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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

25th September 1877, No. 2384.

**Municipal—Reports.**

Read the following paper :—

No. 205. *From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Godávari District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cocanada, 30th June* 1877.

I have the honor to forward the Annual Report of the working of the Towns Improvement Act, No. III of 1871, in the Cocanada Municipality, for the official year 1876-77.

2. BALANCE.—The year commenced with a balance of Rupees 361-1-3, of which Rupees 261-4-8 belonged to Municipal Funds, and Rupees 99-12-7 to Endowments.

3. REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE.—The receipts of the year, inculding the above balance, amounted to Rupees 25,445-14-10, and the expenditure to Rupees 25,066-8-2, leaving a surplus of income over expenditure of Rupees 379-6-8.

4. Head I, *Rates and Taxes.*—The amount collected under head I was Rupees 18,897-8-8, as follows :—

| | RS. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| On Houses and Lands . . . . . | 8,635 | 8 | 0 |
| „ Vehicles and Animals . . . . . | 1,074 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Registration of Carts . . . . . | 532 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Tolls . . . . . | 7,300 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Licenses . . . . . | 1,356 | 0 | 0 |

5. The demand on houses and lands was Rupees 8,916, of which Rs. 8,592-12-0 were actually collected, Rupees 142-5-0 remitted against appeals, leaving a balance of Rupees 180-15-0 which may be collected hereafter. The number of demand notices issued was 198, and of distress warrants 98, but in no case was property distrained.

6. The collection on vehicles and animals, on registration of carts, and on licenses show a slight increase over the preceding year, but the tolls sold, as usual, by public auction realized a lesser amount, although no special reason can be assigned to it.

7. Head 3, *Contribution from Special Funds.*—A sum of Rupees 26-7-4 was received under this head from the Government Treasury on account of the Surplus Pound Fund.

8. Head 4, *Contribution from Local Funds.*—The amount received under this head was Rupees 1,813-6-9, of which Rupees 475-13-4 were a contribution of two-thirds for scraping and painting the iron bridge; Rupees 800 the yearly contribution towards the Civil Dispensary; and Rupees 537-9-5 the reimbursement of two-thirds of the expenditure incurred for the Lying-in Hospital attached to the Civil Dispensary.

9. Head 5, *Fines and Fees.*—Rupees 408 were collected under this head, of which Rupees 209 were Magisterial Fines; Rupees 157 fees on marriage pandals; Rupees 41 fees on demand notices and distress warrants; and Annas 12 fees on duplicate copies.

10. The transfer during the year from Government to Municipal Funds of the fines collected under the Police Act and a more vigorous action taken against people committing nuisance are the causes of the increase in the collection of fines over the preceding year. The other items call for no special remark.

"V. SMALL-POX.—Only two cases of this ailment were treated at the hospital, and these were of the modified kind and soon recovered. Only two deaths were registered as having occurred in the town and being due to this disease during the twelve months.

"VI. MALARIOUS FEVERS.—Fevers of a malarial origin were more than usually rife, many of the admissions into and of those treated as out-patients at the Civil Dispensary being for these ailments; and the number of deaths registered from this cause alone as occurring in the town during the past year having amounted to so large a number as 108.

"VII. GENERAL WORKING OF THE INSTITUTIONS.—The subjoined tables show the numbers treated at the two Hospitals during the [illegible] pared with the previous twelve months:—

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| [illegible]ar. | In-patients. | Out-patients. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1875-76 .. .. .. .. .. | 267 | 4,017 | 4,284 |
| 1876-77 .. .. .. .. .. | 277 | 4,585 | 4,862 |

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL.

| Years. | In-patients. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|
| 1875-76 .. .. | 51 | The number fluctuates with the amount of shipping in the roads. |
| 1876-77 .. .. | 37 | |

"VIII. The endowment of the Hospital continues invested in Government bonds. The current expenses of the establishment are defrayed with contributions from the Port Fund, the Municipal and Local Fund Boards, and by money raised by private subscriptions, and by that obtained from seamen as a daily charge, whilst under treatment. The receipts were considerably below the expenses, and the difference was paid by the Municipality.

"The Lying-in Hospital, which was opened at the commencement of the year, has had to be closed owing to the great paucity of patients, but fourteen women having been treated in the establishment during the twelve months that it was open.

(Signed) "W. HANKS, *Civil Surgeon.*"

28. *Conservancy.*—A sum of Rupees 5,004-12-6 was expended under this head, viz., Rupees 2,242-4-5 on establishment consisting of four overseers and fifty-one sweepers and toties; Rupees 589-13-3 on conservancy, bandies, and wheel-barrows, Rupees 25-12-0 on cleansing tanks and wells; Rupees 289-11-2 on boats employed to carry people across the salt creek for calls of nature; Rupees 168-12-9 on watch peons employed to check nuisance; Rupees 258-4-0 on coolies employed to look after the fresh water channels and tanks; and Rupees 30-2-11 on contingencies (cost of brooms for sweepers, &c.).

29. GRANT IV, *Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—Lighting.*—Rupees 1,111-4-8 were expended under this head, viz., Rupees 294 on establishment consisting of six lighters, and Rupees 817-4-5 on kerosene oil, wicks, burners, &c.

30. *Market.*—Rupees 78-0-9 were expended under this head, being salaries of the peon and sweeper employed on the market.

31. *Choultries, &c.*—Rupees 147 were expended under this head, viz., Rupees 120 as subscription to a poor men's choultry, and Rupees 27 to keep a water pandal at the office gate to distribute water to the public during the hot season.

32. *Watering Trees, Planting Avenues, &c.*—Rupees 452-5-6 were expended under this head, viz., Rupees 363-1-6 on coolies employed to water the avenue trees, and Rupees 89-4-0 on bamboos for fencing the trees.

[illegible] *Time Gun.*—Rupees 127-1-6 were expended on gunpowder, &c.

[illegible] *Lunatics.*—Rupees 451-2-6 were paid during the year to the Lunatic Asylum at Waltair for the maintenance of three lunatics.

35. *Sundries.*—Rupees 198-12-9 were expended under this head, viz., Rupees 17-8-0 for fire hooks; Rupees 52-15-6 for renumbering the houses; Rupees 37-12-0 for signboards, marking the names of the streets; Rupees 60 as horse allowance to the manager; and Rupees 30-9-3 on other petty charges.

36. GRANT V, *Supervision and Management.*—The sum of Rupees 3,000-13-6 was expended under this head, viz., Rupees 2,259 for establishment consisting of one manager, two clerks, and three peons; Rupees 450 for office rent; Rupees 72-10-1 for



printed forms; Rupees 119-3-5 for books, stationery, postage, and receipt stamps, &c., and Rupees 100 fees for auditing the accounts.

37. *Balance.*—The year closed with a balance of Rupees 379-6-8, of which Rupees 279-10-1 belonged to Municipal Funds, and Rupees 99-12-7 to Endowments.

38. The accounts of the year were audited, and the Auditor's certificate is annexed hereto:—

"I hereby certify that I have audit[illegible] accounts of the Cocanada Municipality for the official year ending 31st March 1877, and found them correctly and supported by proper vouchers.

"COCANADA, 16*th June* 1877." (Signed) "W. S. MADDEN, *Auditor.*"

39. It will be observed that the expenditure during the year has been almost equal to the actual receipts. The Commissioners have been obliged to raise their expenditure under Grant III, and this has had to be done at the expense of some other head. Public Works could therefore not have so large a grant as formerly. Of course the roads have suffered, but I think the Commissioners were right in considering sanitation more important than roads. The traffic has been heavy, and the roads in many places require repair, and these will be attended to in their turn.

40. The proportion of deaths to the population—32·40 per mille—is somewhat above the average, so that it may be possible that the registration may be tolerably correct, thus showing more deaths than births, but I certainly believe that a very great difficulty still exists to our getting our births returns right. Some people think it wrong to give us any information of such occurrences in their families; some do not know they ought to give it, and others are too lazy to do so. No one would think of giving us any such information about other people's families, so that, do what we will, we must for a long time find it very difficult to get proper returns of the births.

41. I have not yet got sufficient information to give the educational returns. I will send them in a few days. I think it is better not to wait for them now.

42. Independently of the works carried out by the Municipality, as detailed in the report, a good deal has been contributed by priyate enterprise. The Raja of Pittapoor has caused a large tank to be dug in Suryarowpettah at a cost estimated at Rupees 10,000. Batchu Ramesengar and Payeda Ramakristnayyagar, both Municipal Commissioners, have also done much to improve the water-supply of the town during the year, the former by a continuation of the covered drains carried through the streets, the latter by enlarging and repairing some of the existing tanks.

43. This return has been delayed owing to the illness of the Vice-President—an illness which, I regret to say, has ended in his death.

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No. 206. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1877, No. 2384.

The following comparative statement shows the actual receipts and charges of 1875-76, and the estimates and actuals of the year 1876-77, of the Cocanada Municipality:—

| RECEIPTS. | Actuals, 1875-76. | Estimates, 1876-77. | Actuals, 1876-77. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Rates on Houses and Lands .. .. | 8,449 | 9,000 | 8,636 |
| Taxes on Vehicles and Animals .. .. | 898 | 1,000 | 1,074 |
| Registration of Carts .. .. .. | 322 | 300 | 532 |
| Tolls .. .. .. .. .. .. | 8,050 | 8,000 | 7,300 |
| Licenses .. .. .. .. .. | 1,334 | 1,550 | 1,356 |
| Assignments by Government .. .. | 15 | 200 | 27 |
| Contribution from Local Funds .. .. | 1,500 | 500 | 1,813 |
| Fines and Fees .. .. .. .. | 3 | 50 | 408 |
| Endowments .. .. .. .. | 3,551 | 1,320 | 2850 |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .. .. | 650 | 1,180 | 1,089 |
| Balance brought forward .. .. .. | 623 | 1,200 | 361 |
| Total .. | 25,395 | 24,300 | 25,446 |

| CHARGES. | Actuals, 1875-76. | Estimates, 1876-77. | Actuals, 1876-77. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| GRANT I. | | | |
| *New Works*— | | | |
| Communications .. .. .. | 2,268 | 4,300 | 3,464 |
| Buildings .. .. .. .. | .. | .. | 832 |
| Sanitary and Miscellaneous .. | 3,644 | .. | 725 |
| *Repairs*— | | | |
| Communications .. .. .. | 2,325 | 2,600 | 2,012 |
| Buildings .. .. .. .. | .. | .. | 31 |
| Sanitary and Miscellaneous .. | 392 | 400 | 723 |
| Establishment .. .. .. .. | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Tools and Plant .. .. .. | 54 | 116 | 38 |
| GRANT II. | | | |
| Salary Grants .. .. .. .. | 757 | 840 | 925 |
| Results Grants .. .. .. .. | 81 | 140 | 137 |
| Inspection (Contribution) .. .. | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| GRANT III. | | | |
| Hospitals and Dispensaries .. .. | 4,751 | 4,400 | 5,100 |
| Vaccination .. .. .. .. | 180 | 190 | 188 |
| Conservancy .. .. .. .. | 4,303 | 4,324 | 5,005 |
| GRANT IV. | | | |
| Lighting .. .. .. .. | 1,555 | 1,850 | 1,111 |
| Markets .. .. .. .. | .. | .. | 78 |
| Choultries .. .. .. .. | 148 | 120 | 147 |
| Avenues and Watering Roads .. | 555 | 700 | 452 |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .. .. | 540 | 750 | 627 |
| GRANT V. | | | |
| Supervision and Management .. .. | 3,161 | 3,250 | 3,152 |
| Balances .. .. .. .. .. | 361 | .. | 379 |
| Total .. | 25,395 | 24,300 | 25,446 |

2. There was a decrease of Rupees 952 under taxation, but a net increase, excepting the balance, of Rupees 2,937, under all other heads. The excess, however, was only nominal, being due to the contributions in favor of the Dispensary and the Lying-in Hospital from Port and Local Funds, which were not settled when the Budget was prepared.

3. The increase of revenue from Fees and Fines indicates increased activity against nuisance offenders.

4. The charges under all heads amounted to Rupees 25,067, of which Rupees 7,787 were laid out on New Works and Repairs of a useful character.

5. In the matter of Education, the Commissioners have confined themselves to salary and results grants, and have not started schools of their own. The number of schools obtaining results grant is only three, though there are sixteen other schools of the primary class in the town, with nearly 350 children in attendance, against eighty in the schools now examined. The Government trust that the Commissioners will gradually succeed in bringing several of the abstaining schools under inspection. It is so far gratifying to observe that the number of boys in aided schools rose from 252 to 401, and that of girls from 1 to 27 apart from the 94 attending the Pittapore Girls' School.

6. The establishment of a Lying-in ward, and the carrying out of several sanitary improvements which were under consideration last year, caused a large increase in Dispensary and Conservancy charges. The continued success attending the working of the Dispensary is gratifying. As compared with last year, there was an increase of 10 in-patients and 568 out-patients. The Government fully appreciate the wisdom of the Commissioners in expending their income freely upon sanitary and other matters relating to the health of the people.



7. The closing of the Lying-in ward in the first year of establishment is a matte for much regret, and the Government desire a special report on the subject, at an ear date, as the cause is not very clear.

8. It is noted that there has been a great falling off in the number of per vaccinated.

9. In the matter of accounts, it is observed from Statement II that allowance paid to the Office Manag[illegible] shown under Grant IV General Management.

10. The Auditor appears again to have simply certified but not repo result of his audit. This should not be allowed in future.

11. The Government regard with special approval the public spirit sh several persons who have expended private means with great discretion for the benefit of the townspeople: notably the Raja of Pittapore who has laid out Rupees 10,000 in the excavation of a tank, Batchu Ramesengar and Payeda Ramakristnayagar, Municipal Commissioners. The President will communicate these remarks to these gentlemen.

(True Extract.)

*Acting Under Secy. to Govt.*

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

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department

No 4332

Govt. of (1877) Madras.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
*Cocanada,*

&c., &c., &c.

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