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No. 115. Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 27th September 1873, No. 9 :—

I have the honour to forward the report on the working of the Municipal Act III. of 1871, in the town of Ellore, for the official year ending 31st March 1873, together with a copy of the Vice-President's letter and the original accounts.

2. The Auditor's receipt for the fees will be forwarded shortly.

From E. L. PEARSE, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Ellore, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, dated Ellore, 4th August 1873, No. 26.

I have the honour to report on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act III. of 1871 in Ellore, during the official year ending on the 31st March 1873.

2. *Transaction of Business.*—The Commissioners held twenty-nine meetings. The number of appeals disposed of by them was thirteen from holders of houses and lands and 129 from persons carrying on trades or callings. The conservancy and improvement of the town were attended to.

3. *Receipts.*—The enclosed are the statements of receipts and disbursements prepared in accordance with the forms appended to the Government Order under date the 28th October 1871, No. 1646. The estimated amount of receipts, together with an expected balance of Rupees 1,500 for last year, was Rupees 14,300. The collections with the actual balance, Rupees 2,707-10-1, amounted to Rupees 15,310-8-5, including the uncollected portion. From the Statement IV. it will be seen that Rupees 220-1-2 were written off as irrecoverable for the previous years

(18 ...1-72). The greater part of the balance outstanding ... report, as per the above statement, was realized in the first quarter of the current year, and the necessary steps are being taken for the recovery of the residue. The total municipal revenues and receipts (Rupees 12,443-10-4) under Head III., "Rates and Taxes, &c.," are less than those (Rupees 12,600) estimated under that head, but the difference is very small. Rupees 17 entered under F, the minor head, were the fees collected under Schedule A. There were no receipts whatever during 1872-73 from the source entered under Head II., "Assignments and Allotments by Government." The large difference of Rupees 1,010, between the estimated and the actual receipts of 1872-73, is more than accounted for by the unexpectedly large balance remaining at the beginning of the year.

4. *Expenditure.*—Rupees 9,938-11-3 were expended, and a balance of Rupees 5,371-13-2 was carried to the credit of the current year's account. A portion of this was, of course, necessary for the payment of establishments for the month of March 1873; but the reason of so large a saving was the wish to provide for the survey and drainage in the town, for making some good roads, and for establishing a dispensary.

5. *New Works.*—The number of roads made is twenty-three; of which twenty metalled roads begun in the previous year were completed, during the year under report, at the cost of Rupees 1,406-8-8. Three were the newly constructed metalled roads. Rupees 473-1-11 were spent on these three. Nine drains were made, of which two had been commenced in 1871-72. Of Rupees 386-1-11 entered under head "Sanitary and Miscellaneous," Rupees 178-2-10 were disbursed on account of sanitary works such as the latrines, box-cart and dust-box, &c., and the remainder was appropriated to several miscellaneous purposes, such as the preparation of chairs, bathing tubs in the public bungalow at Ellore, &c., &c.

6. *Repairs.*—Rupees 128-13-8 entered under "Communications" were laid out for repairing seven roads and certain side-drains in the town, and Rupees 182-4-11 under "Sanitary and Miscellaneous" were spent on repairing sixteen latrines and compound walls of the travellers' bungalow at Ellore.

7. *Education.*—Rupees 493-6-5 were expended on Education, of which Rupees 50 were drawn to buy books for the Municipal Schools to be established. Rupees 78-6-5 were the salary grant paid to the Church Mission Caste Girls' School at Ellore for seven months (from August 1872 up to the end of February 1873), and for a portion of July 1872, at Rupees 10½ per mensem; and the remaining Rupees 365 were the result grants made to the Church Mission Mahomedan and Hindoo Preparatory Schools and another Church Mission School.

8. *Vaccination.*—The number of persons vaccinated during the year 1872-73 was 571, of whom 285 were males and 286 were females; 427 cases were successful 131 were unsuccessful, and thirteen doubtful. The Dresser in charge of the Police Hospital here has been requested to superintend the vaccinator's work.

9. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—The number of births registered during the year was 844, and that of deaths 979. There were only three cases of cholera, but 151 of small-pox.

10. *Conservancy.*—The excess under "Conservancy" of actuals over the estimate was owing to the expense of a driver and bullocks for a box-cart, and of some toties for new latrines.

11. *Relief.*—Four extraordinary meetings were held to give relief in the shape of food to the people rendered houseless and destitute during the Ellore floods. The sum expended by the Relief Committee in distributing food to 7242 persons for five days giving an average of 1448 per day was Rupees 237-12-3, and Rupees 307-4-10 were given to persons on the conservancy establishment and others of our subordinates who suffered severe loss through the same cause.

I hereby certify that I have audited the municipal accounts, Ellore Circle, for the year ending 31st March 1873, which I have found in order, all the entries being duly supported by proper vouchers.

COCANADA, (Signed) JOHN WEST.

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1873, No. 1682.

With his letter above recorded, the President of the Godavery Municipalities submits the report on the working of the Ellore Municipality for the year 1872-73. The actuals are compared with the estimate in the annexed abstract:—

RECEIPTS.

	Estimates.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	1,500	2,708
Assignment by Government.	100	...
Rate on Houses, &c.	3,200	3,279
Tax on Arts, &c....	4,100	3,388
Tax on Vehicles	600	380
Registration of Carts ...	800	606
Tolls	3,700	4,640
Fees	100	17
Fines	100	134
Miscellaneous	100	125
Advances recovered	...	34
Total ...	14,300	15,311

CHARGES.

	Estimates.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works	5,750	2,520
Repairs	1,000	311
Establishment	220	216
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools	...	50
Salary Grants	...	78
Results' Grants	1,000	365
Grant III.—		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	...	...
Vaccination	130	122
Registration of Births and Deaths	200	158
Conservancy	4,100	4,377
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	150	...
Miscellaneous	50	545
Grant V.—		
Office	920	913
Miscellaneous	180	284
Balance	600	5,372
Total ...	14,300	15,311

2. The opening balance exceeded the estimate by Rupees 1,208, as explained in the report for 1871-72. The proceeds of the "Tax on Arts, &c.," fell short of the estimate by Rupees 712, of which Rupees 525 appear in Statement IV. as an outstanding balance, the greater part of which is now reported to have been collected. The sums realized from the "Tax on Vehicles, &c.," and the "Registration of Carts," are both considerably below the estimate, but no explanation is offered. The Government observe that the former is also below the collections of the previous year. The tolls were farmed out for Rupees 940 above the estimate, and Rupees 1,235 (or thirty-six per cent.) above the amount realized in 1871-72. This is satisfactory in so far as it indicates that the levy of the impost has not prevented a considerable increase of traffic.

3. The expenditure on Public Works was Rupees 3,047 against an estimate of Rupees 6,970, and, as a consequence, there is a very large closing balance, for which the Commissioners account by stating that they wish to provide for the survey and drainage of the town, for making some good roads, and for establishing a dispensary. So far as the good roads are concerned the Government do not understand, without explanation, why the work could not be carried out this year; and, with reference to the other objects, the Government trust that the accumulation of a balance is not the only step which has been taken in the matter. The President will report on the point. The estimated expenditure on Education was Rupees 1,000, but only Rupees 493 were spent. The contribution for Inspection does not appear to have been [illegible] the number of unsuccessful operations is [illegible] previous year, was as high as twenty-three per cent. The President will submit somewhat more detailed explanation of the statement that Rupees 238 were expended on relieving as many as 7242 persons rendered houseless and destitute during the Ellore floods, while the larger sum of Rupees 307 was given to municipal subordinates who suffered severe loss from the same cause.

4. Statement II.-A does not appear to have been submitted. The President should forward it without delay.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District.
" 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, Godavery District.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

The PRESIDENT of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS,
Godavery District

&c. &c. &c.

Dated November, 1873.

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