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No. 409. Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatnm, 12th August 1865, No. 579 :—

SIR,

1. In submitting, as usual, six copies each of the Reports for 1864-65 of the Municipal Associations established in the towns marginally noted, I have the honor to request that sanction may be given for the disbursement of Rs. 18,621 as the Government grant-in-aid, being the equivalent of the Municipal collections, viz., to—

Vizagapatam.
Bimlipatam
Vizianagram.

Vizagapatam	... ...	Rupees 11,366
Bimlipatam	... ...	,, 2,801
Vizianagram	... ...	,, 4,454

2. The note-worthy point in the Report of Vizagapatam, is the construction of a road along the beach in the direction of Waltair, at the foot of the sand hills lying between the town and the sea. It is the existence of these sand hills that renders Vizagapatam a comparatively hot and unhealthy town, and that induced the European community some years ago to migrate, three miles north, to Waltair, in search of an unobstructed sea breeze. Now that this beach road is about to be formed, some sanguine individuals look forward to seeing a row of stately villas rising on these sand hills, to be occupied by convalescents from Calcutta and Madras, attracted by the many advantages offered by the climate of this part of the coast.

Another point is the daily removal of the town sweepings and night-soil to a piece of waste land across the river, where the whole is burnt or buried. We may perhaps attribute to this measure the happy immunity from cholera (a few sporadic cases excepted) we have enjoyed during the late generally unhealthy season.

3. The Bimlipatam Municipality (so far as taxation is concerned) depends entirely on the rates collected from carts entering the town with produce for shipment. This mode of taxation was omitted in the first Draft Bill of the new Municipal Act for up-country towns ; but added afterwards, owing probably to the success with which the tax is collected at Bimlipatam, as instanced in the brief remarks I offered on the Draft.

4. The Government will not fail to notice with satisfaction the good progress of the Dispensary and Seamen's Hospital at Bimlipatam ; the zeal shewn by the community in promoting education, and the prompt manner in which it responds to every appeal on behalf of the interests of the town. It will be seen that Mr. John Young, a gentleman long resident at Bimlipatam, has provided the town with a handsome clock, and that the inhabitants have raised a large sum to build a tower for it.

5. The Vizianagram Report is a translation of the Committee's Report in Telugu. The Municipality is still managed, almost entirely, by a body of Native gentlemen. I believe indeed that the Municipal system has taken deep root in the District, and that, in spite of the factious Petition lately addressed to the Legislative

Council, at the instance of a person of consideration in this town, we shall be able to work the new Municipal Act without hindrance or difficulty.

No. 410.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1865, No. 1,978.

1. Sanction is granted for payment of Rupees 18,621-as requested. The Government are gratified to learn the continued success which has attended the efforts of the Committees for the benefit of their fellow-townsmen.

2. The expediency of introducing the Towns Municipal Act in these stations will be considered in due course.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Vizagapatam.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REPORT OF THE

SUB COMMITTEE OF THE

VIZAGAPATAM MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL 1865.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

PRESIDENT.

D. F. CARMICHAEL Esq.

MEMBERS.

J. Dougall Esq. *Civil Surgeon President Sub Committee.*
The Rev. J. Hay A. M.
„ „ J. W. Gordon.
Inspector of the Town Police.
Mr. J. W. Mc Murray.
Mr. D. S. Turner.
Mr. W. Warfield.
G. L. Nursingarao Esq.
A. V. Nursingarao Esq.
T. Sreenivasarao Pantulu
V. Ramiah Pantulu.
Y. Mullicarjanudu Pantulu.
B. Seetanah Naidu.
B. Nursiah Naidu, *Secy Treasurer and General Superintendent of works*

J. Palfrey, 1*st Supt. of Town and Roads.*
T. Rielly, 2*nd Supt. of Town and Roads.*
S. Lychlander, 3*rd Supt. of Town and Roads*
John Littlewood, 4*th Supt. of Cleaning Department.*

REPORT OF THE

SUB COMMITTEE OF THE

VIZAGAPATAM MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL 1865.

The Sub Committee of the Municipal Association in presenting their Report for 1864-65 do so with much satisfaction, it being the seventh year of the Association's formation.

2 The resources of the Association continue to be derived as in former years.

TOWN.

Several large and small arched Tunnels have been built in various parts of the Town together with several branch roads from the main one, into different parts of Chungalaroypett and other parts of the Town.

2. V Drains continue to be constructed in different localities as is found necessary and the roads kept in good order.

3. The carts entering and leaving the Town formerly halted at Dyk's Tank, but this place being required by Government as a site for a Normal School, another place for a cart stand has been acquired at a cost of Rs. 1000, in a suitable locality additional expence has been incurred in digging a large well for the use of the Bandy men, and a Trough has been built for the cattle.

4. The new road that the Association had in contemplation for the last three years to construct on the beach has been commenced with Departmentally, it is estimated to cost 11000 Rs.

5. The Town we are thankful to say has been pretty healthy, but in June last year as the rains set in, Cholera made its appearance in the Fish Village south of the Town and in Jamathpett bordering on it, (the latter place was remarked upon in the last report, regarding its crowded state &c. &c.) but prompt measures were adopted in burning, burying and removing all filth in, and about the Houses, together with having them white washed, so that in the former place there were only two casualties, and in the latter about a dozen; the disease disappeared in a few days.

6. Small Pox and measles made their appearance in January last but in a very mild form.

7. In order still further to improve the sanitary condition of the Town, it was determined that all the filth and sweepings be conveyed a considerable distance away from any dwelling. The place selected for their deposit is on the other side of the River and to Leeward of the Town as regards the prevailing winds. This measure entailed a considerable additional expense, as not only had a greater number of sweepers and Toties to be entertained, but carts were required to convey the filth to the Bank of the River and boats to Ferry it across, where it is finally disposed of either by burning or burying. The increased expenditure on this account amounts to Rs. 166-10-4 monthly, but we are confident that the improved sanitary condition of the Town will justify the steps we have taken in this matter.

8. In consequence of the increase in the market price of rice, it became necessary to raise the pay of the Toties and sweepers.

9. A good portion of the prickly pear has been cut away in and about the Town and buried.

FERRIES.

No alteration has been made so far as regard's Fees, but the Contract this year has fallen, on both the "Western" and "Dolphin Ferries," in the former by Rupees 1068 and in the latter Rupees 48.

2. Great inconvenience was found to exist at the Western Ferry by the bandies obstructing the road, when waiting to be ferried across, collisions and accidents were not uncommon. To obviate this, two large platforms, one on each side of the Ferry have been built, where the bandies can be accommodated, either before or after they have crossed the Ferry and thus all crowding and obstruction is avoided.

3. A large boat or flat is being constructed for the "Dolphin's Ferry" at a cost of Rupees 500.

4. The back water is fast filling up, and it is to be regretted that Funds are not available for placing a dredge on the river, to deepen and remove all accumulations of filth in it, and obtain a regular flow of clear water at all times in the bed of the river.

MARKET.

No alteration has been made in this Department with the exception that the contract fell by Rs. 228 this year.

For the liberal grant of Rs. 10,072 made by Government last year, the Committee on behalf of the Public now respectfully beg to offer their thanks.

2. The grant for the year just expired which we respectfully solicit is Rs. 11,365 14 6.

3. The annexed table **A** shews the amount of the several demands, collections, balances-current and arrears during the past year.

4. The Account Current marked **B** is hereto attached.

5. A statement of the strength of Establishment of the Vizagapatam Municipal Association is appended marked **C** and that of the Poor House marked **D**.

In February last His Excellency The Governor visited this Town and was waited upon by a Deputation from the Municipal Association who read an address to His Excellency, the address and reply are herewith appended.

ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

May it please Your Excellency,

We the undersigned Members of the Municipal Association, representing the inhabitants of Vizagapatam, respectfully approach your Excellency to express our exceeding joy and pleasure at your Excellency's visit to our Town. Our joy is unbounded as the occasion is one which but seldom happens, and when it does, it is not without some special object of public good and advantage.

2. We need not observe that Vizagapatam is the Head Quarters of a District where there is a larger number of wealthy Native Gentlemen than in any other District, and where in consequence the call of public charities and of public improvement is more readily and effectually responded to than is the case generally. To this cause chiefly our Municipality owes its origin, and the Community has shewn that it appreciates the benefit it receives from its action. To give it however a better stability and greater efficiency the Association has it in contemplation to apply for the extension of the Municipal Act, and it is believed that the Community would only too gladly give their hearty concurrence to the proposal.

3. The operations of the Association at pressnt extend to the cleansing of the Town every day, to the construction of drains and to the opening and improving of roads. These are so efficiently carried out, that sickness in the Town has of late years greatly diminished, and its sanitary condition so immensely improved that the taxes levied are cheerfully borne by every Householder in the Town.

The liberal support of Government by an annual grant of Rupees 10,000, also enables the Association to increase its usefulness and scatter its benefits to a greater extent than would otherwise be the case. The Association personally offers its thanks to His Excellency for this support, and earnestly hope that it may always be continued.

Large as the finances of the Association appears to be, they are but sufficient for the ordinary improvement of the Town. Works of public utility of any great magnitude, seem to be beyond the means at present of the Association. There is one such object which has engaged their attention for some time, but which has been found beyond the reach of their operations At present the Backwater to the south of the Town, an estuary. from the sea, is crossed by means of a large flat raft, and it is so largely used, that the assistance of small rafts is necessary, and sometimes danger is the result. Only lately, a month ago, one of these boats upset, and 10 or 12 persons in it, suddenly found a watery grave. A bridge has been roughly estimated to cost 80,000 Rupees and the Association finds it impossible to undertake the work without a special assistance. In case the liberality of our Town's-men and rich Zamindars enable us to take up this work, we solicit that your Excellency will extend the liberal aid of the Government towards the furtherance of this great and important object.

There is another work of similar importance though perhaps of less magnitude. The said Backwater is used as place of shelter for the Native Crafts, and not unfrequently Dhonies are also built there, and towed into the sea during spring tides. During the late disastrous Cyclone, a native vessel fortunately found its way into this bay, and was quite safe. These advantages might be extended to vessels of large tonnage, and the bay made into a large harbour (the want of which is greatly felt in these ports) if the "Bar," an inevitable obstacle at the mouth, be cleared. It seems that this subject was brought to the notice of Government once or twice, but it rested there. We earnestly solicit that your Excellency would be graciously pleased to take it into early consideration, so as to remove the said barrier, and facilitate the increasing trade of this large Port.

Under the management of the Municipal Association is a Poor House supported by monthly contribution from the Public. There are 76 unfortunate paupers who are lodged in a building erected for the purpose. Under the same roof as the

Municipal is a Library and Reading room, included in the Educational Association founded by Sir Alexander Grant. A grant for this, was applied for, but was declined by the Director, that the Association was not largely availed of. But we beg to point out to your Excellency that in the present Educational condition of the place, the progress of such Institutions must be slow and gradual.

Connected with the public Institutions of native charity in the place, is the Hindu-Anglo-Vernacular School, which your Excellency honored with a visit yesterday. It is a grant-in-aid School under our own management, and the Building was lately erected at a cost of seven thousand and odd Rs.

It is hoped that Government would reimburse half of this sum, as half of the estimate (Rupees 3000 was originally promised. The want of a competent Head Master was also lately brought to the notice of Government in view of a liberal monthly grant (150) being obtained from them, and the now grant-in-aid Rules appear to us to meet with the assistance solicited for viz: a grant equal to the sum contributed by us.

By the side of this object of native charity, is another Institution solely supported by the munificient liberality of the Maha Rajá of Vizianagram, the chief and the most wealthy Nobleman in the District. The other Institutions in the place are chiefly maintained by Government, and are conducive to public good and benefit.

Your Excellency's Administration has been characterized by the peace and prosperity of the country, and the passing of several new legislative enactments, the last of which, that appeared to affect the Zamindari Interests, principally of this District, is the Rent recovery Bill. This, however has, on the representations chiefly from this District, greatly been amended, and thus has been set at rest the alarm which the original draft excited.

These Acts assure us, that the remainder of your Excellency's administration will be characterized by a similer results, and we remain with the earnest hope that your Excellency may always

enjoy perfect health and prosperity both in India and in England, when you revisit your native land.

We beg thus to subscribe ourselves
Your Excellency's most humble
and loyal servants,

(Signed) G. N. GAJAPATI RAU.
(,,) G. L. NARSINGA RAU.
(,,) Y. MALLIKARJANUDU.
(,,) B. NARASAYA.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

My visit to Vizagapatam has been productive of much satisfaction to myself. I have witnessed here for the first time the effective working of the Municipal system under your guidance, and I have no doubt that the extended powers sought for by you will be administrated as efficiently and as carefully for the benefit of the community as those which have been voluntarily entrusted to you. Very great credit is due to those wealthy native Gentlemen who have shewn so clear an appreciation of the benefits to be derived from Municipal action, and I have no doubt that you will both deserve and receive the continuance of that aid which has been so liberally granted hitherto, and that the introduction of a system of compulsory rating will not dry up the sources of private liberality.

With reference to the works specially alluded to by you, namely, the Bridge over the backwater, and the clearing of the Bar, I wish to say a few words and to express a professional opinion. As regards the Bridge be to impede the entrance into the backwater, and that it would be costly to make and maintain, while an improvement in your present system of Ferryage might be carried out by the Municipal body and be productive of a Revenue sufficient at all events to pay the interest of the outlay and perhaps to add to the Revenue of the Town. In several of the ports in England a Ferry worked on

a chain, playing at regular hours is found to afford ample means of meeting the demands of the traffic and a well built boat worked by either the power of men or animals would cost but little. Power might be given to the Municipality to establish such a Ferry and levy tolls thereupon.

With regard to the Bar I am afraid that as an Engineer I cannot hold out to you much prospect of improvement. These obstacles result from the operation of natural causes, which are in permanent action, and although it is occasionally possible so to modify the action of these causes as to lessen, or remedy the bad effects produced, it is more often the case that the evil is enhanced by the efforts made to remedy it. I will however cause Plans to be made, and information to be furnished to the Government, which will then be in a position to decide as to the benefit likely to result from any attempt to remove the Bar.

I have visited several of the Institutions alluded to in your address and 'was glad to find them all so satisfactorily conducted. Nothing can be a better proof of the wholesome state of society than the good working of the Educational and charitable establishments, and few things have given me more pleasure than to find all classes of people co-operating so harmoniously in the sustained management of these institutions. I thank you most heartily for your kind wishes and shall be always glad to hear of your welfare and prosperity.

31st January 1865.

(Signed) W. DENISON.

(A)

No. and sources of income	Demand.			Collection.			Balance.		
	Current.	Arrears.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.	Total.
1 Town.	2690 0 0	443 2 0	3133 2 0	2132 13 6	12 9 0	2145 6 6	557 2 6	420 9 0	987 11 6
2 Market	5940 8 0	0 0 0	5940 8 0	5940 8 0	0 0 0	5940 8 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
3 Ferries	3280 0 0	0 0 0	3280 0 0	3280 0 0	0 0 0	3280 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Total.	11910 8 0	443 2 0	12353 10 0	11353 5 6	12 9 0	11365 14 6	557 2 6	420 9 0	987 11 6

B. NURSIAH NAIDU,
Secy. Treasurer and Genl. Supt. of works.

(B)

ACCOUNT CURRENT FROM 1ST MAY 1864 TO 30TH APRIL 1865.

RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
Balance in hand on the 1st day of May 1864.	413	9	6	143	9	6
Balance of assessment for 1863.	12	9	0			
TOWN.						
Assessment current arrears.	2132	13	6			
Market Rent.	5940	8	0			
Ferries.	3280	0	0			
Fishery.	108	0	0			
Cocoanut Garden.	30	0	0			
Market sweeping.	30	0	0			
Fines to Municipal servants.	35	7	2			
Government Grant.	10072	0	0			
Market contractors deposit.	914	0	0			
Ferry contractors deposit.	342	0	0			
Difference of exchange.	6	6	7			
Stones sold.	0	4	0			
Materials of old Gallows.	8	8	0			
Baddha chetteo sold.	1	0	0			
				22913	8	3
Total Rupees....				23327	1	9

DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
Executive Establishment.	4414	0	0			
Extra Establishment.	150	3	6			
WORKS.						
Funnels.	249	8	4			
Gallows.	772	7	0			
Arched drains.	972	14	7			
Cutstone drains.	896	3	3			
Flat for Dolphin's advanced.	300	0	0			
Roads.	6301	3	0			
Privies.	728	11	4			
RETURNED DEPOSITS,						
Market.	800	0	0			
Ferries.	520	0	0			
SUNDRIES AND CONTINGENCIES.						
Subscription to Civil Despensary.	300	0	0			
Subscription to Poor House.	180	0	0			
Western Ferry rent.	75	0	0			
For printing annual Reports.	59	10	0			
For printing Receipt Books.	23	2	0			
Stationary.	15	10	0			
Painting blinds.	10	8	0			
Whitewashing Municipal Office.	12	13	1			
Sundries.*	234	5	0			
Purchased Garden for Cart Stand.	1012	0	0			
For Waltair Road to Mr. Collett.	500	0	0			
				18558	3	0
Balance in hand.	114	0	3			
Saving's Bank.	4654	14	6	4768	14	0
Total Rupees....				23327	1	9

* This money appropriated for the beach road now commenced with from Ice house to Wootagaddah.

B. NURSIAH NAIDU,
Secy. Treasurer and Genl. Supt. of works.

(C)

No.	Particulars of Establishment.	Rate of pay for month			Amount per annum			Total.		
1	Secretary Treasurer General Superintendent of works. ...	50	0	0	600	0	0			
1	Goomastah	10	0	0	120	0	0			
1	Peon.	6	0	0	72	0	0			
3	Do. at 5 Rs. each.	15	0	0	180	0	0			
1	Head Superintendent.	25	0	0	300	0	0			
1	Assistant do.	22	0	0	264	0	0			
1	Do. do.	15	0	0	180	0	0			
2	Sweeper Maistries at 3 Rs. each.	6	0	0	72	0	0			
1	Water man at 6–4–0 each.	6	4	0	75	0	0			
13	Water men at 3 Rs. each.	39	0	0	468	0	0			
3	Toties for streets at 3 Rs. each.	9	0	0	108	0	0			
24	Sweepers at 3 Rs, each.	72	0	0	864	0	0			
48	Sweeper women at 1—8—0 each.	72	0	0	864	0	0			
9	Toties to clean Privies at 3 Rs. each.	27	0	0	324	0	0			
14	Toty women at 1—12—0 each.	24	8	0	294	0	0			
1	Fishery peon at 2–12–0	2	12	0	33	0	0			
								4818	0	0

B, NURSIAH,
Secy, Treasurer and Genl. Supt. of works.

POOR HOUSE.

It is with pleasure we record that this institution continues to afford shelter and aid to the poor of this Town.

2. Paupers on being admitted receive each a cumbly and two pieces of cloth &c. and they are rationed on a regulated scale of diet giving great satisfaction to the recipients and also to visitors inspecting the place.

3. G. N. Gajapati Roa Esq. very liberally (in addition to his large monthly subscription) presented 78 cumblies and 75 pieces of cloth for the inmates of the Poor House, and on their behalf we beg to offer him our best thanks.

4. The Rev. Mr. Gordon with his assistants very kindly pay a weekly visit in their Missionary labour, to the poor Christians in, it spreading the word of salvation amongst them.

5. Such of the women and children as are capable of working are taught to spin, and the men are Employed in gardening, or otherwise improving the ground of the institution.

6. The annexed table marked **D** shews the number removing admitted &c. during the past year.

The following table **E** exhibits the number of admissions &c. during the past year.

D.

	Men including outdoor Paupers.	Women including outdoor Paupers.	Boys.	Girls.
Remained on 30th April 1864	30	38	5	6
Admitted do. do.	44	30	3	2
Left the Institution do. do.	34	20	5	4
Died do. do.	5	15	0	1
Remaining on 30th April 1865	35	32	3	3

7. All Leper cases 16 in number are kept in a seperate building detached from that provided for the other inmates of the institution.

ESTABLISHMENT OF POOR HOUSE.

	Monthly Salary.		
General Superintendant.	20	0	0
Assistant Superintendant	12	0	0
2 Peons 4 Rs each.	8	0	0
Cook.	4	0	0
Cook woman.	2	0	0
2 Tories 1 R. 4 As.	2	8	0
2 Water men 3 Rs. each.	6	0	0
Total...	54	8	0

E.

Account of the Vizagapatam Poor House from 1st May 1864 to 30th April 1865.

Balance of last year.....	168	12	9	**Disbursements.**			
Subscription received during the year.	2560	11	10	For feeding Paupers.	1771	14	4
				Servants wages....	654	0	0
Total...	2729	8	7	Rice collectors do.	37	0	0
				Dhoby....	23	4	11
				Barber.	4	6	6
				Repairs.	24	0	0
				Bamboos.	9	15	3
				Erecting new prevy....	28	13	6
				Clothing	55	0	0
				Mats.	5	0	0
				Pots.	8	4	10
				Burying Paupers.	3	14	0
				Coolies.	5	9	6
				Spindle.	1	0	0
				Lantern.	1	4	0
				Sign Board.	6	0	0
				Incidental expenses.	3	15	4
					2643	6	2
				Total Income...	2729	8	7
				Do. Expenditure...	2643	6	2
				Balance remaining...	86	2	5

List of Subscribers to the Vizagapatam Poor House.

Names.	Monthly.			Per Annum.		
Honorable H. H. Maha Rajah of Vizianagram.	75	...	...	900	0	
H. H. the Rajah of Bobbily	35	...	...	420	0	
Gajapati Roa Esq.	35	...	...	420		
Municipal Association...	15	...	...	180		
Mrs. Sooria.	4	...	...	48		
D. F. Carmichael Esq.....	2	...	...	24		
Captain Beatty.....	2	...	...	24		
Do. Hodson.....	2	...	...	24		
Do. Galbraith.	2	...	...	24		
Mr. Jones.....	2	...	..	24		
Mr Hosburgh.....	1	...	...	12		
Captain Pascal.....	1	...	...	12		
Lieut, Tomlinson.....	1	...	...	12		
Mr. McMurray.....	1	...	...	12		
Mr. Turner.....	1	...	...	12		
Mr. Bickle.....	1	...	...	12		
Mr. Thompson.....	1	...	...	12		
,, Venkataswamy Naidoo.		8	...	6		
Rev. Mr. Gordon.....	...	8	...	6		
Rev. Mr. Hay.....	...	8	...	6		
Mr. Ronchett.	...	...	...	...		
Do. Howell.	...	8	...	6		
Mrs. Wrightman.....	...	8	...	6		
Mr. Narrain Row.....	...	4	...	3		
Mrs. Mellor.....	...	4	...	3		
Do. Herleay.....	...	4	...	3		
Do. Beachell.....	...	4	...	3		
Do. Spicer.....	....	4	..	3		
Mr. Purshuthumuzza.	...	4	...	3		
Do. Venketputty.....	...		...	...	12	
Do. Freer.....	...	1	...	...	12	
Do. Atkieson.....	...	1	...	...	12	
Mrs. Atkinson.....	...	1	...	...	12	
Do. Gallaway.....	...	1	...	...	12	
Mr. Boswell.....	1	...	...	12	...	

P. Buckland Printer, Mission Press Vizagapatam—1865.

REPORT

OF THE

BIMLIPATAM

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR 1864-65.

P. BUCKLAND PRINTER, MISSION PRESS VIZAGAPATAM—1865.

To

D. F. CARMICHAEL Esq.

Collector and Agent to the Governor

Vizagapatam.

Sir,

The Cash Account of the Municipal Association for the Official Year 1864-65—Abstract of which is appended shows *Rupees* 8291 1 4 to have been available, of which Rupees 5384 form the Annual grant by Government, and Rupees 2720 as collected from the Cart tax. The rate of Pandy Assessment has remained unaltered, but owing to the seed crops having been reported somewhat deficient, Contractors refused to give more for the contract commencing 1st December last—than Rupees 220 monthly against Rupees 240 in the previous Year.

The expenditure amounts to *Rupees* 9316 13 2 distributed chiefly over *Streets and Drainage, Hospital, Vernacular School Building Fund, Public Godown, Reserve Fund and Establishmeut.*

Streets and Drainage (Rupees 3633 12 2) Two new Streets have been added to our previous list, and there remains little to be desired in the shape of cutting further roads through the place. The drainage has worked pretty well, and the Town is as clean and generally free from smells as we could expect.

Hospital (Rupees 600) This sum was voted to the Fund. The Chairman of Hospital Committee represented to Government in July last that there were 179 people in the Town attached to Public Departments, and on this ground, and in order, too, to give the Institution greater stability, he asked for a monthly contribution of Rupees 50.

This has been granted since September. The Building we are sorry to say, is still uncompleted : the cost of it is to exceed the estimate by no less than Rupees 1316—or say about 30 per cent. towards which Rupees 600 have been paid from the Fund. From February the Management of the Hospital has been transferred to the Committee of this Association. An abstract is appended of monies received and disbursed from time of starting until now.

Vernacular School. Building Fund (Rupees 550) The present SchoolHouse is by no means a first class building : the rent is 2 a month, and the accommodation is not very fit for Children numbering at times over seventy. Some Residents took up the matter and raised a Subscription of Rupees 783 5 4 towards erecting a suitable house. Following the example of larger Towns, our Committee regarded the spread of education as a part and parcel of Municipal work, and increased the Subscription list to Rupees 1333 5 4. Thus, with the Government scale of allowance, provision is made for a Building to Cost Rupees 4000. The subscriptions were paid into the Treasury in July, but nothing has yet been heard or seen of the work having been put in hand.

Town Clock Fund (Rupees 500) Mr. John Young has been kind enough to promise us a Clock, measuring 5 feet in diameter, if we will put it up and see to its going. It is now on the way from England, but we have not yet determined whether to give it a Tower to itself, or whether the new School House shall not be made adaptable to receive it. Meanwhile Rupees 700 have been subscribed towards the purpose, and the Association added Rupees 500 more.

Public Godown (Rupees 1420) This is being built near the Beach for the protection of Shippers' Goods against rains, and is for the general good of the public. The cost will be something over Rupees 2400 : but rent will be charged to people using it, to go in the first place towards paying us fair interest, and in the second towards a gradual reimbursement of the outlay.

Reserve Fund (Rupees 500) were voted in the past year. But we have indented on the Fund for upwards of Rupees 1000, so as to get on with the Public Godown.

Establishment (Rupees 1416) has been on the same footing as last year, and calls for no special remark.

The Municipal Room has been open to the Public for some months, and it is used as a Reading Room perhaps as much as might be expected. The enlargement of the Christian Burial Ground has been completed——At a monthly payment to the Collector of 12 8 0 we have since March taken over charge of the Pound. It will not pay us, but we have the satisfaction of seeing the Streets clear of stray Cattle,

There does not seem to be anything further in the account calling for explanation. It will be observed that there is a balance to the debit of the Association of Rupees 1025 11 10.

In a month or two the new Municipal Act will probably come into operation, and this Association will then of course close. But however this may be, we would request that you, Sir, will have the kindness to ask for a Government vote for the Town of Rupees 2800 9 0 being the sum collected by us in the past year.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

GEORGE RIPLEY,
President of Municipal Association.

Bimlipatam
2nd May 1865.

Abstract Account of Bimlipatam Municipal Association from 1st May 1864 to 30th April 1865.

Dr.	Rs.	A.	P.	Cr.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Balance.	106	8	4	By the following Roads.			
„ Cart tax.	2720	0	0	Strand.	58	0	0
„ Miscellaneous.	80	9	0	Circular Road,	67	4	10
„ Government Grant,	5384	0	0	Bandy Stand. do.	9	8	0
„ Balance.	1025	11	10	Flag Staff do.	232	9	6
				New do.	0	0	0
				Tanks do.	37	13	8
				Factory do.	1530	9	4
				Post Office Street.	0	0	0
				High do.	130	0	0
				Pagoda do.	163	0	0
				Hotel do.	461	0	6
				Chapel do.	110	5	8
				Siva do.	18	0	0
				Hospital do.	605	1	0
				Smith do.	0	0	0
				Moor do.	25	0	0
				Old Goal do.	11	0	0
				Banyan do	0	0	0
				Torrent do.	75	0	0
				Market place do.	0	0	0
				Old Goal do.	0	0	0
				Commercial do.	99	7	8
						3633	12 2
				„ Public Wells.		133	8 0
				„ Prickly Pear.		0	0 0
				„ Municipal Room.		216	8 2
				„ Burial Ground.		191	2 6
				„ Public Godown.		1420	0 0
				„ Hospital Fund.		600	0 0
				„ Reserve Fund.		500	0 0
				„ Vernacular School Building Fund.		550	0 0
				„ Town Clock Fund.		500	0 0
				„ Miscellaneous.		155	7 10
				„ Establishment.		1416	6 6
Total Rupees.	9316	13	2	Total Rupees.	9316	13	2

Bimlipatam 1st May 1865.

GEORGE RIPLEY, Chairman.

BIMLIPATAM DISPENSARY.

STATEMENT shewing Receipts and Disbursements from the time the Hospital was established.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	DISBURSEMENTS.	Rs.	A.	P.
To amount of private donation and subscription.	4161	11	3	By building Dispensary.	2585	0	0
Do. of Municipal grant...	2100	0	0	Do. cost of medicines and instruments. ...	821	2	1
Do. of Government grant.	339	8	0	Do. establishment.	2440	13	4
Do. of fees from town and shipping	2204	10	0	Do. house rent.	118	0	0
Do. of interest received from Messrs J. Pernon and Co.	42	14	11	Do. temporary hospital and Apothecary's house.	320	0	0
				Do. hospital furnitnre.	146	5	10
				Do. ½ share of fees to Apothecary.	828	3	4
				Do. miscellaneous.	5	4	4
				Do. amount deposited with Messrs. J. Pernon and Co. at 4 per cent.	1000	0	0
Total Receipts... ...	8848	12	2				
Total Disbursements. ...	8264	12	11				
Balance cash in hand. Rupees	583	15	3	Total Disbursements. Rupees.	8264	12	11

BIMLIPATAM,
2nd March 1865.

T. QUINN,
Assistant Apothecary
In Medical Charge Station.

GEO. RIPLEY,
Chairman.

REPORT

OF THE

VIZIANAGRAM

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

FOR THE OFFICIAL YEAR 1864—65.

REPORT OF THE
MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION
OF VIZIANAGRAM
FOR
1864-65.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.

THE HONORABLE THE MAHA RAJA OF VIZIANAGRAM.

CHAIRMAN.

CAPTAIN H. L. GROVE.

VICE CHAIRMAN.

SRI PENUMATTSA JAGANNADHARAZU GARU.

MEMBERS.

1 Ongole Srinivasaraw Pantulu.
2 Ajisharif Saheb.
3 Lingam Lakshmaji Pantulu.
4 Sri Datla Tirapatiraz.
5 Surampalli Venkatareddi.
6 Perla Sattaiya.

Report of the Sub Committee of the Municipal Association at Vizianagram for 1864-65.

1. The following comparative table shows the financial results of the Association for 1863-64 and 1864-65.

No.	Items of Resource.	1863-64.			1864-65.			Increase.			Decrease.		
1	Balance on hand at the end of April 1864	...	...	...	953	8	11	...	...	...	834	12	4
2	Government Grant.	5457	12	4	4623	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Cart tax	3823	3	10	4215	8	7	392	4	9	...	...	...
4	House-tax	799	10	3	238	6	0	...	...	...	561	4	3
5	Sale proceeds of sites to the public	83	0	0	3	0	0	...	...	...	80	0	0
6	Other sources	15	0	0	15	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Loans	785	0	0	125	0	0	...	...	...	660	0	0
		10,962	10	5	10,173	7	6	392	4	9	2,136	0	7

2 The following is the expenditure made during the year under review.

1	Cut stone drains.	Rupees	60	0 0
2.	Rough stone drains.	"	2989	8 8
3.	Sluices	"	29	9 0
4.	New roads.	"	607	8 0
5.	Filling up pits and holes containing putrid water.	"	261	8 9
6.	Repairs to old roads.	"	169	9 6
7.	Road on the bund of Pedda Cheruvu.	"	1283	15 11
8	Travellers' sheds.	"	600	6 0
9.	Lighting up the main street during the dark nights.	"	158	8 5
10.	Sadarward.	"	104	14 1
11.	Filling up a marsh to the north of Aiyakónéru, and building Maharájapéta thereon.	"	796	12 4
12.	Boddavalsa road.	"	260	0 0

13. Printing charges of the last annual Report.	„	7	8	6
14. Liquidation of debts.	„	125	0	0
15. Difference in the change of copper coins.	„	58	0	8
16. Other expenses, viz. purchasing momities, crowbars, and the like; repairing the old ones; and white washing the streets when the Governor came to this District.	„	193	6	7
17. Salaries of Office Establisment.	„	267	0	0
18. Do. Tanah do.	„	633	3	1
19 Do. Road-méstri, Náyudu, Serjeant	„	231	0	0
20. Do. Sweepers.	„	983	0	0
21. Do. Peons to collect house tax.	„	123	0	0
22. Do. Temporary Peons to do.	„	71	0	0
		10,014	8	3
Balance on hand.		158	15	3

3. In addition to the roads that had been constructed in the Town up to the end of last year, 10 others were added during this year. Cross roads have also been made, and drains constructed with cut stones on either side. The roads have all been well repaired. All this tends to keep the people free from nuisance, and promote their health and comfort

4. The main road running from the pagoda of Sri Jagannádhasvámi at Santapéta on the West of the Town, to the bund of Aiyakónéru in the Kasbá, which measures 2000 yards being frequented at nights by the Towns people to fetch good water, as well as by other people and carts &c. it was proposed to light up the road during the dark nights with 60 lanterns here and there; but at present only 30 have been provided—These lights are kept up till 11 o'clock.

5. All the roads that were lett incomplete at the end of the previous year were completed during the present year. Those portions of roads as were damaged during the year under review by heavy showers of rain and by carts,

cattle &c. continually traversing them, as also the drains and sluices have been thoroughly repaired. The roads are all every day cleansed by scavengers employed for the purpose, which is a preventative of nuisance, and promoter of health to the public.

6. In reference to Para 7 of the past year's report, it is to be stated that Mahárajapéta has been finished, and inhabited by several people. These people enjoy greater comfort than those of the Kasbá.

7. In the 14th Para of the said report, it was mentioned that the Committee had proposed the erection of 4 Travellers' sheds at different places, but the one commenced with at Dásannapèta, being considered unnecessary, has been put a stop to, but the other three have been built.

8. Vizianagram being a mercantile as well as a halting place, bandies in great numbers come to it from every direction; but there is no suitable resort for them, and the bandy-men are, in consequence, put to much inconvenience, especially in the rainy season To obviate this inconvenience a spacious platform has been raised on the empty ground adjoining the Santapèta Bazár, and North of Pedda Cheruvu. This, however, accomodates only a small number of bandies; and so it has been proposed to have another platform added to it towards the East so as to admit a considerably large number.

9. The site of the Santapéta Bazár was so uneven that it occasioned great inconvenience both to men and bandies resorting to it, and moreso in the rainy season. The whole of the ground has been levelled and metalled with gravel, and is also being supplied with drains built of cut stone. A large drain was also built here so as to receive the water running down from the streets above, and was covered with cut stone. The place is thus converted into a good Bazar, and is passable by Bullocks without difficulty.

10 Most of the Town being furnished with roads, the number of scavengers has been raised for the cleansing of the streets and drains; and another Sergeant employed. The duties are efficiently performed, and the people kept free from nuisance.

11. The road from Vizianagram to Bimlipatam being very circuitous up to Boddavalsa, it was proposed by the Committee to make a new road through Dharmapuri and Chintalavalsa; which reduces the distance by 5 miles. The estimate for the proposed road, bridges included, was for Rs 3000. Of this sum, Rs 1000 were subscribed by the Association, Rs. 400 by the Honorable the Mahá Ràjàh of Vizianagram, and Rs. 600 by the inhabitants of the Town; with which sum the work has already been commenced, but the Committee respectfully solicit the bounty of Government for a grant of the remaining Rs. 1000. without which the work can by no means be completed.

12. With the Municipal collections of this year and the amount granted by Government, the execution of the extensive works viz. the formation of Mahárájapéta, Pedda Cheruvu Road, and the main street; the construction of cut stone drains, sluices, and the market; and the repairs now under execution; together with the importa..t works which are yet to be made, cannot be accomplished. The Sub-Committee therefore take the liberty of soliciting the aid of the Government in a sum equal to the collections of this year, so that they may be enabled to get through the said works.

13. There had been 6 Tánáhs for the levy of the Cart and Bullock tax, but the expenses for salaries of the establishments and sadarwàrd being heavy, and constant disputes occurring between parties and the servants, it was proposed to make over the collection of this tax to any person on contract; and it was accordingly put up to Auction for the last year, and knocked down to one Akella Sánkarappa for Rs. 4425. This sum exceeds the previous year's collections by Rs. 210, while the expenditure on account of salaries and sàdarward is saved, so the collection for the year commencing 1st May 1865 has likewise been made over to the same individual on the same terms.

14. Up to last year the house tax had been levied at the rate of 2 annas per gadi or room, and the amount thus raised was Rs. 1000. This year, many people having brought to notice that they were unable to pay the tax, the Committee felt obliged to reduce the rate to 1 anna, with which the people are quite satisfied.

15. Although the Mahà Rajah is absent at Benares, yet in consequence of the assistance afforded in almost every instance by our Vice Chairman Sri Penumattsa Jàgannàdharaz, we are happy to state that the objects of the Association are so far attained as has been herein noticed.

(Signed) KAKANI VENKAIYA.
Secretary to the Municipal Association.

Vizianagram
1st May 1865.

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J.B.

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