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Municipal—Report.

No. 194. *Read the following letter from the Collector, and President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 8th* ——*inst* 1876, *No.* 54.

I have the honor to furnish the Annual Report for the Gooty Municipality for the year 1875-76.

2. The budget estimates were sanctioned in the Orders of Government, Financial, No. 305, of the 12th February, and No. 1035, of the 13th May 1875, respectively. The total actual receipts are slightly in excess of the budget calculation.

3. The only item, however, exhibiting material increase is that of "Tolls," which sold for the sum of Rupees 3,770, the actual collections of the previous year being only Rupees 2,530.

4. There has been a decrease under "Magisterial Fines."

5. Under the head of "Expenditure" nothing was provided for, and nothing could be spent upon new works. A sum of nearly 1,000 Rupees was disbursed in keeping up the communications lying within municipal limits, and the usual establishment for conservancy has been maintained. No improvements could be effected.

6. There is a slight increase over the budget allotment in the contribution to the "Munro Dispensary." This is always liable to variation, according to the time when the recoveries authorized by G.O., Financial, No. 622, dated the 3rd May 1872, are made.

7. The town was unusually healthy during the year notwithstanding the existence of cholera in the neighboring villages and in the district generally.

From C. J. CROSTHWAITE, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Gooty, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary, dated Gooty, 19th June 1876, No. 32.

In accordance with G.O., No. 830, dated the 11th July 1867, I have the honor to forward, for transmission to Government, the Annual Report on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act (III of 1871) in Gooty during the official year 1875-76, with the usual explanatory statements prescribed by Government in their Proceedings, No. 1046, dated the 28th October 1871.

2. The returns of the Medical Officer of the place on the health of the town and the annual Auditor's report are appended, and the statement called for by Government in their Order, No. 825, dated the 12th June 1873, is enclosed.

3. The number of meetings held during the year under report was twenty-nine.

4. The balance at the credit of the Municipality at the commencement of the year under report was Rupees 1,029-3-7½, excluding the deposit of the toll contractor for the first half of the year. No opening balance was entered as the receipts included the expenditure when submitting the budget. But the above sum having remained unexpended for the reasons noted in my letter, No. 9, dated the 19th April 1875, a supplemental budget was sent, and no explanation is therefore as necessary required.

The actual receipts from various sources detailed in Statement I amounted to Rs. 5,266-8-4, making, with the opening balance, a total of Rupees 6,295-11-11½.

to G.Os., Nos. 315 and 1035, dated the 12th February and 13th May, respectively, the estimates of receipts and charges were reviewed and passed.

Items.	Budget Allotment.	Actual Collections.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
House and Unoccupied Site Tax...	800	909 10 8	12 10 8	... ...
Professional Tax	370	391 0 0	21 0 0	... ...
Taxes on Vehicles	500	459 0 0	... ...	41 0 0
Registration of Carts	230	253 0 0	23 0 0	... ...
Tolls	2,400	2,770 0 0	370 0 0	... ...
Fines	280	175 4 0	... ...	104 12 0
School Fees	70	66 0 0	... ...	4 0 0
Provincial Grant	...	15 0 0	15 0 0	... ...
Demand and Notice Fees	...	22 7 4	22 7 4	... ...
	4,710	5,005 6 0	465 2 0	149 12 0
Miscellaneous	220	159 0 2	... ...	60 15 10
Surplus Pound Fund	130	49 2 2	... ...	80 13 10
	5,060	5,263 8 4	... ...	... ...

House Tax.—The increase under this head is owing to some houses built after the demands of the year had been assessed.

Professional Tax.—The increase is due to the fact that a smaller number of remissions were made during the year.

Taxes on Vehicles.—The decrease under this head is due to the reasons given in the last year's report.

Registration of Carts.—The increase under this head is due to the fact that some carts which had escaped their taxes were detected, prosecuted, and made to pay.

Tolls.—The increase under this head is inexplicable of explanation.

School Fees.—The increase here is nothing that needs no remark.

Fines.—While submitting the budget estimates the amount was estimated at Rupees 2,400 on the account of the previous year, but the amount rose to Rupees 2,770 owing to increased realizations.

Provincial Grant.—No allowance is shown in the budget under this head as the Anglo-Vernacular School was closed, and this amount is the grant in aid due to the school for the months it was open during the year, which it would receive thereafter.

Demand and Notice Fees.—The increase has been realized upon notices issued to persons owing to the Municipality.

Miscellaneous.—The returns under this head were less than the budget allotment on the account of a sum of Rupees 70 deducted from the sale of the materials of the Conservancy Establishment, as mentioned in paragraph 1 of the letter, No. 71, dated the 19th April 1875, from this Board to Government, and the arrears which were credited to the year preceding, were included in the opening returns of the year under report.

Sewers in Travelling Shed.—The increase is unaccountable.

From the appended statement you will observe a net increase of Rupees 271 and odd upon the budget allotments.

Establishments.—General Charges.—A sum of Rupees 921 was allotted in the budget for the establishments employed and during the year under report four establishments were abolished and two new ones were created. Hence the increase under this head.

Education.—A sum of Rupees 3 was spent in getting petty repairs done to the Mahomedan school building.

A sum of Rupees 196-4-0 was spent in rebuilding a male latrine in the Fort with bricks and chunam as plastering all the other latrines. In the original budget nothing was allotted under this head owing to want of funds, and in the supplemental budget only Rupees 105 were provided. The balance was passed from the allotment from cleansing tanks, drains, &c., by this [illegible] this resolution, No. 4, dated the 30th March 1876.

Grant-in-aid, Education.—The establishment of the school was the same as during the year preceding, *viz.*, two masters and a peon on salaries of Rupees 15, 10, and 4, respectively (*vide* Statement II-B under this head).

Contingencies.—Rupees 6-10-0 had to be expended in furnishing gunny cloth for the Mahomedan school boys to sit upon, and, as no allotment had been made in the budget estimates, the amount had to be taken from the allotment for cleansing tanks, drains, &c.

Results Grants.—Rupees 28-8-0 were spent against the budget allotment of Rupees 75 as the schools that were examined had not been properly trained and as only two of the girl schools obtained grants.

Contribution to Local Funds.—Rupees 25 were contributed to Local Funds for the services of the Inspecting Schoolmaster in this Municipality.

Contribution to Civil Dispensary.—Rupees 361-14-10 were spent for contribution to the Civil Dispensary against the budget allotment of Rupees 250, and the difference was taken from the allotment for cleansing tanks, wells, and drains, &c. (*vide* this Board's resolution, No. III, dated the 16th July 1875).

Vaccination.—The system of payment by results is still continued. The services of the [illegible] vaccinators were maintained throughout the year, and also [illegible] Rupees 112-4-0 against the budget allotment of Rupees 120.

Registration of Births and Deaths.—No provision was made in the budget under this head and the charges were met from the allotment for office contingencies.

Conservancy.—The establishment was the same as in the latter part of the preceding year, and the slight difference between the actuals and the budget allotment was due to deductions on account of fines, &c. Under the head of "Conservancy, Contingent" only 8 Rupees were expended against the budget allotment of Rupees 57.

Lighting.—The slight difference in the lighting establishment was caused by deductions on account of fines, &c., and that under the head of "Contingencies" needs no remarks.

Watering Trees.—The amount spent under this head is Rupees 96-15-0, against the budget allotment of Rupees 48. The increase being due to the employment of an additional coolie for some time in the hot weather, the cost of manure and other supplies for the avenue trees, whereas the budget allotment included only the pay of one watering coolie for the year.

Office Establishment.—The actuals spent under this head is a little less than the budget allotment owing to deductions on account of [illegible], fines, &c.

Office Contingencies.—The amount spent under this head exceeded the budget allotment as the [illegible] to the amount of Rupees [illegible] and Rupee [illegible] were spent from [illegible], which was not contemplated when the budget was prepared.

Taxes.—The amount refunded to owners of houses has been found to vary from [illegible] was Rupees [illegible].

Remarks in Abstract No. II.—These statements do not call for any special remarks.

Statement No. III.—In the statement for balances brought forward is entered 9-0-0, and in the deposit column 70 on account of the first half of that year and Rupees 900 on the deposits of the second half of that year and the first half of the current year. Out of these Rupees 900 [illegible] to Government, have been refunded, and the rest is returned for the present half year.

Statement No. IV.—Rupees [illegible] was the balance for the last year carried to this account. [illegible] Out of the demand of Rupees [illegible] (including [illegible]) Rupees 601 [illegible] were collected, Rupees 2 [illegible] remitted or struck off, and Rupees [illegible]

Number of Cases.	Description and degree of Filth.	Per Head of Population.	Amount of Fine.	Remarks.
433	Nuisance from mud and refuse in front of houses, and from rubbish and refuse thrown into the streets, &c.	Rs. a. p. 0 10 11	Rs. a. p. 27 2 6	Fines levied under Act III of 1871, and Sections 133, 134, and 136 of Act X of 1872.
237	Do. do.	0 12 3	15 7 6	0 1 0	Fines levied under Act III of 1871, and Sections 133, 134, and Item No. 2 of Rule 1 under Act III of 1871, passed the 28th May 1874.
450	Do. do.	0 12 3	29 2 6	0 1 2	Fines levied under Act III of 1871, and Section 133, 134, and Item No. 2 of Rule 1 under Act III of 1871, passed the 28th May 1874, and Sections 750, and 751 of Act X of 1872.
963	Do. do.	1 9 8	60 0 0	0 1 8	Fines levied under Act III of 1871, and Section 133, 134, and Item No. 2 of Rule 1 under Act III of 1871, passed the 28th May 1874, and Sections 750, and 751 of Act X of 1872.
1,233	Do. do.	1 9 8	77 0 0	0 1 8	Fines levied under Act III of 1871, and Section 133, 134, and Item No. 2 of Rule 1 under Act III of 1871, passed the 28th May 1874, and Sections 750, and 751 of Act X of 1872.

Statement giving the Number of Cases, Description and degree of Filth, Amount of Fine, and Average Rate per Head of Population, in respect of Cases instituted under Act III of 1871, and Sections 133, 134, and 136 of Act X of 1872, and Item No. 2 of Rule 1 under Act III of 1871, passed the 28th May 1874, and Sections 750, and 751 of Act X of 1872, and Section 3 of Act III of 1873, for the Year 1875-76.

(Signed) C. J. GRENFELL, *Vice-President.*

ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER 1876, No. 1741.

Read the following report from the Municipal Commissioner of Cuddalore, dated 30th August 1876, forwarding the Municipal Council's resolution on the Auditor's report on the Municipal accounts for the first half-year of 1876-77:

Auditor's report.—The Auditor's report is favourable. The balance is Rupees 3-13-8, of which a part has since been written off in the first half-year. The balance is to be written off as irrecoverable.

The demand under the head of "Taxes on Arts" was Rupees 397, out of which Rupees 391 were collected in the year under report and Rupees 6 on the 1st April. The latter sum is, however, entered as balance.

Health.—The health of the town was comparatively good during the year under report, [illegible] villages, failed to gain a footing in Cuddalore though a few cases occurred at intervals. Precautions were promptly taken, and the sanitation of the town was attended to as well as could be done with the very limited funds at the disposal of the Municipality. The Commissioners have, I am happy to say, been taking a lively interest in the sanitation and improvement of the town, and by personal efforts have most laudably exerted themselves to do work which in a well-to-do Municipality would be done by paid agency.

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

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
Remained 31st March 1875	2	48
Admitted in the year 1875-76	75	1,849
Total ...	77	1,897
Discharged	68	1,797
Died, relieved	6	46
Do. no better	1	1
Do. absent	0	5
Dead	3	1
Remaining 31st March 1876	2	47
Average daily sick for the year	0·88	42·88

1. *General Observations bearing upon the Climate, Atmospheric Phenomena, their influence on the public state of Health, Presence or absence of Epidemic Diseases.*—The hot season (especially the months of April and May) was very trying, the days being extremely hot and the nights sultry. The rainfall during the year has not been so plentiful as the year previous. Although cholera was prevailing at the time in some of the villages near Coonoor, Ooty itself was all but free from that disease. There were altogether eleven cases of cholera only, five of this number occurred within municipal limits, the remaining were confined to the Railway, and all attended at the Railway station. Small-pox and measles also prevailed to a certain extent in the town. There were four deaths from small-pox.

II. *Sanitation.*—The sanitary condition of the town is fair; there is a good deal of room for improvement.

III. *Vaccination.*—Two hundred and three (203) persons were vaccinated—an increase of 106 over the previous year. 190 of the number vaccinated 22 were unsuccessful and 3 doubtful cases.

Ooty, (Signed) S. DE CARRALHO, *Assistant Surgeon,*
1st May 1876. *In-medical Charge, Civil Dispensary.*

No. 1705. Ooty, Coimbatore, 28th September 1876, No. 1741.

The following abstract shows the receipts and charges of the Ooty Municipality for 1875-76 as compared with the sanctioned estimates for that year and the actuals for 1874-75:—

Charges.	Actuals, 1874-75.	Estimate, 1875-76.	Actuals, 1875-76.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I.			
Repairs—			
Communications	752	991	993
Educational	12	160	...
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	268	...	190
Grant II.			
Municipal Schools	684	348	353
Results Grants	...	50	28
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	...	25	25
Grant III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	217	336	365
Vaccination	82	120	112
Registration of Births and Deaths	...	...	16
Conservancy	2,368	2,500	2,619
Grant IV.			
Lighting	136	...	124
Avenues, &c.	120	44	54
Grant V.			
Establishment	733	764	772
Refunds	1	...	2
Balances	1,020	...	952
Total ...	7,079	5,930	6,705

2. Excluding the opening balance, the receipts are slightly in excess of the estimate, but less than the previous year's actuals by Rupees 2,086; the increase as compared with the previous year is chiefly under Miscellaneous. The Tolls which form more than 52 per cent. of the income of the Municipality sold for Rupees 370 more than the amount estimated. The Demand, Collection and Balance Statement is very satisfactory, the whole demand on account of House and Trade taxes, exceeding very much rules under the former head remitted and written off as irrecoverable, having been 6·4 in dewing the year.

3. The expenditure under different heads amounted to Rupees 6,000, or Rupees 240 more than the estimate. The following figures give the approximate percentage proportion between the income of the Municipality and the outlay under each of the grants, with charges for advances and refunds, and closing balance:—

	Rates.	Expenses.
Grant I.	10·7	10
II.	5·6	5·6
III.	41·3	39·5
IV.	2·0	2·5
V.	39·4	19·4
Advances and Refunds	0	...
Balance	29·5	4

4. The main roads in the town were kept in good order. Two new roads are said to have been made; but neither their names nor the amounts expended on them are given in the statements.

5. The grant for Education has been utilised, the expenditure being Rupees 408 against Rupees 426 provided in the Budget. Of the Results Schools, only two earned grants, consequently nearly half of the allotment on that account expended. The number of pupils under instruction in the schools as well as those in the Municipal School should have been stated. It is observed that in a town of, say, 7,000 inhabitants only Rupees 423 were spent on instruction of children. The matter will doubtless receive the anxious attention of the Commissioners.

6. The contribution to the Civil Dispensary was Rupees 110 more than the amount allotted, the increase being attributed to certain recoveries made with reference to G.O., dated 3rd May 1872, No. 622. The report on the working of the dispensary is satisfactory. As compared with the preceding year, there is a decrease of eleven under in-patients, and an increase of nineteen under out-patients.

7. The result of vaccination shows that 254 persons have been vaccinated against 419 in 1874-75. It is not clear what arrangements were made to register births and deaths, for which there appears an expenditure of Rupees 16. No separate establishment appears to have been sanctioned for the purpose. The conservancy charges were nearly the same as last year. It is gratifying to observe that cattle-pounds were let on rental during the year, and yielded an income.

The Government note with satisfaction the personal exertions of the Commissioners in the administration of the law.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Coots
Board of Revenue.
Medical Department.
Public Works.
Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
Southern Circle Inspector.
Director of Public Instruction.
Accountant-General.

Dated 196 .

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