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Municipal—Report.

No. 249. Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Tellicherry, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cochin, 31st January 1876, No. 32 :—

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the annual report on the working of the Towns Improvement Act in the Tellicherry Municipality during the year 1874-75, and also the necessary statements.

2. Taxes were raised from all sources, except Profession-tax.

The total amount of actual receipts during the year under report including the opening balance amounted to Rupees 15,131-8-0, and the actual expenditure to Rupees 15,053-11-1, leaving a balance of Rupees 77-10-11 at the close of the year.

3. RECEIPTS.—The particulars of actual receipts under the several major heads compared with the estimates in the Budget are here given :—

	Estimate.			Actuals.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Balance	3,015	7	8	3,015	7	8
2. Assignments and Allotments from Govt...	100	0	0	192	5	0
3. Rates, Taxes, &c.	9,875	12	0	10,473	3	4
4. Fees in Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Endowments, Sundry Contributions, &c...	870	0	0	850	9	3
6. Contribution from Local Funds for Public						
Works and Hospitals	2,260	0	0	...	...	...
7. Miscellaneous	470	0	0	599	12	9
Total	16,591	3	8	15,131	6	0

4. The increase over the estimate under Rates, &c., fell under Tolls and Taxes on Vehicles, and the reasons why no contribution was received from Local Funds in the year were, *first*, that the Commissioners had, without sufficient explanation, included among their Budget receipts a sum of Rupees 1,260 as a contribution due from the Local Fund Board on account of "Communications;" and, *second*, that the Commissioners did not apply in time for the contribution due to them from Local Funds on account of the Dispensary.

Regarding the first of these items, the Local Fund Board at a meeting held on 26th November 1874 decided that "the settlement by which a share of the tolls was to be paid to the Municipality must be taken as having relieved the Local Fund Board of all expenditure on roads in the Municipality," and, accordingly, the claim to which the Local Fund Board had not agreed, and which the Board was, I think, for the reasons given justified in refusing, was not settled.

As regards the second item, the Municipal Commissioners made no application for the Dispensary contribution, and it was not till the last month of the year, and in reply to a memorandum from my office, that the required information was received, and the contribution forwarded.

5. In connexion with this latter subject the Commissioners, it will be seen from paragraph 10 of the Vice-President's report, consider they are entitled to a further sum of Rupees 82-7-6, which is the difference between the proportion,

viz., seven-thirteenths claimed by the Municipality and that agreed to by the Local Fund Board, *viz.*, half of the net charges of the Tellicherry Dispensary. The sum budgeted by the Municipality was only Rupees 1,000, but the actual receipt was Rupees 1,135-1-11; being half of the net expenses. As the Government in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 298, of the 23rd February 1874, reviewing the annual report of the Municipality for 1872-73, have already decided this point in accordance with the views held by the Local Fund Board, it is to be hoped that this disputed point will be finally laid at rest.

6. The Statement of Demand, Collection, and Balance of the year shows a more satisfactory collection in this Municipality than in any other in the district, the outstanding at the end of the year being only Rupees 45-8-6.

7. The particulars of expenditure as compared with the Budget Estimates are given below under all major heads:—

	Estimate.	Actuals.		
	RS.	RS.	A.	P.
Grant I—Public Works	6,786	6,251	1	7
„ II—Education	2,000	559	14	8
„ III—Sanitation and Medical Services	5,886	6,216	4	9
„ IV—Miscellaneous	200	217	12	2
„ V—Supervision and Management... ..	1,358	1,806	14	5
Refund of Taxes... ..			1	11
Total ...	16,230	15,053	11	1

8. GRANTS I AND II.—The deficient expenditure under Grants I and II was due to lack of funds. The Commissioners had, as above alluded to (paragraph 4), relied on getting from the Local Fund Board a sum of Rupees 1,260 for the maintenance of roads lying within municipal limits, and had also counted on receiving the Local Fund Dispensary contribution within the year. These calculations upset their Budget Estimates under Grants I and II.

9. GRANT III.—The increase in the expenditure under Grant III is owing to the payment of Rupees 432-8-6 in the year under report for medicines supplied in the previous year.

10. GRANT V.—The only other head which calls for any remarks as to variations between the estimate and actuals is Grant V, which relates to the Office Establishment of the Municipality. The increase under that head is due to the retention, pending the orders of Government on the subject, of part of the establishment which was recommended to be reduced.

11. As regards the operations of the Civil Dispensary maintained by the Municipality and the sanitary condition of the town, I submit the report of the Medical Officer together with the necessary statements. The dispensary has increased its usefulness in the treatment of out-patients, but there is still great room for improvement in vaccination operations, notwithstanding that 4 Annas is paid to each child operated on.

12. I am glad to observe that the Commissioners have by opening up existing lanes made Division D more accessible. This method of dealing with these cross

lanes in Western Coast Municipalities is an eminently useful one, and worthy of imitation elsewhere.

13. Referring to paragraph 21 of the Vice-President's report, I consider that Mr. Garthwaite was acting rightly in examining the Moplah Schools referred to, seeing that they had been under inspection and in receipt of Salary grants since July 1873, though of course it rested with the Commissioners to pay the grants earned or not. The fact that the Commissioners were pressed for funds seems to me an inadequate reason for withholding the grants in the two cases mentioned when it is considered that for eighteen months the masters had been working in anticipation of receiving aid. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, that these grants should be paid.

From M.R.R. C. CANARAN, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Tellicherry, to W. LOGAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Tellicherry, dated Tellicherry, 29th July 1875, No. 31.

I have the honor to submit, with the necessary enclosures, the report for 1874-75 of the Tellicherry Municipality.

2. Since the last report there have been eight members on the Commission. Amongst the ex-officio members there was a change in the person of the Sub-Collector.

3. The number of meetings held during the year was thirty-four.

4. Among the ex-officio members one gentleman has not attended the meetings for six and another for twelve months.

5. The number of persons fined by the Magistrates for nuisances, &c., under the Bye-laws was twenty-seven, the fines levied from them being only Rupees 50-8-0.

6. Demand notices had to be issued against ninety-five out of 1,749 ratepayers. But there was no necessity for issuing even a single warrant. Every item due from the ratepayers has been realized.

7. The interest realized for the year (on Rupees 500, a part of the funded capital of the Civil Dispensary) it will be seen from the enclosures was small. From the remainder of the capital, *viz.*, Rupees 4,678-5-7, adverted to in paragraph 25 of last year's report, the President has been requested* to purchase a Government Promissory Note for Rupees 4,500.

* On the 28th October 1874.

8. Owing to the difficulty about the 2,000† and odd Rupees the Commissioners relied for on the Local Fund Board when they framed their Budget, and owing to the extra charges they had to meet to the extent of about Rupees 1,000, as shown in paragraphs 18 and 31 of this report, they regret they were not able to carry out the

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Communications	1,260	0	0
2. Hospital	1,317	9	5
Total ...	2,477	9	5

Budget provisions in their integrity before the closing of the year.

9. The first item noted above, *viz.*, Rupees 1,260, has been the subject of a reference‡ to Government, and their order thereon is awaited.

† Vide paragraph 7 of my letter, No. 19, dated 9th February 1874 (Budget report).

‡ Vide paragraphs 11, 12 and 13 of my covering letter to the current year's Budget, dated 8th February 1875.

§ G.O., No. 491, dated 17th April 1871. Paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 298, dated 23rd February 1874.

10. Of item No. 2, Rs. 1,135-1-11 have been received from the Local Fund Board after the close of the year. The balance Rupees 82-7-6 they have neither paid nor shown any reason for so doing. The general rule§ laid down by Government is that seven-thirteenths of the charges of the Civil Dispensary shall be borne by the Local Fund Board.

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11. The total revenue for the year including the opening balance	RS. A. P.
is	17,692 13 11
Release and remission... ..	13 3 6
Net Revenue ...	17,659 10 5
Collection within the year including balance	15,031 6 0
Do. after the year but before the date of this report ...	1,185 12 11
The deposit with the Zillah Surgeon recredited	100 0 0
Total ...	16,317 2 11
Balance due from the Local Fund Board ...	1,342 7 6
Total ...	17,659 10 5

Rupee 0-12-8 is the average per head of the population, viz., 20,504.

The amount spent within the year was Rupees 15,053-11-1. Closing balance in the Government Treasury was Rupees 77-10-11, of which Rupees 6-7-7 is a part of the funded capital of the Civil Dispensary.

12. Now for the expenditure.

13. GRANT I.—The allotment in the Budget for compensation for the land taken for the new road was Rupees 1,050. Rupees 705 was paid before, and the rest after, the close of the year.

14. As sanctioned the road has been extended over 140 yards.

15. Six crossroads eastward and westward in Division D have been widened as far as practicable. This has been the means of clearing the wild appearance of the locality and affecting facility of communication whereby the inhabitants are placed.

16. Rupees 160 was voted to build two privies for the use of travellers resorting to the Chuttrum built in 1872-73. One of them is completed, and the other is being completed.

17. To build a latrine at Challi and for the value of its site Rupees 550 was allotted in the Budget; but owing to the insufficiency of the fund the latrine is not completed.

18. The outlay of Rupees 697-8-0 for the repair of roads, it will be seen from the statement, was in excess of the amount allotted for the purpose. This is accounted for by the fact that

Rupees 755-14-0 had again to be spent for the upkeep of the road No. 7* leading from the Salt Gollah to the Erinjolly Bridge. This road, it will be remembered, is the one frequented by strings of carts carrying coffee and other grains worth lakhs of Rupees from Coorg, Wynaad, &c., into the town whence they take return goods.

19. GRANT II.—For Education the Commissioners thought they could only vote Rupees 1,000, and expressed so in paragraphs 11 and 12 of their letter to Government, dated 22nd August 1874, forwarding their Budget Estimates for the year under report. The allotment was since

Salary Grants for Moplah Schools	RS. A. P.
Normal School	345 8 0
Municipal School	45 6 8
Result Grant	19 0 0
Total ...	150 0 0
	559 14 0
	767 4 0
Total ...	1,327 2 8

raised to Rupees 2,000, which they now regret as they have been able to pay only Rs. 1,327-2-8, viz., Rupees 559-14-8 within and 767-4-0 after the year, which included also the savings effected under other heads.

20. That from the embarrassed state of the Municipal Fund the Commissioners regret they were unable to pay the result grants before the closing of the year, but they have however since, when they received funds from the Local Fund Board, paid nine certificates amounting in all to Rupees 767-1-0.

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21. The Commissioners have withheld the grants certified to two† of the Managers chiefly owing to the deficiency of the fund, and partly that when they received from the Inspector of Schools his intimation, dated 12th January last, that he would newly examine the two Moplah Schools receiving salary grants from the Municipality on the following day they were engaged in the consideration of how to reduce their expenditure on account of a great deficiency which they knew would occur in the fund as they had on the 8th idem (when three-fourths of the year was completed and the fund at the disposal of the Commissioners were almost all expended) received intimation, dated the 5th of that month, from the Vice-President of the Local Fund Board that they could not then obtain from the Board the Rupees 1,260 they had estimated on the receipt side of their Budget. As Mr. Garthwaite had also not previously obtained their consent to examine these schools as was necessary under G.O., No. 1626, dated 8th November 1873, they, in reply, wrote to request him to stay his examination of the schools in question. But he however disregarded their request on the ground he said that “the two schools have been on the receipt of salary grants since July 1873, so that no special sanction of the Commissioners is necessary.”	RS. A. P.
† One certificate	57 4 0
The other	40 4 0
Total ...	97 8 0

The Commissioners know of no authorities empowering the Educational Officers to ignore their objections to examine schools maintained by them. Mr. Garthwaite has therefore, they consider, transgressed his power, and has in a manner affronted them. On the day in question he was at the station and could easily have ascertained from them the nature of their objection, and which they would have convinced him was not invalid. But they regret that he did nothing of the kind, but disregarded their request, examined the school on his own responsibility, and forwarded his certifying memoranda countersigned by the Director to the President at Calicut. Under these circumstances, they would submit, for the decision of Government, whether it is incumbent upon them to pay the grants certified for the schools examined as detailed above.

22. In the year under report the Managers of two schools, one being the best of the lot, have withdrawn their schools from under the Result system. The grant obtained by each of them for the past three years is as shown in the margin.	1871-72.	1872-73.	1873-74.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Narangapuram School	183 0 0	191 0 0	114 12 0
Talayi School	60 8 0	58 4 0	...

The reason for this step, they say, was their disagreement with the Educational Officers. This might be true, for they would otherwise not willingly have declined an income in no way insignificant to them considering their circumstances.

23. The Commissioners have paid Rupees 45-6-8, being their share of the charges on account of the Normal Schools, as desired by the President, although there was no allotment for it in the Budget.

24. Rupees 150 sanctioned in the Budget for Inspection Charges the Commissioners have paid to the Local Fund Board, but the Board now claim for a further sum, which, owing to the embarrassed state of their finance, the Commissioners regret they have been unable to pay.

* Cost of medicines supplied to the Dispensary above	RS. A. P.
Educational Inspectorate	400 0 0
One-fourth of the salary of the Medical staff attached to the Dispensary received and expended under a misapprehension of the Order of Government, for the refund of which the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury presses	897 0 0
Total ...	195 8 0
	992 8 0

25. The Commissioners have still to pay about Rupees 1,000* on account of the charges of the year under review.

26. GRANT III.—Sanitation and Medical.—According to the statement furnished by the Zillah Surgeon the number of patients treated in the dispensary is 3,759, viz., 182 in-patients,

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	RS.	A.	P.
† Establishment	1,308	14	0
Diet	685	13	10
Medicines supplied in 1873-74 ...	432	8	6
Do. locally purchased in 1874-75 ...	116	13	6
Contingencies	512	12	10
Total ...	3,056	14	8

and 3,577 out-patients, the charges on the Municipality being Rupees 3,056-14-8.†
27. The Commissioners were unable to include in their annual statements the charges for medicines purchased from Government Depôt for the year under report, the same not having been informed them. It is better (for the decency of accounts) that the charges for each year are communicated to them before it is closed, and they therefore solicit again the favor for an order to that effect.

28. The result of the vaccine operation for the year however is not so unsatisfactory, the number of persons vaccinated being 1,004, of whom 816 being successful. There have been isolated cases of small-pox in the town as it prevailed throughout the district. One patient was admitted in the pavilion erected by the Commissioners, who however they regret did not survive.

29. The registration of births and deaths have also been conducted as satisfactorily as possible, the number of births registered being 603 against 569 deaths.

30. GRANT IV.—The European travellers' bungalow transferred to the Commissioners and the two native travellers' chuttrums are in useful condition.

31. GRANT V.—The expenditure under Establishment and Collection, it will be seen, has exceeded the allotment by Rupees 384. This is accounted for by the fact that, in consideration of the extreme difficulty and the cost, Rupees 384, for the collection only of Rupees 600 from over 1,000 poor ratepayers, the Commissioners proposed to exempt them from rates and to reduce their establishment. They therefore

omitted from their Budget Rupees 384, the aggregate saving from the reduction. But pending the Order of Government, which was only received on the 13th of February 1874, they retained the services of their entire establishment, and the expenditure consequently has been as in previous years.

32. The repair of the several roads and the conservancy works done during the year were as thorough as the funds at the disposal of the Commissioners were capable of, and they are glad to have to state that the condition of the several roads with the exceptions of Nos. 19 and 22 are good; that the town was free from epidemics except isolated cases of small-pox and unusual mortality; that the prices of grain were moderate; and that the year under report on the whole was a tolerably good one.

From Mr. N. L. D'CRUZ, Auditor, Municipal Accounts, Tellicherry, to M.R.R. C. CANARAN, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Tellicherry, dated 20th May 1875.

I have the honor to submit, for your information and for that of the President and Commissioners, this my report as to the result of auditing the accounts of the Tellicherry Municipality for the official year ending 31st March 1875.

2. I have gone through all the bills, about 1,750 in number, of rate on houses, buildings, and lands that had been issued during the year, carefully comparing the amounts therein with the collections made, as certified by the tax-collector on the back of each bill and entered in the Daily Collection-book (Journal), and found that those collections have been duly remitted to the Taluq Treasury. The few clerical errors that have been detected in some of the entries were duly rectified by me. The outstanding balance under this head at the close of the year was only Rupees 45-8-6.

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3. I have also examined all other items of receipts from different sources that were brought in in the books, and have satisfied myself that they have been duly remitted to the Taluq Treasury under the proper head of accounts. In like manner I have checked all the items of expenditure, and found them to correspond with the passed vouchers and bills.

4. A sum of Rupees 3,165-12-1 was received on account of the Civil Dispensary, being part of the funded capital. This amount having been supplemented by Rupees 6-1-11 out of the Municipal Fund made a total of Rupees 3,171-14-0, which was placed at the disposal of the President for the purchase of a Government Promissory Note. Though this item has been shown in the Treasury accounts to have been received and disbursed, still, as it is in point of fact a deposit rather than an actual disbursement, the same has been excluded from the annual returns.

5. The gross total of the receipt during the year inclusive of the recovery of the out-standings of, and balance from, last year is Rupees 15,131-6-0, and that of the disbursement is Rupees 15,053-11-1, as exhibited below:—

RECEIPTS.

	RS.	A.	P.
Balance from last year	3,015	7	8
Rate on Houses, Buildings, and Lands (Current)	6,274	4	0
Do. do. (Arrears)	104	10	0
Tax on Arts, Professions, and Trades (Do.)	14	8	0
Tolls	3,235	5	4
Dispensary	850	9	3
License for Carriage and Animals	681	0	0
Registration of Carts	63	0	0
Conservancy License	40	0	0
License for noxious Trades	10	0	0
Travellers' Bungalow	331	4	0
Fines and other Miscellaneous receipts	511	5	9
Total ...	15,131	6	0

DISBURSEMENTS.

	RS.	A.	P.
New Works	1,410	7	3
Repairs (inclusive of Establishment, &c.)	4,840	10	4
Education	559	14	8
Dispensary	3,056	14	8
Vaccination	312	13	4
Registration of Births and Deaths	324	0	0
Conservancy	2,522	8	9
Office and Collection Establishments	1,596	0	5
Miscellaneous Charges	430	5	8
Total ...	15,053	11	1
By Balance in Taluq Treasury on the 31st March 1875 ...	77	10	11
Total ...	15,131	6	0

6. I find that the books, accounts, &c., are regularly kept in the office.

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TELICHERRY MUNICIPALITY.

Sanitary Report for the Year ending 31st March 1875.

During the year 1874-75 there were 182 patients admitted into hospital, and 3,577 treated as out-patients against 182 in-patients, and 2,470 out-patients in the preceding year. It will be thus seen that, although the number of in-patients has remained the same, there has been an increase of 1,107 out-patients, which shows that the institution is steadily increasing in popularity.

The most prevalent diseases which occasioned admissions into hospital were as usual ague, syphilis, diarrhoea, dysentery, ulcers, and wounds, and those among the out-patients ague, rheumatism, syphilis, diarrhoea, dysentery, boil, ulcers, and wounds.

Small-pox was more or less prevalent in the town during the whole of the year, but gave rise to no admissions, the people generally preferring to be treated by their own native doctors for this disease.

The Dispensary building is in good order and preservation. The accommodation is ample for the requirements of the town.

The state of vaccination is still far from satisfactory. The number of operations performed by the Municipal Vaccinator was 944, of which 816 were successful, twenty-four unsuccessful, and in 164 the result was unknown. Although the Municipality has now for some time been giving 4 Annas to each child operated on, and who is brought to me, the number who are found willing to undergo the operation is very small considering the population of the town about 20,000, and that certainly not more than 15 per cent. of that number are vaccinated.

TELICHERRY,
1st April 1875.

(Signed) H. HYDE, Surgeon,
Zillah Surgeon.

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No. 250. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1876, No. 943.

The report on the working of the Tellicherry 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 ...	3,015	3,015	GRANT I.		
Assignments by Government.	100	192	New Works—		
Rates on Houses ...	6,314	6,379	Communications ...	1,250	927
Taxes on Arts ...	37	15	Sanitary and Miscella- neous ...	1,242	483
Taxes on Vehicles ...	300	681	Repairs—		
Registration of Carts ...	60	63	Communications ...	3,000	3,698
Tolls ...	3,065	3,235	Educational ...	50	...
Fees ...	50	50	Sanitary and Miscella- neous ...	100	59
Fines ...	50	50	Establishment ...	1,044	1,044
Endowments, &c. ...	1,130	851	Tools and Plant ...	100	40
Contribution from Local Funds ...	2,260	...	GRANT II.		
Miscellaneous ...	210	600	Training Schools ...	...	45
			Municipal Schools ...	...	19
			Salary Grants ...	330	346
			Results Grants ...	1,520	...
			Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection ...	150	150
			GRANT III.		
			Hospitals and Dispensa- ries ...	2,670	3,057
			Vaccination ...	320	313
			Registration of Births and Deaths ...	340	324
			Conservancy ...	2,556	2,522
			GRANT IV.		
			Choultries ...	100	101
			Avenues, &c. ...	100	117
			GRANT V.		
			Supervision and Manage- ment ...	1,358	1,807
			Advances Recoverable ...	...	2
			Balances ...	361	77
Total ...	16,591	15,131	Total ...	16,591	15,131

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

- To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar District.
 " 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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