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Municipal—Report.

No. 229. Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 13th January 1876, No. 26:—

I have the honor to forward the accompanying report and statements, received from the Vice-President of the Cannanore Municipality, on the working of the Towns Improvement Act in that town during the year 1874-75.

2. Taxes were raised during the year from all sources prescribed by the Act excepting Tax on Arts, Trades and Professions. The sum of Rupees 110 credited under this head appertains to arrears of previous year collected during the year under review.

3. The total amount collected during the year was Rs. 19,018-5-0 including the opening balance, and the expenditure was Rupees 18,658-5-7, leaving an unexpended balance of Rupees 359-15-5 at the close of the year.

4. It will be seen that the actuals have fallen short of the estimate by Rupees 8,512 under Receipts and Rupees 8,872 under Expenditure. The large sum of Rupees 7,139 remained to be collected on the 31st March 1875. This large outstanding balance is due from the ratepayers of the Old Town, and steps are being taken to clear off the arrears.

5. The expenditure under different heads was as follows :—

		Rs.	A.	P.
Grant	I	4,639	7	9
,,	II	978	5	10
,,	III	8,302	5	5
,,	IV	1,907	5	1
,,	V	2,641	8	8

6. Under New Works Rupees 3,377-12-7 were spent for the construction of three permanent latrines, a temporary bridge, five culverts, one road and some other sundry works. Rupees 1,261-11-2 were spent in repairs.

7. EDUCATION.—Rupees 978-5-10 were spent under this head, of which Rupees 709-8-0 were for results grants to nine indigenous schools.

8. GRANT III.—The Commissioners assumed charge of the Civil Dispensary on the 4th December 1874. The charges incurred in connexion with the Hospital from that date up to the close of the year was Rupees 135-11-8. The report of the Civil Surgeon is enclosed.

9. REGISTRATION.—Under this head Rupees 150 were spent for the pay of two Registrars entertained for the purpose.

10. CONSERVANCY.—A sum of Rupees 6,880-14-7 was spent for the Conservancy Establishment maintained by the Municipality. The streets and lanes were kept in good order.

11. GRANT IV.—Rupees 1,907-5-1 were spent under this head; the principal item was for lighting the town.

12. GRANT V.—Rupees 2,641-8-8 were expended on account of Establishment including Miscellaneous charges.

13. Some time ago the Commissioners requested me to address Government to obtain a loan of Rupees 10,000 for carrying out certain sanitary improvements in the Old Town. I shall forward it to Government after inspecting the locality.

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From J. C. JOHNSTON, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cannanore, to W. LOGAN, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, dated Cannanore, — June 1875, No. 154.

I have the honor to report on the working of the Cannanore Municipality during the year 1874-75, and to forward the usual statements detailing the financial condition thereof.

2. Inclusive of the opening balance on the 1st April 1874, amounting to Rupees 5,636-8-1, and the arrears of the previous year, the total receipts from all sources amounted to Rupees 19,018-5-0.

3. The total disbursements during the year have been Rupees 18,658-5-7, leaving on the 31st March 1875 an unexpended balance of Rupees 359-15-5 exclusive of deposits amounting to Rupees 875-8-4.

4. As the Statement I sets forth in detail the various rates and taxes which constituted the fund during the year, the receipts do not appear to call for special mention.

Objections on the ground of erroneous assessment having been made against the register of rateable property included in that part of the karar situated in the Old Town, at the instance of the President reassessment on behalf of the Commissioners by the Revenue authorities was undertaken and occupied several months. Consequently the collection of taxes was thrown into arrears. Much difficulty is still experienced both in collecting taxes and in carrying into effect the provisions of the Towns Improvement Act within the Old Town of Cannanore; the Mopilla proprietors still endeavouring to evade or defer taxation by petitions urging every possible ground of objection, and in this manner imposing upon the Commissioners and their servants excessive and, for the most part, unnecessary labor.

5. *New Works.*—Under this head the sum of Rupees 3,377-12-7 was expended, (1) for the completion of a permanent latrine commenced during the previous year; (2) the construction of two permanent latrines on the Coimbatore plan; (3) a temporary bridge in the town; (4) four covered and one arched culverts; (5) a circular pavement and drain to a public well; (6) the formation of a new road; and (7) the construction of about 12,450 cubic feet of masonry drain at Barnacherry.

6. *Repairs.*—The sum of Rupees 1,261-11-2 was spent under this head for, (1) repairing nine roads, deepening and cleaning three public wells; (2) repairing the parapet walls and circular drains of three other wells; (3) improving a row of sunken privies in the Old Town containing twenty-one compartments, and several minor drains and ruts on roads. Repairs to various other roads and drains were executed by the permanent Conservancy Establishment without entailing extra expense or suspension of its regular duties.

7. *Education.*—The Commissioners incurred an outlay of Rupees 978-5-10 for the following purposes:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Payment of Results grants to nine indigenous schools	709	8	0
2. Contribution to Normal School, Calicut	81	12	0
3. Inspection charges paid to Local Fund Boards	187	1	10

or in the proportion of 14 Annas 2·79 Pies per cent. of the entire sum devoted to educational purposes.

8. The Commissioners assumed charge of the Civil Dispensary on the 4th December 1874, the military details being then separately accommodated in the new Government building.

9. The sum of Rupees 135-11-8, shown against Hospital Establishment, includes Rupees 25-13-5 incurred on account of remuneration paid to a female and a male attendant entertained temporarily at the beginning of the year for convalescent small-pox patients accommodated in a shed built for the purpose. The sum of Rupees 3-10-0, incurred on account of feeding two patients of this description, is likewise contained in Rupees 185-0-8 shown against *Diet of Patients.*

10. *Vaccination.*—Rupees 412 were spent on the salary of a permanent vaccinator throughout the year, and two temporary vaccinators entertained during the prevalence of small-pox within the Municipality. The number of cases vaccinated during the year was 2,038, of which 1,947 proved successful, or at the rate of 95·5 per cent.

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27th May 1876.

11. *Registration.*—Rupees 132 shown under this head includes the salary for the first six months of two Registrars entertained exclusively for recording vital statistics. Since the rearrangement of the Municipality the duties of registration have devolved upon the Menons in in charge of each division.

12. *Conservancy.*—A sum of Rupees 6,880-14-7 was spent for the Conservancy Establishment maintained by the Municipality. Streets, roads, lanes and drains were well attended to and maintained in a cleanly state.

13. *Lighting.*—Rupees 1,116-10-10 were expended as follows: (1) the salary of three lamplighters, one being entertained from the 10th August 1874; (2) construction of fifteen road lamps complete with wooden posts, &c.; (3) purchase of thirty-six kerosene burners and chimneys; (4) twenty-five wooden lamp posts; (5) repair of old lanterns; and (6) for contingent charges.

14. *Choultries.*—Rupees 175-6-3 were expended for the salary of a maity and a Masaljee for six months (after which the public bungalow was let on lease) and one chuttrum servant for the full year and for the defrayal of contingent charges.

15. Cases of canine madness having been reported to the Commissioners an expenditure of Rupees 179-1-0 was incurred in remunerating the dog-killer for the destruction of stray dogs. No cases of hydrophobia were recorded.

16. *Vakeels' Fees.*—Rupees 170-10-0 have been given as payments for the service of a Vakeel for conducting, on behalf of the Commissioners, prosecutions for offences under the Act and Bye-laws. Remuneration is awarded at 25 per cent. on the net amount of fines levied.

17. *Rent.*—Rupees 92-12-0 shown under this head are incurred in respect of a range of bazaars leased by the Municipality and paid to the proprietor for the loss alleged to have been sustained by him owing to the construction of a Municipal public latrine in the vicinity.

18. *Expense of Litigation.*—Rupees 60 shown under this head is for the cost of stamp, &c., involved in the institution of a civil suit for the recovery of arrears of taxes due by Sultan Ali Rajah of Cannanore, no other means of securing payment of the debt presenting itself to the Commissioners. The prosecution of the suit is however held in abeyance pending instruction from the President.

19. The two Cattle Pounds in the Cantonment, hitherto under the management of the Cantonment Magistrate, have been transferred to, and are maintained by, the Municipality since the 1st February last. The proceeds from this source are therefore credited, and the expense incurred debited to the Municipal Fund.

20. The construction of the proposed road in the Old Town is a work of considerable sanitary and commercial importance and one on which the Commissioners are most desirous of entering without delay, but for its accomplishment it is necessary that the loan of Rupees 10,000 already solicited on the security of the rates and taxes should be granted, and that the authority of Government should be obtained for the acquisition of the land absolutely required. As the greater part of the property involved in the construction of the road is owned by Sultan Ali Rajah of Cannanore, no hope can be entertained of its acquisition by amicable arrangement.

21. The statistical return and the audit statement and report are also submitted.

22. In compliance with the instructions contained in paragraph 14 of Rules relating to Municipal and *Local Dispensaries*, the annual report of the Civil Surgeon is appended, but the *Civil Dispensary* has not been sufficiently long under the charge of the Commissioners to enable them to form an opinion as to its usefulness or acceptability to the native community.

From Mr. A. JOHNSTON, Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Cannanore, to J. C. JOHNSTON, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cannanore, dated Cannanore, 28th April 1875.

I beg to submit, herewith, the statement of receipts and disbursements of this Municipality for 1874-75, embodying the items under appropriate heads, and to state that I have carefully audited the accounts and found them to be correct.

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2. The entries of each month in the Municipal Day-book have been found to correspond with those in the Treasury Pass-book on careful comparison, and are supported by proper vouchers.

3. In conclusion, I feel justified to add that the accounts have been efficiently kept.

1874-75.

Cannanore Municipality Sanitary Report from 4th December 1874 to 31st March 1875.

CIVIL DISPENSARY.

The Civil Dispensary was placed under the authority of the Municipality on the 4th December 1874. The pauper sick of the civil population were previous to that period treated in the Garrison Hospital.

During the period under review there have been sixty-three admissions of in-patients and 1,421 of out-patients. Of the former six died, of the latter none. The in-patients who dieted themselves were eleven in number, the remainder fifty-two were dieted at the expense of the Municipal funds amounting to Rupees 120-6-0. Furniture, bedding, clothing, &c., were supplied by the Municipality at a cost of Rupees 480.

The expenditure incurred up to 31st March, exclusive of medicines, and medical subordinate's salary, has been as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Servants' wages	109	14	3
Dieting Sick	120	6	0
Perishable articles	61	0	8
Bedding	111	10	0
Rent of the building and other Contingent charges	97	8	1
Total ...	500	7	0

Principal Diseases.—These were *Fevers, Rheumatism, Dropsy, Bronchitis, Dyspepsia, Dysentery, Diarrhœa, Abscess, Ulcer, Itch, Fractures, Wounds, and Dislocation.*

There was no epidemic, or special prevalence of sickness, during the above period. A few sporadic cases of small-pox occurred in the neighbouring villages. Two patients were brought to the dispensary and both recovered.

Conservancy.—There are two latrines in the dispensary compound—one for males, and one for females. The dry-earth system is in use, and the latrines are free from odour. Coal-tar is applied to the walls to a height of four feet, and to the latrine tubs and chattics twice a month. The excreta are conveyed away by the Municipal night soil cart every morning.

Vaccination.—One Vaccinator is permanently employed by the Municipality to vaccinate within the Municipal limits; but when small-pox prevails epidemically, others are entertained to vaccinate in the adjoining villages and outskirts, or wherever they are most required.

The number vaccinated from 4th December 1874 to 31st March 1875 was 378, of which 352 were successful, seven unsuccessful, and nineteen unknown.

Second-class Hospital Assistant M. Moonesawmy, No. 605, was posted in General Orders, dated 12th December 1874, and he joined the Dispensary on the 17th January 1875. This medical subordinate is, I am happy to say, very attentive to his duties, and he shows much kindness of manner to the patients.

CANNANORE,
1st April 1875.

(Signed) F. FLETCHER, Surgeon-Major,
Civil Surgeon, Cannanore.

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No. 230. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1876, No. 933.

The report on the working of the Cannanore Municipality for the year 1874-75 is recorded with the following comparative statement of estimates and actuals for the year :—

RECEIPTS.

	Estimates, 1874-75.	Actuals, 1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	8,730	5,637
Assignments by Government.	...	7
Rates on Houses	12,000	7,099
Taxes on Arts	...	110
Taxes on Vehicles	2,000	1,808
Registration of Carts	350	294
Tolls	3,000	2,655
Fees	500	181
Fines	500	599
Endowments, &c.	200	51
Miscellaneous	250	577
Total ...	27,530	19,018

CHARGES.

	Estimates, 1874-75.	Actuals, 1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.		
New Works—		
Communications	4,327	77
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	3,530	3,301
Repairs—		
Communications	1,500	461
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,000	796
Establishment	1,092	...
Tools and Plant	200	5
GRANT II.		
Training Schools	225	82
Salary Grants	240	...
Results Grants	1,500	709
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	150	187
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	3,588	530
Vaccination	290	425
Registration of Births and Deaths	...	150
Conservancy	6,502	7,197
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	648	1,117
Choultries	218	175
Avenues, &c.	...	16
Miscellaneous	...	599
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	2,520	2,642
Refunds	...	189
Balances	...	360
Total ...	27,530	19,018

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Accountant-General.
,, President of the Local Fund Boards, Malabar District.

Exd. J. Wright.

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The PRESIDENT of the
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