the amount of fines imposed by the Principal Assistant Magistrate in certain cases filed by the municipality in his court.

22. *Interest on Endowments.*—This was the amount received from the Accountant-General as interest at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on Government Promissory note of 1865 for Rs. 5,000 invested by the late Rai Bahadur Sri P. Jagannadharaju Saheb, Diwan of the Vizianagram Samastanam, for feeding the poor during pongal.

23. (5) *Grants and Contributions—(a) From Government—Normal Stipends.*—No contributions were received in the year as no teachers were sent by the municipality for training.

*Other Purposes.*—This is the amount received as the provincial contribution on account of common gymnasium establishment maintained by the municipality.

24. (6) *Miscellaneous—Private Scavenging Fees.*—The current demand under this head was Rs. 1,612-10-0, the collections were Rs. 1,167-12-6 and the balance left uncollected was Rs. 444-13-6. The arrears demand was Rs. 1,323-9-6, which remained unadjusted for the past four years, the arrear collections were

Rs. 128-11-6, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,194-14-0 outstanding from so far back as the year 1892-93. The whole of this amount and a greater part of the current year's balance will have to be written off as irrecoverable—*vide* Chairman's report of 1896-97, paragraph 25.

25. *Other Purposes.*—This is the amount of fees charged from persons requiring the vaccinator's attendance at their own quarters for vaccinating their children. The fee charged was only two annas per visit.

26. *Fee for numbering Carts.*—The number of carts registered decreased and there was a corresponding falling off in the fees collected.

27. *Other Items.*—This is the amount credited to municipal funds from the deposits, as the parties have not claimed the surplus sale-proceeds of distrained property.

28. (d) *Advances—(ii) Others.*—This item is composed of the following items brought to the credit of municipal funds:—

|                                                                                                          | RS. | A. | P. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| (1) Advance made to the Sanitary Engineer for investigating water-scheme ... ..                          | 52  | 3  | 0  |
| (2) Over payment recovered from contractors as per audit notes ...                                       | 6   | 0  | 0  |
| (3) Cost of printing charges recovered from the District Board by short payment in the instalment ... .. | 4   | 6  | 0  |

### III.—EXPENDITURE.

29. For the reasons stated above, the sum to be collected for expenditure in the year was reduced to Rs. 30,610-0-5, including the opening balance for 1897-98, instead of Rs. 32,000 anticipated in the revised estimate. Retrenchment in all possible directions was therefore necessary and at the same time, cholera and plague involved charges which could not be avoided. However, by the exercise of strict economy, the year closed with a balance of Rs. 92-6-3.

30. *Grant 1.*—The amount provided in the revised estimate for expenditure under this grant was Rs. 10,230 and the amount actually spent was Rs. 9,806-5-0. With the limited funds at its disposal for the execution of public works, the council has the satisfaction of having turned out good work in the year, as will be seen from statement II-A which shows the details of works executed under different heads.

31. *Communications.*—Under new works, nothing of importance was done during the year. A sum of Rs. 551-2-11 was usefully spent in repairing thoroughly with metal and gravel the Poolbaugh main road, a distance of one mile, and a sum of Rs. 375-13-1 was spent in making similar repairs to the Kaspā main road through Bazaar street up to the municipal toll-gate at Ayodhya, which is also about a mile. Rs. 247-10-11 were spent in repairing the Kaspā main road up to the Clock-tower; the road from the Clock-tower to the Suntapeta toll-gate having been found to be in good order, was repaired where necessary by the permanent road gang of coolies. The amount spent on Sharabkhanavari street from the Maharajah's College to the flag staff of the Fort was Rs. 213-4-10, and the sum spent in repairing the road from the Clock-tower to Peddacheruvu toll-gate was Rs. 99-12-8. The amount thus spent in repairing the main roads was Rs. 1,487-12-5. All these roads are in good order. Besides the above, the roads and streets in Suntapeta division were repaired at a cost of Rs. 621-15-2 and those in Kaspā at a cost of Rs. 512-12-8, while those in Kottapeta and Hukumpeta divisions were completed at a cost of Rs. 387-15-6. Many small streets and lanes were repaired at a cost of Rs. 635-14-2. The amount spent on account of the permanent road coolies employed on petty repairs was Rs. 470-0-0. In the year the number of major roads repaired with metal was 47 and the distance  $12\frac{1}{2}$  miles. The number of streets and lanes repaired was 24 and the distance 10 miles. The number of petty roads repaired was 20 and the distance 7 miles.

32. *Buildings*.—A double masonry latrine at a cost of Rs. 127-7-0 was constructed at Dasannapeta for the use of the agricultural and shepherd classes. A sum of Rs. 85-10-10 was spent in constructing a portion of the Park masonry compound wall. This work was done with the express sanction of Government. A sum of Rs. 129-15-2 was spent in improving the floor and the drainage of the sheep slaughter-house which was found to be very defective. The remaining sum of Rs. 54-6-0 was utilized on petty works. The amount spent in repairing buildings was Rs. 150-12-9. Among the works of repairs that were executed for municipal buildings, the most important was that of the Park Pavilion which cost the municipality Rs. 90-9-8. Other works are too small to be mentioned here.

33. *Drainage*.—A sum of Rs. 138-3-11 was spent in constructing a side masonry drain in police hospital road. The construction of this drain was very much wanted and its necessity was repeatedly urged by the Divisional councillor; hence it was taken up and finished. Small works of drainage such as the construction of side drains in Sharabkhana street and Raja Bazaar street were executed at a cost of Rs. 63-15-6 and Rs. 49-2-4, respectively, and Rs. 44-0-6 was spent on the construction of petty drains. Besides the above, several drains were repaired and some of the underground drains were opened, the silt accumulated in them removed and the drains put into order.

34. *Drain-flushing Establishment*.—Statement II-B gives the details of establishment for flushing drains. Besides the usual drain cleaners, the council during the course of the previous year obtained the sanction of Government for the entertainment of a gang of 8 drain-flushers for the purpose of washing them while the drain cleaners were engaged in cleaning the drains. The amount spent both for flushing and cleaning establishments was Rs. 1,650 against the figure of Rs. 1,660 in the revised estimate. These people did useful work in the year.

35. *Water-supply*.—A sum of Rs. 1,391-4-3 was spent as follows:—

(a) A sum of Rs. 1,040-0-5 was spent towards the cost of investigating a water-supply scheme to the town through the Sanitary Engineering department.

(b) Two masonry circular fresh-water wells were constructed in the bed of Peddacheruvu by the side of cantonment road at a cost of Rs. 97-4-11 at the request of the Divisional-officer.

(c) A circular masonry well was constructed in Hazie Shariff's street at a cost of Rs. 133-12-3. This work was found necessary as the people of that portion of the town had no public well.

(d) A well was sunk at Lankapatnam road at a cost of Rs. 38-12-0 and a platform to the well in Harakala street dug in the previous year was built at a cost of Rs. 20-15-11.

(e) Other petty water-works such as deepening wells, &c., were carried out at a cost of Rs. 60-6-9.

(f) Rs. 38-2-0 was spent in repairing the bunds of Buchanna and Dasannapeta tanks and to meet some other petty charges in connection with the water-supply of the town.

36. *Water-works Establishment*.—Statement II-B gives the details. The work turned out by the tank watchers was useful in protecting the different water-sources of the town—6 tanks and 14 wells. The cost of this establishment was Rs. 407-12-0 during the year under report.

37. *Public Works Establishment*.—There was no charge in the establishment under this head. There was one overseer on Rs. 30+10 allowance and two maistries on Rs. 10 each. Their work in the year was pronounced to be good.

38. *Tools and Plant and other Stores*.—In the previous year the council purchased two iron rollers at a cost of more than Rs. 200 and hence could not do anything in the way of purchasing tools for public works. This year a sum of Rs. 296-14-0 was spent in purchasing and repairing tools.

The supervision and management of the municipal public works was entrusted to councillor M.R.Ry. K. V. Krishnarao Pantulu Garu.

39. *Grant 2, Education*.—The amount provided in the revised estimate under this grant was Rs. 3,640 which, however, could not be fully spent owing to the financial difficulties during the year.

(1) *Training Schools*—(b) *Stipends to Normal Students*.—No teacher was sent in the year for undergoing training and so no expenditure was incurred under this head.

40. *Salary-result-system Schools*.—The municipality, as in last year, maintained three schools under the system, viz., the Mahomedan, the night and the pariah schools, in all of which boys are taught up to the fourth standard. The number of boys on the rolls on the 31st March 1898 in the Muhammadan school was 58 and the average attendance was 66 against 67 and 57 respectively in the previous years. Of the three masters employed in the school, the first assistant is trained and the second is undergoing training in the current year. The school presented 45 boys for examination, of whom 30 passed against 45 presented and 20 passed in the previous year. Five boys were sent for Primary School examination, all of whom got through. There is one master in the night school and one in the Paraiya school; both are trained teachers. The former sent up 3 boys and the latter 2 boys for the Primary School examination; one in each school was successful. Compared with the results of the previous year, the Muhammadan school did well in the examination for the year under report.

Grants were paid at half the rates to all the abovementioned schools. The cost of maintaining the Muhammadan school was Rs. 425-3-0. The night and the Paraiya schools, as shown in Statement V-A. herewith submitted, cost the municipality Rupees 164-15-0 and Rs. 113-12-0 respectively. In the Muhammadan school, fees are collected at the following rates:—

|             | Rs. | A. | P. |
|-------------|-----|----|----|
| IV Standard | 0   | 1  | 0  |
| III do.     | 0   | 0  | 9  |
| II do.      | 0   | 0  | 6  |
| I do.       | 0   | 0  | 3  |
| Infant do.  | 0   | 0  | 1  |

Double the rates are collected from the Hindu boys. In the night and the Paraiya schools, no fees are charged.

41. *Result Grants*.—The sum provided in the revised estimate of expenditure under this head was Rs. 2,200, but that actually spent within the year was Rupees 2,029-11-0. In the year under report all the schools received their grants, except the Ripon Hindu Primary school. This school received the grant for 1896-97 in 1897-98 and for 1897-98 in the current year 1898-99. The number of schools under the result system was 23 at the beginning of the year; 2 were opened and 3 closed during the year. There were thus 22 schools at the close of the year. The qualifications of the schoolmasters were improved in the year. The number of boys receiving instruction in the municipal and aided schools was 1,015 against 1,199 in the previous year.

42. *Gymnastic Instruction*.—The sum provided under establishment was fully utilized, while that provided under contingencies was utilised to the extent of Rupees 28-4-4 against Rs. 40 provided in the revised estimate, which was spent in repairing the wooden paling around the gynasium; 25 schools received instruction in gymnastics. The number of boys that received instruction was 1,187 and their average attendance was 1,037. None of the masters attended drill during the year. As usual, instruction was given to boys in position drill, physical drill and physical exercise. The gymnast employed is a trained man who is a military pensioner holding a first-class certificate given by the Inspector of Gymnasias, Madras and Bombay Presidencies, Central Gymnasium, Poona.

43. *Building and Furniture Grants.*—The amount spent under this head was Rs. 66-10-8 against Rs. 113 in the previous year. The bills presented were all paid in the year. The amount spent was distributed as follows:—

| Name of school.                 | Amount of<br>rent grant. |    |    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----|----|
|                                 | Rs.                      | A. | P. |
| (1) Kanukurtivari street school | 12                       | 0  | 0  |
| (2) Ripon Hindu Lower school    | 18                       | 0  | 0  |
| (3) Munsif's street school      | 12                       | 0  | 0  |
| (4) Town result school          | 6                        | 0  | 0  |
| (5) Vungavari result school     | 6                        | 10 | 8  |
| (6) Maharanipeta result school  | 6                        | 0  | 0  |
| (7) Pallividhi result school    | 6                        | 0  | 0  |
| Total                           | 66                       | 10 | 8  |

44. *Inspection.*—As usual, there was one inspecting schoolmaster employed by the municipality in the year. He inspected on an average 40 schools a month.

45. *Grant 3, Sanitation and Medical Service.*—The total expenditure under this grant was Rs. 10,681-9-6 against Rs. 10,760 provided in the revised estimate and against Rs. 10,661-10-4, the actuals of previous year.

46. *Hospitals and Dispensaries—Establishment.*—In the year there were two midwives employed by the municipality. The following is the work done by each of them:—

|                                  | Number of cases. |        |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------|
|                                  | Major.           | Minor. |
| Trained midwife Annamary Toyamma | 31               | 49     |
| Untrained midwife D. Payidamma   | 87               | ...    |

The total number of cases attended by the trained and untrained midwives is 118 major and 49 minor cases against 145 major cases in the previous year. All the minor cases were attended by the trained midwife. The services of the untrained midwife were dispensed with on the receipt of G.O., No. 625 M., dated 22nd March 1898, as ordered in paragraph 4 of the same; but the Council, in consideration of her long and useful services rendered, resolved to give her a gratuity. A separate communication will be addressed to Government on the subject.

The municipality owns no hospital or dispensary. A provision of Rs. 1,000 towards the contribution for an hospital was made in the year's budget, but the amount was not utilized.

The annual concise report of the Maharaja's dispensary is herewith submitted for the information of Government.

47. *Vaccination.*—The municipality has in its service a first-class vaccinator. He operated 1,526 cases, of which 1,500 were successful. There were 121 cases prosecuted for failure to have children vaccinated. In the total number vaccinated are included 854 cases which were under one year of age, of which 845 were successful. Comparing the vaccinator's work of the year with that of the previous one, his work appears to be rather unsatisfactory, but the fact that most of the unprotected cases had been operated must be taken into consideration. The percentage of success both in general and in infantile vaccination was satisfactory. The number of notices issued to parties under section 138 of the Act was 986. The number of complaints lodged before the taluk magistrate was 121. The number of persons who produced their children for vaccination under the magistrate's order was 95 and the number postponed on medical certificate was 4. Glycerine paste was obtained from the calf lymph depot at Vizianagram. The hospital assistant in charge of the Police hospital, who is also a municipal councillor, verified 1,132 cases. The vaccinator is paid at the rate of 2 annas for each successful case vaccinated by him over and above 80 cases a month. He accordingly received a reward of Rs. 31-14-0 during the year. The cost of lymph purchased was Rs. 12-6-0 and the printing charge was Rs. 35-3-0. Thus the average cost of each successful case was As. 2-9 against As. 2-11 in the previous year.

48. *Vital Statistics.*—The number of births registered during the year was 886 against 932 and that of deaths was 865 against 889 of last year.

The various causes of mortality are noted below:—

|                  | 1896-97. | 1897-98. |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Cholera          | 40       | 56       |
| Small-pox        | 30       | 5        |
| Fever            | 301      | 302      |
| Bowel-complaints | 154      | 137      |
| Other causes     | 364      | 365      |
| Total            | 889      | 865      |

The population of the municipality according to the census of 1891 is 29,180 and the birth-rate per mille in the year was 30.036, while the death-rate was 29.643.

The public health cannot be said to have been satisfactory, as there was cholera and small-pox during the year, while fever and bowel-complaints were also prevalent. The sanitary inspectors and sergeants are directed to note down cases of births and deaths for report to the registrars, who also go about the town to gather information and to check the reports of the conservancy staff. There are two registrars—one for each ward of the town.

49. *Conservancy, Road cleaning and Road-watering.*—The amount provided in the revised estimate was Rs. 9,830 and the amount actually spent was Rs. 9,766-13-8.

*Conservancy Establishments.*—Statement II-B shows the details of establishment during the year. The decrease in the conservancy establishment charges was due to the non-utilisation for a great part of the year of the provision made for the chief sanitary inspector. The trained sanitary inspector was sent to the service of the Kistna District Board on promotion. No competent man could be secured up to date, although the vacancy was advertised in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. The sanitary condition of the town, excepting the state of drains, was reported to be satisfactory. The readiness of the road and drain cleaning establishment to strike if any pressure is brought to bear upon them is to be regretted. During the year recourse had to be had to the new provisions in the amendment Act with regard to the strikes amongst the scavengers. For having quitted the municipal service without giving due notice, some 8 scavengers were prosecuted before the Principal Assistant Magistrate and were convicted. The number of other prosecutions for infringing the municipal sanitary laws was 47 and the fines collected amounted to Rs. 194-10-0. The number of dust-bins made in the year was 60, all of which were substituted for old ones found useless. There were 337 dust-bins, of which 9 are of corrugated zinc, 288 iron, 26 masonry and 11 wooden. The number of public latrines was 30 at the beginning of the year. In the year two masonry latrines were removed and one was constructed. The night-soil from private and public privies was as usual removed by means of air-tight iron carts to the depot and is buried in pits dug for the purpose and sold in due course for manuring purposes. There are three rubbish and one night-soil depots in the town. The Vizianagram sewage filters, of which there are 30 in number, worked well during the year. There were 30 rubbish carts maintained at a cost of Rs. 1,800.

50. *Private scavenging.*—The amount provided in the revised estimate was Rs. 1,450 and that actually spent on establishment was Rs. 1,452. Including the cost of scavenging carts, etc., the municipality had to spend Rs. 1,880-12-0 in all on account of private scavenging against a revenue of Rs. 1,296-8-0. The council therefore sustained a loss of Rs. 584-4-0. This would not have been the case if the council could reduce the establishment in proportion to the work turned out by the scavengers. Unfortunately combination among the scavengers has frustrated all attempts in this direction. Strenuous efforts have been made to collect the fees in advance, but with little success. It is hoped however that by the issue of distress warrants the greater part of the arrears will be collected at an early date. There were 1,069 private latrines under municipal supervision on the 31st March 1897. Fifteen privies were added to and 14 privies removed from the list in the year under report. There are 5 night-soil carts and 63 toties employed for cleaning the private privies.

**Cholera charges.**—Of the sum of Rs. 1,000 provided in the revised estimate for cholera and plague charges, Rs. 991-0-11 was actually spent within the close of the year. Cholera made its appearance thrice in the year, and on the three occasions the municipality had to take measures to check the progress of the disease under the directions contained in the rules promulgated in G.O., No. 1536 M., dated 9th September 1896. There were 117 attacks and 56 deaths from this cause:—

|                                     | RS. | A. | P. |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| Amount spent on cholera charges ... | 739 | 0  | 3  |
| Do. on plague observation ...       | 252 | 0  | 8  |

**Contingencies.**—The sum provided in the revised estimate was utilised in providing tools, baskets, etc., for the conservancy establishment.

51. **Grant 4, Lighting.**—The sum spent in the year was Rs. 2,237-10-0 against Rs. 1,880 provided in the revised estimate and the actuals of Rs. 2,323-5-11 of the previous year. At the beginning of the year there were 300 lamps. No lamp-posts were purchased and no posts in existence were removed during the year. The cost of establishment was stationary, but the contingencies exceeded the amount provided in the revised estimate, owing to the rise in the price of kerosine oil during a great part of the year. The lighting of the town was supervised by the lighting superintendent, as also by the sanitary inspectors and other conservancy subordinates. Five hundred and fifty-two chimneys and 372 burners were purchased; 372 lanterns were repaired during the year.

52. **Markets.**—The council owns no market in the town. The municipality has in its service a superintendent on Rs. 10 a month, whose duty it is to inspect the articles of food and drink as well as meat and fish exposed for sale in the four markets belonging to the Samastanam. He also has to inspect the cattle and sheep brought to the municipal slaughter-houses to be slaughtered.

53. **Choultries—Feeding the poor.**—The interest on Rs. 5,000 given by M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur Sri P. Jagannadharaju Sahib Garu, late Diwan of the Vizianagram Samastanam and invested in a Government promissary note was Rs. 174-9-0 and the amount spent in feeding the poor during the Pongul festival was Rs. 187.

54. **Clock-tower.**—The municipality owns a clock-tower. A clock winder is employed on Rs. 4 a month. The clock is keeping good time.

55. **Public Gardens.**—The establishment charges were as usual Rs. 474. The expenditure under contingencies was a little more than the sum provided in the revised estimate, but it was much less than the actual expenditure in the previous year. In this connection, I beg to state that the Government were pleased to sanction the estimates for completing the park compound wall and to direct the council to distribute the work over a period of five years. The council have accordingly spent Rs. 85-10-10 in constructing a portion of the park masonry compound wall—*vide* paragraph 31 *supra*.

56. **Other Charges.**—The items under this head are of a very fluctuating nature. The sum of Rs. 609-15-1 was spent as detailed in the statement and calls for no special remark.

57. **Grant 5, Supervision and Management.**—The details of establishment are shown in Statement II-B. The office and collection establishments continued to be the same as in the previous year.

(b) (ii) and (d).—The charges incurred under these two heads together amount to Rs. 328-5-4 against the sum of Rs. 300 provided in the revised estimate. The excess is not great and does not call for any remarks.

58. **Municipal Limits.**—The Government order on the revision of municipal limits has not been received. The nuisance in Peddacheruvu still continues, and, unless the order is received, the municipality cannot exercise authority over the tank so as to prosecute the persons who freely ease themselves in the bed of the tank and otherwise foul its water.

**Water Scheme.**—The preliminary investigation of the scheme is completed. Estimates and plans are as yet not received. Scarcity of good drinking water is much felt in the town.

**P.S.—Opening Balance.**—The closing balance of the year 1896-97 was Rs. 511; but in the month of July 1897, this was reduced by Rs. 2 under instructions from the Treasury Deputy Collector. It was stated that a sum of Rs. 2 in excess was credited by the sub-treasury officer to the municipal funds under "Fines under Municipal and other Acts"; hence the reduction made.

## ENCLOSURE.

## ANNUAL concise report of the Maharaja's Central Dispensary, Vizianagram, for the year 1897 and 1898.

1. **Public Health.**—The public health of the town was not quite satisfactory. Although the municipal authorities adopted every sanitary measure, cholera did not leave the town throughout the year, but continued in a sporadic form. According to the municipal mortuary report, the death-rates for the year were as follows:—

|                      | Deaths. |
|----------------------|---------|
| Cholera ...          | 56      |
| Small-pox ...        | 5       |
| Fevers ...           | 302     |
| Bowel-complaints ... | 137     |
| Other causes ...     | 365     |

2. **Vital Statistics—Population, 29,180.**—There were 886 births and 865 deaths for the year. There was a decrease of 46 births and 24 deaths as compared with the previous year. The rainfall for the year was 60.3 inches, about one-third more than the usual average and about 35 inches more than in the previous year. The prevailing diseases for the year were cholera, small-pox, diarrhoea, dysentery, fevers, rheumatism, dropsy, worms, skin diseases and ulcers.

3. **Sanitation.**—The sanitary condition of the town was not quite satisfactory.

4. **Vaccination.**—There were 1,500 successful cases of vaccination out of 1,526 operated by the municipal vaccinator.

5. (a) **Hospitals and Dispensaries.**—The accommodation for 16 male and 6 female patients was sufficient. The bedding and clothing was also sufficient and were in good condition.

(b) The dispensary building is in good repair.

(c) The supply of the furniture to the dispensary was sufficient and in working order.

(d) The dispensary was visited by His Excellency the Governor of Madras on the 21st February 1898.

(e) Recovery of money from the patients, even from those who are able to pay for their diet and medicines, is not allowed.

(f) There were 199 in and 15,325 out patients treated during the year. There is an increase of 42 in and 434 out patients as compared with the previous year.

(g) No septic disease was acquired, and no death therefrom in the dispensary.

(h) There were 300 surgical operations with satisfactory results.

(i) The establishment was quite sufficient to work in the dispensary throughout the year.

(j) The municipal midwife has attended 118 cases of labour, 27 cases less than in the previous year.

(k) The institution was maintained by the Dowager Maharani Sahiba, Manaya Sultana of Vizianagram, as in the time of the late Maharaja of Vizianagram, G.C.I.E., whose death is a great loss to the public of a very liberal patron of the charitable institutions.

VIZIANAGRAM,  
4th April 1898.

(Signed) MOHAMUD ABDHULKHAN,  
Ag. Senior Assistant in charge.

S.C. No. 940.

Forwarded.

(Signed) W. LYS,  
Ag. Principal Assistant Collector.

1st July 1898.

Submitted to Government.

2. In spite of the remarks in paragraph 3 (4) of G.O. No. 1730 M., dated 5th August 1897, the collection of private scavenging fees has not improved, about one-quarter of the demand being outstanding. This appears to be due to neglect to collect fees in advance in accordance with the repeated instructions of Government.

3. Registration of births and deaths is still very defective.

4. The roads were on the whole in fair order.

5. Sanitation was by no means well attended to. Many outlying parts of the town are excessively dirty, and nuisances are freely committed with impunity.

(Signed) W. O. HORNE,  
Acting Collector.

9th July 1898.

From the Ex-officio Chairman, Municipal Council, Vizianagram, dated 18th July 1898, No. 94.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting a revised statement of IV-B to be substituted for the one already submitted with the Administration Report of Vizianagram Municipality.

ORDER—No. 1510 M., dated 25th August 1898.

The receipts and charges of the Vizianagram Municipality for 1897-98 are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1896-97:—

|                                                                        | Actuals,<br>1896-97. | Budget<br>estimate,<br>1897-98. | Revised<br>estimate,<br>1897-98. | Actuals,<br>1897-98. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Receipts.</b>                                                       | <b>RS.</b>           | <b>RS.</b>                      | <b>RS.</b>                       | <b>RS.</b>           |
| Balance brought forward .. .. .                                        | 943                  | 3,230                           | 660                              | 509                  |
| Tax on Arts .. .. .                                                    | 3,437                | 4,200                           | 3,700                            | 3,274                |
| " on Buildings and Lands .. .. .                                       | 10,259               | 11,000                          | 10,300                           | 9,995                |
| " on Vehicles and Animals .. .. .                                      | 2,430                | 2,750                           | 2,370                            | 2,292                |
| " on Carts .. .. .                                                     | 1,688                | 1,700                           | 1,530                            | 1,488                |
| Tolls .. .. .                                                          | 10,600               | 11,250                          | 9,190                            | 9,187                |
| Realizations under Special Acts .. .. .                                | 35                   | 30                              | 120                              | 120                  |
| Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and Sale-proceeds of Lands, &c. .. .. . | 358                  | 320                             | 420                              | 397                  |
| Conservancy Receipts .. .. .                                           | 230                  | 250                             | 210                              | 172                  |
| Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions .. .. .                 | 70                   | 70                              | 70                               | 61                   |
| Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses .. .. .                       | 480                  | 760                             | 870                              | 870                  |
| License Fees .. .. .                                                   | 313                  | 300                             | 340                              | 314                  |
| Other Fees .. .. .                                                     | 5                    | 10                              | 30                               | 12                   |
| Fines under Municipal and other Acts .. .. .                           | 97                   | 280                             | 280                              | 195                  |
| Interest on Investments and Premium on Loans .. .. .                   | 175                  | 180                             | 180                              | 175                  |
| Grants and Contributions from Government .. .. .                       | 115                  | 230                             | 80                               | 97                   |
| " from other Bodies .. .. .                                            | 110                  | 500                             | ..                               | ..                   |
| Recoveries for Services to Private Individuals .. .. .                 | 1,355                | 1,600                           | 1,600                            | 1,299                |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .                                                  | 107                  | 120                             | 100                              | 90                   |
| Advances Recovered .. .. .                                             | 100                  | ..                              | 70                               | 63                   |
| <b>Total .. .. .</b>                                                   | <b>32,807</b>        | <b>38,780</b>                   | <b>32,000</b>                    | <b>30,610</b>        |

|                                                               | Actuals,<br>1896-97. | Budget<br>estimate,<br>1897-98. | Revised<br>estimate,<br>1897-98. | Actuals,<br>1897-98. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Charges.</b>                                               | <b>RS.</b>           | <b>RS.</b>                      | <b>RS.</b>                       | <b>RS.</b>           |
| <b>GRANT 1—</b>                                               |                      |                                 |                                  |                      |
| New Works—                                                    |                      |                                 |                                  |                      |
| Communications .. .. .                                        | 122                  | 300                             | 300                              | 55                   |
| Buildings .. .. .                                             | 367                  | 1,000                           | 700                              | 398                  |
| Drainage .. .. .                                              | 696                  | 250                             | 250                              | 295                  |
| Water-supply .. .. .                                          | 659                  | 1,000                           | 1,400                            | 1,391                |
| Repairs—                                                      |                      |                                 |                                  |                      |
| Communications .. .. .                                        | 5,991                | 5,200                           | 4,200                            | 4,116                |
| Buildings .. .. .                                             | 287                  | 350                             | 150                              | 151                  |
| Drainage .. .. .                                              | 2,222                | 1,840                           | 1,840                            | 1,947                |
| Water-supply .. .. .                                          | 404                  | 520                             | 520                              | 446                  |
| Establishment .. .. .                                         | 590                  | 720                             | 720                              | 710                  |
| Tools and Plant and other Stores .. .. .                      | 346                  | 150                             | 150                              | 297                  |
| <b>Total .. .. .</b>                                          | <b>11,704</b>        | <b>11,330</b>                   | <b>10,230</b>                    | <b>9,806</b>         |
| <b>GRANT 2—</b>                                               |                      |                                 |                                  |                      |
| Training Schools .. .. .                                      | 131                  | 120                             | ..                               | ..                   |
| Municipal Schools—                                            |                      |                                 |                                  |                      |
| On the Salary-result System .. .. .                           | 674                  | 690                             | 690                              | 727                  |
| Grants-in-Aid—                                                |                      |                                 |                                  |                      |
| Result Grants .. .. .                                         | 1,557                | 2,000                           | 2,200                            | 2,030                |
| Building, Furniture, &c., Grants .. .. .                      | 113                  | 200                             | 200                              | 67                   |
| Inspection .. .. .                                            | 200                  | 200                             | 200                              | 199                  |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .                                         | 404                  | 540                             | 350                              | 345                  |
| <b>Total .. .. .</b>                                          | <b>3,079</b>         | <b>3,750</b>                    | <b>3,640</b>                     | <b>3,368</b>         |
| <b>GRANT 3—</b>                                               |                      |                                 |                                  |                      |
| Hospitals and Dispensaries .. .. .                            | 160                  | 1,180                           | 330                              | 313                  |
| Contributions .. .. .                                         | 99                   | 100                             | 100                              | 102                  |
| Vaccination .. .. .                                           | 328                  | 250                             | 250                              | 260                  |
| Registration of Births and Deaths .. .. .                     | 240                  | 250                             | 250                              | 240                  |
| Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering .. .. .          | 9,838                | 10,670                          | 9,830                            | 9,767                |
| <b>Total .. .. .</b>                                          | <b>10,665</b>        | <b>12,450</b>                   | <b>10,760</b>                    | <b>10,682</b>        |
| <b>GRANT 4—</b>                                               |                      |                                 |                                  |                      |
| Lighting .. .. .                                              | 2,323                | 1,880                           | 1,880                            | 2,238                |
| Markets and Slaughter-houses .. .. .                          | 120                  | 120                             | 120                              | 120                  |
| Choultries .. .. .                                            | 160                  | 180                             | 180                              | 187                  |
| Clock-tower .. .. .                                           | 48                   | 50                              | 50                               | 48                   |
| Public Garden, Survey of Land, Fire and other Charges .. .. . | 1,472                | 2,450                           | 1,200                            | 1,266                |
| <b>Total .. .. .</b>                                          | <b>4,123</b>         | <b>4,680</b>                    | <b>3,430</b>                     | <b>3,859</b>         |
| <b>GRANT 5—</b>                                               |                      |                                 |                                  |                      |
| Supervision and Management .. .. .                            | 2,665                | 2,790                           | 2,790                            | 2,803                |
| Advances Recoverable .. .. .                                  | 60                   | ..                              | 100                              | ..                   |
| Refunds .. .. .                                               | ..                   | 50                              | 50                               | ..                   |
| <b>Grand Total .. .. .</b>                                    | <b>32,296</b>        | <b>35,050</b>                   | <b>31,000</b>                    | <b>30,518</b>        |
| <b>Balance .. .. .</b>                                        | <b>511</b>           | <b>3,730</b>                    | <b>1,000</b>                     | <b>92</b>            |

2. As in the previous year, the Municipal Council held 26 meetings. The average attendance of officials which improved was indifferent, while that of non-officials, though showing a decline, continued to be fair. Four seats were filled by election during the year, of which one was contested, only 19.3 per cent. of the registered voters attending the poll.

3. *Receipts.*—(1) Owing to the adoption of the revised schedule A annexed to the District Municipalities Act, the net current demand under the tax on arts fell from Rs. 4,642 to Rs. 3,552. The demand under the taxes on buildings and lands, however, remained almost stationary.

(2) There was an improvement in the current collections under the taxes on arts and buildings, but a decline under the tax on lands. Collections, however, were not satisfactory owing to the prevailing distress. For the same reason, the realization of arrears under the first two taxes was very poor and nothing was collected under the last mentioned tax. The Government trusts that energetic steps will be taken to adjust the outstandings in the current year.

(3) There was an increase in the receipts under slaughter-house fees and fines, but a decline under the taxes on vehicles and carts, tolls and conservancy receipts. The variations in some of these cases have not been explained in the Chairman's report.

(4) Notwithstanding the remarks of Government in paragraph 3 (4) of G.O., No. 1730 M., dated 5th August 1897, the private scavenging system made no appreciable advance. The number of houses served by the Municipal scavengers was 1,070 or only one more than in the previous year, and the service was worked at a loss of Rs. 585 to the Municipal Council against Rs. 536 in that year. The fees levied for this service were not collected in advance, as repeatedly ordered by Government, and no satisfactory explanation of this neglect has been furnished in the Chairman's report. This is extremely unsatisfactory and reflects discredit on those concerned. The large balance outstanding under this head should be adjusted without further delay and no pains should be spared to extend the service in the current year, for which there is considerable scope, seeing that the number of houses served by the municipal agency was only 22 per cent. of the total number of houses assessed to the tax on buildings in the municipality.

4. *Expenditure.*—(1) *Public Works.*—The preliminary investigation of a scheme for the water-supply of the town, on which a sum of Rs. 320 was spent in the previous year, was completed at a total cost of Rs. 1,361. In this connection the attention of the Sanitary Board is drawn to the Chairman's remarks in paragraph 58 of his report. The total expenditure on communications amounted to Rs. 4,171 or 45.4 per cent. of the municipal revenue from tolls against the minimum of 50 per cent. prescribed by Government; but the short outlay was allowed by Government as a special case, both because the roads in the town were in good condition and because money was needed for other purposes. The Revenue Divisional Officer has not reported on the condition of the town roads—an omission which should not recur—but from paragraph 4 of the Collector's endorsement they appear to have been maintained in fair order.

(2) *Education.*—The net expenditure on education amounted to Rs. 3,211 or 12.2 per cent. of the receipts from taxation, and the whole of this sum was spent on primary education. The Municipal Council continued to maintain three primary schools on the salary result system and to aid 22 primary schools with result grants. The attendance at the aided schools improved, but at the municipal schools it declined. The results of the departmental and grant examinations were good. The allotment for result grants was slightly exceeded, and the total number of boys under instruction in the municipal and aided schools rose from 1,078 or 48.3 per cent. of the male population of school-going age to 1,149 or 51.5 per cent.

(3) *Medical Relief.*—The Municipal Council had no hospital of its own. From the report on the working of the Maharajah's hospital, it appears that 199 in- and 15,325 out-patients were treated at this institution against 157 and 14,891, respectively, in the previous year. The trained and the unqualified midwives employed by the Council attended between them 167 cases of labour against 144 attended by the latter in the previous year. This is not satisfactory. The services of the latter have now been dispensed with, and the trained woman should be required to show better results in the current year.

(4) *Vaccination and Vital Statistics.*—It is to be regretted that the total number of vaccine operations performed during the year fell from 1,884 to 1,526, though the quality of the work improved somewhat, the ratio of reported success being 98.3 against 95.9 in the previous year. Infantile vaccination also showed a slight retrogression, the total number of children under one year successfully vaccinated being 845 or 28.9 per mille of the population against 866 or 29.7 per mille in 1896-97. Increased attention should be paid to this in the current year.

There was a decrease in the number of births and deaths registered during the year, and the returns in both cases cannot be regarded as trustworthy, the rates recorded being much below the normal. Notwithstanding the repeated orders of Government, no prosecutions were instituted for failure to report these occurrences. The cause of this neglect should be explained. The attention of the Municipal Council is drawn to the instructions issued in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 926 M., dated 17th May 1898, regarding the registration of vital statistics.

(5) *Sanitation.*—Nearly 9 per cent. of the allotment under this head was allowed to lapse and this is partly explained in paragraph 49 of the Chairman's report, but the expenditure amounted to 32.4 per cent. of the current receipts against 30.9 per cent. in the previous year. In paragraph 49 it is stated that, except as regards the drains, the sanitary condition of the town was satisfactory; but from paragraph 5 of the Collector's endorsement, it appears that sanitation was not well attended to. The Council should devote its special attention to this branch of the administration and adopt early measures to remedy the defects pointed out by the Collector and by the Sanitary Commissioner in his inspection notes.

5. *General Remarks.*—The year closed with a balance of only Rs. 92 or .3 per cent. of the current receipts.

The administration of the municipality during the year under review was poor, the collection of taxes, extension of the private scavenging system, vaccination, registration of vital statistics and sanitation demanding increased attention.

6. Information regarding the changes in the *personnel* of the Council, given in paragraph 4 of the report, is unnecessary and should be omitted in future. The report is written in very slovenly English, much of which has required correction. The Collector is requested to caution Mr. Lys against such carelessness.

(True Extract.)

*[Signature]*  
for Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vizianagram.

- „ Collector of Vizagapatam.
- „ President, District Board, Vizagapatam.
- „ Accountant-General.
- „ Director of Public Instruction.
- „ Surgeon-General.
- „ Sanitary Board.
- „ „ Commissioner.
- „ „ Engineer.
- „ Public Department, with reference to paragraph 6.

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