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No. 185. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 19th September 1872, No. 82:—

I have the honour to submit, in the revised form which accompanied G. O., No. 1646, dated 28th October 1871, the annual accounts of the Municipality of Ghooty for the year ending 31st March 1872, accompanied by the Auditor's annual report. The Vice-President's report also accompanies.

2. The attention of the Vice-President will be called to the irregularities and informalities pointed out by the Auditor in the way the accounts of this Municipality have been kept.

3. As the Towns' Improvement Act (III. of 1871) came into operation on the 1st May last, this report will necessarily comprise the results of eleven months only.

4. The Commissioners declined to elect their Vice-President under the provisions of paragraph 20 of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, dated 1st July 1871; the Sub-Collector for the time being was accordingly nominated.

5. The estimates of this Municipality received the sanction of Government in their Order of 1st July 1871, No. 952.

6. As anticipated by Government in paragraph 2 of their Order of 12th December 1871, No. 1835, the Commissioners began the year with a deficit balance of Rupees 77-0-11. The actual balance brought forward by the Municipality on the 1st May 1871 was Rupees 604-15-9, while the charges for April amounted to Rupees 682-0-8; the difference had, therefore, to be met from deposits. This the Vice-President explains in his letter, No. 31, dated 21st ultimo, herewith sent.

7. The Commissioners estimated their receipts for the year under report as Rupees 5,200; the actuals, however, realized Rupees 5,304-11-10. Under "Rate on houses" the Commissioners expected Rupees 1,000, but the actual receipts amounted to Rupees 1,127-4-0. This is probably attributable in part to the increase of the rate on houses from five to seven per cent. as sanctioned in Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 19th August 1871, No. 1278. There is a slight increase in the receipts from tolls under Section 77 of the Act, which does not call for special remark. The anticipated receipts from fines were not realized, the collections under that head being only 69 Rupees against an estimate of 500 Rupees; this the Vice-President attributes to the few prosecutions for the breaches of the municipal rules.

8. The total charges of the Municipality amounted to Rupees 5,459-11-8, against an estimate of Rupees 5,200. The sum of Rupees 530 was provided in the budget on account of roads, buildings, and drains, but the actual charges on that account amounted to Rupees 776-15-0, the excess being chiefly expended on New Works. In the Budget of 1871-72 no provision was made for erecting a latrine, but when the accounts of that year were being closed, a latrine was in course of construction, and which was not completed until after the close of that year, so that its cost had to be debited to the year under review. The sum of Rupees 66-7-1 expended on Communications is the cost of gravelling for the first time a much-frequented lane in the town.

9. All the communications in the town were kept in good order, including the construction of side-drains, at a cost of Rupees 151-7-2, thereby exceeding the budget allotment, which was only Rupees 100.

10. The charges incurred by the Municipality on account of education amounted to Rupees 394-11-10. Two Masters are entertained on monthly salaries of Rupees 30 and 15, respectively, and the school is attended by seventy-three pupils. The Government, in paragraph 17 of their Order of 1st July 1871, No. 952, allotted Rupees 72 for this purpose; but it was not found necessary for the time to entertain the whole establishment sanctioned. In the total charges for education is included the sum of Rupees 85, refunded to Government on account of a village school.

11. Towards Sanitation and Medical Services the Commissioners expended Rupees 289-14-8, against an allotment of Rupees 300 for medicines and supplies and diet of patients in connexion with the Civil Dispensary at Ghooty. Of the former sum the Municipality contributed only Rupees 115-10-8, the balance being raised by subscriptions. The Civil Dispensary at this station was not like other institutions of its kind transferred to the Municipal Commissioners, as the Government in paragraph 3 of their Order, No. 622, dated 3rd May 1872, did "not consider it desirable to sever the connexion now existing between the dispensary and the Munro Institution." The remarks on the working of the dispensary will not, therefore, find a place in this report. The Commissioners in contributing the above sum have merely acted on the suggestion contained in the concluding portion of the above paragraph with the view of extending the usefulness of the institution.

12. No vaccinators are entertained by this Municipality, the work being performed by the medical subordinates attached to the dispensary and to the Sub-Collector.

13. The conservancy of the town is maintained by a staff of fifteen sweepers and four carts under the supervision of an Inspector, while those employed at the Railway Terminus are supervised by a maistry. The sweepings of the town are deposited outside the town at first, and then sold; eight latrines are maintained, one of which was erected in the year under report; four of these are for males and the rest for females; in all the dry-earth system of conservancy is adopted, and the contents of the latrines removed twice a day and buried. The Commissioners intend erecting another latrine at the Railway Station, for which they have accordingly provided in the Budget of 1872-73.

14. The Commissioners are aware of the necessity for preserving the drinking water in wells from impurities, and have taken the precaution of fencing them to keep out the surface drainage and its impurities. The Vice-President also reports that prickly-pear has been practically exterminated.

15. The town is lighted by twenty lamps, but these are obviously inadequate; the Commissioners are, therefore, about to obtain more.

16. With the exception of a slight outbreak of cholera in the latter part of July, the health of the town has been good. The disease appears to have been brought in by railway passengers, but it soon subsided.

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17. The statement called for by Government in their Order of 4th May last, No. 627, is enclosed. The other points mooted in the Order have not been commented on. The Vice-President will be requested to expedite the transmission of the same.

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From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Ghooty, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated Ghooty, 20th April 1872, No. 126.

With reference to G. O., dated 11th July 1867, No. 820, I have the honour to forward, for transmission to Government, the annual report of Ghooty Municipality on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act during the year ending 31st March 1872. The report of the Medical Officer of the place on the state of the health of the town and the Auditor's report are also enclosed.

2. The Municipal Commissioners commenced the year with a deficit balance of Rupees 77-0-11. The receipts during the year from the various sources shown in Statement I. amounted to Rupees 5,572-15-8 after deducting the amount overspent in 1870-71, and the balance remaining at the close of the year is Rupees 128-4-0 including Rupees 15, being amount credited to the Municipality from the deposit of the lighting contractor. The decrease under the head of receipts on account of "Rates and Taxes" is accountable to "Fines." The amount estimated towards that head was Rupees 300, but the actual collection as shown in Statement I. was only Rupees 69; the decrease is owing to the few cases of prosecutions that occurred during the year as the municipal rules were in very few instances violated by the public.

3. The expenditure during the year amounted to Rupees 5,459-11-8 as particularized in

4. New Works.—The outlay incurred upon "New Works" was Rupees 589-15-2, that is, Rupees 259-15-2 in excess of the estimated amount. When the Budget for 1871-72 was being formed, no provision was made for erecting a latrine, but at the time the annual accounts of 1870-71 were being closed a latrine was in course of construction, which was only completed after the annual report was forwarded to Government, consequently its cost had to be met from the funds of the year under review.

5. Communications.—Under this head only Rupees 66-7-1 were found necessary to be disbursed in gravelling for the first time a much-frequented lane in the town. No other work seemed necessary.

6. Repairs.—All the roads in the town were repaired and kept in thoroughly good order. Attention was paid to side-drains also.

7. Education.—A Municipal School was established in the town in the month of November last. Two Masters on salaries of Rupees 30 and 15, respectively, are maintained by the Municipality, and also a peon on Rupees 7. The average number of boys attending the Municipal School is seventy-three. Great difficulty was experienced in distributing education to such a large number of pupils in consequence of the limited number of Masters, consequently provision was made in the Budget of 1872-73 for an extra Master on Rupees 20 per mensem. The total amount disbursed towards education is Rupees 394-11-10 including Rupees 85, being amount refunded to Government on account of a village school.

8. Sanitation and Medical Services.—In compliance with G. O., dated 31st March 1871, No. 436, the Commissioners had estimated a sum of Rupees 300 towards the Civil Dispensary, but they found necessary only to spend Rupees 115-10-8 towards that head from the municipal funds. The funds realized from subscriptions, which amounted to Rupees 174-4-0 as shown in Statement I., and in financial statement of the Medical Officer, were also disbursed towards the dispensary.

8. No vaccinators were employed by the Municipality during the year. The registration of births and deaths was carried out by the office establishment under the careful supervision of the Commissioners. The number of deaths that occurred during the year was 126, while the number of births exceeded it by thirty-two.

9. Conservancy.—There are fifteen sweepers and four carts maintained by the Municipality, and having at their head an Inspector, of which three work at the Railway Station under the supervision of a maistry. The roads and lanes in the town are swept twice a day. The carts traverse different parts of the town both morning and evening, and carry away filth and deposit it out of the town, where a place was selected for the purpose. These heaps are not kept long, but sold by auction once a month and removed by the parties who purchase them. Seven latrines were erected in 1870-71 and one was completed in 1871-72, of which four are for men and four for women. The dry-earth conservancy system is adopted. Previous to the completion of all the latrines, the inhabitants used to resort to open plains and foot of rocks, but now this practice has been put a stop to. Eight scavengers are also maintained in order to keep the latrines clean and to remove and bury the excreta, which is done twice a day. The Commissioners intend erecting a latrine at the Railway Station for better sanitation of the place, for which a sum has been allotted towards that head in the Budget of 1872-73.

10. There are seven drinking-water wells in the town, which are cleared periodically. Some of them are enclosed by fence walls three feet in height of stone and mud, but pointed with chunam, in order to prevent rubbish from flowing into them during the rainy season. The drains were also cleaned, and consequently offensive matters flowing from rocks during wet weather run out of the town easily. At the beginning of the year some attention was paid towards removing prickly-pear, and now almost the whole of the town is free from it.

11. Miscellaneous Purposes.—There are twenty lamp-posts in the town, but this number is found to be inadequate, and so it is under contemplation to get a few more from the Chepauk Foundery.

12. General Health.—With the exception of a slight outbreak of fever and ch[illegible] health of the town of Ghooty has been comparatively good. The latter epidemic visited it in July last and prevailed till the beginning of August, when it disappeared, during which time seven people died; a few more were attacked, but they got well. During those days the Commissioners had fires lighted in different parts of the town; the municipal scavengers were made available for removing the excreta from the houses of those attacked, and bringing it out of the town. The epidemic is thought to have been introduced into the town by passengers travelling by train. On the whole the health of the town of Ghooty has been good, and nothing deserving notice occurred.

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From the Annual Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Bellary, to the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Ghooty, dated Bellary, 9th April 1872.

In obedience to the extract from the docket of the President, No. 26, dated 9th March 1872, sanctioning my appointment as annual Auditor of the Municipal accounts for 1871-72, I beg to inform you that I have audited the accounts and sent in my certificate of examination with a statement showing the actual receipts and disbursements and the balance that stood on the 1st May last, and to report the following for your Honour's information.

2. The accounts audited by me were for the last eleven months only, because the new *Municipal Act* (III. of 1871) came into operation on the 1st May 1871.

3. The accompanying statement shows the actual receipts and disbursements in the year as per margin.

| | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Receipts ... ... ... ... | 6,131 | 6 | 10 |
| Charges ... ... ... ... | 5,599 | 15 | 9 |
| | 531 | 7 | 1 |

According to the cash-book kept in the Municipal Office the receipts and charges are as noted in the margin. The reason for the difference of Rupees 2-7-5 between the cash-book and my statement is that, in the former, the Rupees 2-7-5, being the amount of fines levied from municipal servants, has been taken as independent receipts; but as the Government in their Proceedings, No. 1033, dated 16th August 1870, state that such fines should not be taken as independent receipts, I have

| | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Receipts ... ... ... ... | 6,133 | 14 | 3 |
| Charges ... ... ... ... | 5,602 | 7 | 2 |
| | 531 | 7 | 1 |



deducted it from my statement and entered only the actual receipts and disbursements, including also the balance of Rupees 829-2-5 that was on the 1st May. The balance on the 31st March 1872, according to the cash-book and my statement, is Rupees 531-7-1; but the amount in Taluq Treasury is Rupees 531-11-8. The difference is only Annas 4-7. The reason fo this is explained in paragraph 9 of this letter.

4. There is nothing to show the exact amount of petition forms sold from 13th June to 6th August 1871.

5. No voucher is to be found for No. 368. Amount Annas 2 entered under the head of Contingencies (disbursements) on 11th September. This is the sum paid for the discount of money (Rupees 9-15-0) sent to Oakes and Co. for the purchase of two bags of disinfectant powder. This requires no remark as the purchase of the bags has been sanctioned by the Vice-President.

6. Nos. 389 and 413, charges incurred in purchasing English and Telugu copies of Act III. of 1871.

The purchase of these books has not been passed either in the meeting or by the Vice-President. No bill was prepared for this. The Superintendent says that the presiding member has given him verbal order to purchase them, and that this verbal order has not been entered in the Proceedings Book. However, he has produced the letters from the book-seller, acknowledging the receipt of money and informing the despatch of the books.

7. Nos. 393 and 414, amount given for the Money Order discount when the above books were purchased. Of course there are no vouchers for these two entries.

8. No. 872 under the head of Taxes and Rates, dated 15th February 1872. The sum entered in the cash-book is Rupees 1-15-11½, but that in the voucher is Rupees 1-5-11½. The reason given by the Superintendent for this difference is that he has through mistake remitted to the Treasury Rupees 1-15-11½ instead of Rupees 1-5-11½. As there is no loss to Municipality, but gain of 10 Annas, nothing is to be done for this.

9. Voucher No. 1, dated 17th October 1871. The sum of Rupees 2-8-0, derived from granting a license for a two-wheeled carriage for the half-year ending the 31st March 1872, has not been entered in the cash-book. The Superintendent says that it has been through oversight left out from entering into the cash-book. When he was asked about the money he states that Rupees 2-3-5 is with him in the Municipal Office, and that the remainder, Annas 4-7, is in the Treasury, and that by his having remitted this Annas 4-7 out of this Rupees 2-8-0, not knowing where it came from, the difference of balance (mentioned in paragraph 3 of this report) between the sum which is in the Taluq Treasury and that entered in the cash-book has occurred.

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Statement showing the actual Receipts and Disbursements during the Official year 1871-72 in the Ghooty Municipality.

| Months. | Receipts. Rs. | A. | P. | Charges. Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May ... ... ... ... ... ... | 490 | 6 | 2 | 1,072 | 10 | 1 |
| June ... ... ... ... ... ... | 370 | 1 | 5½ | 453 | 14 | 2 |
| July ... ... ... ... ... ... | 374 | 4 | 6 | 428 | 10 | 6 |
| August ... ... ... ... ... ... | 605 | 3 | 3½ | 425 | 12 | 7 |
| September ... ... ... ... ... | 882 | 15 | 0 | 460 | 0 | 5 |
| October ... ... ... ... ... ... | 317 | 4 | 10½ | 443 | 5 | 9 |
| November ... ... ... .. ... | 508 | 14 | 1½ | 378 | 7 | 10 |
| December ... ... ... ... ... | 464 | 8 | 7 | 483 | 15 | 9 |
| January ... ... ... ... ... ... | 722 | 7 | 5 | 598 | 6 | 0 |

| | | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
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| February ... ... ... ... ... | | 417 | 0 | 10½ | 455 | 15 | 8 |
| March ... ... ... ... ... ... | | 151 | 9 | 6½ | 401 | 4 | 5 |
| Total | ... | 5,304 | 11 | 10 | 5,602 | 7 | 2 |
| Balance of last year | ... | 829 | 2 | 5 | ..... | .. | ... |
| | | 6,133 | 14 | 3 | 5,602 | 7 | 2 |
| Deduct fines as per G. O., No. 1033, 16th August 1870 | ... | 2 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| | | 6,131 | 6 | 10 | 5,599 | 15 | 9 |
| Balance | ... | 5,599 | 15 | 9 | | | |
| | | 531 | 7 | 1 | | | |

(Signed) M. BHIMA CHARI,
*Annual Auditor of Municipal Accounts.*

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From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Ghooty, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated Ghooty, 21st August 1872, No. 31.

With reference to your docket, No. 104, dated 12th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the sum of Rupees 829-2-5, shown as the balance on the 1st of May 1871, was made up of Rupees 224-2-8 deposit money, and Rupees 604-15-9 municipal funds properly so-called. The liability of the Municipal Commission on account of salaries, works, &c., for the month of April, amounted to Rupees 682-0-8. This amount being greater than [illegible] 604-15-9, the deficiency, Rupees 77-0-11, was borrowed from the deposit amount, and the liability of Rupees 682-0-8 was discharged on 3rd of May 1871, so that the statement that "the Municipal Commission commenced the year with a deficit balance of Rupees 77-0-11" is correct.

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No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1872, No. 1292.

The Ghooty Municipality apparently commenced the year 1871-72 with a deficit balance of Rupees 77-0-11, as pointed out in G. O., dated 12th December 1871, No. 1835, and admitted by the Vice-President in the annual report, yet in the returns accompanying that report the balance brought forward is shown as Rupees 224. It is requested that palpable discrepancies of this kind may either be avoided in future or fully explained. The Government presume that this sum of Rupees 224 is made up of the difference between the deficit balance of Rupees 77 and the State contribution of Rupees 302, paid in arrears, a somewhat similar error having been made in the accounts last year and commented on by Government.

2. From the Vice-President's letter of the 21st August 1872, No. 31, it would, however, appear that the deficit of Rupees 77 was more nominal than real, and resulted from money actually disbursed in 1871-72 being shown as a payment in 1870-71, in which year the liability was incurred; and this view is confirmed by the Auditor's statement, from which it would appear that this system has been continued in the year under review, and a disbursement of Rupees 403-3-1 shown in the statements accompanying the report, although the payments were actually made in the current year.

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3. The President is requested to have the municipal accounts thoroughly examined and revised statements submitted, at the earliest possible date, showing only the actual transactions between the 1st May 1871 and the 31st March 1872.

(True Extract.)

*Under Secy. to Govt.*

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Board of Revenue.
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,, Public Works Department.
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Sanitary Commissioner.
Director of Public Instruction.
Accountant-General.
President of the Local Fund Boards, Bellary

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
*Ghooty,*

&c., &c., &c.

*Dated September 28th.*

*Recd.* Feb 12th *Encl.*

*G. O., 28th September 1872, No. 1292.*

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Passing orders on the report on the working of the Ghooty Municipality for 1871-72.

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