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No. 32. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Errode, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 12th June 1873, No. 22:—

I have the honour to forward the Vice-President's report on the Errode Municipality for the year 1872-73.

2. The Government will notice some short expenditure. The Educational Department demanded Rupees 560 for results, and spent under Rupees 90.

The late date at which the Hospital Assistant was sent reduced expenditure on this head, and I may add that, when the Municipality provided remuneration for a passed Hospital Apprentice, the allowance was reduced by G. O., No. 1014, of 2nd August 1872, Financial Department, to a second-class Hospital Assistant. It would be advisable that the higher-graded man should be appointed.

3. The promised subscriptions for the new hospital are being collected, and a plan has been fixed on. No time will be lost in starting the building.

4. The Vice-President notices improvement in sanitation, streets, and water supply, and doubtless the municipal institution will come to be regarded as a benefit to the town.

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From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Errode, to A. WEDDERBURN, President of the Municipal Commission, Errode, dated Coimbatore, 26th May 1873, No. 21.

I have the honour to submit, for transmission to Government, the annual report of the Errode Municipality for 1872-73.

2. The receipts from all sources during the year were Rupees 7,745-5-1, as shown in Statement I.

3. The expenditure under different heads, Rupees 5,824-14-10, as shown in Statement II., and the closing balance on the 31st March 1873 was Rupees 1,920-6-3.

4. *Grant I.*—Under this head there was an expenditure of Rupees 2,624-9-11 on the construction of two latrines, one bandypettah, cooking-shed, and numerous roads.

5. *Grant II.*—Rupees 700 were applied for and provided for Results' grants, but only Rupees 89-11-6 were expended.

6. *Grant III.*—Rupees 2,788 were provided under this head, but Rupees 2,136-3-9 only were expended, as the Hospital Assistant was entertained on the 7th September 1872.

7. *Grant V.*—There was a saving of Rupees 103-9-7 under this head owing to a reduction in the establishment, one bill collector being found sufficient instead of the two provided for.

8. The total assessment on houses amounted to Rupees 2,050-8-11, of which Rupees 1,502-8-4 were collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 548-0-7. These arrears are being collected.

9. Of the balance of House-tax for the previous year, Rupees 301-6-0, Rupees 282-10-0 were collected, and the remainder, Rupees 18-12-0, have been struck off as irrecoverable.

10. As the House-tax was raised from five to six per cent., and the other taxes were continued, it was thought inexpedient to impose the professional tax.

11. Two latrines have been erected and another completed on the Coimbatore plan, making in all four latrines.

12. Most of the roads have been repaired, and part of one street has been widened.

13. Many of the streets are very narrow, and will be taken in hand as funds permit.

14. Trees have been planted and an establishment entertained to look after them.

15. The cleaning of the town is well looked after. The town has been divided into six divisions, each being in charge of a Commissioner, to whom one peon is given.

16. Two wells have been sunk, which have been invaluable to the public, especially during the time the channel was closed for repairs.

17. Small-pox appeared in the town, and forty-three deaths occurred; but extra vaccinators being called in, the disease has now disappeared, and the health of the town has otherwise been good.

18. The town is generally considered to be much improved since the Municipal Act was introduced.

19. The accounts were audited by Mr. Alexander and Vadamanikum Pillay, of the Firm of Messrs. Stanes and Rouse, who have reported them to be correct and satisfactorily kept.

20. A supplemental budget will shortly be submitted on account of the balance remaining from last year.

21. The enclosed statements will show the transactions of the year.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1873, No. 941.

With his letter above recorded, the President of the Errode Municipality submits the annual report for the year 1872-73. The following table shows the receipts and expenditure compared with the estimates:—

RECEIPTS.	Estimates.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.
Balance—		
Municipal Fund	440	639
Endowment Fund...	140	136
Rates and Taxes—		
House-tax	1,900	1,785
Tax on vehicles	650	644
Registration of carts	440	500
Tolls	1,830	1,831
Fees	50	...
Fines	20	359
Endowments	190	192
Miscellaneous	1,654	1,659
Total ...	7,314	7,745

EXPENDITURE.	Estimates.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.
Public Works—		
New Works	1,250	1,489
Repairs...	1,150	1,093
Other items	...	43
	2,400	2,625
Education—		
Results' Grants	600	90
Educational Inspectorate ...	100	...
Sanitation, &c.—		
Dispensary	1,000	252
Registration of births and deaths	80	77
Conservancy...	1,708	1,807
Miscellaneous Municipal purposes	300	288
Supervision, &c.	790	686
	6,978	5,825
Balance—		
Municipal Fund	196	1,768
Endowment ,, ...	140	152
Total ...	7,314	7,745

2. The original estimates having been found defective, a supplemental budget was submitted on the 29th October 1872, and the amended estimates are shown in the above table. It does not appear why the estimated opening balance was not corrected at that time, when the actual figures must have been known long before. The only short receipt of any magnitude is under House-tax, and the Government observe from Statement IV. that as much as 26·7 of the current demand under that head had not been realized at the end of the year. Fines realized Rupees 359 against an estimate of Rupees 20. This large increase should have been explained in the report. The Government are glad to note that the Trades-tax has not been introduced.

3. The Educational Officers appear to have been very over-sanguine when they applied for an assignment of Rupees 600 on account of Results' grants to schools, which eventually qualified for Rupees 90. The unspent allotment of Rupees 100 for Educational Inspectorate must be adjusted with the Local Fund Board in the current year. The short expenditure on account of the dispensary is satisfactorily accounted for. The President again urges the advisability of the appointment of a medical officer of a superior grade; and, as the Municipality are now known to have more funds at their disposal than was believed when G. O., dated 2nd August 1872, No. 1014, was passed, the Government will not object to the appointment

of a passed Hospital Apprentice so soon as the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, can make the necessary arrangements. The Local Fund Board may also be asked if they are willing to contribute for the support of the dispensary.

4. The Auditor's report has not been forwarded as required, but it is said to have been to the effect that the accounts were correctly kept.

5. The President speaks hopefully of the progress of the Municipality, and the Government are of opinion that the report testifies to a considerable improvement in the operations of the previous year.

6. The President is requested to submit the statement called for in G. O., dated 12th June 1873, No. 822, which could not have been received before the despatch of the report now reviewed.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Errode.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, Coimbatore.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Errode,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 8th.
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G. O., 8th *July* 1873, *No.* 941.

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