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MUNICIPAL—WALLAJAHPETT ANNUAL REPORT.

No. 5. Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Palmanair, 25th November 1874, No. 77:—

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the annual report on the working of the Wallajahpett Municipality for the official year 1873-74, together with its enclosures.

2. The total receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 12,692, which sum is in excess of that estimated by Rupees 352. The actual expenditure amounted to Rupees 12,020, a sum less only by Rupees 320 than that budgeted for. The balance on hand at the close of the year was Rupees 672.

3. The particulars of receipts and expenditure, as shown in the accompanying Statements Nos. 1 and 2, are as follow:—

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	Budget.	Actuals.		Budget.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	2,000	2,468	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government		267	New Works	3,748	3,723
Rate on Houses, &c.	2,000	1,867	Repairs	1,457	1,455
Tax on Arts	2,220	1,416	Other items	325	327
Tax on Vehicles	350	316	Grant II.—		
Registration of Carts	650	674	Municipal Schools	624	589
Tolls	4,500	5,002	Salary grants	200	151
License Fees	40	33	Results-grants		
Magisterial Fines	30	56	Contribution to Local		
Fees from Schools and Training Institutions	50	77	Funds for Inspection	90	90
Endowments			Miscellaneous	94	94
Contribution from Local			Grant III.—		
Funds	500	516	Hospitals	250	250
Miscellaneous			Vaccination	155	122
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths	197	190
			Conservancy	2,140	1,786
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	600	599
			Markets	124	131
			Other purposes	652	548
			Grant V.—		
			Office	1,154	1,160
			Miscellaneous	280	275
			Advances recoverable	250	530
			Balance		672
Total	12,340	12,692	Total	12,340	12,692

4. Adverting to paragraph 4 of G.O., dated 4th February last, No. 184, the Vice-President has entered into the question of education in paragraphs 26 to 30 of his report. The Director of Public Instruction has since formally taken over charge of the girls' school, referred to in paragraph 28 of the Vice-President's report, and the advance made by the Municipal Commissioners on account of this school is about to be refunded to them. No other points in the report seem to call for special remark from me.

5. I have repeatedly visited the Municipality in the course of the annual year, and inspected its working, and am happy to be able to assure the Govern-

ment that the operations of the Municipality are conducted by the Commissioners in the most satisfactory and harmonious manner.

From C. VENKATAKRISTNA MUDALIAR, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett, dated Wallajahpett, 17th October 1874, No. 38.

I have the honor to forward the annual accounts of this Municipality, together with the subjoined report on the working of the same for 1873-74. The accounts were audited by Mr. T. H. Willix, and found generally correct. The Auditor's report and the Office Manager's explanation in regard to the differences noticed by the Auditor are herewith submitted, from which latter it will be seen that the discrepancies are the results of an oversight on the part of the Manager.

2. *Health*.—The health of the town has been good during the year; it has been totally free from cholera.

3. *Births and Deaths*.—The number of births during the year was 417, and of deaths 390.

4. *Vaccination*.—The total number vaccinated was 195; of these, fourteen were of persons under one year of age and 181 above one year. In the former case, all operations have been successful, and in the latter 167 successful, thirteen unsuccessful, and the result of one unknown. None have availed themselves of the reward of 1 Anna offered per each pauper child vaccinated.

5. *New Works and Repairs—Roads and Streets*.—All the roads in the town were repaired during the year, and, as a protective measure, revetments were erected to the roads in the Paddy Mundy Bazaar and Bourn Chetty Streets.

6. Five new roads were opened during the year—

1. Connecting Kutchala Naick Street with the Great Western Road.

1. Do. Doddi Subbi Chetty Street with the Arcot Road Street.

1. Do. Kunchi Varadappa Chetty Street with Nursojee Rao Street which communicates with the new Market.

1. Do. Munneeram Sing Othavadai Street with the washing-pond known as Graminy's Gunta.

1. Do. Doddi Nagi Chetty Street with the Musjid Well.

The four former to effect a road communication between the respective streets, and the latter to utilize the water in the well.

7. The following streets were widened by removing encroachments made prior to the coming of the Act into operation:—

Munneeram Sing Othavadai Street.

Streenivassa Pillay do. do.

Venkataramen do. do.

Yegram Veerasawmy do. do.

Doddi Nagi Chetty do. do.

Trivettoor do. do.

8. *Ponds and Wells*.—Four ponds and eleven wells were repaired, and three ponds and twenty-two wells cleaned during the year. Two water-troughs were

erected near Venayaga Chetty's Pond for watering bullocks, and three "rattanams" or water-drawing wheels were fixed on granite pillars to two wells in Jungum Chetty and Komittée Streets. The outlet of Graminy's washing-pond was widened so as to allow the supernatant green stuff to be washed away freely, when the pond is full to overflowing.

9. *Gateway for Market*.—The amount allotted for this work was found inadequate to bring it to completion. Preparatory to putting up the gateway the expense of renewing the ruined backyard walls of private houses which abut the market compound, and which the Commissioners expected to be raised by the respective owners themselves, had to be met from the allotment, as the owners were poor and had given up their right to the walls on condition of their being raised and kept in repair at municipal expense. It is proposed to provide for the completion of the project in a Supplemental Budget about to be sent shortly.

10. *Drainage*.—One thousand and seventy-six lineal yards of side-drains were erected along the sides of the railway approach road, in continuation of those mentioned in last report. Fifteen covered drains were constructed across roads in different parts of the town. Of these, two did not approach completion until after the close of the year, for want of proper covering slabs.

11. Three hundred and ninety-four lineal yards of rough stone drains were also constructed. Of these, 124 yards were, at private expense in the backyards of twenty-two houses in Chetty and Maligny Streets, to carry off flood-water accumulations during the rains; and 270 yards at municipal expense in the middle of, and behind, the streets to the north and south-west of the Government School premises, in order both to drain flood-water from the backyards of fifty-two houses, which form the above streets and to prevent the washings of the dyeing-houses in Vappukara Street, known as Rungaree Bhuttee, from stagnating in the backyards of ten of the houses in question to the great detriment of the health of the inhabitants in that neighbourhood. The stagnation was owing chiefly to a break in, and the consequent diversion of, the old channel, and to the hollow state of the backyards caused apparently by the removal of earth for building purposes. This defect has now been remedied by raising the backyards to the level of the drain at the expense of the parties concerned.

12. *Latrines*.—Three latrines were repaired during the year. One was constructed in Taluq Cutcherry Street and almost completed. Besides arrangements were made to establish moveable latrines of tarred bamboo mats in Trivettoor and Munneeram Singh Othavadai Streets, which are at the southern and western ends of the town, respectively, as suggested by the President on his visit to the town.

13. *Slaughter-house*.—A slaughter-house on the Vellore plan was commenced and almost completed during the year. The allotment in the Budget has fallen short of the amount actually required to complete the work, as, by a mistake on the part of the overseer, the price of the site required for the erection of the slaughter-house was omitted while making out the estimate, and he had estimated for mud walls instead of burnt brick ones. The Commissioners intend including this additional expenditure (Rupees 64) in the Supplemental Budget which they propose sending shortly.

14. *Dust-boxes.*—Four hundred and nine dust-boxes were constructed and 217 repaired during the year. Of the dust-bins constructed eighty-three were of granite slabs and the rest of clay. The supply of dust-boxes of granite slabs was let on contract. Two of the contractors failed to fulfil their contract because of loss. The contract for the remainder of the boxes, 147 in number, had, therefore, to be given to a third person. Most of the slabs are now on ground, and the rest of them are fast coming in; they will be put up in the course of the current year.

15. *Toll-stations.*—Three toll-stations were slightly repaired and one thoroughly repaired during the year.

16. *Lighting.*—The lamps in the town were let for an increased period during the year, viz., for twenty-five days in the month instead of a fortnight, as had been the case before. Six cast-iron lamp-posts were purchased and preparations made to put them up, chiefly on roads leading to the drinking-water ponds at the eastern and north-eastern corners of the town.

17. *Town Clock.*—A clock and a ghurry were put up at the Taluq Police Station, at a cost of Rupees 35-7-9, for the use of the public in general, and the municipal laborers in particular. But, as the striking of the ghurry is not heard in all parts of the town during the day, it is proposed to place the ghurry on a high tower.

18. *Dogs.*—One hundred and eighty-two dogs were destroyed during the year.

19. *Prickly-pear.*—Four hundred square yards of prickly-pear were removed during the year. Of these 135½ yards were from private property at the expense of the owners concerned.

20. *Whitewashing.*—All the occupied houses in the town were whitewashed and otherwise cleaned during the year.

21. *Compound Walls.*—Under the operation of the bye-law passed in G.O. of the 10th October last, No. 1378, the compound walls of thirty-two houses facing the streets were put in repair and whitewashed.

22. *Planting Trees.*—Two hundred and eighty-two new trees were planted during the year; 135 in the Park at the Sholinghur Gate, 110 in different streets in the town, and thirty-seven in the cart-stand.

23. *Bandy and Cattle Stands.*—The sheds at the bandy-stand were repaired and cleaned during the year, and two cattle-stands were resolved to be established at the Arcot road and paper-makers' streets for the halt of cattle prior to their being taken out for pasture; this to do away with the practice of allowing them to stand in the streets, to the great inconvenience of the public, and to the damage of the roads and their side-ditches.

24. *Wudders' Huts.*—This is the only cluster of huts in the town which are crowded together and inaccessible to the scavenger carts. About a fifth of the Wudders living in them have been induced to abandon their present abode, and settle in a spacious site east of the same. The rest of them have agreed to widen their narrow lanes so as to be practicable for scavenging, and if this is not done to the satisfaction of the Commissioners the Commissioners intend applying to Government for sanction to enforce the provisions of Section 143 of the Act.

25. *Conservancy.*—The system of getting the town cleaned by contract has not worked satisfactorily, and it was, therefore, resolved to conserve the town during the current year by Departmental Agency. The great increase and decrease in the cost of "Sanitary Service" and "Establishment," respectively, under this head is attributable to the conservancy of the town on contract during the year, and to the contractor not having been paid for March last, pending the disposal of a complaint accusing him of certain irregularities in the performance of his contract.

26. *Education.*—There are seven schools in the town. Of these three are Tamil Schools consisting of two boys' schools and a girls' school on the salary system, and four are Telugu Schools on the result system.

27. *Boys' Schools.*—The average daily attendance in each of these two schools was thirty. The schools were examined by the Deputy Inspector of Schools of the Circle, and the result is very satisfactory. The arrangements proposed for the better working of these schools during 1874-75 is the opening of a Telugu class in each of them under an additional master.

28. *Girls' School.*—This school was opened in June last, and has during the short period made a fair progress. The average daily attendance was nineteen. Mr. and Mrs. Knox visited the school twice during their stay at Ranipet, and at their suggestion the instruction in sewing was introduced into it. The prospects of the instruction of girls are very cheering. This institution was, according to the recent orders of Government, No. 42, dated 14th January last, left unprovided for in the Budget in order to its being maintained from Provincial Funds from the beginning of the ensuing year. To the great surprise of the Commissioners, however, they were informed, in the latter end of July last, by the Deputy Inspector of Schools of the Circle under instructions from the Inspector of Schools, 4th Division, that the Municipality will not be relieved of the charges for maintaining the school. This information reached the Commissioners at so late a stage of the year that they were unable to devise any means for the upkeep of it. The establishment of the school consisting of a teacher, a maid servant, and a tailor, have been without pay since the beginning of the year. The Commissioners, seeing that further starvation was likely to give a death-blow to the institution established by the Municipality and brought into something like working order at considerable expense and trouble, have thought it advisable to make an advance of four months' salary from Municipal Funds in anticipation of recovering the same from Government—vide my letter to your address, No. 33, dated 15th September last.

29. The amount laid out for the upkeep of the three schools in question during the year was Rupees 682-9-1.

30. *Result-Grant Schools.*—All these are Telugu Schools. They have all been examined by the Deputy Inspector of Schools of the Circle with very fair results.

31. *Meetings.*—Twenty-five ordinary and two special meetings were held during the year, and the average attendance of Commissioners at each meeting was four.

32. *Appeals.*—There were seventy-six appeals received during the year. Of these twenty-four were against House-tax, and fifty-two against Trade-tax. In the latter the taxes of nine appeals were confirmed, thirty reduced, and eight remitted, leaving five appeals unheard owing to the absence of appellants. In the former the taxes of five appeals were confirmed, sixteen reduced, and two remitted, leaving one appeal undisposed of.

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33. *Collection—Trade-tax.*—The Commissioners were unable to collect the whole of this tax before the close of the year, as, under the new Act, the recovery of it had to be effected through the Magistracy.

34. *House-tax.*—The greater portion of this tax was collected during the year, leaving uncollected a balance of Rupees 617-2-11. Of this Rupees 315-9-11 the Commissioners were unable to recover, as the defaulter, one Azeez Dowla Bahadoor, is a resident of Madras, and has no moveable property in town; a suit has, however, been lodged against him in the Vellore Court of Small Causes for the recovery of the arrears. The remainder Rupees 301-9-0 has been collected since, except a small balance of Rupees 22-2-7 under "Arrears" and of Rupees 70-3-0 under "Current," the recovery of which has been retarded, chiefly by the absence of the defaulters from the town.

From Mr. T. H. WILLIX, Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Wallajahpett, to C. VENKATAKRISTNA MUDALIAR, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett, dated Wallajahpett, 30th May 1874.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding report of audit of the Wallajahpett Municipal Accounts for the year 1873-74.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1875, No. 5.

The annexed abstract shows the receipts and expenditure of the Wallajahpett Municipality for 1873-74 compared with the estimates for that year:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
1873-74.			1873-74.		
Estimate.	Actuals.		Estimate.	Actuals.	
RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	
Balance—			Grant I.		
Municipal Fund	2,000	2,468	New Works—		
Assignment by Government...	...	267	Communications	260	458
Rates on Houses	2,000	1,867	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Tax on Arts, &c.	2,220	1,416	neous	3,288	3,266
Tax on Vehicles	350	316	Repairs—		
Registration of Carts	650	674	Communications	1,000	998
Tolls	4,500	5,002	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Fees	40	33	neous	657	457
Fines	30	56	Other items	325	326
Fees in Schools	50	77	Grant II.—		
Miscellaneous	500	480	Municipal Schools	624	589
Advances recovered	...	36	Results-grants	200	151
			Miscellaneous	184	184
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals	250	250
			Vaccination	155	122
			Registration of Births		
			and Deaths	197	190
			Conservancy	2,140	1,786
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	600	599
			Markets	124	131
			Other purposes... ..	652	548
			Grant V.—		
			Office	1,154	1,160
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			Advances recoverable	250	530
			Balance... ..	...	672
Total ...	12,340	12,692	Total ...	12,340	12,692

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2. The receipts exclusive of the opening balance amounted to Rupees 10,224 against an estimate of Rupees 10,340, and the expenditure to Rupees 12,020 against an estimate of Rupees 12,340, leaving a small closing balance of Rs. 672.

3. The uncollected arrears under "Rates on Houses" and "Tax on Arts" are somewhat excessive, but a large portion of the former is due to its having been necessary to proceed by civil suit against a defaulting ratepayer who is resident in Madras. The explanation given of the arrears under "Tax on Arts" is that the uncollected balance must be recovered through the Magistracy; but if prosecutions are instituted in good time there ought to be no difficulty in carrying them through the Court within the year.

4. The expenditure on New Works amounted to Rupees 3,724, of which Rupees 458 were expended in opening out five new roads or streets, and the remainder on a variety of minor but very useful sanitary and miscellaneous works such as drains, latrines, dust-boxes, lamp-posts, &c. The Government also observe with satisfaction that four ponds and eleven wells were repaired, twenty-two wells cleaned, and two water-troughs erected for watering cattle.

5. In reviewing the report for the year 1872-73, the Government remarked on an apparent want of interest in educational matters. This year the report deals fully with the subject. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 924 against Rupees 762 in the preceding year, and the progress made appears to have been satisfactory. From the President's covering letter it appears that arrangements have been made for the settlement of a grant for the girls' school alluded to in the report.

6. The expenditure on conservancy amounted to Rupees 1,786. The steps taken for the improvement of the part of the town occupied by Wudders are approved.

7. From the Vice-President's report the Government gather that the working of the Act during the year has been very successful, and the testimony of the President to a similar effect, after repeated personal inspection, is received with much pleasure.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" President of the Local Fund Board, North Arcot District.

Exd. J. Wright.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

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No. 56.

Wallingford Municipality. — The report on the
working of this Municipality during 1873-74
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