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No. 218. Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Srirangam, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Srirangam, 19th December 1874, No. 93:—

I have the honor to enclose the report of the Commissioners on the working of the Srirangam Municipality, together with Auditor's report and the required statements.

From J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Srirangam, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Srirangam, 19th December 1874, No. 92.

The Commissioners for the Town of Srirangam have the honor to report on the working of the Towns Improvement Act during the year 1873-74.

2. The annexed abstract statement exhibits in one view the receipts and charges as compared with the estimates:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	Estimates.	Actuals.		Estimates.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	900	3,537	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government...	600	474	New Works ...	2,100	9,117
Rates on Houses, &c. ...	7,400	5,684	Repairs ...	1,450	423
Tax on Arts, &c. ...	2,300	2,683	Establishment ...		311
Tax on Vehicles ...	350	495	Grant II.—		
Registration of Carts ...	200	297	Salary Grants ...	250	159
Fees... ..	345	470	Results Grants ...	300	117
Fines	150	282	Contribution to Local		
Contribution from Local			Funds for Educational		
Funds	2,800	4,448	Inspectorate... ..	70	70
Contribution from private indi-			Grant III.—		
viduals	1,250	1,888	Hospitals	5,400	3,004
Miscellaneous	25	68	Vaccination	300	96
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths	100	92
			Conservancy	3,154	3,429
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	1,000	855
			Miscellaneous	500	192
			Grant V.—		
			Office	1,696	1,599
			Balance		862
Total ...	16,320	20,326	Total ...	16,320	20,326

3. *Opening Balance.*—The actual expenditure of the preceding year 1872-73 having fallen short of the calculations made at the time the Budget Estimates of the year under report were prepared, the opening balance of the year turned out to be Rupees 3,537 instead of Rupees 900 as entered in the estimates.

4. *Assignment by Government.*—The Native Surgeon returned from sick leave and assumed charge of the Dispensary only on the 17th of May 1873, hence the difference between the estimates, which provide for the Government grant for the entire year, and the actual expenditure.

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5. *Rates on Houses, &c.*—To suit the convenience of the rate-payers, and in compliance with the wishes of many of them, the Commissioners resolved, as an experimental measure, to collect the tax on houses, &c., in two half-yearly instalments. The experiment proved the cause of much trouble and delay in the collection of the tax and of inconvenience to the rate-payers, and the Commissioners have since abandoned the measure.

6. As the levy of the tax in question by two instalments is not authorized by the Act, the Commissioners apprehend that the experiment should have been made with the previous sanction of Government, and if their apprehensions are well founded, they trust that the omission may be overlooked.

7. The great falling off in the collections is chiefly attributable to this experiment, but nearly the whole amount of the estimate has been made good by subsequent collections.

8. *Receipts under Tax on Arts, &c.*—The outstanding arrears at the commencement of the year were much greater than the estimated balance, and the collections therefore exceeded the estimate.

9. *Contributions from Local Funds and from private individuals*—The receipts include the amount contributed towards the construction of the Dispensary and Hospital buildings, while the estimates provide only for the maintenance of the institution.

10. Turning to the Demand, Collection and Balance Statement, the Commissioners beg to explain that of the sum of Rupees 2,775 outstanding at the end of the year under tax on houses, &c., Rupees 1,630 have since been collected and Rupees 105 remitted, and that the necessary measures have already been adopted for the speedy realization of the balance.

11. Of the sum of Rupees 1,912 outstanding under tax on Arts, &c., Rupees 1,016 have since been collected, and Rupees 602 written off the Accounts as irrecoverable, and the balance will be disposed of shortly.

12. *GRANT I. New Works.*—The expenditure on New Works, amounting to Rupees 9,117, was as follows:—

- (a.) Construction of the Dispensary and Hospital buildings with out-houses.
- (b.) Construction of surplus masonry drains and tunnels.
- (c.) Collection of materials for Municipal Office building, and for a flight of stone-steps

at the Bathing Ghat known as "Ammamantapam Paditorei" on the north bank of the Cauvery.

13. A terraced building for the Dispensary, consisting of two rooms $15' \times 15\frac{1}{2}' \times 13'$ each for the Surgery and for the dispensing of medicines, and two more rooms $12' \times 9' \times 13'$ each to secure Medical stores and the patients' clothes, &c., was constructed with a verandah all round and with an upstairs room $31\frac{1}{2}' \times 15\frac{1}{2}' \times 13\frac{1}{2}'$ spacious enough for the periodical dispensary Sub-Committee meetings as well as the Municipal meetings. And further, a ward $46' \times 15' \times 22'$ provided with a verandah and bath-rooms and a temporary partition wall for the separation of male and female patients, a latrine and other necessary out-houses, all strongly thatched with nanal were constructed, and a good and substantial well was sunk.

14. The foundation stone was laid on Monday the 9th of June 1873, and all the buildings described above were completed and opened to the public on Monday the 9th of March 1874.

15. The following contributions were received for the buildings:—

Amount contributed by the Zemindar of Senivarampett of the Rajah-mundry District during his pilgrimage to Srirangam (credited in the accounts of 1872-73).		RS.
Do.	do. by the Zemindar of Marungapuri	500
Do.	do. of Toraiyur	300
Do.	do. of Kadavur	100
Do.	do. of Udaiyarpalayam	250
Do.	do. by Mittadars of Katputtur	200
Do.	do. by certain gentlemen in sums varying from Rupees 50 to Annas 8	250
Do.	do. by the Local Fund Board in payment of one-fourth of the cost of the buildings, but subject to final adjustment	1734
		2,000

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The then Trustees of Srirangam Pagoda contributed cocanut, wood and bamboos, &c., worth Rupees 270.

16. Her Highness the Princess of Tanjore and His Highness the Prince Consort have now jointly contributed Rupees 2,000 for the buildings, and Her Highness Kamatchi Bayi Sahiba, the widow of the late Rajah, has forwarded through the Political Agent, for the same purpose, the sum of Rupees 500.

17. With the aid of the above funds, and with the contribution of Rupees 150 in cash and 200 Rupees worth of building materials, specially intended by a respectable Native gentleman to be devoted towards the construction of a Lying-in ward, the Commissioners have now commenced to construct another ward for patients (to be named after the munificent donors) with another latrine, and a Lying-in ward.

18. The drains and tunnels referred to in paragraph 12 above are of the following dimensions:—

One open drain	170' $\times$ 2' $\times$ 3 $\frac{1}{2}'$
„ Covered or slab drain	160' $\times$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}'$ $\times$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}'$
„ Tunnel	10' $\times$ 4' $\times$ 4 $\frac{1}{2}'$
„ do.	12' $\times$ 4' $\times$ 4 $\frac{1}{2}'$
„ Road-dam of 25 feet.	

19. A portion of the Dispensary compound, most conveniently detached from the Medical Establishments, has been selected for the Municipal Office accommodation, and some materials have been collected, the dwelling-house hitherto occupied by the office on rent being entirely unsuited to the purpose and no other suitable building being available.

20. The bathing ghat referred to is looked upon as very sacred by Hindus. In the Tamil month of Arpesi, i.e., between October and November, it is resorted to in considerable numbers; the bank being frequently eroded by freshes, the public are subjected to many a mishap in bathing there. At the earnest solicitation of the residents, the Commissioners have undertaken to construct a flight of steps of stone, brick and chunam. The Municipal Board of Trichinopoly have munificently granted a large quantity of rough stone from the debris of their Fort ditch fortifications, contributions from the public are expected, and the municipal grant will only supplement local subscriptions.

21. *Repairs.*—The expenditure under repairs has fallen short of the allotment, because the most urgent repairs only were executed during the year, the savings being appropriated towards the completion of the Dispensary buildings.

22. *GRANT II. Salary Grants.—Results Grants.*—The allotments under these heads have only been partially utilized. The Anglo-Vernacular School at Kandayempet, for which the salary grant expressly provided, was abolished at the instance of Mr. Bradshaw, the Inspector of Schools, as an unnecessary institution, in November 1873. Bills under Results grants were presented to the extent of Rupees 117 only, and they were paid without unnecessary delay. The Commissioners are alive to the importance of the development of elementary education and are quite prepared to at once avail themselves of every opportunity that might present itself for its advancement. They are very anxious to establish a Girls' School under a trained caste mistress, and have recently addressed the Government on the subject.

23. *GRANT III. Hospitals.*—The Dispensary was for the first time established in this town on the 1st January 1873. The progress made during the first three months of its existence was reviewed in G.O., No. 191, dated the 5th February 1874.

24. As in the three months above referred to, out-patients only were treated during the twelve months now reported on, the necessary accommodation for in-patients not having been completed till the very close of the year, viz., 9th March 1874.

25. The annexed statements give the particulars of attendance, &c.; no less than 10,088 individuals were admitted and treated. Pilgrims and the inhabitants of the district in general constitute the great bulk of this number.

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Attendance Roll of Out-patients.

Month.	OUT-PATIENTS			Average daily sick.	Remarks.
	Admitted.	Old case seen.	Total.		
1873.					
April	659	896	1,555	51.86	Eighty cases, which were pending at the close of the preceding year, were treated during the year under report, hence the total number treated amounts to 10,168.
May	737	950	1,687	54.90	
June	808	1,771	2,579	85.80	
July	774	1,790	2,564	82.70	
August	845	1,665	2,510	80.96	
September	908	1,391	2,299	76.63	
October	842	1,270	2,112	68.12	
November	828	1,323	2,151	71.70	
December	1,182	1,107	2,289	73.83	
1874.					
January	912	992	1,904	61.41	Five In-patients were admitted during the year between the 10th and 31st of March 1874.
February	788	1,126	1,914	68.39	
March	805	976	1,781	57.45	
Total ...	10,088	15,257	25,345	833.75	

Caste of Out-patients of both Sexes.

Caste.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Brahmins	2,969	2,322	5,291
Hindus	2,711	2,026	4,737
Mahomedans	24	13	37
Christians	9	14	23
Total	5,713	4,375	10,088

The following is the description of diseases for which the 10,088 individuals above referred to were treated :—

Disease.	Number of Individuals treated.
Ascaris lumbricoid	1,577
Ulcers	1,191
Constipation	812
Itch	705
Fevers	675
Rheumatism—external meatus	665
Inflammation	526
Conjunctivitis	424
Dyspepsia	409
Herpes	386
Abscess	370
Bronchitis	365

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Disease.	Number of Individuals treated.
Diarrhæa	209
Dysentery	162
Wounds	136
Syphilis	122
Neuralgia	119
Boils	103
Gonorrhœa	82
Sprain	62
Tumours	59
Orchitis	58
General dropsy	39
Bubo	34
Whitlow	34
General debility	32
Leprosy	23
Contusion	16
Other diseases besides the above	693
Total	10,088

5. The institution has been a great success, it has become very popular under the able vision of the Native Surgeon Balu Mudaliyar. The demand in the town for the services of quacks has been extremely dull, and may safely be said to be nearly extinct. Those men hitherto practised quackery as the only means of their livelihood have now changed their ion into shop-keeping, &c.

The expenditure amounted to Rupees 3,004 against the allotment of Rupees 5,400, and of the following items :—

	RS.
Salary of the Native Surgeon	1,897
Do. of the Hospital Assistant	291
Do. of the Dispensary servants	257
Contingencies	559
Total	3,004

The difference between the allotment and expenditure is chiefly owing to the non- of in-patients for want of accommodation and the bill of charges for medicines, &c., from Medical Stores not having been presented to this office for payment until after the the year under report.

The salary of the Native Surgeon was made good from the following sources :—

	RS.
Government grant at 25 per cent.	474
Subscriptions from people	364
Grant from the Local Fund Board	376
Amount paid from the savings of other items under the head "Hospital"	683
Total	1,897

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30. *Vaccination.*—As in the preceding year, vaccine operations have not been satisfactory. There were in all 385 successful cases, and the registered number of births was 431. It is, however, gratifying to find from the subsequent results that the prejudices existing among the more ignorant classes are being gradually dispelled, and the prophylactic powers of vaccination are being more generally availed of by the community than hitherto. No less than 660 operations were performed during the last eight months of the current year 1874-75, and the Commissioners hope to be able to report more favourably on the subject in the current year's report.

31. As the Government is already aware, the vaccinator is paid on the Result system at two Annas per each successful case, and one Rupee for every hundred cases operated on in one month. The parents or guardians of each child vaccinated are also paid two Annas.

32. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—The number of births and deaths registered during the year was, respectively, 431 and 463 in a population of 18,655 :—

Sex.	Births.	Deaths.
Male	211	226
Female	220	237
Total	431	463

33. All possible attention is paid to render the registration as accurate as possible. In ten cases the parties concerned were prosecuted and fined for failure to register occurrences in due time.

34. The health of the town was good, and the year was free from any outbreak of cholera. The number of pilgrims during the annual feast was upwards of 80,000, and under the usual sanitary arrangements made on the occasion the community enjoyed perfect immunity from disease.

35. *Conservancy.*—The actual expenditure exceeded the Budget allotment owing to the bills of expenses incurred in carrying out the sanitary, &c., arrangements on the occasion of the annual feast in the preceding year 1872-73 having been passed and debited in the accounts of the year under report—*vide* letter to Government, No. 63, dated the 11th December 1873, paragraph 35.

36. *GRANT IV. Lighting.*—The expenditure has nearly absorbed the Budget allotment. The town was provided with fifty-five lamps, and twenty-six have been added since.

37. *Miscellaneous.*—The expenditure under this head was confined to maintaining and extending cocoanut plantations in streets and avenues on road sides. The season did not permit of the full amount of the allotment being utilized within the year.

38. *GRANT V. Supervision and Management.*—The aggregate expenditure under this head has almost exhausted the Budget allotment.

39. The accounts were audited by the Acting Treasury Deputy Collector M. R. Ry. Pattabhiram Pillai, whose report, together with its accompaniments, are herewith submitted. The suggestions made by the Auditor will be adopted.

From M. R. Ry. T. PATTABHIRAM PILLAI, Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Trichinopoly,
to J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Srirangam, dated
Trichinopoly, 4th December 1874.

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

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No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1875, No. 164

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

RECEIPTS.	1873-74.		CHARGES.	1873-74.	
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Miscellaneous ...	1,275	1,955	Other Items ...		
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			Contribution for Inspec- tion ...		
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			Lighting ...	1,000	855
			Other Items ...	500	192
			Grant V.—		
			Office ...	1,696	738
			Miscellaneous ...		
					861
			Balance—		
			Municipal Fund ...		862
			Endowment Fund ...		...
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2. The President should have explained the circumstances under which the actual opening balance for 1873-74 differed from the actual closing balance of the year 1872-73 as shown in G.O., dated 5th February 1874, No. 191. The Government observe also that the whole opening balance is shown in Statement I. as belonging to the Municipal Fund, while Statement I.-A, shows an Endowment Fund opening balance of Rupees 632.

3. Exclusive of the opening balance the receipts amounted to Rupees 16,789 against an estimate of Rupees 15,420, the only important increase being under the head of "Contributions from Local Funds." The decrease under "Rates on houses" is due to a large outstanding balance at the close of the year which is satisfactorily

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accounted for by the President. The subscriptions and contributions for the Dispensary should have been shown under 5 (a) Hospitals instead of under 7 Miscellaneous.

4. The expenditure of the year amounted to Rupees 19,464 against an estimate of Rupees 16,320. The outlay on New Works exceeded the estimate by Rupees 7,017, the expenditure on the Dispensary buildings, which were completed and opened to the public on the 9th March 1874, having amounted to Rupees 7,593, a large portion of which was contributed by the Zemindars of the district and the Trustees of the Srirangam Pagoda, while additions have been commenced with a sum of Rupees 2,500 received from the members of the Tanjore Royal Family, and a further contribution of Rupees 350 from a native gentleman interested in the work.

5. The expenditure on Education was but small, and the Government must impress upon the Commissioners the necessity of devoting more attention to the important object of the Act.

6. The Dispensary is evidently the great feature of the Municipality, the number of persons treated during this the first complete year of its existence having been no less than 10,088.* The Government must congratulate the Commissioners and Native Surgeon Balu Mudeliar on the success which has attended their efforts to provide satisfactory medical assistance for the community. The full expenditure on account of the Dispensary buildings should have been shown in Column 10, Statement I.-A, and then the Municipal contribution would have been represented by the deficit balance appearing in Column 12. With regard to the Auditor's suggestion regarding the manner in which the Native Surgeon should draw his salary, the Government would remark that the existing practice seems to be the more correct. The Accountant-General will report on the course adopted in other Municipalities, and will state how far it is in accordance with the principle laid down in the Controller-General's Circular, embodied with G.O., dated 18th April 1874, No. 615, Financial Department.

7. The Conservancy and Miscellaneous operations of the year appear to have been satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Srirangam.
 .. 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 Boards, Trichinopoly District.

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