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Read the following papers:—

No. 146. From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Kistna District, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Masulipatam, 21st November 1874, No. 1892.

I have the honor to forward the Vice-President's report, and its enclosures, on the Guntoor Municipality for the year 1873-74.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 the Order,* which sanctioned the improvements proposed by the District Engineer and myself, was furnished to the Board on the 2nd September 1874.

3. Paragraph 3.—The reports of subsequent meetings show that this matter has been taken in hand.

4. Paragraph 5.—The expenditure of money on the school-houses and hospital was forbidden in G.O., No. 774, of the 4th June 1873. The money can be utilized this year.

5. Mr. Tyrrell's report on the cholera in the district need not be noticed by me here, except to correct an error that a passenger from the *Assyria* brought it to the district. No passengers landed.

6. It is satisfactory to note the gradual increase in the numbers of people coming for relief to the hospital. The number of patients has nearly doubled itself in two years.

7. I have desired Mr. Tyrrell to lay his proposal for a separate ward for caste patients before the Commissioners. The ward must, of course, be in a separate building. I see no objection to the proposal.

8. Dr. Tyrrell proposes to enlarge the hospital in hopes of getting more inmates, but he does not say that he has ever found a want of beds. This should be first made clear before any money is spent on a new ward.

9. The highness of the death-rate, as compared with the births, is not due to the unhealthiness of the town, but to the incorrectness of the return. The public health is reported exceedingly satisfactory.

10. It is to be regretted that vaccination is not more practised; but the improvement in number (if the figures be true) is satisfactory.

11. I do not think, as I have already reported, that Guntoor is dirtier or the people worse than in most other towns; but, as the improvements to the public latrines are not yet complete, following the G.O., No. 14, of the 5th January 1874, it seems that no attempt should yet be made to shut up the private ones. I have, however, called on the Vice-President for a report as to what he proposes to do, as no time must be lost as soon as it may be possible to commence action.

12. In regard to cesspools, I think perhaps the picture is overdrawn if there be but eighty to 4,300 houses; now that they can be kept clean, at the expense of the house-owners who use them, there should be no further cause of complaint. In fact, I have received a subsequent report from the Vice-President that the nuisance is now very small.

13. Paragraph 7.—No new schools are wanted at present, save perhaps a girls' school.

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14. *Paragraphs 9 and 10.*—I do not think the rate on houses should be increased. As it is, Guntoor is the most expensive place in the district for a native to live at, and the poorer people would be seriously troubled by any increase.

STATEMENTS.

15. Some few alterations I have found necessary I have made in red ink in these statements.

16. *Statement I.*—Rupees 1,052-4-1, entered as recovered from the Department of Public Works, was not properly an advance recovered, but an expenditure originally incurred by the Commissioners on the portion of the Great Northern Road passing through the town but subsequently recovered from the Range Officer in charge of the road, as it was all made at the cost of the Local Fund Board.

17. "Other recoveries" amount to Rupees 36-1-0, and are—

	RS.	A.	P.
Recovered having been advanced to remove prickly-pear, &c. ...	16	1	0
Recovery on "certain works" ...	20	0	0
Total ...	36	1	0

I do not think the former need appear at all in the present statements, as both the advance and recovery took place last year. Sufficient explanation has not been given regarding the second item. Hence I have left it untouched.

18. *Statement II.-B.*—The sum of Rupees 73-8-7, being the amount of remuneration given to the "Estimator of houses," should not appear under Grant V, as the office was not one of the permanent establishments of the Municipality. This I have, therefore, struck out from here. It is entered in its proper place in Statement II.

19. *Statement IV., Current.*—The amount of Rupees 769-3-0, entered in column 4 as deductions against "Tax on Arts, &c.," is not clear. No "write off" deductions could have been allowed by the Commissioners on appeals, but only remissions in cash. Therefore, either the demand must be reduced by Rupees 769-3-0, or this sum must be transferred to column 5, "Written off as irrecoverable." The latter course has been preferred by me in the absence of fuller information.

20. I regret the delay in the submission of these papers. It will be seen that the original statements received by me contained a great many errors and were returned for revision. The revised statements, too, are faulty here and there, and the explanatory letters do not give all the information. To save further delay, I submit them as they are.

From H. NEWMAN, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Guntoor, to G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Kistna District, dated Guntoor, 7th November 1874.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting, with remarks, a revised account of receipts and expenditure connected with the Municipality.

From KANUKOLANU VENKATA ZOGAYYA, Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Guntoor, to H. NEWMAN, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Guntoor, dated Guntoor, 8th August 1874.

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

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From Surgeon S. M. TYRRELL, Guntoor, to G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Guntoor, dated Guntoor, 20th June 1874.

ABSTRACT.—Forwards extracts from the annual medical report of the Civil Dispensary, Guntoor, for the year 1873.

No. 147. From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Kistna District, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Masulipatam, 1st December 1874, No. 1948.

In continuation of my letter, No. 1892, dated 21st November 1874, I have the honor to report that, out of the Rupees 100 due by the Guntoor Municipal Commissioners to the Local Fund Board on account of Educational Inspection (item 5, Grant II.) for the past official year, only 40 Rupees have been actually paid; and that the former have been asked by me to remit the remaining Rupees 60.

No. 148. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1874, No. 2109.

The receipts and expenditure of the Guntoor Municipality for 1873-74 are compared below with the estimates for that year:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
1873-74.			1873-74.		
	Estimate.	Actuals.		Estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	13,092	11,077	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government ...	250	...	New Works—		
Rate on Houses, &c. ...	2,200	2,500	Communications ...	12,500	2,500
Tax on Arts, &c. ...	5,000	4,701	Sanitary and Miscellaneous ...		846
Tax on Vehicles ...	1,000	1,040	Repairs—		
Registration of Carts ...	900	918	Communications ...	1,900	1,536
Tolls ...	7,200	7,300	Sanitary and Miscellaneous ...		1,082
Fees ...	700	603	Other items ...	1,156	805
Fines ...	200	364	Grant II.—		
Endowments, &c. ...	435	555	Municipal Schools ...	1,752	1,018
Contribution from Local			Results-grants ...	500	407
Funds ...	1,500	1,339	Other items ...	500	77
Miscellaneous ...	447	1,362	Grant III.—		
Advances recovered ...	...	36	Hospitals ...	2,976	3,226
			Vaccination ...	330	221
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths ...	180	205
			Conservancy ...	6,600	6,669
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting ...	1,092	1,254
			Markets ...	240	234
			Other purposes ...	662	605
			Grant V.—		
			Office ...	2,198	2,156
			Miscellaneous ...		173
			Advances recoverable ...		16
			Refunds ...		160
			Balance ...	338	8,605
Total ...	32,924	31,795	Total ...	32,924	31,795

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2. The receipts exclusive of the opening balance amounted to Rupees 20,718 against an estimate of Rupees 19,832, and call for no remark in detail. The expenditure fell short of the estimate by Rupees 9,396, owing chiefly to the Government having directed that a large portion of the allotment for New Works should not be utilized until a decision had been arrived at regarding the propriety of proceeding with the projected improvements to the Black and Red Tanks. The question has now been decided in the affirmative, and the President reports that the large closing balance of Rupees 8,605 can be utilized in the current year. The expenditure on education was below the estimate, but it is reported that one Municipal School was not found to succeed and was discontinued. The Government presume that the reported want of success refers to small attendance, and not to defects remediable by the Commissioners. The Dispensary progressed satisfactorily, and Dr. Tyrrell as usual has submitted a full and interesting sanitary and medical report. It is observed, however, that both the President and Vice-President seem to be of opinion that Dr. Tyrrell adopts a high ideal standard when writing of the sanitary failings of Guntoor and the neighbourhood, and the President remarks regarding cesspools that from a later report he learns that the nuisance from that source is now very small.

2. The President's remark regarding the improvement in the numbers vaccinated is not quite reconcileable with the statement in the "concise report" of the Dispensary that 991 persons were vaccinated in the year under report against 1,337 in the preceding year. The registration of births and deaths is obviously still very defective.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Guntoor.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue do.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, President of the Local Fund Board, Kistna District.

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To
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.
Gentlry,
Sir,
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Gentlry,

Dated December, 16th.
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G.O., 16th December 1874, No. 2103.

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Guntloor Municipality.—The annual report for 1873-74 on the working of this Municipality reviewed.

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