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No. 57. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Srirungum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Srirungum, 28th August 1872, No. 35:—

I have the honour to submit the following report on the working of the 'Towns' Improvement Act (Madras Act III. of 1871) in the town of Srirungum for the official year 1871-72.

2. Introduced for the first time on the 1st day of November 1871, the Act was in operation for five months only during the year. The valuation of houses and other preliminaries were, with the aid of a small establishment entertained as a temporary measure, commenced a month previous to the introduction of the Act, and the bills were issued at the beginning of December 1871, but the collections were tardy; the inhabitants being quite opposed to the measure, the Commissioners were unwilling to put at once the provisions of the Act in force in order to enforce payment of the taxes, and they have, by application and patience, eventually overcome the difficulty. It was only in cases of extreme obstinacy that notices and warrants were issued.

3. The collections amounted to Rupees 1,937-5-0 as follow:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Tax on houses, lands, &c.	1,388	12	0
Tax on arts, &c.	416	6	0
Fees under Section 123... ..	17	4	0
Fees under Section 153	38	0	0
Fees under Schedule A	1	9	0
Magisterial fines under Section 17	75	6	0
Total ...	1,937	5	0

4. The tax on vehicles, animals, and carts was not levied during the year pending the final settlement of the question of the hardship complained of by the inhabitants at their having to pay both license and registration fees to their own Municipality and tolls to the Trichinopoly Commission on entering the limits of that town.—*Vide* G. Os., dated the 17th January 1872, No. 34, and 25th July 1872, No. 974.

5. The under-mentioned abstract exhibits the Demand, Collection, and Balance:—

Items.	Demand.			Collection.			Balance on the 1st April 1872.			Subsequent collections.			Balance on the 1st August 1872.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Tax on houses and lands, &c.	2,604	10	0	1,388	12	0	1,215	14	0	1,091	10	0	124	4	0
Tax on arts, &c.	782	14	0	416	6	0	366	8	0	240	4	0	126	4	0
Fees under Section 123	20	4	0	17	4	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	...	...	...
Fees under bye-laws	38	0	0	38	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fees under Schedule A	1	9	0	1	9	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Magisterial fines	75	6	0	75	6	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	3,522	11	0	1,937	5	0	1,585	6	0	1,334	11	0	250	8	0

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6. The balance of Rupees 124 under "Tax on houses, &c.," arises chiefly from the disputed ownership of the property assessed. As soon as the petitions pending before this office regarding them are disposed of, the amounts will be realized or remitted.

7. With regard to arrears under "Taxes on arts, &c.," the Commissioners have just for the first time sanctioned a few prosecutions, and the consequences thereof will, it is believed, deter other defaulters from withholding their payments any longer.

8. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 1,323-15-6, as specified below:—

Grant I.—Public Works	Rs.	A.	P.
New Works.—Constructing dust-bins and a surface masonry drain	136	0	6
Repairs.—Re-establishment of coolies for keeping the streets and roads in repair	152	4	2
	288	4	8
Grant II.—Establishment.—Nuisance Inspector and Peons	166	7	5
Wages of rubbish carts	488	12	8
	654	4	1
Grant III.—Office Establishment	170	11	0
Compensations including stationery, paying authors on houses, charges for printing forms, and office furniture, &c.	165	3	11
Commission to bill collectors on the result system, at 4 per cent. of the collections	38	10	1
	374	5	9
Refunds of taxes made on appeals	5	13	0
Grand Total	1,323	15	6

9. The cash balance at the close of the year was Rupees 613-5-6, and this sum, together with the proceeds of the current year 1872-73, is being utilized in providing the town with further dust-bins, lights, surface drains, and latrines.

10. A vaccinator was appointed, his remuneration being paid on the result system at 2 annas for every successful case inspected and reported on by Committee members. The progress made during the period under report is anything but satisfactory, the number of successful cases being only thirty-six—a number far too small in proportion to the population. The vaccinator has since been dismissed for certain irregularities, and the Commissioners hope to be able to show better results in the report of 1872-73. No pains are being spared by the Commissioners in inducing the people to avail themselves of the benefits of this valuable prophylactic.

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11. No expenditure was incurred on roads within the Municipality, the Local Board having promised to transfer them to the Commissioners from the opening of 1873-74.

12. There was, likewise, no expenditure under the head of "Education" during the year. The Anglo-Vernacular School at Kondiampattai was transferred to this department from the 1st August 1872. The Commissioners are fully prepared to devote their best attention to this important subject as funds become available for the purpose.

13. The health of the town was, during the five months reported on, good. The annual gathering on account of the Sirungum feast was unusually large.

14. There was no epidemic. The expenses of the arrangement made on the occasion were, as a special case, borne by Government; the Municipality being in its infancy had collected only a very small amount of taxes.

15. The closing of cess-pools, the introduction of dry-earth and sewage systems, and the establishment of a dispensary and hospital, have long been the great desiderata, considerable outlay being required for the accomplishment of these important objects.

16. On a suggestion made to the townspeople that, with an annual maintenance allowance of Rupees 600 from local contributions, an attempt could be made for the establishment of a small dispensary and hospital, the Government having requested to grant medical establishment and medicine gratis, the principal inhabitants held a meeting, the trustees of the pagoda consented to pay Rupees 10 a year from the funds of the institution, and the Commissioners, on application, expressed their willingness to contribute an equal sum from the municipal funds; the Commissioners now learn that the Inspector-General of Hospitals has been requested to move the Government on the subject with his recommendation, the result of which remains to be known.

17. The audit of the accounts has been deferred until the close of 1872-73, when it is to be conducted along with the accounts of that year.—*Vide* G. O., No. 972, dated the 25th July 1872.

18. The statement of receipts and charges is herewith forwarded.

19. The statement called for in G. O. No. 627, dated 4th May 1872, and the complete list of Commissioners on the Municipal Board, with the information "official" or "non-official," noted against each name, are also herein enclosed.

20. In so early a stage of the Municipality, the Commissioners consider that it will be premature to suppose that the good feeling of the townspeople has been secured.

21. When, however, the projects adverted to in paragraph 15 have been carried out, and the minor improvements projected, and now in progress, are completed, the Commissioners are of opinion that the inhabitants cannot but help fully appreciating the benefits of the institution.

22. This Municipality has no tolls.

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No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1872, No. 1197.

The President of the Srirangam Municipality submits a report on the working of the Municipality for the five months of the year 1871-72, during which the Act was in operation in that town.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Receipts—						
Rates on houses	1,889	12	0			
Tax on arts	410	0	0			
	1,805	2	0			
Deduction refunds	5	12	0			
Total rates and taxes	1,799	5	0			
Fees	50	13	0			
Fines	75	6	0			
Total receipts	1,924	8	0			
Expenditure—						
Public Works	288	4	8			
Conservancy	655	4	1			
Superintendence and management	374	9	9			
Balance	1,318	2	6			
Total	3,635	5	4			

2. The receipts, according to the accounts, amounted to Rupees 1,924-8-0 and the expenditure to Rupees 1,323-15-6, leaving a balance of Rupees 613-5-6. In entering the collections, however, it appears that the instructions contained in paragraph 2, G. O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646, have been lost sight of, and the gross proceeds of taxes entered instead of the net proceeds after deduction of refunds. In paragraph 8 of

the report the entry in the accounts of Rupees 5-12-0 under the head "Refund other than of current taxes" is also shown to be in reality a refund of taxes on appeal. In the marginal statement the corrected items are shown. The correction does not affect the balance.

3. The late date on which the Act was introduced necessarily made it impossible to realize the total demand within the year, and, in consequence, the arrears at the end of March amounted to Rupees 1,585-6-0. No Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement in the prescribed form is submitted, but a statement showing the operations up to date is embodied in the report, from which it appears that, by the end of July, the arrears had been reduced to Rupees 250-8-0 out of a demand of Rupees 3,522-11-0, and even this balance would have been lower had it not been for the difficulty of settling disputes regarding the ownership of houses. A few prosecutions have been instituted with reference to the tax on arts.

4. The principal item of expenditure is Rupees 655-4-1 under the head of "Conservancy," the Commissioners having wisely directed their attention in the first instance to that important object of the Act. The expenditure of Rupees 136-4-6 under the head of "New Works" is also for conservancy purposes, viz., the construction of dust-bins and drains.

5. A commencement is reported to have been made in vaccination, but no expenditure under that head appears in the accounts.

6. The transfer of the roads from the Local Fund Board is to be made only at the beginning of the year 1873-74, hence the absence of expenditure under that head. The Government are glad to learn that the Commissioners are prepared to promote education in the Municipality as soon as funds are available.

7. The annual festival passed off without any mishap, although the attendance was unusually large. As the Municipality was then in its infancy, the sanitary expenses were defrayed by Government.

8. With regard to the establishment of a dispensary, the Commissioners and the Pagoda Trustees have each agreed to give Rupees 300 a year, and the Inspector-General of Hospitals has been addressed on the subject.

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9. Considering the short period during which the Municipality has been in working, the report must be considered decidedly satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Srirangam.

- .. Board of Revenue.
- .. Revenue Department.
- .. Public Works Department.
- .. Inspector-General of Police.
- .. Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
- .. Sanitary Commissioner.
- .. Director of Public Instruction.
- .. Accountant-General.
- .. President of the Local Fund Board, Trichinopoly.

Edw. J. Wright.

*Letter to the
Council*

BOULDER COUNTY
FINANCIAL

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
Boulder, Colorado

Boulder, Colorado, 1911.

Dear Sirs -

Enc.

G. O. 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005.

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Noting the report on the work of the
Boulder County Board of Health for the year 1911, it is
the policy of the Board to have the Act was in force
in 1911.

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