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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

14th September 1877, No. 2308.

Municipal—Reports.

Read the following paper:—

No. 104. *From J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th July 1877, No. 231.*

I have the honor to report on the working of the Municipality at Gooty during the official year 1876-77, which I would remark is on a more satisfactory basis than was previously the case.

2. Referring to G.O., dated 4th April 1876, No. 634, it will be observed that the estimated sanctioned income of this Municipality for the period under report was Rupees 5,795. The charges were estimated at the same figure, leaving no balance to be carried forward; but the actual receipts amounted to Rupees 4,968-13-10, and the charges to Rupees 5,072-5-10, leaving a closing balance of Rupees 147-13-4; but to meet the necessary for the Commissioners to a

perform the duties of Vaccinator and Registrar of Births and Deaths, the duties being performed by the Local Fund Vaccinator and by the village officials, respectively.

3. The estimates were on the whole accurately drawn up. The deviations therefrom are sufficiently explained by the Vice-President in his comparative statement which accompanies his report, and therefore call for no particular remark in this report, except the income from "Tolls," which was estimated at Rupees 2,700, but which only brought in Rupees 2,025; the difference, Rupees 675, being one-fourth of Rupees 2,700, was the Commissioners contribution to Local Funds.

4. Another item of saving arose from the non-establishment by the Commissioners of their proposed Anglo-Vernacular School, and the temporary abolition of the Mahomedan School.

5. As a setoff against the above saving must be specified the decrease under Magisterial Fines, amounting to Rupees 147-5-0, due to a smaller number of criminal prosecutions during the year under report than was anticipated, and the non-receipt of the Local Fund Contribution towards Education owing to the non-establishment of the Anglo-Vernacular School already adverted to.

6. But there is an increase of Rupees 134-0-0 under Salary Grants, the charges incurred; owing to the contribution of the Municipality to a school established by the London Mission Society which was not anticipated when the Bill was framed.

7. There is a very large increase in the charges under "Conservancy" owing to an increase in the establishment of sweepers, consequent on a remark passed by the Deputy Surgeon-General and to precautionary measures being adopted in the way of clearing out wells, &c., in anticipation of a season of drought. The decrease under Contingencies of Rupees 110-2-7 is due to a decrease in the number of lamps, and of Rupees 119-5-4 to the reduction of the office writer's pay from 30 to 20 Rupees. There is nothing more that calls for special remark.

8. The Auditor's certificate accompanies. The Vice-President explains the discrepancy therein alluded to as due to a miscredit of Rupees 2-14-11, which is the difference between the sums of Rupees 2,570 collected from the toll contractor, and Rupees 2,561 credited in the Municipal books on the same account, and which, as the Vice-President explains, was paid in oil. The discrepancy appears to have arisen from crediting the difference to Tolls and debiting it as well to Lighting Contingencies.

9. The Commissioners, anticipating a larger income than that sanctioned in the Government Order referred to in paragraph 2, submitted a revised estimate, which however the Government declined to sanction.

10. The Commissioners have no school of their own, but they contribute a monthly grant-in-aid of Rupees 15 towards an Anglo-Vernacular School established by the London Mission Society. The Mahomedan School which was the subject of some correspondence both with Government and with the Director of Public Instruction, and which finally was ordered to be opened, has not as yet been opened owing to the want of a qualified master. The original master was an unpassed man who was replaced by a certificated man who proved a failure; and the school was for a time closed. The Commissioners, however, intend reopening it as soon as they secure the services of a competent man. The Commissioners have paid away Rupees 26-8-0 more than they did last year on account of Results Grants.

11. The health of the town was bad during the period under report, it being visited both by cholera and small-pox as epidemics.

12. I enclose the Vice-President's letter with its enclosures.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission.

I have the honor to submit report on the working of the Town in the town of Gooty, with the statements prescribed in G.O., No. 1347, dated the 25th last. The report of the Medical Officer of the place and the certificate of the annual Auditor are also sent.

2. The year commenced with an opening balance of Rupees 251-5-4, and the total receipts and charges amounted to Rupees 4,968-13-10, and Rupees 5,072-5-10, leaving a closing balance of Rupees 147-13-4 at the credit of the Municipality, as ordered in G.O., No. 1435, dated the 9th August last (vide Statements I and II, herewith appended).

3. The original Budget Estimates were reviewed and passed by Government in their Order, No. 634, dated the 4th April 1876. Two-thirds of the lamps were dispensed with; so were the Vaccinator and Registrar of Births and Deaths. Moreover it was proposed to spend a larger amount than was budgeted for on cleansing wells, drains, &c. These changes necessitated the submission of a revised Budget. Government declined to sanction this. It was nevertheless adopted and acted upon on the ground that the alterations exhibited in the revised Budget were unavoidable, the Commissioners resolving that such alterations should be explained in the annual report.

4. The annexed comparative statement gives full particulars of the increase and decrease under the different heads, and therefore no further explanation seems necessary in the text of the report. The instructions contained in G.O., No. 1537, dated the 28th August last, have been preserved in preparing this statement.

As the remarks entered against each item in the above statements sufficiently explain the difference between the estimates and actuals both on the receipt and expenditure sides, I think it is to repeat them again. I have, therefore, the honor to explain the purposes for which accounts were used.

6. COMMUNICATIONS.—The Commissioners provided Rs. 300 and odd for the repairs of roads in their revised Budget which was not however sanctioned by Government. As they executed all other works not provided for in their original estimates, this work would have also been undertaken had not a loss of Rupees 360 accrued by the sale of toll contract during the second half-year to Rupees 1,105, against Rupees 1,465 for the first half, the expenditure on all other heads having been proposed to suit the receipts especially in tolls estimated at Rupees 2,800 for the whole year.

7. REPAIRS—SANITARY.—The Budget Estimates provided for no expenditure at all under this head; but in view of the emergency of the case it was resolved that an amount of Rupees 37 and odd should be appropriated from the head of Road Repairs to plaster two latrines.

8. MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS.—Before the establishment of the London Mission School the establishment of an Anglo-Vernacular School was under contemplation, and an amount of Rupees 756 was allotted for the maintenance of that school. But this having been abandoned by the proposal of the Rev. E. Lewis, of the London Mission Institution, to establish a Branch School at Gooty, provided the Commissioners paid him a monthly salary grant of Rupees 15 (sanctioned in G.O., No. 714, dated 20th April 1876), the Mahomedan School was the only one which was to be supported by the Municipality. A passed candidate was appointed Headmaster in supersession of the former unpassed candidates. No sooner was this appointment made than the strength of the school began steadily to decline. The Commissioners abolished the school for the time being, and proposed to make a better arrangement for its re-establishment thereafter. The Government in their Order, No. 1700, dated the 20th September last, having insisted on its re-establishment at once, you have been asked to apply to the Educational Department for a passed candidate and a monthly salary of Rupees 12, which the Commissioners are prepared to pay him at present. The school will be opened as soon as the teacher is obtained.

9. SALARY GRANTS.—From the preceding paragraph you will observe that the London Mission School was not in existence at the time of the preparation of the Budget Estimates, neither was its establishment under contemplation at that time. It is therefore that no amount is allotted under this head. The school was founded in the early part of July last, and seems to have made considerable progress since its establishment. The report, in original, of Mr. Lewis, on the strength and progress of the school, is herewith submitted.

10. RESULTS GRANTS.—You will observe that though the amount actually spent under this head is less than the Budget allotment (which is really too large a sum in view of the actuals of the past year) by Rupees 70, still the actual amount spent during the year under report has exceeded the corresponding amount of last year by Rupees 26-8-0. It is to be hoped that this system will do better in course of time.

11. VACCINATION AND REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.—The system of paying by attendance during the first two months of the year, when the post of vaccinator was vacated, is now executed accordingly, and no separate municipal establishment is entertained.

12. CONSERVANCY.—The allotment in the Budget Estimates provided only for the entertainment of twelve sweepers, nine toties, and four carts. In the beginning of the year under report, the establishment was increased to fifteen sweepers and five carts upon the remarks passed by the Deputy Surgeon-General in his report, No. 1351, dated the 19th February 1876. The Budget Estimates having been submitted to Government prior to this increase, and the revised Budget, prepared in accordance with the existing establishments, not having been sanctioned, the estimates and the actuals could not but vary.

13. CLEANSING OF WELLS, DRAINS, &c.—An amount of Rs. 513 was spent against Rupees 180 allotted in the Budget Estimates under this head. In anticipation of the scarcity of water the Commissioners thought necessary to cleanse almost all the wells within their limits. The number of wells cleansed is seven, as stated in the margin, a sum of Rupees 333 having been spent in merely cleansing them of accumulated silt. A further sum of Rupees 78 was spent in excavating steps on the slippery rock leading to the drinking water well known as Coonta Bhair the want of which had a long time since been felt. A sum of nearly Rupees 100 was expended in cleansing the side drains of the town. The Benakala Bhair well, for which a sum of Rupees 168 was spent, was nevertheless incomplete. The other items are not important enough to call for special explanation.

14. The accounts of the office were audited by Parthasarathy Puntulu, Head Accountant of the Gooty Range Office, on the usual remuneration of Rupees 30.

15. The discrepancy in the cash accounts objected to by the annual Auditor is simply this. The tolls for the first half of the year under report sold at Rupees 1,465, and the contractor paid only Rupees 1,459. Even before the liquidation of the balance of Rupees 6 due by him, the contract for supplying the Municipality with oil for lighting the town was sold to him, for which a sum of Rupees 10 was advanced to him. Now the net amount due by the toll contractor was Rupees 16. Having supplied oil for two months, at a cost of Rupees 12-14-11, he remitted

	Rs.
Benakala Bhair	168
Rhoopalam Bhair	42
Cookkala Bhair	20
Chembula Bhair	20
Nagal Bhair	10
Vondapundia Bhair	23
Mala Bhair	45
Total	333

into the office the balance due by him, i.e., Rupees 3-1-1. Now the whole amount of tolls was actually collected from him, but according to the cash-book only Rupees 3-1-1 were credited to Tolls, against the balance of Rupees 6, Rupees 2-14-11 having been paid by the contractor in oil. Therefore the receipts in tolls, as per cash-book, amount to Rupees 2,567-1-1, whereas, according to the actual transactions that have taken place between the Commissioners and the contractor, Rupees 2,570 were collected from him. You will therefore observe that the balance of Rupees 2-14-11 was both credited to "Tolls" in the Receipt side, and debited to "Lighting Contingencies" in the Expenditure side, the expenditure incurred for "Lighting Contingencies," as per cash-book, being only Rupees 126-14-6½.

16. **HEALTH.**—Small-pox prevailed to some extent. An outbreak of cholera took place in July last. This decrease is supposed to have been imported by rail. There were thirty-two deaths that month. Sporadic cases occurred in August. In November the epidemic appeared again, and at the end of December there had been 122 deaths. The disease was of a peculiarly mild.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT of the CIVIL DISPENSARY, GOOTY, for the Year ending 31st March 1877.

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
Remained on 31st March 1876	2	47
Admitted in the year 1876-77	146	1,610
Total	148	1,657
Discharged cured	85	1,563
" relieved	7	46
" no better		
" absent		

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I. *General Observations bearing upon the Climate, Atmospheric Phenomena, their influence on the public state of Health, presence or otherwise of Epidemic Disease.*—The hot season as usual commenced about the beginning of March, and continued till about the middle of June, when a few showers of rain greatly reduced the temperature. Both the south-west and north-east monsoons have been a failure during the year under review. The public health suffered a good deal from cholera, small-pox, measles, and fevers.

II. *A detailed Narrative of any Epidemic Disease which may have existed during the Year, from its first appearance until its subsidence, and whether influenced in its origin or progress by atmospheric changes.*—The first case of cholera during the year under review was admitted on the 2nd April 1876, the second case in July, and the third on the 16th November. From the latter date up till now the disease has been raging with slight intermissions. In the month of December when about 10,000 people were congregated in and about Gooty for relief-works, and the old men, women, and children to receive alms, cholera raged severely. It is very remarkable that the disease abates for some days, and even weeks, and all of a sudden breaks out with violence, without any apparent cause whatever for it; a few more cases occur on the second, third, and fourth days, and then there is a cessation. I have invariably found these sudden outbreaks take place at night. The total number of cholera cases treated is 103. Of this number 37 died, giving a percentage of 35·92 deaths to admission. Out of the 103 attacks 64 were males and 39 females, the deaths being males 23, females 14.

III. *Sanitation.*—The Sanitary establishment during the year under report consisted of fifteen sweepers, nine toties, and five carts. I do not consider the above to be sufficient to keep the town in an efficient state of sanitation.

IV. *Vaccination.*—I regret to remark that the services of the Municipal Vaccinator were dispensed with in June last, owing to an impoverished state of the Municipal Funds; however, I think that taking into consideration the good that had been done by a very large number of children having been protected from the ravages of small-pox, economy might have been carried out in some other branch of the Municipality. The total number vaccinated during April and May is thirty-seven, of which number one was unsuccessful, and two doubtful cases.

Gooty,
1st April 1877.

(Signed) S. E. CARRAPIETT, Asst. Apothecary,
in Medical charge, Civil Dispensary.

No. 105.

ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1877, No. 2308.

The following statement shows the actual receipts and expenditure of the Gooty Municipality for 1875-76 and 1876-77 with the estimates for the latter year:—

RECEIPTS.

	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimates, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Rates on Houses and Lands	904	800	846
Taxes on Arts	391	400	542
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	459	425	408
Registration of Carts	253	230	14
Tolls	2,770	2,700	1,9
Licenses	23	10	
Assignments by Government	49	50	
Contribution from Local Funds	15	240	
Fines and Fees	175	235	88
Miscellaneous	225	385	203
Advances Recoverable			20
Balance brought forward	1,029	20	251
Total	6,293	5,495	4,578

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimates, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
Repairs—			
Communications	998		15
Buildings	3		
Municipal Schools	196		37
Salary Grants	355	840	38
Results Grants	28	125	134
Inspection (Contribution)	25	25	55
Miscellaneous		20	25
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	365	350	386
Vaccination	112	120	24
Registration of Births and Deaths	16	24	7
Conservancy	2,619	2,190	2,738
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	424	300	200
Avenues and Watering Roads	55	48	76
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	843	778	69
Refunds	2		1
Balances	252		148
Total	6,293	5,495	4,578

2. Deducting the Local Fund share of the tolls, there was an increase on the estimate of Rupees 88 under taxation, but a decrease of Rupees 561 under all other heads except Balance. This falling off was due to decrease under Magisterial Fines, caused by the small number of criminal prosecutions instituted under the Act, and to the non-receipt of the Local Fund Contribution and the fees, estimated in connection with the Anglo-Vernacular School, which was proposed to be, but was not, opened. The current demand for House and Trades' taxes amounted to Rupees 1,454, of which only Rupees 58 remained uncollected at the end of the year.

3. There was but a trifling expenditure on Public Works, and only a fourth of the allotment for Education was utilized, owing to the abandonment of the proposed Anglo-Vernacular School in favor of a monthly salary grant of Rupees 15 towards a school newly established by the London Mission Society, which is favorably reported on.

4. The Mahomedan School, which was formerly maintained by the Municipality, was closed during the year, and has not yet been reopened, although its re-establishment was ordered in July 1876. The delay is stated to have been caused by the want of a qualified teacher; and the Government accept the explanation, but rely on steps being taken to revive the school speedily.

5. The working of the Dispensary was satisfactory, the number of in and out patients attended during the year being respectively 146 and 1,610 against 75 and 1,849 in 1875-76. The decrease in the attendance of out-patients should have been explained.

6. The Government regret to learn, that, while the public health suffered much from cholera and small-pox, the Commissioners were compelled from want of funds to abolish the post of Vaccinator and Registrar of Births and Deaths and arrange for their duties being performed by the Taluq vaccinator and Village officials, respectively. It is however satisfactory to note that the amount expended on conservancy has increased; although the Commissioners for this purpose were compelled to reduce the cost of lighting the town and of the establishment.

7. In regard to accounts and returns, it is observed from the comparative statements that the rewards for killing dogs and snakes have been erroneously debited to Grant V, instead of being detailed under Grant IV; also that the fees levied on temporary pandals are shown under "Fines and Fees;" instead of under "Licenses," also that the number of boys and girls of school-going age is given at 15 per cent. of the children, instead of 15 per cent. of the entire male and female population.

8. The statement should have reported on, and not merely certified.
(True Extract.)

H. H. J. M.
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Gooty.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Secretary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, Bellary District.

Ed. J. Wright.

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FINANCIAL.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION, Gooty.

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Dated September, 14th.

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