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Municipal—Report.

No. 196. *Read the following letter from the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cuddapah, 31st July 1876, No. 104.*

I have the honor to forward the Annual Report of the Cuddapah Municipality for the year 1875-76, together with the usual statements in connexion therewith.

2. The Civil Dispensary continues to be useful and acceptable to most of the native community.

3. No complaints were ever made against the working of the Towns Improvement Act, and several of the official and non-official members take interest in the work.

ANNUAL REPORT of the CUDDAPAH MUNICIPALITY for the Year 1875-76.

The collections and disbursements for the year ending 31st March 1876, compared with the estimate for that period and the actuals of the preceding year, are as follows:—

2. The actual collections are less by Rupees 4,153 than the estimate. "Rates on Houses" were assessed at Rupees 6,621, out of which Rupees 4,664 were collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,957 at the close of the year. "Tolls" estimated at Rupees 3,920 were let out to Rupees 8,120; Rupees 6,413 were realised during the year and Rupees 1,677 remained uncollected. The income from fees in the Municipal school was Rupees 859, or Rupees 241 short of the estimate. There was no opening balance, though Rupees 2,500 were entered in the Budget estimate.

3. The actual expenditure amounts to Rupees 18,875, or Rupees 6,125 short of the estimate. **Grant I. "New Works,"** estimated at Rupees 6,859 cost Rupees 1,238. Three new drains were opened and the road dam across the Ruggah river at the Baby ghāt has been finished. The sums allotted for the erection of the school-house and the reconstruction of the Travellers' bungalow, which were estimated for the former at Rupees 1,000 and the latter at Rupees 2,000, have not been expended. Rupees 154 only were spent upon the market against Rupees 2,000. Repairs cost Rupees 187 more than the estimate; this was owing to the Commissioners having undertaken to reconstruct the walls seriously damaged during the flood in 1871. A clerk and a bazaar have been entertained to assist the Sanitary Inspector who was also performing the duties of an Overseer; the expenditure under "Extraordinary" amounted, and estimated by Rupees 22.

Grant II. "Education," has been considerably decreased, the amount spent on Municipal school being Rupees 938 or Rupees 492 less than the estimate, and Rupees 151 were paid as "Rents Granted." On account of the abolition of the highest class at the recommendation of the Inspector of Schools, most of the boys have left the school, and the strength of the roll, from 102 in the previous year, has been reduced to 109, consequently the services of the master at Rupees 24 were dispensed with, and the second master was promoted as head-master at Rupees 17 per month. This arrangement was found not to work satisfactorily, and the Commissioners have again nominated a Matriculated Student at Rupees 25 per month.

Grant III. "Hospitals and Dispensaries," Rupees 2,080 were spent upon this. The salary of the medical subordinate for 1874-75 has been paid in this year. But according to a

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recent order of Government, the salary of the medical subordinates are now being paid into the Treasury soon after the close of every month. "Conservancy" cost Rupees 4,626. Rupees 593 were expended for medicines and medical comforts during the prevalence of cholera. The total charges under Grant IV were Rupees 1,388, and under Grant V, Rupees 2,276.

4. The net income from "Ponds" amounted to Rupees 126-8-7, and deducting Rupees 114-2-7 due to the Commissioners, there remains a balance of Rupees 12-6-0 in favor of the "Ponds."

5. The balance under "Deposits" was Rupees 1,966, and Rupees 210 were received during the year. Rupees 437 were returned to the Contractors, and the closing balance was Rupees 1,919.

6. At the close of the year there stood a balance of Rupees 1,957 on account of house-tax, and Rupees 1,017 on account of tolls, out of which sums Rupees 1,247 belonging to house-tax and Rupees 1,000 belonging to tolls have been since collected (but of Rupees 742, arrears of tolls in 1874-75, Rupees 434 were credited to the Municipal Fund during that year, and the balance, Rupees 308, remained undisturbed).

7. An extract of the Zillah Surgeon's annual report on the working of the Civil Dispensary is enclosed.

8. The town is kept clean and every attention has been paid to its sanitation; five carts and fifteen men were employed for the sweeping of the town, and three carts and six women were engaged for removing the nightsoils. One nightsoil cart and two extra scavengers were temporarily employed for a few months during the prevalence of cholera. Cholera prevailed epidemically throughout the district during the year under review, and the town suffered severely. The first case occurred on the 2nd of July, and the deaths registered during that month were 137. In August 227, in September 15, in October 2, in November 1, in December 2, in January 28, in February 18, and in March 11. The Commissioners took every precaution and adopted all sanitary measures to arrest the progress of the disease. Two Hospital Assistants were specially deputed on horse to house visitation. Medicines and disinfectants were freely and gratuitously distributed to the people.

9. The following table shows the particulars of births and deaths that occurred in the town from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876. —

Name of Town	Population	Cholera	Small pox	Typhoid	Causes of Death					Total Deaths	Births
					Born	Scalds	Wounds	Accidents	Struck by lightning		
Chidambaram	10,273	42	2	402	18	0	4	3	1	269	1,120

10. The Municipal Engineer performed 220 operations of which 121 were successful. The Vaccinator was sometimes employed on cholera duty.

11. The accounts have been audited by the English Head Accountant of the Collector's Department, out of which report a balance is forwarded. The suggestion made by the Auditor will be adopted from the beginning of the current year.

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INCIDENCE of the various Rates and Taxes in the Municipality of Chidambaram for the Year 1875-76.

Name of Place in which levied	Description and Object of Tax	Classes from and property upon which levied	Number of Tax-payers	Amount of Tax	Incidence of Tax			Act or Order under which and Date from which levied
					Per head of Population	Per head of Tax-payer		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Chidambaram	1. Rates on Houses and Buildings at 5 per cent	Houses	4,255	Rs. 212 7 4	Rs. 0 4 6	Rs. 1 1 0	26	G.O. No. 730, dated 26th May 1875, and levied from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876, vide G.O. No. 559, dated 21st March 1874.
	2. Rates on Land		...	...	...	...	...	
	3. Tax on Arts, Professions, &c.		...	...	...	...	...	
	4. Tax on Carriages, Horses, &c., at the maximum schedule rates	Carriages, Horses, &c.	258	Rs. 750 8 0	Rs. 0 0 9	Rs. 1 3 11	1	
	5. Tax on the Registration of Cattle at Rupees 2 per year	Cattle	500	Rs. 500 0 0	Rs. 0 0 7	Rs. 1 0 0	1	
	6. Toll of the minimum rates on Carriages, Cattle, and Animals shown in Schedule Statement I	Carriages, Cattle, and Animals	...	Rs. 6 43 6 4	...	...	...	

(Signed) J. R. DANIEL,
President.

(Signed) T. CRISTINA ROW,
Auditor of Municipal Accounts.

Chidambaram
31st July 1876

ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT of the Civil Dispensary, Cuddapah, for the Official Year ending 31st March 1876.

Observation on the Climate and the Season of the past Year.—The year under observation has been a very unhealthy one, though the temperature during the hot season has not been so intense and oppressive as the preceding one. The rainfall during the south-west monsoon has been very scanty and unequal and no rain fell during the north-east monsoon. The crops, both wet and dry, have consequently suffered severely throughout the district. The price of grain and other articles of food have, therefore, considerably enhanced.

Detailed Narrative of any Epidemic Disease.—Cholera has prevailed in an epidemic form in the town from 2nd July to 20th September, but it lingered here and there till 5th March when it disappeared entirely. It was at this time clearly traced to importation. A Constable with his wife came from Sidout, a custom station of a Thasadar about ten miles from Cuddalore, where the disease was, and had been for some time, committing great ravages, on the morning of the 2nd July. His wife was attacked a few hours after her arrival and died the same night. Next day several of the inhabitants living close to the Constable were attacked and succumbed. The disease soon spread into other parts of the town and continued to prevail till 5th March 1876, when it fell the place rather suddenly. There were altogether 673 attacks and 131 deaths reported by the Municipality and Police. The scourge prevailed also at the same time to almost all the towns of the district. Seven thousand eight hundred and eighty-four attacks and 2,255 deaths were recorded in Tanjore's Office.

Principal Diseases and Causes of Disease prevailed during the Year.—The principal prevailing classes of diseases during the year have been cholera, intermittent fevers, rheumatism, gonorrhea, venereal disease, bronchitis, diarrhoea, dysentery, measles, splenitis, grise worm, skin and skin diseases. Intermittent fever of a severe type, complicated in many instances with chills or local affections, has prevailed throughout the year, especially during the months of October, November, December and January; dysentery has also been common for the most part of the year. The total number of cases treated during the past year has been 19,114, of which 822 were in patients and 18,292 out-patients, showing a decrease of eighty-six in patients and 7,601 out-patients over the preceding year. Of the 822 in-patients, 116 showed themselves. The decrease was owing more probably to the prevalence of cholera in the river and farther throughout the year, and also to some extent to the establishment of two new Local and Dispensaries in the town of Ten District.

Legislation or Administrative Cases.—Several important cases were heard during the past year, and some of them of sufficient public interest to merit a separate official record.

Surgical specimens.—The following surgical specimens have been performed during the last official year:

Almona, born at Goshute	1	Cured.
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Almona, born at Goshute	1	Died suddenly by heart affection (anxiety).
" " " " " " "	1	
" " " " " " "	2	Cured.
" " " " " " "	2	
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Expenditures for salaries and other personnel of the Bureau — The expenditures for salaries for the direct employees of the Bureau of Transportation, reported earlier as the responsibility and partly of the Louisiana Board of Transportation for the interest of the bonded fund, and voluntary subscriptions from the public, were again available and disbursements during the past year for the same were made in accordance with the current financial statement.

Condition as to the Usefulness of Lying-in Ward, any.—The roof of the building hitherto used as Lying-in ward came down suddenly one day by the sinking of the foundation with the first shower of rain. The Municipal Commissioners are, I believe, not for the present disposed to build another ward, judging probably from past experience the unavailability of such an institution in a district like this, where the people are not so civilized as the southern division, and consequently parturient women do not resort to it readily, although every facility and comfort are afforded them.

Changes or Addition to Hospital Buildings.—No changes or addition were made to the dispensary building during the past year. The existing main building and out-houses (which are all mud structures) are old and in a dilapidated condition, costing the Commissioners a large sum of money every year to keep them from tumbling down. The Municipality have, however, at last resolved to build a new pukka dispensary according to the standard plan with suitable out-houses at a cost of Rupees 22,000, the plan and estimate of which are about to be submitted to Government for sanction.

First-Class Hospital Assistant M. Pachiappa Naikar, No. 609, attached to the dispensary, continues to discharge his duties to my entire satisfaction.

GUZDARAH,
1st April 1876

(Signed) A. LYASAWNY,
William Simpson

No. 197. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1876, No. 1743.

The subjoined abstract shows the transactions of the Ouddappah Municipality for the year 1875-76 as compared with the Budget Estimates and with the Actuals for 1874-75.

RECEIPTS.			
	Actual, 1874-75.	Estimate, 1875-76.	Actual, 1875-76.
Balance brought forward	824	1,500	45
Assignments by Government	237	150	250
Rates on Houses	5,382	6,000	5,472
Taxes on Acre	324		
Taxes on Vehicles	726	850	780
Registration of Carts	450	500	600
Tolls	3,167	5,120	3,240
Fees	18	20	0
Vine	168	150	140
Endowments, &c.	2,000	2,240	2,270
Contributions from Local Funds	1,850	1,850	1,800
Miscellaneous	2,683	2,320	2,075
Advances Recoverable	318		
Total	22,257	25,000	20,492

	Original	Revised	Actual
	1974-75	1975-76	1975-76
GRANT I.	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works—			
Communications	500	350	1,129
Educational	—	1,000	—
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	3,015	6,407	809
Repairs—			
Communications	1,750	350	170
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	201	600	1,392
Equipment	127	250	348
Tools and Plant	10	50	—

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	Actuals, 1874-75.	Estimate, 1875-76.	Actuals, 1875-76.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant II.			
Municipal Schools	1,192	1,370	899
Results Grants	311	250	151
Grant III.			
Dispensaries and Dispensaries	6,278	4,472	4,086
Vaccination	126	100	140
Registration of Births and Deaths	70	84	72
Conjuncture	3,455	2,875	4,026
Grant IV.			
Lighting	577	792	721
Markets			155
Sanitation			182
Assurances, &c.	206	1,008	227
Travellers' Bungalow	93		51
Miscellaneous	1,171		252
Grant V.			
Supervision and Management	1,911	2,530	2,370
Arrears Recoverable	218		70
Salaries	11	1,150	500
Education	—13		1,227
Total	23,231	25,000	20,102

2. The current receipts amounted to Rupees 20,102 or Rupees 3,398 less than the estimate, due to large sums having remained uncollected under House-tax and Tolls. The sum of tolls estimated to produce Rupees 3,420, and of this sum only Rupees 3,120, and of this sum only Rupees 2,443 were collected during the year. The amount for which the tolls sold corresponds very nearly with the tolls income of 1874-75. The Demand, Collection and Balance Statement shows that a sum of Rupees 693 was written off on account of arrears of House-tax. On the recommendation of the Inspector of Schools the Commissioners temporarily lowered the standard of the Municipal School, which led to the desertion of nearly half the number of students, and to a falling off in the school fees from Rupees 500 to Rupees 211. Under Miscellaneous, a sum of Rupees 1,171-5 is entered as having been received from Land-tax. If this was the amount of rate levied on land under section 10 of the Act, the sum should have been included in the collections on account of "Rates on House &c." The amount due on account of Surplus Board Fund was only Rupees 114-17, but it has been erroneously taken for the entire amount due from the Board.

3. The amount provided for Expenditure was Rupees 25,000, of which only Rupees 18,726 were turned to account.

Rupees 4,217 or 21 per cent. of the income under Grant I.

1,050 or 5.2 per cent. under Grant II.

4,374 or 23 per cent. under Grant III.

1,682 or 9.4 per cent. under Grant IV. and

2,455 or 13 per cent. under Grant V.

4. The grant for New Works has been very imperfectly utilized, the outlay being only 48 per cent. of the allotment for that purpose. The non-expenditure of the balance was chiefly in consequence of the construction of the School-house

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and the Travellers' bungalow not having been undertaken. It has not been explained why nothing was done to the former work which was provided for in the Budget of 1874-75 and afterwards re-entered in the Budget of the year under review. The latter work was postponed by Government in G.O., dated 17th March 1875, No. 598, pending settlement of the question regarding the reconstruction of the Bungalow Fund. The cost of Repairs has been 58^{rs} Rupees more than the estimate owing to the reconstruction of wells damaged during the floods of 1874.

5. The allotment for Education was Rupees 1,620, of which only Rs. 1,050 were expended or 5 per cent. of the total Municipal charges, and the decrease is due to the changes before mentioned in the arrangements of the Municipal School. The amount disbursed as Results Grants fell off from Rupees 311 in 1874-75 to Rupees 151, which again is Rupees 100 short of the estimate. The cause of this has not been explained. The number of schools which obtained grants and the number of children under instruction in them has not been stated. Information on both points will be supplied. The Government are not satisfied that adequate attention is being paid to popular instruction.

6. The report of the Medical Officer on the working of the Dispensary shows the year to have been unusually unhealthy. Cholera prevailed in an epidemic form throughout the district, and within the town 970 attacks and 431 deaths were reported. The Commissioners took special measures. As compared with the previous year there was a decrease of 80 and 3,136 under in and out-patients respectively, the total number of cases treated being 12,414. Of the 522 in-patients, 116 dieted themselves. The falling off in the attendance is attributed partly to the prevalence of cholera and partly to the establishment of two Local Fund Dispensaries in the district. The Living-in ward does not seem to have been much frequented, and is now in ruins. The charges of the institution amounted to Rupees 1,036 or Rupees 436 less than the estimate, the actuals for 1874-75 being Rupees 6,378. The excess expenditure in 1874-75 was due to a portion of the salary of the Medical Subordinate and the value of Medicines for 1874-75 having been paid in that year.

Vaccination showed indifferent results, only 205 operations having been performed against 357 in the year preceding. The Municipal Vaccinator was employed for some time on epidemic duty which perhaps accounts for the decrease. Due attention was paid to the sanitation of the town and the conjuncture arrangements cost Rupees 1,520.

(True Extract)

Chief Secretary.

- To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore.
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- Sanitary Commission.
- Director of Public Instruction.
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- President of the Local Fund Board, Cuddalore District.

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