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No. 36. Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 4th September 1873, No. 53:—

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Municipality at Anantapur during the past official year 1872-73. The usual statements accompany.

2. The estimate of this Municipality received the sanction of Government in their Order in the Financial Department, No. 519, dated 17th April 1872.

3. The estimates therein sanctioned provided for an anticipated income of Rupees 8,840, which included an opening balance of Rupees 600, but in this item the actual fell short of the estimate, owing to the Local Fund Board of the Gooty Circle paying but Rupees 203 in lieu of the budget amount of Rupees 570.

4. On this point there was a difference of opinion between the Circle Board and the Commission, the latter contending that the amount entered in the budget as contribution to the Civil Dispensary should be paid to the Commission, which the former declined to do. The actual balance, therefore, brought forward by the Municipality is Rupees 386-12-1.

5. It will be observed that the Vice-President has not, in the column headed "Amount in Budget," correctly quoted the allotments entered in the margin of paragraph 8 of the Order of 17th April last, already referred to. I have called on him for explanation, and his reply will be found in the enclosures. I consider that the budget entries should be quoted correctly, explanations being given in the report as to any deviation therefrom. I will take occasion to point this out to him.

6. Only Rupees 377-4-0, or nearly sixty-three per cent. of the anticipated income from the tax on vehicles, under Section 63 of the Act, have been realized. This is due in part to the Commission being too sanguine as to this source of income, and partly to the evasion of the tax from one cause or other by the ratepayers. The Vice-President engages to institute the necessary inquiry in the matter. He further accounts for the decrease by the fact of all male buffaloes being exempted from taxation.

7. As remarked by Government, in paragraph 7 of their Order of 26th September last, the receipts from tolls make upwards of sixty per cent. of the income of this Municipality; but, as no representation has been made of the impost being considered burdensome, no steps were taken with regard thereto. It is owing to the large receipts from this channel that no steps were adopted for the imposition of the Profession-tax, the sanction for its levy being cancelled.—G.O., dated 22nd May 1872, No. 669.

8. No amount is shown as the realizations of school fees. On this subject of education the Commissioners entertain views rather different from those held by the officers of the Educational Department and by myself. It has been pointed out to them that the education guaranteed by the Commission should be purely of an elementary character, and the establishment of a school for teaching Sanscrit cannot be said to come under this head.

9. It will be observed that sanction was accorded for an anticipated income of Rupees 8,840, but the actuals only realized Rupees 6,425, the difference being Rupees 2,415, which is made up of the sums specified in the margin. The non-realization of the Profession-tax has been already explained. With regard to the item of 900 Rupees, the Vice-President remarks: "The latter sum was not paid to the Municipality, but merely allowed to stand in budget until it was ascertained what portion of the charges on account of the Police Hospital should be borne by the Municipality; but, as no settlement was come to during the year, the latter was excluded from the annual statements." The third item does not call for special remark, it being omitted from the statement by an oversight. Deduct from these amounts the sum of 5 Rupees deducted from the budget provision of Rupees 245 under "Endowments" but altered in the Government Order to Rupees 240, which amount the Vice-President should have inserted in the annual statement in lieu of Rupees 245.

Rs.	
1,500	Profession-tax.
900	Police Hospital referred to in paragraph 8 of G.O., 17th April 1872, No. 519.
20	Endowments.
2,420	
Deduct 5	Altered in Government Order for the purpose of showing round numbers in the item Endowments, the original entry being Rupees 245 altered to 240.
2,425	

10. The only new works undertaken by the Municipality are a municipal school building, towards a portion of the cost of which Rupees 200 have been paid, two latrines of which cost Rupees 112-14-8; the item Rupees 303-5-11 is the cost of a masonry drain running through the heart of the town; Rupees 81-8-0 for the repair and fencing of five wells. The several items under 2, "Repairs, &c.," call for no special remark.

11. In paragraph 8 of this report I made mention of the Sanscrit School, to the establishment of which when proposed I strongly objected; but, as it was represented to me that it was the earnest desire of the Commissioners that one should be established, I yielded to the proposal with the view of giving the institution a fair trial. It was sanctioned in G.O., No. 1529, of the 15th November 1872. The Inspector of Schools now represents that, of the thirty-one pupils who attend these Sanscrit classes (of which there are two), all but one are Brahmins, who form but one-tenth of the ratepayers. I intend, therefore, to lay the matter before Government again. The Inspector further comments on the very defective system of instruction adopted by the Commissioners, the educational staff being composed of men who are described as "not one whit better informed than the common teaches of this class in country villages," and are most of them old.

12. With regard to the Mahomedan School, he reports that it consists of two set of boys adapted to the party factions into which the Mahomedan community is broken up. Of course things cannot be allowed to continue thus, and measures will be adopted for putting a stop to them.

13. The items under Grants III. and IV. do not call for special remarks, except that the total of the former includes the sum of Rupees 900 referred to in paragraph 9 of this report.

14. The charges for lighting are within the budget provision, and call for no further remark than that the lighting of the town had to be carried on departmentally, the contract system in this matter having signally failed.

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15. From a report received from the Hospital Assistant in charge of the Civil Dispensary at Anantapur, received through the Vice-President, I find that that institution is working very satisfactorily. The Vice-President does not allude to the institution in his report. There were 1455 patients treated during the year under report, which is less by 211 than the number treated the previous year. Two hundred and twenty-eight vaccination operations were performed during the year under report, of which 220 are reported to have been successful, or nearly ninety-seven per cent.

16. The health of this town has on the whole been good. Fever and other diseases visited it, but the mortality from any one of these causes has not been great.

17. The accounts of this Municipality were duly audited on the 31st May last, and the Auditor's report is enclosed. From it, it would seem that the suggestions of the Auditor of the previous year were duly attended to and adopted.

18. The report of the Vice-President is submitted.

From A. CASAVA ROW, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Anantapur, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated Anantapur, 9th June 1873, No. 16.

As required by Section 34 of the Act, I beg to submit the annual report and statement on the working of this Municipality, the latter in form prescribed for the year 1872-73, together with the certificate by the Auditor, and report on the working of the Civil Dispensary by the second-class Hospital Assistant in charge.

2. In the past year it was a source of satisfaction to state that no epidemic occurred, and the town was singularly exempt from sickness; and for the year under review I beg to state that there was no outbreak of cholera. Small-pox to a small extent prevailed chiefly among children towards the close of the hot season owing to the protracted heat and want of rain, which was later than usual during the year. As a vaccinator has been entertained by the Municipality since several years, the deaths were very few from the disease. The register of births and deaths and vaccine report for the year are appended.

Dengue, although rife in other places, did not make its disagreeableness felt here.

3. RECEIPTS.—The total of receipts shows more than budgeted for; of two items there was a decrease, viz., the opening balance on the 1st April 1872 and the tax on vehicles and animals, the former owing to the Local Fund Board of the Circle having paid Rupees 203 in lieu of the amount entered in budget, Rupees 570, the latter being over 200 Rupees less; this is partly attributed to too high a sum having been entered, and partly to several owners having evaded the tax by different subterfuges, as there were 288 bullocks licensed for the first half, but only 235 for the second half of the year. Close inquiry is being instituted, and should any defaulters be found out they will be prosecuted. The tax on male buffaloes was not enforced, as the Commissioners were under the impression that sanction was accorded to their request for exempting them. The other sources nearly approximate that entered in budget, with the exception of the assessment on houses which now amounts to Rupees 821-8-0, and that on open sites and lands, for the first time assessed this year, Rupees 213-4-2. The Commissioners made a thorough revision of the list and fixed the rate on houses and lands, which consequently shows such a marked increase. The tolls produced Rupees 1,300 above estimate, and it was because of this large increase that the Commissioners were enabled to do without the imposition of the professional tax which was applied for, but afterwards the sanction of Government obtained for its cancelment.

Rupees 100 was entered as accruing from the surplus proceeds of the Pound Fund, but nothing was received, although application for either a portion or the whole of it was made through the President on the above account. The sum of Rupees 200 paid into the Treasury here towards medicines and medical charges the year previous was returned and taken to credit.

4. EXPENDITURE.—Thus the income being greater for the year, the Commissioners undertook to carry out certain improvements. Accordingly two latrines were built of brick-in-chunam (one male and the other female) at a cost of Rupees 412-14-8. A covered drain in the heart of the town having been pointed out as very necessary to be done, was taken on hand and completed of masonry at a cost of Rupees 303-5-11.

The basement of five good water wells was constructed of chunam and kunker, together with masonry walls round three, the charge amounting to Rupees 81-8-0.

The sum of Rupees 200 entered for building a Municipal School, as being a portion of the estimated cost, was paid to the contractor, and some progress has been made towards the building, and the remaining portion is to be paid in the current year.

Under "Repairs" Rupees 216-14-6 is the cost for the up-keep of the Municipal roads, and Rupees 201-9-4 for re-doing a male latrine and for the repairs of a female.

On account of the Civil Dispensary some repairs and sundry fixtures were undertaken, such as repairing the floor of verandas, fixing a wooden railing or bar, constructing gate-posts and a gate, and flooring the surgery-room with black granite ; total cost under this head is Rupees 75-2-0.

For emergent repairs to drains the cost is Rupees 49-14-8, and for the repair and replacing of dust-boxes Rupees 14-12-0.

As there is ample accommodation for travellers, there being several chuttrums and mukkams in the town for this purpose, the Rajah's Chuttrum was put to some repair and the building temporarily used as a school for the Sanscrit and Telugu classes. Another chuttrum called "Gosai" Chuttrum was slightly repaired and temporarily made to provide accommodation for the children attending the Mahomedan class until such time as the building now on hand by the Municipality is completed. The total charges under this head come to Rupees 49-13-9 and Rupees 3-8-8, respectively.

Under Grant II. Education, the charges are somewhat in excess. This is accounted for by an additional Master for the Sanscrit and Telugu class having been entertained by increase of the number of students, and through no provision having been made for Educational Inspectorate when preparing the budget. That the Municipal School is making some advancement there is not wanting proof. The prominent advantage gained is the large number of attendance which is still increasing. The number on the rolls being forty in the Sanscrit, 120 in the Telugu, and between eighty and ninety in the Mahomedan class. Myself now and then visited the school and examined the boys in Sanscrit and Hindustani, having knowledge of them. When the Deputy Inspector of Schools of the Circle went through his annual examination of the school I was sorry I could not assist him in examining the boys in those languages, being out in the taluq at the time. I was given to understand that he has only examined the Telugu classes and reported that satisfactory progress was made. The Commissioners did not think it advisable to introduce school fees at present in consequence of the poverty of the people, especially the Mahomedan community.

Under Grant III., Sanitation and Medical Services, the expenditure is within the estimate, and there is nothing for remark, the same establishment having been employed as the past year. Rupees 128-12-7 were paid into the Treasury on account of medicines supplied in 1871-72, and on this amount the Local Fund Board declined to pay half the charge.

Under Grant IV. the lighting charges are within the estimated amount laid down, though five posts and lanterns, &c., were increased ; the charges for this aggregate Rupees 69-2-0.

Minor head 2, Watering and planting Avenues, shows an increase which is accounted for by mud walls having been constructed round the whole of the avenue plants, the cost amounting to Rupees 158-2-4.

Minor head 3, Bandystand servants, a charge omitted in budget, Rupees 72 was incurred, being salaries of two men for sweeping and keeping the bandystands clean.

Minor head 4.—There were charges on this account for a Surveyor, and Rupees 46 paid as compensation to the owner of a piece of ground taken up by the Commissioners for the Municipal School.

The contract system for lighting the town was given another trial but found to fail, there being many complaints against the contractor and fining him not appearing to have the desired

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effect, the Commissioners unanimously came to the conclusion to cancel his contract, and the lighting is conducted ever since departmentally, which appears to have given general satisfaction.

Grant V., Supervision and Management, calls for no remark, being within the estimate.

From A. CASAVA ROW, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Anantapur, to J. H. . MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary, dated Anantapur, 28th August 1873, No. 23.

In reply to your docket, No. 85, dated 23rd instant, I beg to state that the column "Amount in Budget," under head "Assignments and Allotments" by Government, should be Rupees 1,000, viz., Rupees 100 as accruing from the Pound Fund, and Rupees 900 the charges on account of the Police Hospital ; this latter sum was not paid to the Municipality, but merely allowed to stand in budget until it was ascertained what portion of the charges on account of the Police Hospital should be borne by the Municipality ; but, as no settlement was come to during the year, the latter was excluded from the annual statements.

Under head "Endowments," in the same column, Rupees 20 was through oversight omitted.

Rupees 821-8-0 represent the total of house assessment, exclusive of that on open sites and wet lands, standing in register, and Rupees 955-12-4 was the actual amount collected on houses and lands during the year 1872-73.

Under "Endowments and Sundry Contributions" the amount entered in budget was Rupees 245 ; this was altered to Rupees 240 in Government Proceedings to make up the amount in round numbers. The latter amount only should have been inserted in the annual statement.

The difference in the sum total of receipts in the Government Proceedings and municipal accounts is made up by adding Rupees 1,500, the professional tax, afterwards cancelled (*vide* G.O., No. 669, dated 22nd May 1872), Rupees 900 assigned by Government on account of Police Hospital, and Rupees 20 entered under Endowments.

These three items if added to Rupees 6,425 give Rupees 8,845, and by deducting Rupees 5 above mentioned there remain Rupees 8,840, the total of estimated receipts from all sources according to the Government Proceedings.

Grant I., according to budget submited, should be Rupees 1,700, but to balance the budget the same was reduced to Rupees 1,520 by deducting Rupees 180 by the Government.

Grant III.—The total in Budget Estimate was Rupees 3,729, or in round numbers Rupees 3,730 ; according to Government Proceedings this amount includes Rupees 900 allowed to stand in budget on account of the Police Hospital charges.

Grant IV.—In the Municipal Budget submitted was set down at Rupees 732, or in round numbers, according to Government Proceedings, Rupees 730.

Grant V.—Amount budgeted for was Rupees 968, but altered in round numbers in Government Proceedings to Rupees 970.

From C. VASUDIVA ROW, Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Anantapur, to A. CASAVA ROW, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Anantapur, dated Anantapur, 31st May 1873.

In reference to your letter, dated the 2nd instant, No. 5, stating that the President sanctioned my appointment as Auditor of the Municipal accounts for the past year, viz., 1872-73, I have the honour to inform you that I have carefully gone through all the acounts and found them correctly prepared and systematically kept ; every item of the charge is supported by its necessary voucher, and the omissions and defects which the Auditor of the year before the last pointed out have been rectified.

2. The Civil Dispensary, which had hitherto been a separate institution, was made over to this Municipality by the G.O., dated the 8th September 1871, No. 440, and the sum which was at its credit, viz., Rupees 2,002-7-6, has been lodged in the Government Savings' Bank.

3. The balance at the credit of the Municipality, on the 31st March 1872, was Rupees 386-12-1. The actual receipts during the year from all sources amounted to Rupees 7,146-7-6, including the balance that was left on the last day of March 1872; the expenditure amounted to Rupees 6,871-8-1, leaving a closing balance of Rupees 274-15-5, the whole of which amount was in the Treasury on the 31st March 1873.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1873, No. 1431.

With his letter above recorded, the President of the Anantapur Municipality submits the annual report for the year 1872-73. The actuals as compared with the estimate are shown below :—

RECEIPTS.	Estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward... ...	620	387
Assignment by Government ...	1,000	...
Rate on houses, &c....	570	956
Tax on arts, &c.	1,500	...
Tax on vehicles	600	377
Registration of carts	220	212
Tolls	3,000	4,300
Fees	100	96
Fines...	120	42
Fees in schools	...	...
Endowments and sundry contributions...	240	117
Contribution from Local Funds.	570	203
Miscellaneous	300	456
Total ...	8,840	7,146

CHARGES.	Estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works	820	998
Repairs...	650	611
Tools and Plant	50	...
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools	400	587
Contribution to Local Funds for Inspection	...	138
Results' Grants	120	...
Grant III.—		
Hospitals and Dispensary ...	1,360	445
Vaccination	130	120
Registration of births and deaths	125	120
Conservancy...	2,120	1,955
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	660	654
Other items	70	335
Grant V.—		
Office Establishment... ...	970	768
Contingencies		140
Balance	1,370	275
Total ...	8,840	7,146

2. The funds available during the year fell short of the estimate by Rupees 1,694, but as one item, viz., Rupees 900, to be assigned by Government on account of the Police Hospital, disappears from the expenditure side as well, the actual difference was only Rupees 794; and, as the estimated unexpended balance has been reduced by Rupees 1,095, the prosecution of the sanctioned works was not in any way hampered by the deficiency on the income. The President's letter shows that the short receipts can be satisfactorily accounted for, except perhaps in the case of the tax on vehicles and animals, regarding which the Vice-President is now making further inquiry. With reference to the Government assignment on account of the Police Hospital, the Surgeon-General is requested to expedite the report called for in G.O., dated 17th April 1872, No. 519. The expenditure on Public Works calls for no particular remark. The charge for petty repairs to school buildings

should have appeared under "Repairs" and not under "Tools and Plant" and "Contingencies" in Statement II. The decrease on the estimated expenditure on the dispensary has been already alluded to. The Hospital Assistant's report, mentioned by the President, does not appear to have been forwarded. The difference between Columns 8 and 11 in Statement I.-A should have appeared as a *minus* balance in Column 12, to represent the deficit in the hospital funds made good by the Municipality. It is stated in a note that this amounted to Rupees 281-15-7, apparently made up of the difference between Columns 8 and 11, *plus* Rupees 82-4-6 transferred to the funded capital; but, as an entry under Grant III. in Statement II. shows that the amount thus transferred forms a portion of the Rupees 520-2-10 shown in Column 11, the note appears to be incorrect. The Government regret to learn that the attendance at the Sanscrit School, lately sanctioned at the strong representations of the Commissioners, is limited almost entirely to Brahmins, who form a comparatively insignificant section of the ratepayers, and the special report promised on the subject should be submitted as soon as possible. It is hoped, also, that the measures about to be adopted by the President may lead to a speedy improvement in the management of the Mahomedan School. The Government desire to see the report of the Inspector of Schools to which the President alludes.

3. Explanation is desired with reference to the Vice-President's statement that nothing was received from the surplus proceeds of the Pound Fund although application was made through the President.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
,, Surgeon General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, President of the Local Fund Boards, Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

The PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Bellary.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 7th.

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