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Municipal—Report.

No. 245. Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 22nd January 1876, No. 29:—

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

2. Taxes were levied during the year from all sources except Profession.
3. The actual amount collected during the year was Rupees 31,266-10-7, or Rupees 36,331-5-8 including the opening balance.
4. The expenditure was Rupees 31,840-14-2, leaving an unexpended balance of Rupees 4,490-7-6 at the close of the year.
5. It will be seen that the actuals have fallen short of the Budget amount by Rupees 6,925, which is chiefly due to the Commissioners having levied House tax at 5 per cent. instead of at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., as originally proposed.
6. The variations under other items of receipts do not call for special remark.

7. The Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement enclosed shows that there remained a balance of Rupees 6,846-15-9 to be collected at the close of the year. Of this, Rupees 1,805-9-9 were the arrears of 1874-75, and Rupees 5,041-6-0 of previous years, 1872-73 and 1873-74.

8. The Vice-President in paragraph 4 of his report states that, with the exception of Rupees 59-0-5, the demand for 1874-75 has been fully realized, and the previous year's arrears have been reduced to Rupees 2,582 chiefly by writing off irrecoverable amounts. Now that the Profession-tax has been abolished arrears should rarely occur, and I trust that this year's report will show better results.

9. EXPENDITURE.—Rupees 460-12-8 for New Works, and Rupees 7,886-5-10 for Repairs, were spent during the year. The principal roads and streets were maintained in very fair order. But a few minor roads on the outskirts, and in particular the much-frequented Conolly Canal Road, did not have sufficient attention paid to them. The Commissioners should certainly widen, without loss of time, the road above mentioned, and repair on it, and elsewhere throughout the Municipality the present dangerously low protecting parapets. There are also throughout the Municipality large areas requiring to be opened up by means of narrow roads which can be formed at very small expense by widening slightly the existing foot-paths. I should like to see more progress made in this direction in future. Every native of position should be able to drive up to his own door in his bullock coach, and this is far from being the case at present.

10. GRANT II.—At the beginning of the year the Commissioners had two Elementary Schools, but as the attendance failed they abolished both of them. They have, however, established one at Tallee, a thickly-populated part of the town, and it seems to be doing fairly. The Commissioners have also paid Result grants and Salary grants to nine schools. The total cost for Education amounted to Rupees 1,499-7-9. The Vice-President's report does not give information to

enable an opinion to be formed as to the extent to which the Commissioners' expenditure under Grant II meets the requirements of the town in the way of elementary education. The children number many thousands, and only a fraction of the number attend school.

11. GRANT III.—The Commissioners are in charge of the Civil Dispensary and Leper and Small-pox Hospitals: the former has a funded capital of Rupees 25,550. The excess charges over the income of the Civil Dispensary, and the whole charges of the Leper and Small-pox Hospitals, were by a mutual arrangement equally shared by the Local Fund Board and the Municipality, respectively. The report of the Civil Surgeon on the working of these institutions is enclosed.

12. Vaccination.—The total cost under this head was Rupees 142-14-0. Nine hundred and sixty-nine cases were successfully performed. The vaccination staff consists of only one man. One more vaccinator at least should be entertained for so large a Municipality.

13. Registration.—The cost under this head was Rupees 750-2-11. The statistics registered are given in the statement in detail. Since this establishment was originally organized it has registered in successive years—

	Births.	Deaths.
1872-73	1,688	1,501
1873-74	1,251	1,006
1874-75	1,082	1,340

No explanation is offered as to why the number of births in the year under report was less than the number of deaths, and, in the absence of explanation, the result must be put down to deficient registration.

14. Conservancy.—Rupees 6,235-10-0 were expended under this head. The streets and lanes were kept clean, but it is only since the end of the year under report that any attention has been given to the most important subject connected with the conservancy, viz., the almost inconceivably filthy state of private latrines in the more crowded portions of the town. The Commissioners have hitherto done scarcely anything to mitigate the evil, and I trust that, when submitting the current year's report to Government, I shall be able to report considerable progress in this direction.

15. GRANT IV.—Under this head Rupees 2,615-1-8 were spent for various purposes; the main item of expenditure was for lighting the town.

16. GRANT V.—Rupees 2,344-11-3 were spent for Establishment including Miscellaneous charges.

From P. A. COLE, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Malabar, dated Calicut, 23rd December 1875, No. 145.

I have the honor to report on the working of the Towns Improvement Act (III of 1871) in the Calicut Municipality, during the official year 1874-75, and to forward the usual statements.

2. Taxes were levied during the year from all sources prescribed by the Act except from professions.

3. The total amount collected during the year was Rupees 31,266-10-7. This added to the opening balance, Rupees 5,064-11-1, of the Municipality (the dispensary having none), aggregates Rupees 36,331-5-8 at the close of the year.

4. From the Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement a sum of Rupees 6,846-15-9 will be seen as outstanding on the 1st April 1875. This was due mostly to the arrears of 1872-73 and 1873-74 on account of Profession-tax. From the particulars given below it will be seen that the actual outstanding of the year under report is only one-fifth of that of the previous year, and this is owing to the total absence of a demand under Profession-tax in 1874-75. It will also be seen that this sum was reduced to Rupees 59-0-5 by the realization of Rupees 1,687-14-2 subsequent to the close of the year, and by writing off the accounts Rupees 58-11-2 on the 1st December 1875. Likewise a sum of Rupees 5,041-6-0 on account of 1872-73 and 1873-74 has been reduced to Rupees 2,582 on the 1st December by realization of Rupees 321 and by striking off as irrecoverable the large sum of Rupees 2,138-6-0. It is anticipated that an equal sum will yet have to be written off from the latter balance of Rupees 2,582 owing to poverty, deaths, and departures among the rate payers:—

	Outstanding on the 1st April 1874.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1875.	Collected up to 30th Nov. 1875.	Written off.	Total Columns 3 and 4.	Balance.
Current, 1874-75.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
House and Paramba Tax	1,493 9 0	1,234 1 0	1,124 3 0	56 12 0	1,180 15 0	53 2 0
Profession-tax	4,265 0 0	...	...	...	...	...
Paddy Land-tax	...	671 8 9	563 11 2	1 15 2	565 10 4	5 14 5
	5,758 9 0	1,905 9 9	1,687 14 2	58 11 2	1,746 9 4	59 0 5
Arrears, 1873-74.						
House and Paramba Tax	...	11 6 0	...	11 6 0	11 6 6	...
Profession-tax	...	3,005 0 0	241 0 0	1,046 0 0	1,287 0 0	1,718 0 0
1872-73.						
House and Paramba Tax	...	...	...	...	...	...
Profession-tax	...	2,025 0 0	80 0 0	1,081 0 0	1,161 0 0	864 0 0
	...	5,041 6 0	321 0 0	2,138 6 0	2,459 6 0	2,582 0 0

5. EXPENDITURE—GRANT I—New Works.—Rupees 460-12-8 were spent on a masonry revetment for the Beach road. No other new work was executed as Government (Proceedings, dated 17th June 1874) declined to sanction provision of funds under this head.

6. Repairs.—A sum of Rupees 7,886-5-10 was spent under this head. Of this, Rupees 7,482-14-2 were for keeping thirty-four miles of roads in order; Rupees 45-5-6 for repairing the Municipal School at Panniengara; Rupees 122-5-0 for the annual repairs of the Civil Dispensary; and Rupees 235-13-2 on account of Tools, Plant, and Contingencies.

7. GRANT II—Education.—Rupees 108-2-3 were spent for maintaining a school at Valayanad during the first five months of the year, and subsequently at Talli for the other seven months, at a cost of Rupees 321-9-5. The school was removed as the attendance was poor at Valayanad, and the Commissioners considered Talli a better situation. In this opinion the Commissioners have been justified by the subsequent success of the school.

There was also another school at Panniengara, established in the early part of 1872-73, which was abolished at the beginning of the year under review, as the Commissioners found it was very badly attended. The cost of the school up to date of its abolition was Rupees 175-7-2.

The Commissioners have now only one school at Talli, which has a Headmaster and two Assistant Masters, and has an average attendance of forty boys per diem. Rupees 104 were paid as salary grant to a Moplah mosque and a Mahomedan School; Rupees 525-12-0 were paid as grants for seven schools situated within the Municipality under the results system; Rupees 219-2-3 as inspection charges; and Rupees 45-6-8 as contribution on account of the Normal School.

8. GRANT III—Hospitals and Dispensary.—Rupees 6,745-0-4 were spent on account of the Civil Dispensary for diets, medicines, and pay of medical subordinates and servants. The funded capital of the Civil Dispensary, amounting to Rupees 25,525, which had been lent on interest at 9 per cent. by its former Trustees, is now being recovered and invested in Government

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paper. This institution is highly beneficial to the inhabitants, and the attendance of both in and out patients has increased so greatly as to render the services of an additional third-class Hospital Assistant indispensable. The Civil Surgeon's report on the working of this institution during 1874-75 is enclosed.

Rupees 2,216-10-9 were spent on account of the Leper and Small-pox Hospitals.

9. Vaccination.—The total cost under this head was Rupees 142-14-0. Of this, Rupees 120 was for a vaccinator on Rupees 10 per mensem, and Rupees 22-14-0 on account of lymph which was procured every month at an average cost of Rupees 1-14-6. The results of vaccine operations appear satisfactory, as out of 1,137 vaccinated 969 were successful.

10. Registration.—Rupees 750-2-11 were spent for this purpose. The establishment was similar to that maintained in 1873-74. The statement showing the births and deaths is enclosed, from which it will be seen that there was no cholera during the year.

11. Conservancy.—Rupees 6,235-10-0 were expended for the establishment noted in the margin. In addition to this, Rupees 50 were spent for cleansing a tank at Panniengara used for bathing-purposes by the Nair population of that place.

One Nuisance Inspector,
" Maistry.
" Peon.

Nine Scavengers.
Seven Bullock Carts.
Fifty-two Sweepers.

12. GANT IV.—A sum of Rupees 2,615-1-8 was spent under this head, of which Rupees 1,010-2-0 was for lighting the town; Rupees 252-4-4 for purchasing Silber's kerosene lamps; Rupees 834-11-8 were spent for the Survey establishment and other sundry municipal purposes in addition to Rupees 406-3-3 for watering streets and killing stray dogs; and Rupees 111-12-5, being pay of a Massaljee who was employed at the Musafirkhana up to August.

13. GRANT V.—Rupees 2,344-11-3 were for the establishment of the office of the Commissioners, and Rupees 461-1-9 on account of contingencies. There is an item of Rupees 432-15-3, which was overpaid by the Municipality to meet the requirements of the dispensary during the year at a time when there was nothing at the credit of the Dispensary Fund, and which was subsequently repaid.

The accounts of the Municipality were audited by a gentleman unconnected with the Commission, and his report and statement for the year are herewith submitted.

From J. G. BREAREY, Esq., Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Calicut, to P. A. COLE, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Calicut, dated Calicut, 14th August 1875.

I have the honor to state that I have examined the accounts of the Municipality for the year ending 31st March 1875. The balance at credit of the Municipality on the 31st March 1874 was Rupees 5,064-11-1; the balance on the 31st March 1875 was Rupees 4,490-7-6, the receipts during the year amounting to Rupees 3,126-10-7, the disbursements to Rupees 31,840-14-2. The receipts and disbursements are specified in the accompanying Statement A.

I have found each debit supported by its proper voucher, and the credits appear to be in order, and to have been transferred to their respective heads in the ledger. I would point out that this latter book does not show, as it should, the amount received or expended on each individual account, but this I am informed is owing to departmental orders.

I also append two statements (B and C respectively), the statement of arrears and statement of Dispensary accounts.

I have to thank Mr. J. L. Frank, the Acting Head Clerk, for the ready assistance which he has rendered to me.

Report on the Calicut Civil Dispensary by Surgeon-Major W. H. ROBERTS, M.D., Civil Surgeon, Malabar.

The Calicut Dispensary has done good work during the year 1874-75. In no previous year since its establishment has so much work been done.

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The subjoined table exhibits this concisely. Eleven thousand, seven hundred and seventy-nine patients of all classes were treated. Theself-dieting patients were forty-nine:—

Europeans.		Out-patients.	In-patients.
Admissions	...	2,179	13
Deaths	...	36-57	25
Daily sick	...		
Natives.			
Admissions	...	8,989	598
Deaths	...		61
Daily sick	...	120-98	28-0

The principal diseases which prevailed were fever, diarrhoea, dysentery, rheumatic affections, venereal affections, anæmia, general dropsy. The large number of deaths among native in-patients is explained by the circumstance that they are frequently brought to hospital when in extremis.

The chief wants of this dispensary now are, a place or places for caste patients and a lying-in ward. This latter want is very urgent, not only for the relief of the parturient, but also for the instruction of midwives.

I am glad to state that we have at last got two Hospital Assistants for our hospital. Both men do their work well, and give satisfaction. Quarters for these men are very much needed. They have no suitable place to live in near the hospital, consequently live at an inconveniently long distance from it.

(Signed) W. H. ROBERTS, M.D., Surgeon-Major,
Civil Surgeon, Malabar.

STATEMENT showing the Work done at the Leper Hospital, Calicut, during the year 1874-75.

The Leper Hospital has sheltered, on an average, 24-37 patients daily throughout the year. In this way it continues doing good. In former reports I have stated the inadequacy of the hospital, &c., for the proper treatment of leprosy.

The floor of the hospital is now of asphalt, and is a vast improvement on the old wooden one.

The subjoined table gives a comparative statement of admission, deaths, and daily sick for the years 1873-74 and 1874-75:—

	1873-74.	1874-75.
Admissions	85	66
Deaths	7	10
Average daily sick	18-5	24-37

CALICUT,
18th August 1875.

(Signed) W. H. ROBERTS, M.D., Surgeon-Major,
Civil Surgeon, Malabar.

STATEMENT showing the Work done at the Small-pox Hospital, Calicut, for the year 1874-75.

Small-pox prevailed throughout the year. One hundred cases were admitted into hospital; thirty-four died; none of these vaccinated. Compulsive vaccination is the only remedy for this state of matters.

The subjoined table gives a comparative statement of the admissions, deaths, and daily sick for the years 1873-74 and 1874-75:—

	1873-74.	1874-75.
Admissions	66	100
Deaths	26	34
Average daily sick	3-75	5-28

CALICUT,
18th August 1875.

(Signed) W. H. ROBERTS, M.D., Surgeon-Major,
Civil Surgeon, Malabar.

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No. 246. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1876, No. 941.

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

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	Estimates, 1874-75.	Actuals, 1874-75.		Estimates, 1874-75.	Actuals, 1874-75.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward...	2,000	5,065	GRANT I.		
Rates on Houses	20,500	13,454	<i>New Works—</i>		
Taxes on Arts	3,000	1,318	Communications	6,500	461
Taxes on Vehicles	1,600	1,220	<i>Repairs—</i>		
Registration of Carts	600	367	Communications	6,940	7,005
Tolls	3,000	4,034	Educational		45
Fees	300	521	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Fines	250	462	neous	850	122
Endowments, &c.	2,490	2,223	Establishment	486	478
Contribution from Local			Tools and Plant	186	236
Funds	4,475	6,159	GRANT II.		
Miscellaneous	550	1,075	Training Schools	70	45
Advances Recoverable		433	Municipal Schools	850	603
			Salary Grants	120	104
			Results Grants	1,100	520
			Contribution to Local		
			Funds for Educational		
			Inspection	180	219
			GRANT III.		
			<i>Hospitals and Dispensa-</i>		
			ries	9,050	8,962
			Vaccination	250	143
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths	390	750
			Conservancy	7,500	6,286
			GRANT IV.		
			Lighting	1,288	1,262
			Choultries	48	112
			Avenues, &c.	200	406
			Miscellaneous	380	835
			GRANT V.		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment	2,252	2,760
			Advances Recoverable		433
			Refunds		37
			Balances	125	4,490
Total ...	38,765	36,331	Total ...	38,765	36,331

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. J. Wright.

Chief Secretary.

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