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Municipal—Report.

No. 1. *Read letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Saidapet, 30th August* 1876, *No.* 76.

I have the honor to submit the report of the Municipality of Conjeveram for 1875-76.

2. There was no balance in favor of the institution at the beginning of the year, but a deficit of Rupees 1,135. The receipts of the year amounted to Rupees 22,437, and deducting from this the above deficit, the assets available were Rupees 21,302, of which Rupees 19,151 were expended, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,151.

3. RECEIPTS.—Credit was taken for Rupees 1,511 as the amount of contribution from Provincial Funds on account of the salary of the Assistant Surgeon, but the amount due was only Rupees 875, the difference, Rupees 636, being the amount sanctioned as a special measure of relief and subsequently withdrawn. The order of withdrawal having been received at the close of the year, the amount was allowed to remain in the accounts, and the necessary adjustment has since been made.

4. The aggregate demand under House and Trades Taxes—arrears and current—amounted to Rupees 11,113, of which Rupees 10,891 have been collected, and Rupees 190 written off as irrecoverable, leaving only a small sum of Rupees 32. This result is highly creditable I consider to the Vice-President entrusted with the executive administration of the institution, especially as nearly the whole of the amount has been collected without resorting to coercive measures.

5. The other items of receipts are sufficiently explained in the Commissioners' report.

6. EXPENDITURE. GRANT I.—As the institution was considerably involved, it was found necessary to stop all expenditure on New Works and Repairs. The outlay entered under these heads represents merely the payment made for works executed in the previous year.

7. GRANT II.—Nearly the whole of the amount allotted for the payment of results grants has been utilized, and the result of the limited efforts made to extend primary education have been satisfactory. There seems however still much room for improvement, which can be attained only by raising the grant, which the Commissioners are at present quite unable to do owing to the limited funds at their disposal and to more pressing claims such as extension of lighting, improvement of water supply by the restoration of the Lalakal, &c., still remaining to be carried out. No report from the Educational Department has been received. It has however been called for, and will be forwarded in due course.

8. GRANT III.—The report of the Medical Officer in charge of the Dispensary, of which a copy is enclosed, shows that it continues to sustain its character for efficiency. There has been a great falling off in the number of out-patients owing to the prevalence of cholera and consequent falling off of visitors, but that of in-patients is thirty-seven more than in the preceding year. Looking at the rate at which the number of in-patients is increasing, I fear it will not be in the power

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of the Commissioners to make a larger corresponding provision for the purpose, in which case it may perhaps be necessary for the Government to raise the percentage of their grant on account of the pay of the Assistant Surgeon or for the Chingleput Local Fund Board to make a larger contribution in consideration of the benefits conferred on the population surrounding the town.

9. GRANT IV.—The health of the town has not been particularly good; cholera broke out in the middle of the year, and 200 cases of death have been registered from that cause. There have been only seven cases of death from small-pox against sixty-four in the previous year.

10. Two vaccinators were maintained on the results system, but the work performed by them has been indifferent, for out of 1,243 cases operated upon only 879 proved successful. The system of paying by results having been condemned by Dr. Shortt, it has been replaced since by one of fixed payment, and it is hoped that this change will be attended with better results.

11. There has been no change in the conservancy arrangements, and the sanitary measures adopted during the late annual festival were fairly successful.

12. The attendance of members at the meetings is still not very satisfactory; but the appointments recently made will, I hope, improve matters.

13. Copy of a report on the audit of the accounts is enclosed. It will be seen from it that the money transactions of the Municipality are conducted regularly.

14. In conclusion, I may observe, looking at the state of collections and absence of coercive process, that the Municipality must be fairly popular and appreciated by the bulk of the population.

15. I regret the delay in the submission of this, but the Vice-President's report was only received by me on the 8th instant.

From T. RUTHNUM MOODELLIAR, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, dated Conjeveram, 4th August 1876, No. 74.

The audit of the Municipal accounts being concluded, I have the honor to submit the annual report of the Conjeveram Municipality for 1875-76, with the prescribed statements including the one called for in the Proceedings of Government, dated 26th February 1876, No. 409, and a report from the Medical Officer of the Civil Dispensary on the working of that institution.

2. The strength of the Commission at the close of the year consisted of sixteen members including the three ex-officio Commissioners, and the number of meetings held by them during the year was twenty-six with an average attendance of seven Commissioners at each meeting. Of the sixteen members twelve were reappointed in the year, the rest being new additions to the Board. At the commencement of the year there were three Honorary Magistrates, and on the demise of one of them two members were added to the Bench from the staff of the Commissioners.

3. RECEIPTS.—The year opened with a deficit of Rupees 1,134-12-3, of which a sum of Rs. 1,093-5-6 was the Contractor's deposit with the Commissioners, the balance, viz., Rs. 41-6-9 being the amount overdrawn from the Taluq Treasury (*vide* last year's statement). In addition to this deficit there was an outstanding debt of Rupees 4,099 due to Contractors for works executed in the previous year. This subject will be entered into more fully further on.

4. The taxes collected last year consisted of rates on Houses, Trade-tax, Registration of Carts and Animals and Tolls, &c., as sanctioned in G.O., 27th February 1875, No. 455, and the collections

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from these sources aggregated a sum of Rupees 21,301-14-2 against the revised estimate of Rupees 18,590 furnished in accordance with G.O., 11th October 1875, No. 1998.

5. Under the head of Pound Fund a sum of Rupees 40 was set down in the estimate as the probable sum derivable from that source as in the previous year, but the actual assignment was only Rupees 20 nearly, being one-half of the estimate.

6. A sum of Rupees 1,593 represents the Provincial grants on account of one-fourth of the salary of the Assistant Surgeon drawn in arrears for 1873-74—*vide* G.O., 6th April 1875, No. 753; a contribution of 25 per cent. of the salary of the third-class Hospital Assistant on account of the Police sick, *plus* Rupees 636 sanctioned as a measure of relief by G.O., 12th February 1876, No. 307, paragraph 6; and a further sum of Rupees 125 in adjustment of the difference between 25 and 50 per cent. of the medical officer's pay agreeably to G.O., 27th February 1875, No. 455.

7. It will be gratifying to notice that the rates on Houses and the Profession-tax were fully collected without recourse to the coercive measures under Sections 52 and 62 of the Act, leaving only a small balance of Rupees 6-6-0 under the former. This small sum together with the arrears of House and Trade taxes, viz., Rupees 26, has been almost collected since the close of the year. The receipts under House-tax have exceeded the estimate by Rupees 373, while the remission of Rupees 116 granted for various reasons has lowered the income from the Profession-tax by that amount.

8. Under the head of Taxes on Vehicles and Animals the receipts exhibit a slight increase of Rupees 10, while the registration of carts has realized very nearly the estimated amount of Rupees 600.

9. The sale of Toll-gate Farm realized Rupees 800 less than the originally budgeted amount of Rupees 5,000, but the great increase of Rupees 836 under this source of income is explained by the fact that the last two instalments of toll kist for 1874-75 were paid in the year under

10. There is a great diminution noticeable in the receipts under fees, but the fall is due principally to no warrants of distress having been found necessary in the collection of the taxes, but the Commissioners hope to be able to show a large increase of funds from the various sources of fees by properly enforcing the provisions of the Act, Sections 123 and 124, 129 and 130, 136 and 137, 138, 153, and the bye-laws.

11. The Magisterial fines realized Rupees 10 more than the estimate of Rupees 100.

12. The contributions from the Local Fund Board and the Temple Durmakurthas on account of the dispensary and the grand festival have continued to be the same as heretofore, and do not call for remark.

13. The miscellaneous receipts have amounted to three times the budgeted amount, the increase occurring principally under the sale of sweepings which fetched 116 Rupees more than the anticipated income. An increase in the other items under the miscellaneous head also occurs, but these are fluctuating figures which depend upon various circumstances.

14. The last item of income to which allusion must be made is a temporary advance of Rupees 1,000 received from the Government Treasury with a view to meet the expenses connected with the sanitary arrangements on account of the grand festival in May 1875. This course was rendered necessary on account of the insufficiency of the funds in the hands of the Commissioners, the collections not having been commenced at so early a period of the year.

15. EXPENDITURE.—As has been already observed in paragraph 3, the year commenced with a large deficit and an outstanding debt due to the Contractors for materials supplied and works executed in the previous year. This insolvent state of the funds had rendered an application to Government for a loan of Rupees 4,099 to enable the Commissioners to liquidate their debts reserving the amount available in the Budget for new works, which had been projected years ago. But as it was held that it was questionable whether loans can be drawn under the Public Works Loans Act for debts contracted on account of objects other than those of public utility, the Government in their Order, 11th October 1875, No. 1998, directed that all new works should be postponed. These instructions were strictly followed and with the exception of a small

outlay of Rupees 312 for sundry repairs, roads, culverts, and the most important repairs were completely stopped and every rupee that was available from these sources was saved towards the liquidation of the debts. And in November last the Commissioners thought it desirable to appropriate these savings for paying up the Contractors' due, and submitted a proposition to that effect in forwarding the Budget for 1876-77. The Government in their Order, 12th February 1876, No. 307, directed that the outstanding liabilities should be forthwith cleared as far as possible, and sanctioned a special grant of Rupees 636 towards the pay of the Assistant Surgeon, Civil Dispensary, and further stated that they are "prepared to consider proposals for extending the Profession-tax for 1876-77 to Class VI in the schedule should this be advocated by the President and Commissioners." In the mean while the funds which had been allotted for New Works and Repairs had accumulated as the year was drawing to a close, and they received further large additions from certain unexpected receipts and excess miscellaneous collections over the estimate of the year as shown in the margin, while strict economy in expenditure was exercised throughout the year. Under these circumstances, the Commissioners found themselves in a position to liquidate the whole of their debts on receipt of the Government Order above alluded to, and it will be learnt with great satisfaction that the institution was at last placed on quite a solvent footing, the Commissioners being able to show a closing balance of Rupees 2,150 on the 31st March 1876. It will be observed that this satisfactory state of things, however, has induced the Government subsequently to withdraw the measures of relief sanctioned in paragraphs 6 and 7 of their Order, 12th February 1876, No. 307, already alluded to.

Grant for Police sick.	
,, Assistant-Surgeon's pay.	
Increase of House-tax.	
Miscellaneous.	

16. The entries under the several minor heads of this grant, viz., Rupees 3,096 for New Works (Communications) and Street Repairs do not represent any actual progress in the year, but simply payments on bills long overdue for the previous year. A sum of Rupees 312 is all that could be spent on the repair of roads, streets, dust-carts, and the construction of dust-bins, the difference being part of the debt discharged (Grant I, 2 Repairs).

17. GRANT II.—The amount expended on primary education amounted to Rupees 1,300 nearly against Rupees 1,350 allotted for the purpose in the Budget, "the prevalence of cholera being assigned as the cause that checked progress." The Inspector of Schools also observes "that the amount of fees paid by pupils fell off, and that when a boy is pressed for his schooling he leaves the school and seeks admission into another where he readily finds it." The subject of providing a minimum scale of fees is said to be under the consideration of Government, and the Inspector further expresses much satisfaction for the prompt payment of grants "which greatly encourages the teachers." The number of schools that earned grants was thirty-one against twenty-five of the previous year, the maximum being Rupees 110, and the minimum 11¼. The number of pupils presented for each standard, was 244 for the first, 154 for the second, and eighty-five for the third standard, making a total of 483, exhibiting an increase of nearly 100 pupils over the figures of the previous year, the average cost of educating each pupil being Rupees 3-2-1. There were thirty schools with a strength of 970 boys at the commencement of the year which at its conclusion rose to thirty-two with an attendance of 1,127. The supposed inadequate number of boys brought under the operation of the aided schools and the insufficiency of the funds for the purpose have been explained in last year's report and do not call for further remark now.

The only other item under this grant is the usual charge for the cost of inspection.

19. GRANT III.—I enclose as usual a report on the working of the Civil Dispensary furnished by the Medical Officer in charge. The Commissioners are glad to observe that the institution has continued to maintain its popularity. The in-patients exhibit a great increase, but there was a slight fall in the admissions under the out-patients, which is explained by the prevalence of cholera principally. The applicants for in-door treatment are continually increasing, for which the Commissioners regret that they cannot make a larger provision, nor for the treatment of lepers. During the year under report two native medical practitioners appointed by the Chingleput Local Fund Board have been under instruction in practical medicines.

The sick of the Mofussil Police have continued to be treated as in-patients as in the previous year.

20. The services of the Assistant Surgeon were retained on a moiety of that officer's salary together with the East Indian Nurse, as recommended by Government in G.O., 25th February 1875, No. 455. The charges for establishment, viz., Rupees 2,387, would appear to be much smaller than in the previous years, but this is owing to the Government moiety of the Medical Officer's salary being excluded from the Municipal books. The amount allotted for medical supplies was Rupees 425, but the actual expenditure was Rupees 502. This is a fluctuating item varying with the requirements of the Dispensary and the prices of medicines. The cost of dieting 312 patients was Rupees 738 showing an increase of 38 Rupees over the allotment.

21. The contingent charges under this grant amounted to Rupees 75, for which there was no margin left in the Budget, but this was an unavoidable charge which had to be incurred with reference to the remarks of the Deputy Surgeon-General on the insufficiency of clothing and bedding at the Dispensary. This was met from the one-fourth contribution to the Dresser's salary on account of the Police—an item which had not been entered in the Budget, but which was drawn in arrears.

22. *Vaccination.*—Out of an allotment of Rupees 240, a sum of Rupees 229 was disbursed to two vaccinators on the results system at 4 Annas per successful case. The total number of operations was 1,243, of which 879 were successful. In April last the Vaccine Department was inspected by Dr. J. Shortt, who reported very unfavorably and condemned the work of the vaccinators. Much of the irregularities complained of was due to the inefficiency of one of the vaccinators who was since removed and to the working lymph repeatedly getting spoiled on account of the heat of the season including the supplies sent for from the depôt. As recommended by the Inspector of Vaccination the results system was given up in the current year, and the Commissioners hope to be able to show more satisfactory work hereafter as they now have a better staff of vaccinators on monthly salaries. The contingencies under this head include vaccination batta, Rupees 10, *plus* Rupees 2 the price of instruments.

23. *Mortuary.*—The record of vital statistics have cost the same sum as in former years, viz., Rupees 168. It will be seen from the accompanying returns that the proportion of births and deaths per thousand of the population was greatly disturbed and reversed by the prevalence of cholera which broke out in August and lasted throughout the year. The number of deaths registered from this cause was 236. The disease was imported from the neighbouring districts and was of a mild type. The Conservancy Department was kept in a thorough working order, and the usual sanitary precautions were enforced and maintained all along. In the year under report fever and bowel-complaints also prevailed to some extent.

Births	25
Deaths	32

24. *Conservancy.*—The saving of Rupees 122 under Establishment was owing to fines and forfeitures of pay and to the nuisance peons having been paid Rupees 0 instead of 7, which was the sanctioned amount. The usual staff of scavengers and toties was maintained during the year and the contract for the supply of bullocks, &c., amounted to Rupees 1,815, being 225 Rupees less than the budgeted sum. A sum of Rupees 1,059, being Rupees 9 in excess of the anticipated outlay, was expended on account of the sanitary arrangements during the grand festivals of Vishnu and Siva Conchi. The occasions passed off without accident or disease.

The expenditure under 4 *d* viz., Rupees 85, was an extraordinary charge incurred on account of the erection of a cholera shed, and the purchase of cholera medicines and disinfectants, &c. The season of the year under report was marked by a general failure of the monsoons, and the public health was bad in consequence. Towards the close of the year scarcity of water was beginning to be felt and repairs to the dry tanks was begun by the Commissioners and the town's people. The other items under this grant do not call for remark.

In February last the Sanitary Commissioner paid a visit to the town, and has furnished the Commission with an extract from his inspection notes. He points out certain defects in sanitation such as the nuisance of undercarpied house-sites, the pollution of water-channels, the prevalence of rats, the huts of the Waddars, and the want of restriction for drinking purposes on certain tanks. He has also inspected the Lalakal and its system of conduits, and has offered certain suggestions for keeping the water supply free from pollution when the project is taken in hand. These several measures of sanitation have already engaged the attention of the Commissioners, and will be remedied as far as possible.

25. GRANT IV.—The town continues to be lighted with kerosene oil. More is required to be done in this direction which will be when funds are available. The usual establishment of eight lighters was kept up, and a large saving will be observed under kerosene oil due to the very cheap rate at which it was obtained, and to the discontinuance of the practice of keeping up the lights till a late hour in the morning. A saving also occurs under chimneys.

26. A small extension of avenues was made during the year.

27. GRANT V.—Very little need be said on the several items comprised in this grant. The slight excess against Establishment is owing to the retention of the Huzur Clerk for one month and three-quarters, minor fees and forfeitures. The printing expenses include a portion of the charges of the previous year.

The last item to which reference should be made is the horse allowance of Rupees 15 to the Manager, which was sanctioned in the Proceedings, No. 9, dated 10th June 1875, of the Commissioners in consideration of the large amount of out-door work and general supervision of the Conservancy Department which devolved upon the Manager in the absence of Nuisance Inspectors.

28. It will be noticed with great satisfaction that this institution which had been threatened with insolvency was through great economy and [illegible] of its funds able to close its operations for the year with a balance of Rupees 2,150.

INCIDENCE of the various RATES and TAXES in the Municipality of Conjeveram for the 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
Chingleput District, Conjeveram.	37,327.	1. Rate on Houses and Buildings, at 5 per cent. ...	Upon shops and houses.	6,132	Rs. A. P. 7,372 12 8	Rs. A. P. 0 3 2	Rs. A. P. 1 3 3	
		2. Rate on Lands at per cent.	None	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	
		3. Tax on Arts and Professions, &c., with the exception of the last three classes of Schedule B, Act III of 1871.	Cloth and twist merchants, weavers, dyers, artizans, public and private servant, soil-mills, articles of daily consumption, such as rice.	417	3,517 7 4	0 1 6	8 6 11	
		4. Taxes on Carriages, Horses, &c., of the maximum rate of Schedule C of Act III of 1871.	On animals and vehicles on springs as per Schedule C of the Act.	826	910 8 0	0 0 5	1 1 8	
		5. Fees on the Registration of Carts at Rupees 1-8-0 per cart per annum.	Country carts without springs.	399	598 8 0	0 0 3	1 8 0	
		6. Tolls at the half Schedule rates.	On animals and vehicles entering the Municipal limits.	...	5,041 10 8	... ...	... ...	

SAIDAPET,
30th August 1876.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

EXTRACT from the ANNUAL REPORT of the CIVIL DISPENSARY, Conjeveram, for 1875-76.

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
Remained	16	94
Admitted	313	13,245
Total treated	329	13,339
Discharged	272	13,160
Died	29	111
Remaining on the 31st March 1876	27	64
Average Daily Sick	19·05	97·53

In submitting the foregoing abstract statement of sick of the Civil Dispensary at Conjeveram, I am happy to observe that this charitable institution has continued to maintain its popularity during the past official year, and that the sick poor of the town and its neighbourhood have resorted to it for medical aid in large numbers.

2. *In-patients.*—The in-patients exhibit a great increase over the admissions of the previous year, viz., 313 against 276, and were more funds available a larger number might have been received into hospital, and, with reference to my application for funds for the treatment of lepers, I regret that the Commissioners were unable to sanction the proposal owing to their financial difficulties. This class of applicants for relief is, therefore, being directed to proceed to the Chingleput Dispensary where the Local Fund Board have provided for their reception and treatment. The number that dieted themselves is 9 out of 313 patients treated during the year, and the average daily number that were fed at the expense of the funds of the Municipality is 19·5.

3. *Out-patients.*—Under the head of Out-patients the total number of admissions amounted to 13,245 against 14,009 patients in the previous year showing a decrease of 1,149 admissions. In addition to the fluctuating character of the sick of this department the outbreak of cholera in the town more especially in the streets leading to the Dispensary had thrown a great check for some time on the usually large attendance at the Dispensary. The average daily attendance during the year has been 97·5 with 111 deaths, of which 104 were occasioned by cholera.

4. *Fevers.*—In the early months of the year, as the intensity of the weather increased, continued fever and ague became very frequent, and there was also a small sprinkling of cases of enteric fever chiefly confined to children and youths. Diarrhœa and dysentery were also common about the same time.

5. This town, which had enjoyed an immunity from epidemic cholera since 1870, was destined to suffer from its attack in common with the other districts of the Presidency during the year under report.

Cholera.—The disease first broke out on the 2nd August on the return of the pilgrims from a feast at Tirutani, in the North Arcot District. It soon became epidemic and established itself in several parts of Big Conchi, the weekly admissions showing a great fluctuation in the disease, abating for a time and breaking out afresh no less than four times. It had to all appearance left the town at the close of the year under review, but in the last week of April of the current year a succession of attacks occurred again. The pest may therefore be said never to have completely left the station for the past twelve months.

6. The usual sanitary measures and disinfection of houses, &c., were carried on as far as possible, and are still being maintained. The sick were treated by house-to-house visits, and the outlying villages were also visited from time to time by one of the native medical practitioners at the Dispensary. The disease was of an ordinary type, the principal victims being the young of both sexes generally, and the chief medicine trusted to was acetic acid in five drop doses every quarter or half an hour. Of the 339 cases brought under treatment 104 died, the recoveries being little more than two-thirds, but the cures might have been more had all the attacks been overtaken in the early stage of the disease.

7. *Small-pox.*—There were only a few scattered cases of small-pox and variculla in the town during the year. Hooping cough also prevailed to a small extent.

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Vaccination was carried on, as heretofore, by the two Municipal Vaccinators under the supervision of the Medical Officer, and to a small extent by the Hospital Assistant of the Dispensary.

8. The annual festival in May last passed off without disease or accident, as well as the minor festivals of the town.

9. Two native medical practitioners appointed by the Chingleput Local Fund Board have been under instruction in practical medicine and surgery since July. They have not made satisfactory progress as yet, but it is hoped that they will acquit themselves better at the next annual inspection of the Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Service, Presidency Division, whose suggestions to give the pupils clinical lessons and enforce notes-taking are now being acted upon.

10. The sick of the mofussil force in the town and taluq have continued to be treated as in-patients of the Dispensary as in the previous year.

11. Third-class Hospital Assistant R. Gooroosawmy, No. 899, who had been under treatment at the General Hospital on account of ill-health vacated his appointment at the Dispensary on the 22nd February 1876 on his transfer to the Deputy Surgeon-General's Department, Presidency Division. Third-class Hospital Assistant M. Manicka Moodelly, No. 959, who had been acting was confirmed under G.O.C.C., 22nd February 1876. These subordinates have discharged their duties with zeal and attention and have given me great satisfaction.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. RUTHNUM MOODELLIAR,
Assistant Surgeon.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1876, No. 2163.

The following is an abstract statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Conjeveram Municipality for 1875-76, as compared with the Budget Estimates and with the actuals of the preceding year :—

RECEIPTS.

	Actuals, 1874-75.	Estimates, 1875-76.	Actuals, 1875-76.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	6,774	...	—1,135
Assignments by Government	793	260	1,612
Rates on Houses	8,074	7,000	7,373
Taxes on Arts	648	5,000	3,517
Taxes on Vehicles	867	900	911
Registration of Carts	541	600	598
Tolls	4,183	5,000	5,042
Fees	666	200	114
Fines	190	100	110
Endowments, &c.	50	...	50
Contribution from Local Funds	1,800	1,800	1,800
Miscellaneous	548	150	310
Loan from Government	...	...	1,000
Advances Recoverable	100	...	...
Total ...	25,234	21,010	21,302

Charges.	Actuals, 1874-75.	Estimates, 1875-76.	Actuals, 1875-76.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I.			
New Works—			
Communications	7,521	...	9,697
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,220	3,450	13
Repairs—			
Communications	194	3,000	152
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	265	200	491
Establishment	269	...	120
Tools and Plant	57	30	...
Grant II.			
Results Grants	799	1,350	1,302
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	103	100	100
Grant III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	5,534	2,680	3,702
Vaccination	225	240	244
Registration of Births and Deaths	168	170	168
Conservancy	5,487	5,480	5,151
Grant IV.			
Lighting	2,582	2,710	1,919
Avenues, &c.	99	110	96
Grant V.			
Supervision and Management	1,848	1,400	1,599
Advances Recoverable	10	...	...
Refund of Loan to Government	...	...	1,000
Balances	—1,135	140	2,151
Total ...	25,234	21,010	21,302

2. In addition to the ordinary contribution of Rupees 875 on account of the pay of the Assistant Surgeon, a grant of Rupees 636 was made from Provincial Funds, to enable the Commissioners to tide over their financial difficulties. The Municipality having soon after regained its solvency, the temporary relief was withdrawn, but the adjustment was not made during the year. This accounts for the large increase under "Assignments" by Government. The Commissioners were not able to defray the necessary expenses of sanitation during the May festival of 1875, and for this purpose an advance of Rupees 1,000 was temporarily made from the Government Treasury. The progress of the collection as shown by the Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement is eminently satisfactory, the uncollected balance under all heads being only Rupees 32-4-0 and no recourse being had to coercive process.

3. The outlay under each of the Grants and the amount of refunds and closing balance, together with the approximate percentage which these bear to the total receipts, is given below:—

Grant I	Rupees 3,873	or 18·2 per cent.
,, II	,, 1,402	or 6·6 ,,
,, III	,, 9,262	or 43·4 ,,
,, IV	,, 2,015	or 9·5 ,,
,, V	,, 1,599	or 7·5 ,,
Refunds	,, 1,000	or 4·7 ,,
Balance	,, 2,151	or 10·1 ,,

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Owing to the involved state of the Municipal Funds, very little expenditure was incurred on New Works or Repairs, the amounts entered under these heads representing mainly the payment made for works executed in the preceding year.

4. The educational expenditure was Rupees 1,402 against an allotment of Rupees 1,450. Last year, twenty-five schools presented 383 pupils and obtained grants aggregating Rupees 799. This year, Rupees 1,302 were distributed in results grants to thirty-one schools presenting in all 433 pupils for examination. The progress indicated by these figures is encouraging.

5. The report on the working of the Dispensary is satisfactory. As compared with the previous year, there was an increase of 37 under in-patients, and a decrease of 1,142 under out-patients. The falling off in the latter is ascribed to the prevalence of cholera. It appears from the Assistant-Surgeon's report that more in-patients would have been admitted had there been funds to meet the expense. Two native medical practitioners belonging to the Chingleput Local Fund Board were under instruction at this Dispensary during the year. Two vaccinators were maintained by the Municipality on the results system, but the work performed was indifferent, the ratio of successful cases to the total number of operations performed being seventy against seventy-seven in the preceding year, as shown by the marginal figures.

	Operations.	Successful Cases.
1874-75	898	695
1875-76	1,243	879

At the suggestion of the Inspector of Vaccination, the Commissioners adopted a system of fixed payment for the current year. The public health was below the average. Cholera broke out in August 1875, and lasted till the end of the year. Two hundred and thirty-six deaths were registered from this cause. There was no change in the conservancy establishment, but there was a saving effected owing chiefly to certain refuse-cart bullocks having been supplied at less than the estimated rate. The "Lighting" charges showed a decrease of Rupees 791 as compared with the allotment. The saving was mainly due to a fall in the price of kerosene oil.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram.
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