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Municipal Report.

No. 219. Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector and President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary; 9th July 1875, No. 64:—

I have the honor to submit my report on the working of the Municipality at Gooty during the official year 1874-75.

2. It will be observed that at the commencement of the year a financial crisis threatened the existence of the Municipality, owing to circumstances detailed in my letter, No. 94, dated 20th August 1874, embodied in Proceedings of the Government, dated 30th September of that year, No. 1651. As this Municipality verged on insolvency, and as its existence for the future under those circumstances involved much doubt, it was strongly recommended both by the Vice-President and myself that it should be closed. A timely advance from Provincial Funds, as sanctioned in paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 30th May 1874, No. 930, has enabled the Municipality to retrieve its position, and I have now the honor to report its operations under these improved circumstances.

3. The question of abolishing the Profession-tax led the Government to call for a revised Budget for this Municipality; but as the cutting off of this source of revenue would completely cripple its resources the "retention" of this tax was permitted in paragraph 1 of the same order as a "necessity."

4. The revised Budget met with the sanction of Government in their Order of 30th September 1874, No. 1651.

5. In the estimate originally submitted an income of Rupees 5,762 was budgeted for and charges to the same extent, leaving no balance at the credit of the Municipality to commence the new year with; in the revised Budget for the year under report an income of Rupees 5,497 was anticipated and charges amounting to Rupees 7,117; in this they exceeded the probable income by Rupees 1,710, which was advanced from Provincial Funds.

6. The actual receipts, however, exclusive of this advance, amounted to Rupees 5,629-2-5½, which is slightly in excess of the anticipated income. To particularize a few of them, it will be seen that the income from House-tax is slightly in excess of the demand. This the Vice-President explains is due to the actual remission being less than was expected at the time the Budget was framed. In other items there is a small decrease; that in the case of Taxes on Arts is due to the remissions on appeal being more than were expected, and that under Taxes on Vehicles and Registration of Carts is due to a practical evasion of the tax by the owners placing them beyond Municipal limits. The variations in other items are small and what are to be expected, and therefore do not call for special remark. Placing the items of decreases as a set off against those of increase above the estimate, it will be observed that there was a net increase above the estimated amount by Rupees 242-2-5½.

7. From causes already explained, the Commission was not in a position to undertake any new works, but contented themselves with looking after what they had already executed. Repairs amounted to Rupees 751-11-4, against an estimate of Rupees 750.

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8. In regard to Sanitary improvements, the Commissioners were per force restricted to the repairs of existing buildings as in the case of roads. Under Tools and Plant and Contingencies there is a saving of Rupees 60, owing to work being to a great extent executed by contract, and to their being no necessity for purchasing tools.

9. Under Education there is also a saving owing to the late date at which the Budget was sanctioned, not permitting of the private schools being inspected for Results grants, and partly also to the pay of the Second Master of the Anglo-Vernacular School not being disbursed during the time that the appointment was vacant by the resignation of the incumbent, and to the increased salary to the Peon not being paid as budgeted.

10. The Vice-President reports favorably on the progress made by the schools maintained by this Municipality, i.e., as long as they continued. The Commissioners closed the Anglo-Vernacular School as directed by Government in their Order, No. 13, dated 5th January last.

11. There is also a saving under Medicines and Supplies owing to excess charges of 1871-72 and 1872-73 being refunded during the year under report.

12. The Vaccinator is still remunerated on the results system.

13. A reduction in the number of Sweepers and in the stipends of those employed has resulted in a saving to the Municipality. The other items under this grant do not call for special remark.

14. The Lighting of the town is conducted departmentally. The charges incurred under this head include, beside cost of establishment, the sum of Rupees 192-4-0 paid to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. for ten lamp-posts purchased in 1873; no provision was, however, made for this charge in the Budget. Hence the excess.

15. The increase in the item Watering trees is due to extra establishment entertained for watering trees during the extreme heat of the weather. The other items do not merit special notice.

16. The Vice-President's report, with its enclosures, is enclosed. He has been requested in future not to enter fractions of a pie in his accounts.

From C. J. CROSTHWAITE, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Gooty, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated Gooty, 4th May 1875, No. 15.

With reference to G.O., No. 820, dated the 11th of July 1867, I have the honor to forward, for transmission to Government, the annual report on the working of the Towns Improvement Act in Gooty during the official year 1874-75, with the usual explanatory Statements as prescribed by Government in their Proceedings, No. 1646, dated the 28th of October 1871.

2. The report of the Medical Officer of the place on the health of the town, the annual Auditor's report with certificate appended, and the statement called for by Government in their Order, No. 822, dated the 12th June 1873, are enclosed.

3. The number of Meetings held during the year under report was nineteen.

4. The balance to the credit of the Municipality at the commencement of the year was Rupees 10-0-1. The actual receipts from the various sources detailed in Statement I, amounted to Rupees 7,349-2-4½, making a total of Rupees 7,359-2-5½.

5. In G.O., No. 1651, dated the 30th of September 1874, the estimates of receipts and charges were passed.

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6. The following Statement shows the details of receipts :—

Items.	Budget Allotment.	Actual Collections.	COMPARISON.			
			Increase.		Decrease.	
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	
Balance	10	10 0 1	0 0 1			
House-tax, &c.	850	922 7 10½	72 7 10½			
Taxes on Arts	407	383 8 0			23 8 0	
Taxes on Vehicles	600	468 0 0			132 0 0	
Registration of Carts	250	212 0 0			38 0 0	
Tolls	2,400	2,530 0 0	130 0 0			
Fines	280	212 9 0			67 7 0	
Contribution from Provincial Grant for Training Schools	180	165 0 0			15 0 0	
School Fees	150	145 6 0			4 10 0	
Surplus Pound Fund	130	80 6 8			49 9 4	
Contribution from Provincial Funds to make up deficit amount	1,710	1,710 0 0				
Miscellaneous	150	499 12 10	349 12 10			
Advances recovered		20 0 0	20 0 0			
Total	7,117	7,359 2 5½	572 4 9½		330 2 4	

House-tax, &c.—The increase under this head is due partly to the actual remissions made during the year being less than was anticipated at the time of framing the Budget, and partly to unoccupied sites having been assessed in the second half-year.

Taxes on Arts.—The decrease is owing to the remissions made on appeal being more than was expected when framing the Budget.

Taxes on Vehicles and Registration of Carts.—The decrease under these heads is chiefly due to the fact that some owners of vehicles, carts, and animals have removed their cattle, &c., out of the Municipal limits to avoid taxation on them.

Tolls.—The increase calls for no remarks.

Fines and Pound Fund.—The decrease under these heads is unaccountable.

School Fees.—The slight decrease requires no remarks.

Contribution from Provincial Funds for the Grant-in-aid.—This is the grant-in-aid to the Headmaster of the Anglo-Vernacular School. The decrease under this head is owing to the grant-in-aid for March not having been received within the year.

Miscellaneous.—The increase under this head is chiefly attributable to unexpected receipts, such as the proceeds of the sale of the materials of the Khandakam Chuttrum and the sale of the Khotwall's Choultry, and partly to refund by the Collector of Rupees 177-13-9, being the amount paid in excess towards the Munro's Civil Dispensary in 1871-72 and 1872-73, amounting in all to Rupees 400-4-0.

N.B.—You will observe from the above statement that there is a decrease in every item of receipts except House-tax, Tolls, and Miscellaneous.

The total amount of increase over the Budget Estimates is Rupees 572-4-9½ and the decrease Rupees 330-2-4, thereby making a net increase of Rupees 242-2-5½ over the Budget Estimates.

Only that portion of the deposit money which was credited to Municipal Funds has been entered in Statement No. I, as directed in G.O., No. 1588, dated the 28th of November 1872.

7. STATEMENT II. EXPENDITURE. GRANT I.—*New Works.*—No new works were carried out during the year under report, as no funds were available.

(2.) *Repairs, Communications.*—A sum of Rupees 750 was allotted in the Budget for the repair of roads and lanes, but it will be seen that Rupees 751-11-4 were spent. The main

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street from Munro's Chuttrum to the Municipal Office was remade, and some lanes in the town were repaired. The expenditure under this head is very little more than the Budget allotment and requires no remark.

Education.—A sum of Rupees 11-13-6 was spent, against the Budget allotment of Rupees 50, in repairing and white-washing the School-houses.

Sanitation.—A sum of Rupees 288-3-1 was spent in repairing and rebuilding the latrines. This became emergent, as all had been seriously damaged by the late heavy rains, and in the restoration of the dead-house which had fallen. The Commissioners observing that Rupees 40 allotted in the Budget under this head would be quite inadequate for the repair and rebuilding of the latrines, &c., they resolved, at a Meeting held on the 17th October 1874, to transfer a sufficient amount of the allotment of Rupees 600 made under the head of Cleansing Tanks, Wells, and Drains, &c.

Tools, Plants, and Contingencies.—A sum of Rupees 60 was allotted in the Budget for the purpose of buying stores, but as the works were carried out by contract they were found unnecessary and therefore nothing was spent under this head.

GRANT II. EDUCATION—Municipal Schools.—The amount spent was Rupees 983-8-0, against the Budget allotment of Rupees 1,188.

The decrease under this head is partly due to the fact that the Rupees 100 allotted in the Budget for Results Grants were not spent, as the Budget sanction not having been received till the middle of October there was no sufficient time for the training and inspection of pial schools; and partly to the fact that the Second Master of the Anglo-Vernacular School having resigned his appointment in the middle of September, and the place not having been filled; and, lastly, to the fact that the increased pay of one rupee per month to the Peon attached to the Mahomedan School, provided in the Budget for the whole year, was not paid till October.

Anglo-Vernacular and Mahomedan Schools.—These schools progressed fairly with the usual establishments, and the average attendance during the year under report was twenty-five in the former and forty-three in the latter. The Anglo-Vernacular School was abolished at the commencement of the current year as directed in G.O., No. 13, dated the 5th January last.

GRANT III.—Medicines and Supplies.—Rupees 216-15-0 were paid towards Munro's Civil Dispensary. I beg to observe here that a bill had been received from the Collector of the district for Rupees 216-15-0, being the contribution towards the Munro's Civil Dispensary for 1873-74 prior to the framing of the Budget and consequently a sum of only Rupees 49 was allotted in the Budget being the balance after deducting Rupees 177-13-9, the amount paid in excess towards the same in the years 1871-72 and 1872-73. The allotment was increased in your office by Rupees 250, and there is therefore a saving in this head.

Vaccination.—The system of paying by results is continued. The services of the Vaccinator from May to October were dispensed with for want of funds, and the Superintendent-General of Vaccination was requested to have the work done by the Taluq Vaccinator; but in October a Vaccinator was appointed on the terms described under this head in last year's report. A sum of Rupees 82-3-3 was spent, which is much less than the Budget allotment.

Conservancy.—A sum of Rupees 1,850-5-7 was spent under this head against the Budget allotment of Rupees 1,975. The decrease under this head is partly due to a reduction made in the number of scavengers and in the pay of the Sweepers from Rupees 5 to 4, and lastly to non-payment of the increased pay of the Maistry for August and September, as the Budget had provided.

Cleansing Tanks, Wells, and Drains.—A sum of Rupees 600 was allotted for the repair of the "Benakalabhavi" well and cleansing the side drains, &c., but the amount allotted was found quite inadequate to carry out the repair of that well as it was much damaged by the late rains and as it was too full. Rupees 96-11-6 were spent in strengthening the bund of the "Koontabhavi Koonta" during the late rains, and in building a tunnel to the "Benakalabhavi well" to let out the surplus water.

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Conservancy Contingent.—Rupees 21-7-0 were spent against the Budget allotment of Rs. 67 in purchasing baskets, brooms, &c.

GRANT IV.—Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—Lighting.—The lighting has been carried out departmentally during the whole of the year under report, and Rupees 556-7-5 were spent against the Budget allotment of Rupees 440. The above expenditure includes Rupees 192-4-0 paid to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., Madras, for ten lamp-posts bought in 1873. This liability was overlooked when the Budget was being framed and subsequently on demand the amount was paid. Hence the Budget allotment was exceeded.

Watering Trees.—In the Budget provision was made only for one cooly at Rupees 4 a-month and a garden watcher at Rupees 5, but as the heat increased it was found necessary to employ additional coolies for watering the young trees on the road sides near Munro's Chuttrum, and therefore the expenditure under this head exceeded the Budget allotment.

GRANT V.—Supervision and Management.—The establishment during the year under report consisted of one Writer, a Bill Collector and a Peon. A sum of Rupees 543 were spent under this head, which is less than the Budget allotment. The decrease is owing to the increased pay of the above three servants not having been paid till October, when G.O., sanctioning the pay was received, though the Budget provided from August.

Office Contingencies.—Rupees 161-8-9 were spent against the Budget allotment of Rs. 150 in purchasing office books, postage stamps, stationery and other sundries; the slight increase in the expenditure calls for no remarks.

Miscellaneous.—Rupees 40 were allotted in the Budget for killing snakes and dogs and for other unforeseen expenditure. Rupees 50-8-5 were spent, and the slight increase in this head calls for no special remarks.

Remissions.—Rupees 1-1-5 were spent in refunding to parties from whom excess of House-tax was collected.

8. The balance shown in Statement No. II is exclusive of Rupees 300 deposited by the Toll Contractor and shown in Statement No. III.

9. STATEMENTS II-A, II-B.—These statements do not call for any special remarks.

10. STATEMENT No. III.—In this Rupees 600 and Rupees 30, deposited by the Toll Contractor and a Stone Contractor, respectively, and the balance of the last year (Rupees 300), have been entered. Of this, Rupees 20 were credited to Municipal Funds as part of the amount due by the Stone Contractor; Rupees 600 and Rupees 10 were returned to the above two contractors, respectively, at the close of their contracts, and Rupees 300, deposited by the Toll Contractor for the first half-year of 1875-76, remains still in deposit balance.

11. STATEMENT IV, PART I.—Current.—Rupees 2-6-0 (unoccupied site-tax arrears) have since been collected. In the sum of Rupees 891-6-7½ in column 2, there is an excess of Rupees 1-4-5 collected over and above the registered demand. It was refunded to the parties last year. Rupees 45-7-5 were remitted on appeals, of which Rupees 16-7-10 are House-tax, and the rest tax on unoccupied sites, of which the owners not being found and no claim having been made, the Municipal Commission have resolved to take possession.

The other items in this statement do not call for any remarks.

STATEMENT IV.—PART II.—Arrears Rupees 98-15-1. (Arrears of land-cess and house-tax of previous years). These are arrears of land-cess, &c., for the previous years found irrecoverable and therefore have been written off.

The other items in this statement call for no remarks.

The accounts have been audited by M. Bhimachari of the Sub-Collector's Office as in last year. In obedience to G. O., No. 1788, dated the 20th of October 1874, he has abstained from commenting freely upon the working of the Municipality, but he has scrutinized the accounts thoroughly, and given the result of the scrutiny in his report.

HEALTH OF THE TOWN.—The town has not suffered from sickness to any great degree during the year, although the late excessive rains caused a great deal of discomfort in the way of damp, &c., owing to the peculiar conformation of the town and its surroundings.

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The Medical Officer's report gives particulars under this head.

I am happy to be able to say that the Commissioners seem to take an increasing interest in matters connected with the improvement of the town, and to recognize better their position and the objects for which they were appointed.

Much might be done for the town were funds available, but in the present condition of things the operations of the Municipality cannot be regarded as much more than a struggle for existence. If, however, the Commissioners will continue to work with a small office establishment, so as to devote as much of their revenues as possible to works which the ratepayers can see with their own eyes and appreciate, the unpopularity of the Municipality may gradually diminish.

This is, I think, the wish and object of the Commissioners at the present time.

Annual Medical Report of the Civil Dispensary, Gooty, for the year ending 31st March 1875.

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
Remained on the 31st March 1874	2	32
Admitted in the year 1874-75	87	1,846
Total	89	1,878
Discharged cured	70	1,782
„ relieved	8	37
„ no better	1	...
„ absent	1	11
Died	7	...
Remaining 31st March 1875	2	48
Average daily sick for the year	6.03	35.97

The hot season, though severe, was of short duration, the rains having set in earlier than usual. The fall of rain during the year under review has been very plentiful, the result being that the poor people suffered a good deal more from sickness this year than the previous one. The chief prevailing diseases during the year have been fevers, chest and bowel affections; there were 253 admissions of fever cases, out of which number only one case proved fatal.

2. The sanitary condition of the town is good.

3. One hundred and forty-eight subjects were vaccinated during the year, of which number five were unsuccessful, and two doubtful cases. There was a decrease in the numbers vaccinated over the previous year, of eighty-two; this has been mainly due to the services of the Vaccinator having been dispensed with for nearly four months. No cases of small-pox occurred during the year, but there were a few cases of chicken-pox and measles.

(Signed) S. E. CARRAPIETT,
Assistant Apothecary in Medical
charge, Civil Dispensary.

GOOTY,
1st April 1875.

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No. 220. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1876, No. 928.

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

RECEIPTS.	Estimates. Actuals.		CHARGES.	Estimates. Actuals.	
	1874-75.	1874-75.		1874-75.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	100	10	GRANT I.		
Assignments by Government	130	80	New Works—		
Rate on Houses	672	922	Repairs—		
Tax on Arts	800	384	Communications	200	752
Tax on Vehicles	340	468	Educational	80	12
Registration of Carts	240	212	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Tolls	2,800	2,530	neous	40	233
Fines	200	213	Establishment	96	...
Contribution from Local Funds	180	165	Tools and Plant	25	...
Miscellaneous	300	2,355	GRANT II.		
Advances Recoverable	...	20	Municipal Schools	980	984
			GRANT III.		
			Hospitals	250	217
			Vaccination	150	82
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths	102	...
			Conservancy	2,064	2,554
			GRANT IV.		
			Lighting	658	556
			Avenues, &c.	120	129
			GRANT V.		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment	997	755
			Refunds	...	1
			Balances	...	1,029
Total	5,762	7,359	Total	5,762	7,359

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„ Public Works Department.
„ Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.
„ Director of Public Instruction.
„ Accountant-General.
„ President of the Local Fund Board, Bellary District.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

S. P. sent to Madras Office.

Chief Secretary.

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