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**Municipal—Reports.**

No. 153. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cocanada, 18th September 1876, No. 19:—

I have the honor to report on the working of the Ellore Municipality for the official year 1875-76, and to forward, herewith, the prescribed statements.\*

\* No. 1.  
2. The Government are aware that, for many months past, there has been no Head Assistant Collector and therefore no Vice-President for the Municipality. The Commissioners, however, have at last sent me the annual report, and I enclose a copy.†

† No. 2.  
3. The report is so full of the transactions of the year that I cannot find anything important to add to it, but it will be convenient if these operations are reviewed here in a concise form, together with a few remarks as to the causes of variations which have been omitted by the Commissioners.

4. The year opened with a balance of Rupees 3,884-5-4, which was raised to Rupees 11,578-8-4 by receipts during the year. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 9,578-8-1, thereby leaving a balance of Rupees 2,000-0-3 in favor of the Municipality on 31st March last.

5. *Statement No. I.*—The expected receipts of the year were Rupees on the understanding that the opening balance would only be Rupees Rupees 3,884-5-4; which was the actual balance. The actual receipts came up to only Rupees 11,578-8-4 inclusive of the large balance, chiefly owing to two causes, viz., the non-collection of Rupees 1,741-10-0 of House-tax in consequence of assessments having been made too late in the year, and the non-recovery of Rupees 1,000 entered in the Budget from the Local Fund Board on account of the Civil Dispensary, as stated in my letter of the 4th ultimo, No. 14, in submitting the Budget of 1876-77.

6. *Statement No. II.*—The estimated expenditure was Rupees 12,030, and the actuals only Rupees 9,578-8-1. The only item in which there has been a large falling off is Hospitals and Dispensaries under Grant III. Rupees 2,000 were budgeted for 1875-76. Of this Rupees 170, moiety of the cost of establishment of the Civil Dispensary at Ellore, was payable by the Local Fund Board; 1,000 Rupees were provided for large supplies of medicines, which however were not purchased for reasons unknown, and the remaining Rupees 830 for diet of patients, sundries, and contingencies.

7. The Budget allotments have not been fully utilized under Grant I., New Works and Repairs, and Conservancy under Grant III. Some improvements have been made, and more than this we cannot expect in the absence of a responsible officer of Government such as the Vice-President.

8. *Statement No. IV.*—The demand under these heads was fixed at Rupees 7,913-12-0, of which Rupees 6,148-1-0 Rates on Houses, Tax on Arts and Tolls. were collected, and Rupees 24-1-0 remitted, the balance to be collected being Rupees 1,741-10-0 as already explained. To this should be added the arrear demand of Rupees 260-15-0. A larger portion

of the balance has been collected during the current year (1876-77), and steps are being taken to realize the remainder.

9. *Statement No. V.*—The incidence of house-tax per head is Rupee 0-2-2, and of the other taxes a few pice, and the same per head of taxpayers is Rupee 1 house-tax, Rupees 2-2-3 tax on carriages and horses, and Rupees 4-1-9 fees on registration of carts.

10. *Statement No. VI.*—Excluding the balance at the commencement of the year, and the deposit of tolls, the actual receipts of the year 1874-75 and the estimates of 1875-76 are practically equal. The actuals of 1875-76 have fallen off owing to the non-collection of a large portion of rates on houses and to the non-recovery of Local Fund contribution for the dispensary. These will of course be collected during the current official year. The large decrease in the actual expenditure of 1875-76 compared with that of 1874-75 was in consequence of many roads and many drains having been constructed and materials worth Rupees 3,000 having been bought for the Civil Dispensary in 1874-75.

11. I was afraid that I should not receive any report on the Ellore Municipality in consequence of the absence of the Vice-President and the late transfer of the Tahsildar D. Verabadrappa, who was a Commissioner also. However, that the Commissioners have sent one, though after a long delay, has been unavoidable under the circumstances.

12. The accounts of this Municipality now received correspond with those rendered to the Accountant-General by the Deputy Collector in charge of the treasury in all respects but two. One is that the receipts from tax on houses were entered in the latter account as Rupees 1,854-1-0, Rupees 24-15-0 thereof being shown under Refunds, while the net receipts alone have been shown in the former. The other is that Rs. 3-7-6 were erroneously debited to 4, Conservancy under Grant III in the Deputy Collector's account, instead of to 1, Hospitals and Dispensaries under the same major head.

13. The report\* of the Hospital Assistant in charge of the Dispensary at Ellore, and copy† of the certificate of the Auditor, are also enclosed. The Auditor has suggested the modification of certain forms of accounts kept in the Municipality, and this has been carried out.

From the Municipal Commissioners, Ellore, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, dated 11th September 1876, No. 19.

We have the honor to submit the annual report on the working of the Towns Improvement Act III of 1871, in the Ellore Municipality, for the past official year 1875-76.

2. *BALANCE.*—The balance at the beginning of the year under report was Rupees 5,884-5-4.
3. *REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.*—The receipts during the year including the said balance were Rupees 11,578-8-4, and the disbursements Rs. 9,578-8-1, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,000-0-3.
4. *House and Land Tax.*—The demand under this head was Rupees 3,393-12-0, of which Rupees 1,628-1-0 were actually collected, and Rupees 24-1-0 remitted upon appeals, leaving a

balance of Rupees 1,741-10-0. This could not be realized within the year, because the assessment of the House-tax was made too late in the year. A larger portion of this balance has been collected during the current half-year, and steps are being taken to realize the residue. The number of houses and lands assessed was 3,390, against which thirty-six appeals were preferred. The tax was confirmed in twenty-three cases. In the other thirteen the tax was fully referred in five cases and reduced to a lower rate in the other eight cases. Rupees 21-7-0 were realized as fees on demand notices and warrants. In no case was property distrained.

5. *Taxes on Vehicles, &c.*—The amount realized under this head was Rupees 455-8-0.

6. *Registration of Carts.*—Three hundred and thirty-three carts were registered during the year, and Rupees 666 were collected as fees.

7. *Tolls.*—Tolls were farmed out, and the whole sum rented was duly realized.

8. *Fees.*—There were no other collections under this head than those under Schedule A.

9. *Magisterial Fines.*—Rupees 67-4-0 were collected under this head.

10. *Miscellaneous.*—The sum of Rupees 134-4-0 were collected under this head, of which Rupees 21-10-0 were the sale proceeds of materials; &c., Rupees 107-8-0 receipts of the public bungalow; and Rupees 5-2-0 the costs recovered in a suit.

11. *EXPENDITURE—GRANT I (Public Works)*—i, "New Works and Communications."—A sum of Rupees 778-3-11 was expended under this head as follows: Rupees 39-14-9 in making two small roads, and Rupees 738-5-2 in constructing seven drains.

12. *Sanitary and Miscellaneous.*—A sum of Rupees 238-4-8 was expended under this head, viz., Rupees 148-3-4 in completing the building of the Municipal Office, Rupees 14-7-4 in raising walls to the office compound, and Rupees 75-10-0 for building a storehouse.

13. ii. *Repairs—Communications.*—Rupees 1,494-12-4 were expended under this head as follows: Rupees 1,437-6-11 in repairing eight roads, and Rupees 57-5-5 in repairing

14. *Sanitary and Miscellaneous.*—Rupees 980-9-7 were expended under this head, viz., Rupees 40-4-3 in repairing fourteen latrines; Rupees 40-4-3 in repairing certain latrines; Rupees 571-0-5 in repairing Gevalivari tank; Rupees 109-3-9 in repairing eight wells; Rupees 78-1-4 in repairing public bungalow; and Rupees 65-13-3 in clearing silt in certain places.

15. *GRANT II (Education).*—A sum of Rupees 413 was expended under this head, viz., Rupees 154-8-0 for the result grant to the Hindu Preparatory School; Rupees 32-8-0 for the result grant to P. Runganaikulu's School; Rupees 206 for the result grant to the Church Mission Preparatory School; and Rupees 20 for the contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection.

16. *GRANT III—Sanitation and Medical Services—"Hospitals and Dispensaries."*—Rupees 876-11-5 were expended under this head, Rupees 324 for establishment, Rupees 261-10-11 for medicines and supplies, Rupees 103-13-0 for diet of patients, Rupees 93-15-8 for sundries and contingencies, and Rupees 93-3-10 were the charges incurred in preventing the spread of cholera which prevailed in the town during the last quarter of the year. Enclosed is a copy of the annual report of the Dispensary furnished by the first-class Hospital Assistant in charge of the Dispensary for the year under review.

17. *Vaccination.*—Rupees 125-9-0 were spent on this item, Rupees 120 for establishment, and Rupees 5-9-0 for contingencies. Six hundred and sixty persons were vaccinated during the year, successful 460, unsuccessful 139, unknown 61. The vaccination was not carried successfully during the year, because the vaccinator was engaged especially in treating cholera patients.

18. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—Subjoined is the return of births and deaths during the year:—

*Population.*—25,000. *DEATHS—*from Cholera, 31; Fevers, 101; Bowel Complaints, 35; Suicides, 2; Accidents, 3; Snake bites or killed by Wild Beasts, 2; all other causes, 293. *Total*—467. *Births*—481.

19. *Conservancy.*—Rupees 2,731-8-1 were spent on this item. Rupees 2,172-12-7 for establishment, Rupees 526-5-4 for four carts employed to remove the town rubbish, Rupees 10-3-0 or cleansing wells, drains, &c., and Rupees 22-3-2 for contingencies such as baskets, brooms, &c.

20. GRANT IV—*Miscellaneous—Municipal Purposes—Lighting*.—Rupees 250-15-10 were expended under this head, Rupees 48 for establishment, and Rupees 202-15-10 for contingencies such as some posts and lanterns purchased for more new lamps besides the existing ones.

21. *Public Bungalow*.—Rupees 86-4-0 were spent on account of this, of which Rupees 75 was the cost of establishment, and Rupees 11-4-0 for contingencies.

22. GRANT V—*Supervision and Management—Office*.—A sum of Rupees 1,160-14-3 was expended under this head, viz., Rupees 1,104 for establishment, and Rupees 56-14-3 for contingencies.

23. *Miscellaneous*.—Rupees 141-11-0 were expended under this item as follows: Rupees 60 for the remuneration to the Auditor of the Municipal accounts for the previous year, Rupees 14-12-0 for printing forms, Rupees 21 for the office house-rent for 3½ months, and Rupees 45-15-0 for postage labels, adhesive stamps, costs of proclamations, batta to peons gone to other villages on public duty, &c.

24. *Balance*.—The year closed with a balance of Rupees 2,000-0-3.

25. The Commissioners held twenty-seven meetings during the year. The average attendance was seven. Four hundred and thirty petitions for thatching and rethatching of houses and some miscellaneous petitions were received and disposed of.

26. The accounts of the year under report were audited, and the copy of the Auditor's certificate is herein enclosed.

27. The usual annual returns and accounts are herewith forwarded.

28. The abstract comparative statement required in G.O., under date the 26th February 1876, No. 409, is also enclosed.

INCIDENCE of the various Rates and Taxes in the Municipality of the Ellore, for the official year 1875-76.

| District or Place in which levied. | Population of Place. | Description and Object of Tax.                                                                               | Classes from and Property upon which levied. | Number of Taxpayers. | Amount of Tax. | INCIDENCE OF TAX.       |                       | Act or Order under which and Date from which levied.                           |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                    |                      |                                                                                                              |                                              |                      |                | Per Head of Population. | Per Head of Taxpayer. |                                                                                |
| 1                                  | 2                    | 3                                                                                                            | 4                                            | 5                    | 6              | 7                       | 8                     | 9                                                                              |
| Ellore.                            | 25,000               | 1. Rate on Houses and Buildings, at 6½ per cent. Rate as per Act III of 1871 is Rs. 7½ per cent.             | .....                                        | 3,390                | 3,393 12 0     | 0 2 2                   | 1 0 0                 | These taxes are levied from 1st Nov. 1866 under Act X of 1865 and III of 1871. |
|                                    |                      | 2. Rate on Lands, at 6½ per cent.                                                                            | .....                                        | 205                  | 439 8 0        | 0 0 3                   | 2 2 3                 |                                                                                |
|                                    |                      | 3. Tax on Arts, Professions, &c....                                                                          | .....                                        | 162                  | 666 0 0        | 0 0 5                   | 4 1 9                 |                                                                                |
|                                    |                      | 4. Taxes on Carriages, Horses, &c.                                                                           | .....                                        | ...                  | 4,520 0 0      | ...                     | ...                   |                                                                                |
|                                    |                      | 5. Fees on Registration of Carts...                                                                          | Let out under contract.                      |                      |                |                         |                       |                                                                                |
|                                    |                      | 6. Tolls at half the maximum Schedule rates of Act III of 1871, except for Camel for which 1 Anna is levied. |                                              |                      |                |                         |                       |                                                                                |

1875-76.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MUNICIPAL CIVIL DISPENSARY, ELORE, of PUBLIC HEALTH in the Station and surrounding District, for the Official Year ending 31st March 1876.

A full description of the station and its vicinity has already been given in letter, dated 28th April 1873, since, a little improvement has been made by constructing stone drainages, repairing roads, and lights was increased to some extent from the iron bridge to the Post-office on the western side, and on the eastern side up to the vegetable bazaar.

The building of the Dispensary is postponed till further instructions are received from the authorities.

The hot land winds commenced to blow in the month of April and continue until the beginning of June; during the latter two months the heat was intense. The hot wind continue to blow daily till about 8 p.m., the wind ceased upon the periodical rains setting in early in June, when the weather became variable, sometimes cool and pleasant, at others close and hot.

The rain was abundant during the latter part of the season and up to middle of November.

The amount of rain calculated was about thirty-six inches and eighty-seven cents.

The grain produce is plentiful in this district; the climate is in general healthy.

Malarial fevers were prevalent from November 1875 up to February 1876 in the town and its vicinity.

II. *Detailed Narrative of any Epidemic.*—Cholera broke out here on 1st January and lasted up to 2nd February 1876; there have been fifty admissions, out of which fourteen died.

No small-pox, but chicken-pox prevailed in a mild form in the town as well as in the district.

III. *Principal Diseases and Classes of Diseases prevalent.*—The classes of diseases are m, diarrhoea, bronchitis and cutaneous affections are the most.

*On Remarkable Cases suited for communication to the Profession, extracted*

*ok.*—During the year a case of fracture was attended to a girl aged about four

mal fracture of pelvis and depressed of symphysis pubis was greatly lacerated.

and prolapsus of the vagina with hæmorrhage, the depressed portion being elevated and the prolapsus returned by means of fingers and retained within the proper position by a pledge of lint dipped in strong solution of alum and astringent injections used to check hæmorrhage, castor-oil given to act upon the bowels, fomentations used to relieve the retention of urine, tinct. camphor co. given at bedtime to produce sleep, saline diaphoretics to subdue inflammation. Bandage applied to both knees to retain the pelvis in position as the girl was progressing favorably, tonics was administered with evident success.

A boy was brought to hospital with a torn lip and with a small portion sticking on the left angle of the mouth; in this case I removed the slough and pared the edges and brought them to accurate opposition and retained them by means of sutures and sticking plaster, cold lotion; the wound healed rapidly.

V. *Surgical Operations.*—One hundred and twenty-eight minor operations performed by me, fifty-nine boils and sixty-nine cases of abscesses, of which none are of any remark.

VI. *Economic Statistics.*—There is no regular income set aside to support the Dispensary; whatever expenditure is incurred is disbursed by the Municipal and Local Fund Boards.

The total expenditure during the year—

|                                              | RS. | A. | P. |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| Pay of establishment ... ..                  | 324 | 0  | 0  |
| Contingent charges ... ..                    | 66  | 1  | 11 |
| Medicines, &c. ... ..                        | 261 | 10 | 11 |
| A temporary thatched shed for paupers ... .. | 27  | 13 | 9  |
| Total ... ..                                 | 679 | 10 | 7  |

VII. *Condition of Lying-in Wards.*—None.

VIII. *Charges in.*—None.

ELLORE,  
1st April 1876.

(Signed) T. VENCATA NAIDU,  
No. 139, First-class Hospital Assistant in Medical  
Charge, Civil Dispensary.

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1876, No. 2077.

The following statement shows the collections and disbursements of the Ellore Municipality during 1875-76 as compared with the sanctioned estimates and with the actuals of the preceding year:—

|                                      | RECEIPTS.            |                       |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                                      | Actuals,<br>1874-75. | Estimate,<br>1875-76. | Actuals,<br>1875-76. |
|                                      | RS.                  | RS.                   | RS.                  |
| Balance brought forward ... ..       | 7,304                | 2,000                 | 3,884                |
| Assignments by Government ... ..     | 10                   | 50                    | 17                   |
| Rates on Houses ... ..               | 3,352                | 3,700                 | 1,829                |
| Taxes on Arts ... ..                 | 338                  | ...                   | ...                  |
| Taxes on Vehicles ... ..             | 487                  | 600                   | 440                  |
| Registration of Carts ... ..         | 708                  | 900                   | 666                  |
| Tolls ... ..                         | 4,800                | 4,400                 | 4,520                |
| Fees ... ..                          | 54                   | 150                   | 21                   |
| Fines ... ..                         | 126                  | 200                   | 67                   |
| Contribution from Local Funds ... .. | 1,000                | 1,000                 | ...                  |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                 | 194                  | 170                   | 134                  |
| Advances Recoverable ... ..          | 10                   | ...                   | ...                  |
| Total ... ..                         | 18,383               | 13,170                | 11,578               |

|                                                               | CHARGES.             |                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                                                               | Actuals,<br>1874-75. | Estimate,<br>1875-76. | Actuals,<br>1875-76. |
|                                                               | RS.                  | RS.                   | RS.                  |
| GRANT I.                                                      |                      |                       |                      |
| New Works—                                                    |                      |                       |                      |
| Communications ... ..                                         | 3,529                | ...                   | 778                  |
| Sanitary and Miscellaneous ... ..                             | 3,954                | 1,300                 | 238                  |
| Repairs—                                                      |                      |                       |                      |
| Communications ... ..                                         | 988                  | 2,600                 | 1,495                |
| Sanitary and Miscellaneous ... ..                             | 399                  | 250                   | 981                  |
| Establishment ... ..                                          | 300                  | 300                   | 300                  |
| Tools and Plant ... ..                                        | 3                    | 40                    | ...                  |
| GRANT II.                                                     |                      |                       |                      |
| Results Grants ... ..                                         | 300                  | 500                   | 393                  |
| Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection ... .. | 40                   | ...                   | 20                   |
| GRANT III.                                                    |                      |                       |                      |
| Hospitals and Dispensaries ... ..                             | 1,502                | 2,000                 | 877                  |
| Vaccination ... ..                                            | 126                  | 150                   | 126                  |
| Registration of Births and Deaths ... ..                      | 75                   | ...                   | ...                  |
| Conservancy ... ..                                            | 2,672                | 3,000                 | 2,731                |
| GRANT IV.                                                     |                      |                       |                      |
| Lighting ... ..                                               | 100                  | 400                   | 251                  |
| Choultries ... ..                                             | 120                  | ...                   | ...                  |
| Travellers' Bungalow ... ..                                   | 98                   | 100                   | 86                   |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                                          | 85                   | ...                   | ...                  |
| GRANT V.                                                      |                      |                       |                      |
| Supervision and Management ... ..                             | 1,408                | 1,390                 | 1,302                |
| Balances ... ..                                               | 2,684                | 1,140                 | 2,000                |
| Total ... ..                                                  | 18,383               | 13,170                | 11,578               |

2. The current receipts fell short of the estimate by Rupees 3,676 and the actuals of 1874-75 by Rupees 3,585. Excepting in the case of Tolls, which fetched Rupees 120 more than the estimate, there was a decrease under all heads, the most conspicuous items being the House-tax and Contribution from Local Funds. Owing to the late date at which the house-rate was assessed, more than 50 per cent. of the demand remained uncollected at the end of the year. This is not satisfactory, but a large portion of the balance is stated to have been realized since the year's account has been rendered. Pending sanction of the standard plans and estimates for Municipal hospitals, the construction of the dispensary building was not undertaken and no contribution was received in consequence from the Local Fund Board for that purpose.

3. Against Rupees 12,030 provided for expenditure only Rupees 9,578 were utilized. This amount was less by Rupees 6,121 than the actuals for 1874-75, in which year larger sums were expended on New Works. The following figures show the approximate percentage which the outlay under different grants and the closing balance bore to the total Municipal income:—

|         | RS.   |      |
|---------|-------|------|
| Grant I | 3,792 | 32.8 |
| „ II    | 413   | 3.4  |
| „ III   | 3,734 | 32.3 |
| „ IV    | 337   | 2.9  |
| „ V     | 1,302 | 11.3 |
| Balance | 2,492 | 21.3 |

† Rupees 698 was spent under Grant I. Drains are works of a sanitary nature, and the expenditure incurred on these should have been shown under “Sanitary and Miscellaneous,” not under “Communications.” The grant for Education was fairly utilized, the expenditure being Rupees 430 out of an allotment of Rupees 500, making 3.4 per cent. of the total receipts. Rupees 393 were distributed in results grants to three schools; the number of boys under instruction in these schools has not been stated. The working of the dispensary appears to have been satisfactory. Rupees 877 were expended out of a budget grant of Rupees 2,000, the savings being under Medicines and Supplies and Diet for patients. It does not appear why half of the cost of the dispensary establishment was not recovered from the Local Fund Board. The Hospital Assistant has not stated the number of patients treated during the year. Due attention was paid to sanitation, and the conservancy charges were nearly the same as last year. Cholera, however, broke out at the end of the year and thirty-one deaths were registered from this cause. The total number of seizures is not known. Vaccination showed indifferent results, 660 operations having been performed against 853 in the preceding year; but it is stated that the vaccinator was employed for a considerable period in treating cholera patients. As compared with the number of persons vaccinated, it is observed that the number of births registered is returned as 481; taking the theoretical figures of 30 per mille on population, the probable actual births were 750. The cause of the decrease in the lighting charges, notwithstanding the purchase of additional lamp-posts and lanterns, has not been explained.

4. The incidence of house-tax has been incorrectly calculated on the amount of the current demand instead of on the actual collections of the year. The President's attention will be drawn to the instructions contained in paragraph 12 of G.O., dated 9th August 1876, regarding the preparation of this statement.

5. The Auditor has not submitted any report but merely certified the result of his audit. This should not be allowed in future.

(True Extract.)

*[Signature]*

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery 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, Godavery District.

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*No. 5389.*

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To  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,  
Co.,  
Ordinary District

Dated November, 20th.

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