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No. 171. From J. HOPE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool,
to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St.
George, dated Kurnool, 17th June 1873, No. 7.

2. RECEIPTS.—The balance in hand brought forward from the last year was Rupees 2,690-11-5, and the total receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 19,764-11-0, including contribution of Rupees 1,800 from the Local Funds on account of dispensary, and the sale proceeds of certain ruined huts belonging to the Municipality, making a total of Rupees 22,455-6-5.

3. EXPENDITURE.—Of this amount, Rupees 18,269-2-6 were spent, leaving a large balance at the close of the year of Rupees 4,186-3-11, or nearly twice the estimated balance. This large balance was the result of short expenditure attributable partly to the abandonment of a new work provided in the budget, and partly to the savings effected by giving the conservancy of the town on contract.

4. *New Works.*—Out of an allotment of Rupees 4,200 under this head, a sum of Rupees 1,892-13-3 was expended in improving streets, making roads, and constructing surface drains. In the budget it was proposed to widen one of the streets in the middle of the town known as Malay Easwariah Street, but as it was subsequently found that a metalled road would interfere with the drainage of the adjacent houses and lanes, the Commissioners had to abandon the road project for one of stone pavement, and ask for the advice of the District Engineer on the subject. When the necessary estimates and plans are received the work will be put in hand and the surplus balance expended. The other works provided for in the budget have all been executed. Potters' Street and the Jolapur Road, which were commenced in 1871-72, have been completed in the year under report. The former connects the Hindry with the Tungabudra and runs through the middle of the native town. The latter leads from the Hindry to the weekly fairs held in Jolapur.

5. On two of the more important streets surface drains have been constructed at a cost of 1,000 Rupees, for which Rupees 500 were paid within the year. A sum of Rupees 383-1-0 was also paid for the construction of a water-supply channel for the use of the people in the Fort.

6. *Repairs*.—A sum of Rupees 759-4-9 was expended on Repairs. Besides a gang of convicts, thirty-six in number, was supplied for nine months free of cost, and worked on roads under the supervision of a special overseer appointed for the purpose. The value of the work performed by them was Rupees 511-9-8.

7. *Education*.—Rupees 369-8-0 were paid to indigenous Schools, eleven in number, in the shape of Results' grants. The number of boys presented for examination was 177, of whom 113 passed as follows:—

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8. *Dispensary*.—A sum of Rupees 2,045-0-3 was expended for the following purposes:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Establishment	1,147	12	10
Supply of medicines	345	0	1
Diet of patients	224	5	6
Sundry contingencies	327	13	10

The report of the Civil Surgeon on the dispensary is herewith forwarded, from which it will be seen that no less than 8099 cases were treated in the dispensary.

9. The charges on account of vaccination amounted to Rupees 130, as follows:—

	RS.
Pay of vaccinators	120
Batta to children	10

The number of persons vaccinated was 294.

10. *Registration of Births and Deaths*.—A sum of Rupees 384-8-3 was expended for Establishment and Contingencies. The total number of births reported during the year was 945, and that of deaths 1367. The registration of births, the Commissioners regret to observe, is not satisfactory. In a Mahomedan town like Kurnool it is not easy to ascertain the occurrence of a birth; and in the hope that the exertions of the registering officers, and other servants of the Municipality, would be sufficient to overcome the difficulty, the Commissioners have hitherto refrained from having recourse to the enforcement of the provisions of the Act, believing that such a course might create unnecessary alarm in the community. But, as no improvement has taken place, and the registering officers complain of the difficulty of getting information in regard to the births, the Commissioners have now determined to institute prosecutions in a few instances, and thereby secure better results for the current year.

11. *Conservancy*.—Rupees 5,953-3-9 were expended under this head against Rupees 7,122 in the previous year, showing a decrease of Rupees 1,168-12-3 attributable to the fact that, in the year under report, the conservancy of the town was given on contract as an experimental measure. As the experiment has, however, failed in its object, the Commissioners have again resolved to have the work done, as before, by means of a paid establishment.

12. *Bungalows*.—Under G. O., dated 14th December 1872, No. 1689, the travellers' bungalow at Kurnool has been transferred to the Municipality. The receipts from fees amount to Rupees 57-8-0, and the expenditure to Rupees 100-12-10.

Other Sanitary measures.—Rupees 496-12-5 were expended in watering streets during the hot weather and in maintaining the park and road avenues. As usual a sum of Rupees 4,000 was paid to the Irrigation Company for supply of water.

13. *Public Health*.—The Commissioners regret to observe that the health of the town was not good during the year under report. From the Doctor's report, herewith sent, it will be seen that the people have suffered very much from fever and bowel complaints. There were no less than 535 deaths from fever, and 319 deaths from bowel complaints. Cholera appeared in September and continued for seven weeks, and the number of deaths from that cause was forty-nine. In G. O., dated 14th May 1873, reviewing the report of the Acting Civil Surgeon on the

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prevalence of fever, the attention of the Commissioners is drawn to the supply of drinking water, which is reported by the Doctor to be good and pure when it leaves the canal, but "becomes mixed up in its onward course with impurities arising from decomposing vegetable and animal matters." These remarks, the Commissioners are, however, happy to be able to state, are not quite correct. The water is brought into the town by means of masonry channels properly covered at a depth of from three to seven feet below the ground, and is always in the same state as the water in the canal. During the rainy weather, however, the source of supply is itself polluted, and the canal water becomes highly coloured and strongly impregnated with earth and decayed vegetable matters washed down into the canal by the drainage of the surrounding fields. The impurities arising from this cause cannot be avoided except by filtering the water before it is let into the town channels. But this work would cost much more than the Commissioners, in the present state of their finances, can afford to spend, and, unless the Government should promise a contribution towards its cost, they could not begin to undertake it for several years to come.

The accounts have been audited by the Head Clerk of the Collector's Office, and his report is herewith sent.

From M. RAMASAWMY NAIKER, Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Kurnool, to J. HOPE, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool, dated Kurnool, 14th May 1873.

I have the honour to submit the result of the audit made by me of the municipal accounts for 1872-73.

2. The several books and vouchers of the Commission were examined and compared by me for the above period and found correct. The various registers prescribed by the Act are kept and contain the necessary particulars.

3. The collections under all the items of receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 19,807-3-0, against Rupees 18,793-1-0 in the previous year. The accounts of 1871-72, however, comprise only eleven months owing to a change in the official year—vide G. O., dated 31st March 1872, No. 436.

4. The total expenditure during the year amounted to Rupees 18,471-10-6, against Rupees 19,092-14-0 in last year.

5. Balance at the credit of the Fund on the 31st March 1873 was Rupees 4,186-3-11, as shown below:—

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 31st March 1872...	2,850	11	5			
Receipts during the year 1872-73	19,807	3	0	22,657	14	5
Expenditure in 1872-73				18,471	10	6
Balance on 31st March 1873				4,186	3	11

6. Besides the above-mentioned balance there is in deposit in the fund the sum of Rupees 200, the amount of security lodged by two contractors, which has been excluded from the balance under G. O., No. 978, dated 16th July 1869.

Concise Report of the Civil Dispensary, Kurnool, for the year ending 31st March 1873.

There have been 149 in-patients and 7940 out-patients (including Europeans, Eurasians, and Natives) according to the accompanying Return, admitted, being an increase of 61 in-patients and 172 out-patients.

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2. The drinking water is chiefly obtained from the Irrigation Canal Company's channels running into the town.

3. Epidemic cholera prevailed within the town as well as in the district from 17th September to 16th November 1872. A report on the subject was forwarded on the 26th November last. Fever of a malarious character has been also prevailing and still continues to prevail; a special report on the subject was made to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, on the 27th March 1879. Altogether the year may be characterized as unhealthy.

4. No capital operations were performed, as no opportunities offered themselves.

5. There were thirty deaths among the in-patients and three among the out-patients from the following causes:—

Diseases.	In.	Out.
Anæmia	2	...
Abscess	1	...
Ascitis	2	...
Choleraic Diarrhoea	1	...
Convulsion (European child)	...	1
Continued fever	1	...
Dyspepsia (from heart disease)	...	1
Dysentery	1	...
Diarrhoea	4	...
Enteritis	1	...
Gangrene	1	...
General debility	7	...
General dropsy	2	1
Phthisis Pulmonalis	3	...
Spasmodic Cholera	1	...
Stomachitis, secondary	1	...

The high rate of mortality can only be accounted for by the cases being those in whose constitutions disease, coupled with starvation and exposure, had worked detrimentally, so that in the last stage they sought for relief, or were brought in by the Police just simply to die.

6. *Seasonal Phenomena.*—During the first quarter of the official year the average temperature was 100.23, which became reduced by 10 degrees in the second quarter consequent on the heavy fall of rain, and a further reduction by two degrees occurred in the third quarter. During the last or fourth quarter the temperature ranged from 91.5 to 102.2.

The rainfall has been above the usual average, 29.019 inches having been registered.

The following table exhibits the mean maximum and minimum temperature, the rainfall, and the direction of the wind during the official year :—

Meteorological Report.

	1872.									1873.		
	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.
Dry maximum	105.4	107.5	97.8	87.1	92.0	90.0	90.5	86.3	89.8	91.5	86.0	102.3
Dry minimum	76.8	80.1	77.0	72.4	74.0	72.7	70.8	64.7	64.8	69.7	67.3	72.2
Direction of wind... ..	S.E.	S.W.	S.S.W.	W.	W.	W.S.W.	W.S.W.	N.E.	E.S.W.	S.E.S.	S.	S.E.S.
Rainfall, inches	0.348	0.697	4.757	5.954	3.349	10.329	1.194	2.047	1.317			
		S.	W.		W.		E.	N.	E.			

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Financial Condition.—Since the 1st of April last the dispensary, with all its funded capital, has been given over to the Municipality, under whose entire management the institution has been working since then. The change has in no way affected the well working of the dispensary. In fact, from the increased number of applicants, it stands pretty clear that the reputation it has gained is still maintained to all intents and purposes.

First class Hospital Assistant S. Veerawgōo, No. 225, is very attentive and zealous in his duties; his hands have been filled with work, and it was often with difficulty that he could get over his duties, which fall heavily on him. I have found him always ready and willing on every emergency.

KUENOOL,
1st April 1873.

(Signed) P. ANDERSON,
Acting Civil Surgeon.

No. 172. From J. HOPE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Kurnool, 8th July, 1873, No. 8.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 12th June 1873, No. 822, I have the honour to forward, herewith, the statement of incidence of the various rates and taxes in the Municipality of Kurnool for the years 1872 and 1873.

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1873, No. 1051.

With his letters above recorded, the President of the Kurnool Municipality submits the annual report for the year 1872-73 and the statement called for in G.O. dated 12th June 1872 No. 200. The following abstract shows the actual receipts and disbursements compared with the estimates:—

RECEIPTS.					CHARGES.						
	Estimate. 1872-73.	Actuals. 1872-73.					Estimate. 1872-73.	Actuals. 1872-73.			
	RS.	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	RS.	A.	P.		
Balance brought forward	1,030	2,690	11	5	Grant I.—						
Assignments and allotments by Government					New Works	4,200	1,892	13	3		
House-tax... ..	5,100	5,264	3	6	Repairs... ..	1,350	759	4	9		
Tax on arts, &c.	5,000	1,074	0	0	Other items		52	8	0		
Tax on vehicles... ..	1,900	1,493	2	8	Grant II.—						
Registration of carts..	400	293	13	4	Results' Grants ...	500	369	8	0		
Tolls... ..	5,500	6,970	0	0	Grant III.—						
Fees	350	815	0	0	Hospitals and Dispensaries	2,430	2,045	0	3		
Fines... ..	50	56	8	0	Vaccination	120	130	0	0		
Endowments, contribution, &c.	250	223	6	3	Registration of births, &c. ...	360	384	8	3		
Contributions from Local Fund	1,800	1,800	0	0	Conservancy... ..	7,120	5,953	3	9		
Miscellaneous	1,450	1,774	9	3	Grant IV.—						
					Choultries and travellers' bungalows ...			100	12 10		
					Lighting	120					
					Watering streets, &c., and supply of water to the town	4,000	4,496	12	5		
					Miscellaneous	380					
					Supervision and management	2,190	2,074	11	0		
					Refunds	60	10	0	0		
Total ...	22,830	22,455	6	5		22,830	18,269	2	6		
					Balance		4,186	3	11		
					Total ...	22,830	22,455	6	5		

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2. The President should have made some reference in his report to the very great difference between the estimate and the receipts under the Profession-tax. The incorrectness of the estimate is probably accounted for by the fact that the year under review was the first in which it was levied, but Statement III. shows that only about forty-four per cent. of a demand of Rupees 3,020 was realized during the year. The Government also do not understand without explanation why it should have been necessary to write off as irrecoverable so much as thirteen per cent. of the demand during the very first year of the imposition of the tax; possibly a portion of the amount would have appeared more correctly as a remission. The discrepancy in the receipts from tolls, as shown in Statements I. and IV., respectively, should have been explained. The estimated closing balance was *nil*, and the President is consequently under a misconception when he described the actual unexpended balance of Rupees 4,186 as being nearly twice the estimate. This very large figure, more than eighteen per cent. of the total receipts, is explained to be the result of the abandonment of a new work and of the saving effected by giving the conservancy on contract. Further on it appears that the work is rather suspended than abandoned, and that as the experiment of giving the conservancy works on contract has been a failure, there is no reason to expect the saving to recur.

3. The expenditure on Education and on the Dispensary appears to have been attended with satisfactory results, and it is hoped that the Commissioners' resolution to enforce the penal clauses in connexion with the registration of births and deaths may lead to more trustworthy returns being obtained. The Commissioners

report particularly in the case of subordinates only. The Government observe that the Commissioners distinctly deny the correctness of the Civil Surgeon's opinion that the impurity of the drinking water is contracted in the supply channel after leaving the canal. The District Engineer will be requested, in the Public Works Department, to investigate the matter and report the steps which he would recommend for the removal of the ground of complaint. In his letter, dated 18th December 1872, No. 31, submitting the budget for the current year, the President requested a continuance of the sanction for the employment of convict labour free of charge, but the accounts as now submitted, with the large balance on hand, do not show any want of funds for municipal purposes, such as to give a claim for exceptional treatment in the matter.

(True Extract.)

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Asst. Secy.
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

Kurnool, Dec., Dec., Dec.

Dated July, 23rd.

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G.O., 23rd July 1873, No. 1051.

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