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No. 171. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 20th July 1872, No. 5:—

* 4 Statements of receipts, &c.
1 Statement of fees.
2 Auditor's letter and certificate.
1 Medical Report.
1 Financial Statement.

I have the honour to forward statements* of the Rajahmundry Municipality for the year ending 31st March 1872 together with a copy of the Auditor's certificate.

2. A copy of the Vice-President's letter is herein enclosed.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Rajahmundry, to the President of the, Municipal Commission, Godavery District, Cocanada, dated Rajahmundry, 5th July 1872 No. 54.

I have the honour to report on the working of the Municipal Act (III. of 1871) in the town of Rajahmundry during the year 1871-72. The year consisted of eleven months ending 31st March 1872.

2. *Receipts.*—The year commenced with a balance of Rupees 1,167-8-6. Funds were raised from all sources of taxation provided for in the Act. The registers and rates for house and profession taxes, already prepared under Act X. of 1865, were made use of for the assessments of the year under report. The total receipts during the year, as per Statement I. enclosed, amounted to Rupees 14,704-5-0, of which Rupees 1,167-8-6 was the balance remaining on the 31st March 1872; Rupees 248-9-5, the Surplus Pound Funds for the year 1870-71; Rupees 2,184-2-9, the State contribution due to this Municipality under Act X. of 1865 for 1870-71 and sanctioned in paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 160, of 7th February 1872; Rupees 20-8-5 arrears and Rupees 2,834-9-7 current tax on houses; Rupees 61-1-0 arrears and Rupees 2,638-3-8 current tax on professions; Annas 8-0 arrears and Rupees 529-6-8 current tax on vehicles, &c. Rupees 128-2-8 was derived from the registration of carts; Rupees 3,048-1-0 were collected by means of tolls.

3. Tolls were levied at the full rates specified in Schedule D. of the Act from 6th June to 6th July 1871 in anticipation of the sanction of the Budget Estimate at that rate; but the Government declined to sanction the full rates (*vide* Order No. 824, of 14th June 1871). The right of collecting tolls at the full rates had been sold to a contractor, who made a deposit of Rupees 544. On the Government declining to sanction the levy of tolls at the full rates the deposit was paid back to the contractor together with a compensation of Rupees 5, and the tolls were kept under management by the Commissioners as no sufficient bid was made when they were put up to public auction. The collections were made during the rest of the year at half the rates of Schedule D.

4. Rupees 498-12-3 were received as fees, &c., on different trades as particularized in a separate statement attached; Rupees 217-8-3 was credited on account of fines imposed by the Magistrates under the Act; Rupees 100-4-9 was quit-rent of houses in Innespetta, viz., Rupees 53-12-3 current and Rupees 46-8-6 arrears; Rupees 630 were received from the Local Fund Board of the Rajahmundry Circle as a grant-in-aid to the Rajahmundry Dispensary for the year 1871-72, the Board having agreed to contribute two-thirds of the expenditure incurred in supporting the institution. This sum will be re-paid to the Local Fund Board as it has since been ascertained that, the dispensary not having been handed over to the Municipality within the year, none of its charges for the year are payable by the Municipality. Rupees 108-10-0 were received as fees and rents of markets; Rupees 1-4-0 on account of sale of rubbish; Rupees 46-10-3 by the sale of branches and loppings of avenue trees; Rupees 49-8-0 was the tax imposed on land occupied by timber-yards, &c.; Rupees 188-3-0 was realized by the sale of new sites in the town (this amount has since been paid over to the credit of Government as directed in G. O., No. 2010, of 24th November 1871); Rupees 2-10-10 are credited on account of sundry items, of which Rupees 2-2-10 is a trifling difference between the Treasury and the Municipal accounts which could not be rectified, and Annas 8-0 sale of a stamp found among the records.

5. *Expenditure—Grant I., Public Works—New Works, Communications.*—The sum of Rupees 2,433-14-10 was expended in making new roads in Innespetta. Four new streets measuring

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1½ miles in length were completed during the year at a cost of Rupees 1,761-8-10. The work consisted of earth-work, metalling to a depth of four inches, and gravelling to the same depth. The width of the roadway varied from four to six yards in different streets. Four more streets in the same part of the town were commenced, being a length of 1½ miles. Rupees 722-6-0 were expended, and about half of the work was completed. No new communications were taken in hand in the old town, owing chiefly to the difficulties which have to be encountered in obtaining possession of houses and yards required before anything can be done to improve the narrow and tortuous lanes in this part of the town. To make up to the old town a large share of the money available in the current year is to be laid out on a line of road projected to be carried outside the town on the river-side and to be combined with an embankment to keep out the river-floods which now rise over the floors of the houses bordering the river. The particulars of expenditure are shown in Statement II-A. under the head "Communications."

6. *Sanitary and Miscellaneous.*—As detailed in Statement II-A. under this head Rupees 1,212-1-5 were spent, of which Rupees 504 were expended during the year in completing the brick drain in Innespetta. Rupees 172 were expended on this work in the previous year, making the total cost of the work Rupees 676. The drain is 158 yards long by four feet deep and two feet wide, and is brick-in-chunam throughout.

7. Rupees 182 were paid for materials procured in the previous year to be used in constructing a V drain in the bazaar main road and Rupees 60-14-9 more in constructing the V drain for a distance of fifty yards. The work was then discontinued as it was found to be too costly and the materials already purchased were used for other works. Rupees 342-7-0 had already been spent on materials for this work in the previous year, making a total of Rupees 585-5-9.

8. A drain 230 yards long from Vaddi Vidhi Street was constructed at a cost of Rupees 267-5-4 including three tunnels. Rupees 78-3-0 were spent in constructing steps down to the Godavery for the convenience of people drawing water from the river. Rupees 35-10-4 were laid out in improvements to a drain behind the Indulaberg. Rupees 10-10-0 were expended on four small road culverts in Innespetta the materials collected for the V drain were expended. Valuing the V drain at Rupees 5 per running yard (a high estimate), the fifty yards would be worth Rupees 250, leaving Rupees 335 worth of materials for the subsequently-described works. This sum added to the cost already mentioned of the works brings them up to Rupees 716-2-8.

9. Rupees 18-10-0 were laid out in building fifty-three mud dust-bins, and Rupees 65-6-0 on other sanitary new works as per statement.

10. Rupees 571-4-0 were expended on the Police Lines during this year in addition to Rupees 267-13-3 spent on this work last year. A further sum of Rupees 365 will be required before they can be passed and valued by the Department of Public Works, as directed in paragraph 4 of G. O., No. 160, of 7th February 1872. Rupees 800 had already been expended in 1869-70 on these huts, but they fell down and had to be re-built; the total cost of the huts to the Municipality will, therefore, stand at Rupees 2,004-1-3, or Rupees 250½ per hut. The quality of the new work is good, the materials burnt brick in mud plastered with chunam, the timber in the roof is sound, and the huts will no doubt this time give satisfaction.

11. Rupees 80-10-4 were paid as compensation for lands taken up by the Municipality in widening roads and cutting drains, &c.

12. *Grant I., Repairs.*—Rupees 370-11-11 were spent on repairs to roads measuring 1½ miles in length, and in sanitary works as detailed in Statement II-A. under the head "Repairs."

13. Rupees 265 were paid as salary to the Road Overseer and Rupees 12-10-0 on tools.

14. *Grant II., Educational.*—Rupees 225 were paid as a result grant to the elementary school at Madanasingpetta and to two pyal schools on the certificate of the Director of Public Instruction, and Rupees 37-8-0 was the rent paid for the house occupied by the Madanasingpetta elementary school.

15. *Grant III., Sanitary and Medical Service.*—Rupees 1,065 were paid to the credit of Government for the cost of establishment and of the supply of medicines for the dispensary; but the amount has since been refunded to the Commissioners, as it appeared that no contribution is due by the Municipality for this year as the dispensary was not made over to the Municipality during the year. Rupees 83-5-7 was the cost of vaccine establishment.

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16. Rupees 3,467-6-3 were spent on conservancy, of which Rupees 3,212-5-4 was for establishment, Rupees 137 for filling up a pool of stagnant water in Innespetta, Rupees 19-9-6 for cleansing the Kambhala Tank, Rupees 9-7-0 for disinfecting powder for latrines, Rupees 17-2-0 for baskets, &c., for the sweepers, Rupees 21-12-11 for dry-earth for latrines, Rupees 15-2-6 for rewards for killing dogs, snakes, &c., Rupees 19-7-6 for removing a wall unclaimed and situated in the public street, Rupees 2-11-6 for removing a house unoccupied and in a dangerous state, and Rupees 12-12-0 for repairing dust-bins and carts.

17. *Grant IV., Miscellaneous.*—Rupees 506-1-2 were spent for lighting purposes, out of which Rupees 77 was for establishment, Rupees 194-11-4 for cocoanut-oil, Rupees 29-14-4 for kerosene-oil and two kerosene lamps, Rupees 25-1-6 for new lanterns, wooden-posts, &c., Rupees 175 for telegraph half-standard iron-posts to be used for new lamp-posts, and Rupees 4-6-0 for repairing lanterns and lamp-posts.

18. Rupees 30 was spent in repairing the markets and slaughter-houses, Rupees 22-14-0 were expended in repairing the furniture in the Travellers' Bungalow lately handed over to the Municipality and in providing it with some culinary utensils, and Rupees 22-6-6 in planting avenue trees and clearing away branches blown down by storms.

19. Rupees 144-3-1 was the sum spent this year in carrying out the Census. Of this amount Rupees 138-12-10 was for establishment,

	RS.	A.	P.
Red ink	0	3	0
Box for accounts and carriage to Cocanada	1	11	0
Re-painting house numbers	1	0	0
Oil and torch-bearers	2	6	3
Thread and cooly for carrying accounts	0	2	0
Total	5	6	3

Rupees 5-6-3 for sundries as shown in the margin. Rupees 60-2-1 were spent last year on this work, Rupees 52-14-6 for establishment, and Rupees 7-3-7 for contingencies, making a total of Rupees 204-5-2 expended by the Municipality in taking the census of this town.

20. Rupees 25 were paid as compensation to Moulavi Mahomed Ali Sahib for loss sustained by him through the Commissioners having ordered the repair of his house, which was subsequently cancelled by the Commissioners as having been made without due authority.

21. Rupees 188-3-0 were paid to the credit of Government as directed in G. O., No. 2010, of 24th November 1871, being the amount collected by the Commissioners by the sale of new house-sites.

22. *Grant V., Supervision and Management.*—Rupees 1,251-15-8 were spent under this head, including office establishment and contingent charges. Rupees 652-5-0 were expenses connected with collecting the tolls. Of this sum, Rupees 615-8-0 was paid for establishment, Rupees 18-8-0 on lamp-oil, Rupees 7-9-0 for repairing toll-gates, Rupees 5-12-0 in painting toll-boards, and Rupees 5 as compensation to the toll-contractor when his contract was cancelled.

23. Rupees 33-3-9 were paid into the Treasury, being the difference between the amount paid by the Municipality and that claimed by the Superintendent of Police for the year 1870-71 on account of Police salaries.

24. Rupees 23-6-5 was a refund of house-tax levied in 1870-71.

25. *Deposits.*—Rupees 855 were received as deposits from contractors, of which Rupees 544 were refunded to the toll-contractor when his contract was cancelled; the balance, viz., Rupees 311, was received from the toll and bandy-stand contractors for the year 1872-73.

26. *Balance.*—The year closed with a balance of Rupees 2,989-2-1, of which Rupees 630 has to be refunded to the Local Funds, leaving Rupees 2,359-2-1 in hand at the commencement of the new year. The large amount

tribution for 1870-71 having been received here only on 18th March 1872.

27. The Commissioners met thirty-five times for the transaction of business during the year and disposed of 1686 petitions, of which two were appeals against house-tax, twenty-six against profession-tax, 955 for re-thatching houses and building tiled houses or compound walls, and 703 were miscellaneous petitions. The house-tax was levied at five per cent. on the rent-value. The taxes and fees were levied for eleven months as directed in G. O., No. 436, of 31st March 1871. The collections were made without difficulty. Seventy-five demand notices and sixty-two distress warrants were issued: on their being presented the amounts demanded were at once paid.

28. Four carts, forty-three sweepers, and twelve toties were employed in the removal of the filth and rubbish of the town. One Nuisance Inspector was appointed to superintend the Municipal

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toties and to see the public latrines kept clean. Two more dust-carts were ordered on the receipt of G. O., No. 160, of 7th February 1872. Fifty-three dust-bins were built of mud; but arrangements have since been made for building bins of a permanent nature.

29. A suit pending since 1869 was compromised during the year.

30. The health of the town was fair. No case of cholera occurred during the year. Small-pox was very severe at one time; but subsided towards the close of the year. Two additional vaccinators were employed at the suggestion of the Sanitary Commissioner. Fever was prevalent during the months of May, August, September, November, and December. Forty-one persons are reported to have died from this cause.

31. The following statement shows the number and causes of deaths during the eleven months of the year under report. The proportion to the population, viz., one per cent., indicates that these registers are not as complete as they should be. The matter has engaged the attention of the Commissioners, and steps have been taken to improve the registry of deaths:—

STATEMENT showing the Number and Causes of Deaths in the Municipality of Rajahmundry during the year 1871-72, containing eleven months.																			
CAST.	Hindoos.						Mahomedans.		TOTAL.			CAUSES OF DEATHS.							
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Wounds.	Accidents.	Snake-bites.	Killed by wild beasts.	Old age.	Mad dogs.	Other causes.	Total.
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32. A copy of the Auditor's report is attached.

33. The report of the Civil Surgeon in charge of the dispensary is appended with a statement of the expenses of the institution. The dispensary formed no part of the Municipality during the year; but, as it is about to be handed over to the Commissioners, they have obtained and forwarded the report with reference to G. O., No. 209, dated 2nd March 1872.

No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1872, No. 1283.

The receipts of the Rajahmundry Municipality for the year 1871-72 amounted with the opening balance to Rupees 14,704 and the expenditure to Rupees 11,715, leaving a balance in hand of Rupees 2,989.

RECEIPTS.	
Current—	Rs.
House-rate	2,835
Tax on arts	2,638
Tax on vehicles	529
Registration of carts	128
Tolls	3,048
Fees	499
Fines	218
	9,895
Arrears—	
State contribution	2,184
Arrears of taxes	82
Surplus Pound Fund	249
	12,410
Hospitals	680
Miscellaneous	497
	13,537
Balance brought forward	1,167
Total	14,704

EXPENDITURE.	
Public Works—	Rs.
New works	4,354
Repairs	371
Establishment, &c.	278
Education	263
Vaccination	83
Conservancy	3,467
Lighting	506
Miscellaneous	277
Supervision and management	1,904
Refunds	212
	11,715
Balance	2,989
Total	14,704

2. The Auditor testifies to the very satisfactory state of the accounts, and the statements submitted appear to be correctly prepared with a few trifling exceptions, such as the entry of "quit-rent of Innespetta" under the head of "Rates and Taxes" instead of "Miscellaneous."

3. The total demand, current, and arrears on account of rates and taxes amounted to Rupees 6,152, and at the end of the year there was an uncollected balance of Rupees 371.

4. Amongst the receipts an item of Rupees 630 appears under the head of "Hospitals" and one of Rupees 188 realized by the sale of new sites. The former is to be refunded to the Local Fund Board as the dispensary was not

transferred to the Municipality till after the close of the year, and the latter has already been credited to Government under G. O. dated 24th November 1871, No. 2010.

5. A sum of Rupees 4,354 was spent under the head of "New Works," of which Rupees 2,484 were devoted to communications in Innespetta. This year communications are to be made for the benefit of the Old Town. The expenditure on drains during the year amounted to Rupees 1,120. On conservancy there was an expenditure of Rupees 3,467-6-3, and the special report recently received on this subject shows that great improvements are being made to the town in this respect while every endeavour is at the same time being made by the Commissioners to carry the feelings of the community along with them in their action.

6. Nothing was done towards the registration of births and deaths; but the general working of the Act appears to have been satisfactory.

7. The special report and return called for in G. O. dated 4th May 1872, No. 627, has not been received. The President is requested to submit it as soon

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as possible together with a list of the Municipal Commissioners, distinguishing between the official and non-official members.

(True Extract.)

Col. Allen
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District.

- .. Board of Revenue.
- .. Revenue Department.
- .. Public Works do.
- .. Inspector-General of Police.
- .. " Indian Medical Department.
- .. Sanitary Commissioner.
- .. Director of Public Instruction.
- .. Accountant-General.
- .. President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District.

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To
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,
Godavery District,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 26th.

Recd. *Sept 12th* Encl.

G. O., 26th September 1872, No. 1283.

Sept 12th
SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 171-172.

Reviewing the report on the working of the
Rajahmundry Municipality for 1871-72.

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