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Municipal Reports.

No. 80. Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commissions, Tanjore District, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vallam, 8th December 1874, No. 225:—

I have the honor to forward the annual report of the Commissioners, on the working of the Combaconum Municipality, during the past official year 1873-74, together with the statements showing the receipts and disbursements in the prescribed forms, and the statement showing the incidence of taxes called for in G.O., dated 12th June 1873, No. 822.

2. I beg to enclose also the report of the Medical Officer in charge of the Dispensary at Combaconum on the working of that institution during the year under report.

3. The accounts of the Municipality were, under the orders of the late President, audited by T. Venkasami Row, Sheristadar of the Collector's Office, Tanjore, and were certified by him to be correct. His report on the state of the accounts is also herewith forwarded.

4. As the particulars given in Statement II.-B regarding the salary of the Apothecary in charge of the Combaconum Dispensary are not correct, an amended statement is herewith submitted regarding the same.

5. The special report on Education, called for in G.O., dated 27th April 1874, No. 712, is herein enclosed.

6. As I joined the district only lately, I have no remarks to add to those of the Commissioners in their report.

From T. GOVINDU ROW, Officiating Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, to the Hon. D. ARBUTHNOTT, President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, dated 10th September 1874, No. 82.

I have the honor to submit, for transmission to Government, the annual report, for the year ending 31st March 1874, on the working of the Towns Improvement Act in this Municipality, together with the statements of receipts and expenditure prepared according to the forms prescribed by Government.

2. The annual report of the Dispensary at this station, received from the officer in medical charge of it, is herewith enclosed as per instructions of Government contained in their Order, No. 209, dated 2nd March 1872. As the statements submitted give a detailed and elaborate account of all the items of receipts and expenditure, I hardly think it necessary to enter into details on this head in the present report further than to point out that the pay of the native medical pupil is not included in municipal account, either under the head of Receipts or Expenditure.

3. The gross receipts, as shown in Statement I., amounted to Rupees 42,115-15-0. Deducting from this the balance of Rupees 5,772-13-4 brought forward from the previous year's account, the actual receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 35,343-1-8 against Rupees 34,690 as shown in the Budget.

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4. Out of the above amount the Commissioners expended during the year Rupees 41,367-7-5, as detailed in Statement II., leaving a balance of Rupees 748-7-7 to be carried forward for the following year.

5. *The Opening Balance.*—The opening balance at the beginning of the year was according to the Budget estimated at Rupees 13,310, whereas the actual balance brought to the credit of this year amounted to only Rupees 6,772-13-4, on account of the receipts of the last year having been less by Rupees 5,767-4-2 than the estimated amount.

6. *House and Land Taxes.*—The total demand under this head for the year was Rupees 9,125-5-3, of which Rupees 8,613-4-1 were collected during the year, leaving a balance of Rupees 512-1-2. Out of the arrears of the previous year under this head, *viz.*, Rupees 807-10-2, Rupees 644-7-10 were collected during the year, and the remainder, *viz.*, Rupees 163-2-4, remains to be struck off as irrecoverable.

7. *Tax on Arts and Professions.*—This tax having been not levied during the year there was only a balance of Rupees 3,330 to be collected on account of the arrears of the last year, out of which a sum of Rupees 2,702 was collected during the year, still leaving a balance of Rupees 628, which amount being irrecoverable remains to be struck off in the accounts.

8. *Tax on Carriages and Animals.*—The total collection under this head amounted to Rupees 1,270, being less than the Budget amount by Rupees 240.

9. *Tolls.*—The total collection under this head was Rupees 15,029-4-0, out of which Rupees 14,670 was the amount to which the tolls of the year were leased out, and the remainder, *viz.*, Rupees 398-4-0, was the balance due by the Contractor on account of the arrears of the previous year. The Commissioners are satisfied to observe that no cases of extortion by the Contractors were reported to them.

10. All other items of receipts being detailed in Statement I. require no explanation.

11. *EXPENDITURE.*—*Grant I., New Works.*—Under this head only a sum of Rupees 1,633-2-8 was expended, which is considerably less than the Budget amount. Out of the Budget amount, *viz.*, Rupees 11,310, Rupees 9,000 were allotted by the Commissioners for improving the drainage of the town and was not sanctioned by Government, as an approved scheme of drainage was not ready for undertaking the work. The Commissioners having found it difficult to procure the services of a good Overseer were not able to complete some of the minor works which they had undertaken during the year. A sum of Rupees 865-11-9 was spent towards erecting a separate Brahmins' ward for the hospital. The Overseer, who was entrusted with the superintendence of constructing the work, having cheated the Commissioners was dismissed from the service and prosecuted before the Magistrate. Consequently the work was not completed during the year. The Commissioners, however, hope to have the work completed during the current year as soon as the rainy season is over. Three new latrines were constructed at a cost of Rupees 130-7-3, and ninety wooden boxes were purchased, at a cost of Rupees 395, to be used as ash-tubs.

12. *Repairs.*—Under this head Rupees 15,767-11-11 were expended against Rupees 6,600 shown in the Budget. The Commissioners having found, at the

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beginning of the year, that the metalled roads in the town were for want of repairs dreadfully broken up in several places undertook the repairs, and the cost of the repairs alone amounted to Rupees 14,768-14-11 including the cost of establishment, *viz.*, Rupees 650-13-7. As gravel and other materials are required to be brought from great distances at a considerable cost, the Commissioners were obliged to spend so large an amount. Rupees 641-8-5 were spent in extending the office and the out-patient room of the Civil Dispensary and towards repairing the other parts of the hospital building.

13. *Grant II., Education.*—A sum of Rupees 1,615-4-1 was spent under this item compared with Rupees 2,850 entered in the Budget. A sum of Rupees 253-14-0 was paid on the bills submitted by the Managers of two Girls' Schools. Rupees 1,012-6-1 were spent on account of three Elementary Schools established during the year by the Commissioners. One of these is a Female School established in May 1873. This school is placed under the superintendence of Rev. P. M. Pricur, the Roman-Catholic Priest. The girls are taught by three nuns specially sent for from Pondicherry. Besides elementary education in Tamil the girls are taught in needle work, &c. The school was examined at the close of the year by one of the Commissioners, Mr. T. Gopala Row, Acting Principal of the College. From the report submitted by him, the Commissioners are glad to observe that the school has made very fair progress during the year. Of the other two Elementary Schools above mentioned one is established within the Roman-Catholic Church compound for the low-caste boys, and the other in Manikkara Street for Mahomedan boys. These schools have made fair progress during the year. The Commissioners regret to observe that nothing has been done towards improving the Pial Schools in the town. A scheme for the improvement of these schools was under consideration, but a greater part of the year had elapsed before the Commissioners decided as to the proper mode of improving them. The Commissioners, after consulting the Deputy Inspector of Schools, have resolved to open Elementary Schools in different parts of the town to take the place of the Pial Schools. Some of the schools will be established during the current year.

14. *Grant III., Sanitation and Medical Services, Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—A sum of Rupees 3,965-12-4 was disbursed on the establishment. Rupees 848-2-0 were expended on the purchase of medicines and perishable articles. This amount includes a sum of Rupees 322-12-2, which was paid during the year on account of medicines purchased during the previous year. Rupees 773-5-11 were expended in dieting patients, and a sum of Rupees 202-3-8, which was separately kept in the Taluq Treasury, was invested in the Government Savings Bank.

15. *Vaccination.*—No change has taken place under this head. A Vaccinator is employed on a salary of Rupees 12 per mensem; his work is supervised by the Medical Officer of the station. On the whole 1,123 cases were vaccinated. Of these 983 were successful, 101 unsuccessful, and thirty-nine unknown.

16. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—1,261 births and 1,574 deaths were registered during the year. Under the new arrangements introduced during the latter part of the previous year one Registrar was appointed on a pay of Rupees 15 per mensem. Total cost under this head was Rupees 204-8-9.

17. *Conservancy.*—The two Nuisance Inspectors employed at the beginning of the year were, during the latter part of it, substituted by one Inspector on a

pay of Rupees 30, and four Sub-Inspectors on a pay of Rupees 10 each. Besides the Inspectors the establishment consists of eight divisional peons. The rubbish carts and bullocks and the bullocks for the latrine carts were, as in the previous year, hired on contract.

18. *Grant IV., Lighting.*—A sum of Rupees 935-4-3 was spent under this head. The cost of establishment consisting of one maistry on a pay of Rupees 8 and seven massalchies amounted to Rupees 437-15-6. A sum of Rupees 259-7-0 was spent in purchasing and fixing new lamp-posts. A sum of Rupees 41-3-0 entered under this head was the cost of additional lamps which were lit during the Mahamahan festival in the year 1872-73, and paid for during the year under report.

19. *Travellers' Bungalow.*—The total collections by way of rent for the bungalow amounted to Rupees 81-4-0. The total expenditure including the establishment amounted to Rupees 133-10-3.

20. *The Avenues.*—Young trees were newly planted on the sides of the road leading from Pedari Tank to Roman-Catholic Church, and the cost of the establishment including contingent charges amounted to Rupees 40-14-10.

21. *Miscellaneous.*—Under this head a sum of Rupees 500 has been entered, which was the amount paid as compensation for the removal of the car from the bazaar street to Sarangapani east street. The car, which was placed in the bazaar street, was a great obstruction, as the street was very narrow and had considerable traffic on it. Consequently the Commissioners paid the compensation to the trustee of the Sarangapani Pagoda, and had it removed from thence.

22. *Grant V., Supervision and Management.*—The office establishment cost Rupees 2,220-0-4, against Rupees 3,151-1-8 of the last year, and miscellaneous expenses amounted to Rupees 356-0-6. The Professional tax having been abolished during the year, the Commissioners during the latter part of it reduced the establishment as shown in Statement II.-B.

23. The statement showing the incidents of the rates and taxes, as prescribed in G.O., No. 822, dated 12th June 1873, is herewith enclosed.

24. *General Observations.*—The general health of the town during the year was very good. Only one case of cholera was reported, but this on subsequent inquiry turned out to be a case of chronic diarrhoea in a female after childbirth. There were no diseases of an epidemic form during the year under report. Every attention was paid to the neatness and cleanliness of the town. The report on the sanitation of this town, submitted under G.O., No. 264, dated 9th March 1874, is subjoined to this report as required therein :—

“Only one solitary case of cholera was reported during the year. This appears to have been entered as such under a misrepresentation of facts, for, on inquiries being made, it was found to be a case of chronic diarrhoea after childbirth.

“The diseases generally prevalent were fevers, rheumatism, abscess, bowel-complaints, general dropsy, small-pox, anaemia, constipation, derangement of lungs, consecutive syphilis, &c.

“Three latrines were erected during the year—one for females in old Odathurai, on the northern side of the Cavery river and on the road leading to Trichinopoly, and two in Chakkarapani south street—for males and females. These

are built at much frequented and crowded localities and much used by the people. Two temporary leaf latrines, erected during the Mahamahan festival in Ramasami Western Madavilagam, are still retained, as it is intended to purchase this piece of land and convert them into permanent ones. This part of the town being near the main bazaar street, and in a crowded locality, permanent latrines are very much needed here.

“*Drainage Channel near Porthamarai at a cost of Rupees 27-15-6.*—This is occasionally made use of for carrying away by bailing a fetid fungoid substance which invariably collects on its surface, and gives rise to noxious effluvia.

“*Hospital Shed, Rupees 74.*—This was erected for the accommodation of the Police sick when the Commissioners thought of retaining the permanent buildings; but subsequently, when the building was made over to the Police, this was made use of for the reception and treatment of high-caste Hindoos.

“*Brahmin Wards, Rupees 709.*—This is an advance expended on six detached wards or cottages for the reception and treatment of Brahmins and other high-caste patients. The foundations are laid, and it is hoped the buildings will be completed as soon as funds are available. The total estimated amount is 1,200 Rupees.

“*Extending Dispensary Office-room, Rupees 500.*—With the view of preventing out-patients entering in the veranda or wards of the hospital and soiling the walls, &c., the out-patient room was extended at both ends so as to accommodate the dispensary store-room, out-patient room and office all in one building. This work is nearly completed, only the flooring remains to be asphalted.

“*Repairs of Cauvery Bridge, Rupees 34.*—This was an emergent repair carried out under the direction of the Executive Engineer, by whom the estimate was also framed and supervised.

“*Railing of Tanks.*—Rupees 16-4-0 were expended in replacing bamboos, fencing with cocoanut posts, around some of the tanks which had tumbled down or rotted away.

“*Repairs of a Well in Chakkarapani North Madavilagam, Rupees 19-8-0.*—This was a private well taken up by the Commissioners with the consent of the owner on paying a compensation. The pavement and parapet walls were repaired and is found to be of great use to the public.

“*General and Emergent Repairs of Hospital, Rupees 44.*—The whole of the hospital buildings were whitewashed, and a few sundry repairs here and there which seemed necessary were executed.

“During the storm of 1871 a great many of the avenue trees were thrown down; they were replaced by different young plants.

“In this year the great Mahamahan festival was celebrated, and a complete report on the sanitary arrangements that were made having been already sent up to Government (*vide* G.O., No. 234, dated 6th March 1873), I do not think it necessary to detail them here.

“In general the health of the town was remarkably fair, and the attention of the Commissioners was principally directed to its cleanliness in the removal of rubbish, &c.”

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From T. VENKASAMI ROW, Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Combaconum, to the Hon.
D. ARBUTHNOTT, President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, dated 16th
June 1874.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting report of the accounts of the Combaconum Municipality for the
official year 1873-74.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1875, No. 49.

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

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES		
1873-74.			1873-74.		
	Estimate.	Actuals.		Estimate.	Actuals.
RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	
Balance—			Grant I.		
Municipal Fund ... }	13,310	6,564	New Works—		
Endowment Fund ... }		209	Communications ... }	11,310	...
Assignments by Government	600	431	Sanitary and Miscella- neous ... }		1,633
Rates on Houses ...	13,100	9,247	Repairs—		
Tax on Arts ...	300	2,134	Communications ... }		14,944
Tax on Vehicles ...	1,510	1,270	Sanitary and Miscella- neous ... }	6,600	823
Tolls ...	14,000	15,068	Other Items ...	2,430	692
Fees ...	1,260	1,073	Grant II.—		
Fines ...	150	840	Municipal Schools ...	330	1,012
Endowments ...	1,990	2,246	Salary Grants ...	300	254
Contribution from Local Funds ...	1,510	1,218	Results Grants ...	2,120	...
Miscellaneous ...	270	1,767	Contribution for Inspection	100	349
Advances recovered ...	...	48	Grant III.—		
			Hospitals ...	5,148	5,882
			Vaccination ...	150	150
			Registration of Births and Deaths ...	284	205
			Conservancy ...	12,088	11,049
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting ...	2,270	935
			Choultries ...	110	...
			Travellers' Bungalows ...	...	102
			Miscellaneous ...	170	760
			Grant V.—		
			Office ...	2,996	2,220
			Miscellaneous ...	304	357
			Balances—		
			Municipal Fund ... }	1,290	748
			Endowments ... }		...
Total ...	48,000	42,115	Total ...	48,000	42,115

2. Excluding the opening balance, the receipts of the year amounted to
Rupees 35,342, against an estimate of Rupees 34,690, the increase being chiefly under
"Tolls" and "Miscellaneous." The decrease in the opening balance is attributed to

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short receipts in the previous year, which, on a reference to the report for 1872-73,
appears to have been the result of a revision of the Profession-tax having delayed
collection. The difference between the actuals and the estimates under "Rates
on Houses" was a consequence of the Government having declined to sanction a
proposed increase in the rates. It is observed that of the increase of Rupees 1,068
under Tolls, Rupees 398 was a payment in arrear for the previous year.

3. The expenditure for the year amounted to Rupees 41,367, against the
estimate of Rupees 46,710, the decreased expenditure being a necessary consequence
of less funds being available than was anticipated. No portion of the allotment
for drainage could be utilized, as a satisfactory drainage scheme was not completed,
but the amount thus saved was devoted to remetalling roads, which were practi-
cally remade, though the expenditure is shown under the head of "Repairs."

4. In reviewing the report for 1872-73, the Government remarked on the
small expenditure on education. This year there has been an improvement,
though the expenditure fell short of the Budget allotment by Rupees 1,235. The special report will be separately consi-
dered. The President will expedite the submission of the statement called for in
G.O., dated 7th October 1874, No. 1704.

5. The report on the working of the Dispensary is satisfactory, the number
treated having risen from 6,543 to 7,300, although the health of the town is reported
to have been remarkably good during the year. Vaccination appears to have been
carried on very cheaply, and with fair success as regards the numbers vaccinated.
The report on the sanitary state of the town is satisfactory, and the Act appears to
have been worked well during the year under review.

6. The Auditor's report testifies to the general correctness of the accounts, but
discloses a very unsatisfactory style of book-keeping. The Government learn with
pleasure, however, that the present Vice-President is taking great pains to bring
them into order, and that the Auditor believes that all the defects pointed out will
be removed under his supervision.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works do.
" Accountant-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, Tanjore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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