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Read the following papers :—

No. 89. From J. F. SNAITH, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Collector in charge of the District, Vizagapatam, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vizagapatam, 2nd May 1874, No. 654 :—

I have the honor to forward the annual reports of the Municipalities of Vizagapatam, Binlipatam, Vizianagram, and Palcondah for 1873-74, together with the annual accounts, Auditors' reports, and the statements showing the incidence of taxation prescribed in G.O., dated the 12th June 1873, No. 822.

2. VIZAGAPATAM.—The balance at the beginning of the year was Rupees 1,378-5-3, the receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 26,706-2-11, making in all a total of Rupees 28,084-8-2.

3. The expenditure was Rupees 23,921-7-4, leaving Rupees 4,163-0-10 in hand at the end of the year.

4. The receipts show a net increase of Rupees 2,236-2-11, which is explained in the Commissioners' report to be from the sale of the lands and market-tolls.

5. In expenditure there is a net decrease of Rupees 338-8-8 in the present as compared with the former year. The principal works executed are—

	Cost		
	RS.	A.	P.
1. Sinking Wells at Waltair	431	4	0
2. Rebuilding East Wing, Commercial Shed	472	6	6
3. Constructing Bridge across Nullah at Allipuram	596	2	2
4. Constructing Wall of Native Burial-ground	395	14	4
5. Constructing Drains of 343 yards	371	9	4

The sanitation of the town has been much improved by works Nos. 1, 4, and 5.

6. The public health of the town has been good. In the number of deaths registered there is a decrease of 431. There has been no cholera, and fever was less prevalent than in the previous year. A general decrease appears under all heads except small-pox which prevailed to a great extent during last year. There were 204 deaths against eighteen in the previous year.

The usual staff of vaccinators have done good work, and vaccinated 1,264 persons, of which 1,232 cases proved successful. The number vaccinated in 1872-73 was 1,222. The Civil Surgeon's report on the Dispensary is enclosed.

7. With reference to the unsatisfactory state of the Native Burial-grounds in the suburban villages, and the Commissioners' suggestion to enclose them, inquiries will be made, and the necessary measures adopted.

8. BIMPATAM.—The year opened with a balance of Rupees 6-3-6. The receipts amounted to Rupees 10,320-14-11, making in all Rupees 10,327-2-5, or Rupees 927-2-5 in excess of the estimate. The Tolls realized 1,075 Rupees more than what was anticipated, and caused the increase. The decrease in other items calls for no remark.

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9. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 10,012-6-4, against Rupees 9,400 the estimated amount. The increase in the expenditure occurs in New Works and Repairs, consisting of—

	RS.	A.	P.
1,937 yards of Drains, costing	2,137	11	0, and
Roads	1,444	3	2.
Repairs to Roads	29	14	10,
Drains	46	10	11, and
Buildings	27	0	0.
One Well...			

10. The public health has, on the whole, been good. The number of births slightly increased, while that of deaths slightly decreased, being 273 and 232 against 267 and 286 in the previous year.

The Dispensary continues under private management, but was lately recommended to be made over to the Municipality. This has not yet been done. The Medical Officer's report will be sent as soon as received.

11. VIZIANAGRAM.—The opening balance of the year was Rupees 182-0-2, to which adding Rupees 13,073-3-8, the receipts realized during the year, the assets amounted to Rupees 13,255-3-10. This was Rupees 425-3-10 in excess of the estimated amount, and is due chiefly to the increased receipts from Tax on Vehicles and Tolls.

12. The available assets were fully utilized, leaving only a balance of 4 Pies. The increased expenditure is on Sanitary and Miscellaneous New Works. The principal works executed during the year are—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Roads, costing	1,161	6	2
2. Under-ground Tunnels and Bridges	1,819	11	5
3. Parapet Walls	323	15	2
4. Culverts and Drains	387	6	0

13. The public health has on the whole been good, notwithstanding an increase of eighty-three in the number of deaths. In births there has been an increase of 361, being 565 against 204 in the previous year.

14. PALCONDAH.—The balance brought forward was Rupees 2,474-14-6. The receipts amounted to Rupees 2,256-12-6, making a total of Rupees 4,731-11-0. The estimated receipts were Rupees 7,730. The increase was in Tolls which fetched Rupees 5,325, or Rupees 1,325 more than the amount anticipated.

15. The expenditure was Rupees 8,582-5-4, against Rupees 7,674 estimated. The increase occurs in Communications and Repairs. The expenditure incurred is—

	RS.	A.	P.
On Buildings	844	1	2,
On Roads	3,143	6	7, and
On Drains	246	4	7,

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16. The public health has been good. The report* on the Civil Dispensary * The Commissioners' report and incidence of under the management of the Municipality is enclosed.

17. This Municipality has for sometime been working very unsatisfactorily, and, on the recommendation of the President, the Government were pleased in the Order, No. 1884, dated the 26th December 1873, to direct its abolition from the 1st April 1874, and its amalgamation with the Local Fund Circle of Vizagapatam.

18. In all Municipalities, except Palcondah, the Act has worked satisfactorily.

No. 90. From J. HARDEN, Esq., Chairman of the Bimlipatam Hospital Committee, to J. F. SNAITH, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Collector in charge of the District, Vizagapatam, dated Bimlipatam, 5th May 1874.

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to enclose a report of the Bimlipatam Hospital for the official year 1873-74.

2. With regard to the bedding complained of by the Dresser a new supply has been ordered, and I have also requested Mr. Xavier to have a more efficient staff of servants.

3. In consequence of the frequent illness of Mr. O'Flynn, who was in medical charge during the greater portion of the official year, the report is not so full as it otherwise might have been.

4. Trusting, however, that it will meet your requirements, I have, &c.

ANNUAL CONCISE REPORT of the Bimlipatam Private Civil Dispensary and Hospital, for the Official Year ending 31st March 1874.

I assumed medical charge of the station on the 24th ultimo, being only eight days to the end of the official year. I, therefore, beg, herewith, to annex the record of the practice entered by third-class Hospital Assistant P. Sathanunthum, No. 936.

I. *Seasonal Phenomena.*—The rainfall I am informed has been on the average. The station has had the full benefit of both the monsoons.

II. *Necessaries of Life.*—The common necessaries of life since my arrival has been within the reach of the poorest. Rice and raggy, the staple food of the natives, are sold at the present day at sixteen and twenty-four seers per Rupee, respectively. Vegetables are scarce. Fish, &c., is very plentiful and cheap.

III. *General State of Public Health.*—The Municipal Sanitary report for the past year has reported the state of public health to have been good, no epidemics having occurred during the year.

IV. *Cholera.*—No admissions from cholera are recorded.

V. *Small-pox.*—From the Municipal returns four deaths have occurred from small-pox during the year out of a population of 8,829.

Three hundred and thirty cases were vaccinated, of which 305 were successful, twenty unsuccessful, and eight unknown.

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VI. *Malarious Fevers.*—My experience of this class of disease at this station is very limited. A few cases of mild intermittent fever have come under my notice since my arrival, readily yielding to the usual treatment.

VII. *General Working of the Institution.*—Since taking charge of the station on the 24th ultimo, the number of out-patients has steadily increased daily. The natives of this town and of the surrounding villages fully appreciate the usefulness of this institution.

Seven deaths are returned amongst the in-patients—one was a European who suffered from hemiplegia for a considerable period, and is returned as having died from anasarca. The other six casualties are natives—one from pneumonia, one starvation, one general debility, one fracture, one tetanus, and one psoriasis (leprosy).

VIII. *Financial Condition and Funded Capital.*—This institution is self-supporting. The funds are in the hands of the Chairman, supervised by a Committee of six members.

BIMLIPATAM,
1st April 1874.

(Signed) J. C. XAVIER,
First-class Assistant Apothecary,
Temporary in Medical charge.

Record of Practice entered by third-class Hospital Assistant P. Sathanunthum.

I arrived here and joined the appointment, agreeably to orders by Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated 7th March 1873, on the 1st December 1873, and I reported myself to Mr. O'Flynn, who was then in charge of the town. I observe that no records of any kind were kept, excepting the Nominal Register and the Letter-book, and I was conducting my duties very satisfactorily up to the time of the illness of Mr. O'Flynn, whence I became more independent medical subordinate to have the sole charge of station, &c. From the time of holding charge up to the time of delivering over charge to Mr. John E. Xavier, I experienced no special cases or epidemic contagion, and the town enjoyed exceedingly good health, and there were no least outbreak of any contagious disease about the neighbouring villages of the town. When I had the charge of the station, I had only one case of severe bruise of the right leg and the left foot stoned. Subsequently I had three or four patients with ordinary complaints, and they have been discharged cured.

I am quite unable to give the full concise report for the year 1873-74, because I am not at all acquainted with the station, and having very short experience about the town, which had taken the services of four subordinates in this official year. Therefore the last subordinate in charge cannot give the full concise report of the station unless it is entered by each successive subordinate in the record.

This institution consists of two departments—the one is the shop for sale of liquors, &c., and the other is the dispensary. I have nothing at all to say about the shop, as I had nothing to do with the shop business.

Diets.—The European paupers are paid 8 Annas per day each, and the Native 2 Annas each; each sailor belonging to a non-subscribing ship will have to pay 5 Rupees per day, and of subscribing ship 1 Rupee a-day, and all the charges of medicines prescribed to them will be for gratis.

Bedding.—No sufficient supply of bedding, all became old, torn and worthless, and requires renovation.

Servants.—There are six servants, viz., one compounder, one peon, one cook, one ward cooly, one sweeper, and one waterwoman.

Amongst all these servants, I have much pleasure to exalt Pydiah, the compounder, who knows or possesses a very fair knowledge of the compounding business; as to the servants, I am not at all pleased with their duties and attendance, as they do not understand a bit about the hospital work.

BIMLIPATAM,
24th March 1874.

(Signed) P. SATHANUNTHUM, No. 936,
Hospital Assistant, in Medical charge station.

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No. 91. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1874, No. 1132.

The receipts and expenditure of the Vizagapatam Municipality for the year 1873-74 are compared with the Budget Estimates in the subjoined abstract:—

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	Estimate.	Actuals.		Estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Opening Balance	290	1,378	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Govern- ment	30	40	New Works—		
House-tax	2,000	2,079	Communications ... }	1,411	68
Tax on Arts	10,000	7,913	Sanitary, &c. ... }		2,182
Tax on Vehicles	2,400	2,091	Repairs—		
Registration of Carts ...	180	130	Communications ... }	3,891	2,895
Tolls	9,050	10,643	Sanitary, &c. ... }		934
Fees	50	92	Other items		85
Fines	50	385	Grant II.—		
Miscellaneous	710	3,333	Training Schools ...	404	
			Results Grants	1,650	549
			Inspection	678	744
			Grant III.—		
			Dispensary	680	2,100
			Vaccination	450	431
			Registration of Births, &c.	390	403
			Conservancy	8,327	8,498
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	1,355	556
			Miscellaneous	680	285
			Grant V.—		
			Office, &c.	3,768	3,792
			Miscellaneous	376	399
			Balance	500	4,163
Total	24,760	28,084	Total	24,760	28,084

2. The receipts thus exceeded the estimates by Rupees 3,324, owing chiefly to the increase in Tolls, the Miscellaneous receipts, and the opening balance. The necessity of writing off as irrecoverable so large a sum as Rupees 2,586 due as arrears under "Tax on Arts" would seem to indicate bad management either in the assessment or collection of the tax. It is observed that the sale of reclaimed land realized Rupees 1,731, but the Commissioners do not state how far this amount has covered the cost of reclamation. The increase in the expenditure on New Works is satisfactorily explained. The educational operations of the Municipality evidently require the careful attention of the Commissioners. Rupees 549 is a small sum to be earned as results grants by schools, the inspection of which cost Rupees 744. The Government have read with much interest and satisfaction Dr. Whitton's report on the Dispensary and the health and conservancy of the town. Vaccination also appears to have progressed very fairly. It is observed that

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the short expenditure on lighting was owing to no commencement having been made until up to the expiry of the first half of the year.

3. The expenditure on extra conservancy during the Mohorrum should appear under "Conservancy" and not under "Hospitals and Dispensaries."

4. **BIMLIPATAM.**

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	Estimate.	Actuals.		Estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance		6	Grant I.—		
House-tax	1,020	1,096	New Works—		
Trades-tax	1,600	1,462	Communications	3,710	{1,643
Tax on Vehicles	400	316	Sanitary, &c.		{2,138
Registration of Carts	150	163	Repairs—		
Tolls	6,200	7,275	Communications	840	{1,444
Fees			Sanitary, &c.		{103
Fines	30	9	Grant II.—		
Miscellaneous			Results Grants	500	{147
			Inspection		{73
			Other items		{180
			Grant III.—		
			Dispensary	300	125
			Vaccination	120	140
			Registration of Births, &c.	180	180
			Conservancy	2,634	2,911
			Grant IV.—		
			Office	966	928
			Miscellaneous	150	
			Balance		315
Total ...	9,400	10,327	Total ...	9,400	10,327

5. In Bimlipatam the receipts exceeded the estimates by Rupees 927, the tolls having sold at auction for Rupees 1,075 above the estimate, and Rupees 675 above the amount realized for 1872-73. The receipts from the Tax on Arts, &c., fell short of the estimate by Rupees 138, owing to a continuation of the policy, approved by Government last year, of granting remissions freely on account of poverty. The recent abolition of that tax is reported to be regarded with satisfaction. The incidence of taxation of all kinds during the year was Rupees 1-2-8 per head, but excluding tolls it was only 5 Annas and 6 Pies. With reference to the remarks in paragraph 3 of the Vice-President's letter, the Government would point out that sea-borne trade is "through traffic."

6. The surplus revenue was devoted to New Works and Repairs, the expenditure on which calls for no special remark. The condition of the Dispensary is under consideration separately, and need not be alluded to here. The public health is said to have been good, and the drainage of the town effective. Three hundred and five successful vaccinations were obtained for an outlay of Rupees 140, and

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the Commissioners consider the result not unsatisfactory on the whole. The births and deaths registered were 273 and 232 respectively, against 267 and 286 in the previous year. The figures are believed to be fairly correct. A decrease in the expenditure on Results Grants is attributed to an increase in the severity of the examinations which, the Commissioners think, is not to be regretted. The Auditor ~~was~~ ^{was} in a satisfactory manner in which the Municipal accounts are kept. It must again be pointed out, however, that Drains and Buildings should not appear in Statement II.-A as a sub-head under "Communications."

6. **VIZIANAGRAM.**

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	Estimate.	Actuals.		Estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance		182	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government		5	New Works—		
House-tax	1,000	1,024	Communications	2,800	{3,692
Trades-tax	2,350	2,237	Sanitary, &c.		{127
Tax on Vehicles	1,500	1,647	Repairs—		
Registration of Carts	350	357	Communications	2,777	{1,447
Tolls	7,500	7,628	Sanitary &c.		{458
Fees	30	9	Other items	25	53
Fines	10	8	Grant II.—		
Miscellaneous	00	00	Results Grants	760	{422
Advance recovered		70	Inspection		{218
			Grant III.—		
			Vaccination	132	121
			Registration of Births, &c.	282	268
			Conservancy	3,849	3,766
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	340	362
			Miscellaneous		
			Grant V.—		
			Office	1,753	1,734
			Miscellaneous	112	587
Total ...	12,830	13,255	Total ...	12,830	13,255

8. A slight increase under "Tolls" and the "Tax on Vehicles" brought the receipts of the Vizianagram Municipality up to Rupees 13,255 instead of Rupees 12,830 as estimated. The Demand, Collection and Balance Statement is satisfactory as showing no uncollected arrears with the exception of the amount on account of which it was reported last year that a suit was pending against the toll contractor for 1872-73.

9. As in the case of Bimlipatam the excess in the revenue was expended on Sanitary and Miscellaneous New Works. The educational operations of the Municipality are not alluded to in the report, but from the statements it appears that the expenditure on Results Grants amounted to Rupees 422 against Rupees 512 in the preceding year. It is presumed that the falling off was due to the severer examina-

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ations reported in the case of Bimlipatam. Five hundred and thirteen persons were successfully vaccinated at an average cost of Rupees 0.3.9. Financially, therefore, the vaccine operations may be said to have been more successful than in Bimlipatam, but the percentage of persons vaccinated to the population was 2.5 in Vizianagram, and 3.5 in Bimlipatam. The registration returns showed an increase of 361 births and 83 deaths—a result which is probably due in great part to the returns having been more correctly kept than in the previous year. The Government must repeat the remark made in reviewing the report for 1872-73, that they would gladly have seen a larger expenditure in the lighting of the town. They observe, however, that the Commissioners consider that even the limited amount already expended has, together with the sanitary arrangements, greatly tended to the convenience and comfort of the inhabitants.

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PALCONDAH.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	Estimate.	Actuals		Estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance	...	2,475	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government	40	...	New Works—		
House-tax	800	505	Communications	...	1,386
Trades-tax	1,400	1,244	Sanitary, &c.	...	...
Tax on Vehicles	70	56	Repairs—		
Registration of Carts	500	480	Communications	...	1,494
Tolls	4,000	5,325	Sanitary, &c.	...	...
Fees	360	150	Other items	140	...
Endowments, &c.	...	...	Grant II.—		
Contribution from Local			Education	485	600
Funds	410	...	Grant III.—		
Miscellaneous	150	596	Dispensary	1,279	1,006
			Vaccination	120	120
			Registration of Births, &c.	...	...
			Conservancy	1,700	1,086
			Grant IV.	20	...
			Grant V.—		
			Office	900	1,145
			Miscellaneous	150	...
			Refunds	...	391
			Balance	56	2,249
Total	7,730	10,831	Total	7,730	10,831

11. In forwarding the Palcondah Municipal statements and the report on the Dispensary, the President remarks that the Commissioners' report will be forwarded when received, but as the abolition of the Municipality has already been ordered on account of its unsatisfactory working, the Government do not consider it necessary to wait for the report before disposing of these papers. The Dispensary, which worked well during the year, will be kept up by the Local Fund Board. Vaccination appears to have progressed, the number of successful operations having increased by 332 without any additional outlay, the percentage of persons successfully vaccinated during the year to the population being 7.03.

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12. It is satisfactory to observe, from the reports above reviewed, that the Palcondah Municipality is the only one in the District in which the working of the Act can be considered to have been unsuccessful.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Vizagapatam.

- " 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, Vizagapatam.

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To
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS.

Viagapalan,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 1874.

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