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Municipal—Report.

No. 276. Read the following letter from C. VENCATAKISTNA, Moodelliar, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajapett, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, North Arcot, dated Wallajapett, 4th September 1875, No. 110 :—

I have the honor to submit the annual accounts of the Municipality for 1874-75, which were audited by the Surintendant of Wallajah Talaru, and found correct, as per his report herewith enclosed.

2. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.—The amount collected during the year is Rupees 10,547-5-3 exclusive of opening balance, and of deposits from contractors and appellants. The amount actually expended was Rupees 9,282-8-1, and that outstanding in the shape of advances is Rupees 15-9-8, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,921-7-1 in favor of the Municipality, or inclusive of deposits Rupees 2,999-9-1.

3. The particulars of receipts and disbursements, as shown in Statements, 1 and 2, are as follow :—

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	Budget.	Actuals.		Budget.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward.	700	672	GRANT I.		
		298	New Works—		
			Sanitary and Miscella- neous	2,176	1,060
		352	Repairs—		
Registration ..	675	624	Communications	1,000	991
Tolls	5,330	5,330	Sanitary and Miscella- neous	515	439
License Fees	50	35	Other Items	330	325
Magisterial Fines	50	61	GRANT II.		
Fees from Schools	140	122	Municipal Schools	783	637
Miscellaneous	726	906	Result Grants	100	93
Advances recovered	100	224	Miscellaneous	190	80
			GRANT III.		
			Dispensaries	250	250
			Vaccination	140	117
			Registration of Births and Deaths	197	195
			Conservancy	2,519	2,319
			GRANT IV.		
			Lighting	740	664
			Market	126	49
			Other Purposes	652	643
			GRANT V.		
			Office	1,260	1,214
			Miscellaneous	238	207
			Advances recoverable		16
			Balance		1,921
Total	11,216	11,220	Total	11,216	11,220

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The cause of the accumulation of the large closing balance of Rupees 1,921-7-1 is attributable to the following causes:—

	RS.
Recovery of Court costs from Mundy Iyasami Mudali, amounting to ...	116
Saving under Grant I of Rupees 1,059 by the discontinuation of the side-drain project (paragraph 12 <i>supra</i>), and of Rupees 132 in the expenditure on petty drains and works ...	1,191
Saving under Grant II by the withholding of increase to school-masters by reason of their having had their promotion about the beginning of the previous year by the reduction of contribution for Educational Inspectorate, and by the reduction of expenditure under Miscellaneous ...	250
Saving under Grant III by the entertainment of scavengers on less than the budgeted wages, and by scavenger carts having been got at a reduced hire ...	177
Saving under Grant IV in lighting charges and the dispensing of the services of the Market Superintendent ...	138
Saving under Grant V ...	48
Total ...	1,920

4. *Health*.—The health of the town has been good during the year. It has been totally free from cholera.

5. *Births and Deaths*.—The number of deaths 422.

6. *Vaccination*.—The total number of persons under one year of age, and above one year of age, were of persons under one year of age, and above one year of age. In the case, thirty-two operations were successful, and one unsuccessful, and in the latter 110 successful, and twelve unsuccessful. None have availed themselves of the bounty of 1 Anna offered per each proper child vaccinated.

7. *New Works and Repairs—Roads and Streets*.—All the roads in the town were repaired during the year, and as a protective measure revetments were erected to the road in Pujalee Pachai Street. The Smiths' Street and Kachalai Naik's Street roads were thoroughly repaired. A portion of the Chetty Street road which was unusually high, and which therefore afforded risk of inundation during the rains to some of the houses thereabouts, because of their having been much below the level of the road, was lowered and repaired. The road to the Palar Anicut was remodelled, as suggested by the President, in anticipation of the Palar Anicut Restoration works now in progress.

8. *Wells and Ponds*.—Three wells situated in Wudders' Street, Bujianna R Street, and the place known as the "Davedy," which were in a dilapidated state, were ripped up, and almost reconstructed during the year.

9. Parapet walls were erected to two wells and preparations made to put up ratnams, or water-drawing wheels, to the above wells, and to ten others situated in different parts of the town.

10. The steps to the Venayaga Chetty's drinking water-pond and the feeder to the Gramany's washing-pond were repaired. The repair of the steps of Royjee's pond is in progress.

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11. Nunjundapah's pond, reported in paragraph 6 of my letter dated 6th March last, No. 64, to be in point of purity of drinking water the best of all the other ponds in the town, its water being lighter than even the reputed water of the Palar River, was put under thorough repair during the year. Its feeder was cleaned and placed in a more convenient position, and its revetments were repaired and almost reconstructed. Preparatory to utilizing the surplus water of this pond in feeding the drinking water-pond, known as Yargambraiswara Swamy's Gunta, its outlet was also put under repair, and one of the feeders of the latter pond, which usually brought in the filthy street rain waters of Bowma Chetty and Gundama Chetty Pettas, was done away with.

12. *Drainage*.—Six hundred and forty-one lineal yards of side drains were constructed along sides of the Railway approach road in continuation of those mentioned in last report. This project has not come to completion, the Contractor having twice failed to fulfil his contract, because of the heavy rains, and because of his having met with an accident almost fatal. Now that the Palar Anicut Restoration works are in progress labour and materials have become scarce, so much so that it is hard to get them even at an exorbitant price. Added to this the low state of the finances of the Municipality, and the advisability of utilizing the little that is available, in carrying out works of greater importance (repair of street wells, improvement of useful drinking water-ponds, &c.) than a flood-water side-drain, which beyond and completing the chain, is not of very great importance to the Commissioners to give

and Gengana Mundapum Streets, respectively. Three culverts were repaired.

14. To prevent risk of inundation to some of the houseowners in Chetty Street, coercive measures were had recourse to during the year for the restoration of an old flood-water channel which usually passed through one of the backyards, and which the owner of it had blocked up to suit his own convenience.

15. *Lighting*.—Four lamp-posts of granite were purchased and arranged to be put up in Cuddapai Rangien Street, Fishermen's lane, and two other narrow lanes adjoining Cawder Sahib's and Cunchee Vurdia Chetty Streets.

16. *Belfry*.—The construction of the belfry is in progress, and will be completed shortly. There has been some difficulty in getting labor to complete the work.

17. *Latrines*.—The construction of the latrine in Taluq Cutcherry Street was completed, and two movable latrines, of tarred bamboo mats, were put up during the year. The latrine in Betel seller Street was repaired.

18. *Slaughter-house*.—The construction of the slaughter-house was brought to a completion during the year.

19. *Conservancy*.—The conservancy of the town was effected by departmental agency during the year, the system of getting the same cleaned by contract having proved a failure.

20. *Municipal Buildings*.—The toll stations at the Cauverypauk and Raneepet entrances, and the sheds at the cart-stand were repaired during the year. A compound wall was raised on the north side of the market in place of the former one which was in a dilapidated state.

21. *Wudders' Huts*.—Most of the narrow lanes in the Wudders' huts (*vide* paragraph 24 of annual report for 1873-74) have been widened, so as to be practicable for scavenging. The abandoned portion of the Wudders' huts were removed and levelled. The place is now open to tolerably free circulation of air, and a good drinking-water well situated in that vicinity (which was almost reconstructed during the year, as stated in the preceding paragraph 8) is likely to be of greater use to the public than it has hitherto been.

22. *Encroachments*.—A thatched house in Royjee Street, erected before the Act came into operation, was removed, as it was not in a line with the rest of the houses in the street, and was an obstacle to free ventilation. Two houses and compound walls in Teroomaligai and Lallapett Gate Streets which encroached upon the roads were also removed.

23. *Planting Trees*.—Three hundred and one new trees were planted during the year.

24. *Whitewashing*.—All the occupied houses in the town were whitewashed and otherwise cleaned during the year.

25. *Dogs and Monkeys*.—One hundred and eighty-six dogs were killed, and twenty-seven monkeys entrapped and deported during the year.

26. *Dust-boxes*.—Two hundred and thirty dust-boxes of granite slabs (of which twenty were purchased during the year) were put up and 403 mud bins repaired during the year.

27. *Noxious Vegetation*.—Six yards of prickly-pear were removed during the year. The rest at Municipal private property at the expense of the owners concerned, and the rest at Municipal expense, from different parts of the town, chief among which latter is the source of the feeder to Venayaga Chettys' drinking water-pond, brought under municipal control by the extension of limits sanctioned in G.O., No. 893, dated 26th May 1874.

28. *Compound Walls*.—Under the operation of the bye-law passed in G.O., of the 10th October 1872, No. 1378, the compound walls of seventeen houses facing the streets were put in repair.

29. *Education*.—There were at the close of the year under review two Municipal Schools attended by 107 pupils, and two Result Grant Schools attended by thirty-seven pupils, against three Municipal Schools attended by 125 pupils, and four Results Grant Schools attended by ninety-seven pupils at the end of the previous year. Thus there was on the whole a decrease of three schools, and of seventy-eight pupils during the year, in the list of schools supported by the Municipality.

30. The Girls' School, which had been maintained by the Municipality up to the end of the previous year, was made a Government School from the commencement of the year in accordance with G.O., No. 42, dated 14th January 1874. It does not therefore find a place in the list of Municipal Schools under report. Reduction in the amount set apart for result grant during the year, consequent on the opening of Telugu classes, as stated in the following paragraph, brought down the number of Result Grant Schools from four to two.

31. There are two schools of the description noted in the margin, which are entirely supported from Municipal funds. In June 1874 an additional master was appointed in each of these schools to teach Telugu to such pupils as were willing to read that language. This step has proved a complete success. Each school was supplied during the year with four benches, one chair, and one clock. The schools are now well provided with furniture and apparatus. The Headmaster of the Anglo-Vernacular School at Wallajapett, who is also a Municipal Commissioner, takes much interest in the welfare of these schools.

32. *Westernpet Municipal School*.—The establishment connected with the school is as per margin. This was started in July 1871. The highest class in this school approximates to a second class in a Taluq School. It contained at the end of the year fifty-eight pupils against thirty-six at the close of the previous year. They were divided into three classes each under the tuition of one master. The amount expended by the Municipality for this school was Rupees 350-8-4. Deducting from this Rupees 64-14-0, being the amount of school-fees realized and carried to credit, the actual expense incurred for this school, during the year was Rupees 286-14-4. It was inspected by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Chittoor Circle, on both of which occasions the progress made by the pupils was found satisfactory.

Masters.	Salary.
1. Thanicachella Pillai	12
2. Narrainsawmy Mudali	10
3. Andi Pillai	7

The highest class in it approximates to a second class in a Taluq School. There were at the close of the year forty-nine pupils in it divided into three classes against twenty-nine pupils at the end of the previous year. The amount paid from the Municipal funds for this school during the year was Rupees 320-5-11, and the school-fee collections amounted to Rupees 57. The actual expense incurred for this school was therefore Rupees 263-5-11. This school was inspected twice during the year by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Chittoor Circle, on both of which occasions the progress made by the pupils was found satisfactory.

34. *Result Grant Schools*.—Owing to the reduction of the amount allotted for Result grant, as already stated, the number of schools inspected under the system was reduced to two—Kistiah's School, and Chinniah's School. The former received a grant of Rupees 71-8-0, and the latter of Rupees 21 during the year. The progress made by the pupils in these schools have been on the whole fair.

35. *Meetings*.—Twenty-one ordinary and two special meetings were held during the year, and the average attendance of Commissioners at each meeting was five, against four during the previous year.

36. *Appeals*.—There were six old appeals on the file, and eight new ones were received during the year, making a total of fourteen. Of these, nine were

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against House-tax, and five against the abolished Trade-tax. In the former, the taxes of two appeals were confirmed, two reduced, and four remitted, dismissing one appeal for default of the appellant after due notice. In the latter, the taxes of two appeals were reduced, and one confirmed, dismissing one for default, and rejecting one by reason of the appeal being out of time.

37. Collection.—Of the House and Land tax of Rupees 455-11-8 remaining uncollected at the close of the year, Rupees 294-2-8 have since been recovered from one Azeez Dowla Bahadoor of Madras (whose case was stated at paragraph 34 of the annual report for 1873-74) and other defaulters, leaving uncollected a small balance of Rupees 161-9-0, which latter the Commissioners hoped to be able to collect soon after the disappearance of cholera from the town.

No. 87.

Submitted to Government. The cause of the large closing balance has been explained by the Vice-President. The difference in each of the other items being very small does not call for any remark.

PALMANAIR,
11th November 1875.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
President.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.

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No. 277. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1876, No. 970.

The report on the working of the Wallajapett 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.	1875-76.		1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward.	700	672	GRANT I.		
Assignments by Government...	285	293	New Works—		
Rates on Houses	2,150	1,963	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Taxes on Arts	660	639	neous	2,176	1,060
Taxes on Vehicles	350	352	Repairs—		
Registration of Carts	675	624	Communications	1,000	991
Tolls	5,330	5,330	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Fees	50	35	neous	515	440
Fines	50	61	Establishment	240	242
Miscellaneous	966	1,027	Tools and Plant	90	83
Advances Recoverable	...	224	GRANT II.		
			Municipal Schools	783	636
			Results Grants	100	93
			Contribution to Local		
			Funds for Educational		
			Inspection	90	30
			Miscellaneous	100	50
			GRANT III.		
			Hospitals and Dispensa-		
			ries	250	250
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths	197	195
			Conservancy	2,519	2,219
			GRANT IV.		
			Lighting	740	664
			Markets	126	48
			Avenues, &c., ...	252	252
			Miscellaneous	400	391
			GRANT V.		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment	1,498	1,421
			Advances Recoverable	...	16
			Balances	...	2,022
Total ...	11,216	11,220	Total ...	11,216	11,220

(True Extract.)

W. S. Whiteside
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, North Arcot 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, North Arcot District.

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