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Municipal—Reports.

Read the following paper :—

No. 171. *From H. St. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nakka-pilly, 7th July 1877, No. 711.*

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the annual reports of the three Municipalities of Vizagapatam, Vizianagram, and Bimlipatam for 1876-77, together with the annual statements prepared in the forms prescribed in G.O., dated 25th April 1877, No. 134, and Auditor's reports.

2. **VIZAGAPATAM.**—The following statement shows the receipts and charges of the Municipality for the year 1876-77 as compared with the Budget Estimates for that year and the actuals of the previous year :—

3. **RECEIPTS.**—The year opened with a balance of Rupees 2,682. The receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 23,526, making a total of Rupees 26,208 against the Budget Estimate of Rupees 25,585 and the previous year's actuals of Rupees 27,378. The increase in comparison with the Budget Estimate is due to the contribution of Rupees 4,000 made by the Rani of Bobbili for the purpose of repairing the damage caused by the cyclone of October 1876. The decrease in comparison with the actuals of 1875-76 is due to the opening balance of the year under review being nearly Rupees 3,000 less than that of the previous year and to the exhibition in the accounts of only the Municipal share of the income from tolls. The causes of the variations under the different heads are explained in Statement VI-B.

4. **EXPENDITURE.**—The expenditure shows an excess of Rupees 2,602 over the Budget Estimate and of Rupees 1,476 over the actuals of 1875-76. The excess is due chiefly to the cost of repairing the heavy damages caused by the cyclone. The important variations are explained below :—

New Works.—The expenditure under this head during the year under review was Rupees 2,088 against the Budget Estimate of Rupees 3,250 and the previous year's actuals of Rupees 2,613. The decrease is due to the want of funds, the cyclone damages having to be repaired on one side, and the prevailing high prices having obliged the Commissioners to show leniency in the collection of the taxes on the other. The principal new works executed were the construction of two drains and one ferry flat, the completion of six pukka privies, and the sinking of three wells.

Repairs.—The budget grant under this head was Rupees 650, and the actual expenditure in 1875-76 Rupees 1,121. Owing to the great damage caused to the Municipal property by the cyclone the expenditure under this head during the year under notice increased to Rupees 5,056. The details of the expenditure are shown in Statement II-A.

Results Grants.—The expenditure amounted to Rupees 946 against Rupees 2,000 provided in the budget, and Rupees 2,334, the actuals of 1875-76. The decrease is owing to the non-presentation of bills during the year under review.

Conservancy.—Under this head the expenditure which was Rupees 8,639 exceeded the estimate by Rupees 891 and the previous year's actuals by Rupees 349. The excess was chiefly due to the expenditure incurred in fumigation as a means of

preventing the spread of cholera and for clearing the town of the debris, &c., caused by the cyclone.

Lighting.—The expenditure under this head shows a decrease. It was Rupees 832 against the Budget Estimate of Rupees 1,335 and the previous year's actuals of Rupees 1,856. Most of the posts and lanterns were destroyed by the cyclone, and the lighting was in consequence suspended since October last; hence the decrease.

5. Sanitation.—The sanitation of the town is well attended to by the Commissioners; streets are kept clean, and drains are daily flushed. During the early part of the year scarcity of water was felt. To meet the want three wells were sunk, others deepened, and a large number cleansed; 144 square yards of prickly-pear and wild croton were removed in places contiguous to dwelling houses.

6. Public health.—The public health was not so good as in the previous year. The mortality exceeded that of 1875-76 by 217; cholera was more or less prevalent during the whole of the year. Cholera pills and chlorodyne were freely distributed and medicine depôts established. Every means was resorted to to prevent the spread of the epidemic. Sulphur balls and tar fires were regularly burnt. Clothes of the deceased patients were buried or burnt. Such extra medical aid as was available was taken advantage of. An additional conservancy establishment was also maintained for the better cleansing of the town during the prevalence of the disease. The births registered during the year were 989 (30.72 per mille), being 88 more than in 1875-76; and the deaths registered were 1,088 (33.79 per mille), or 217 in excess of the preceding year.

7. Vaccination.—Vaccination has greatly decreased during the year. The Municipal Vaccinators performed 175 operations, of which 145 were successful. The Municipality were without the services of Vaccinators for about five months. They were for some time on cholera duty, and even when at work did but little. They have been dismissed. Two new hands have been entertained and placed under the supervision of the 1st-class Deputy Inspector of Vaccination, Vizagapatam Range, as per G.O., dated 2nd September 1876, No. 1,591.

8. Civil Dispensary.—In the Civil Dispensary 285 in-patients and 6,698 out-patients were treated during the year against 291 and 7,462 in the previous year. The decrease is attributed by the Civil Surgeon to the changes in the Medical Staff, but the existence of Mr. G. L. Narasinga Row's Dispensary and the medical aid rendered by the sisters of St. Joseph's Convent might also have in some measure contributed to the decrease. The working of the Dispensary is, however, on the whole good, and no complaints have been received. Copy of the Civil Surgeon's report is enclosed.

9. Leper Hospital.—The number of lepers in the leper ward has been reduced to ten, and they have been selected by the Civil Surgeon as being patients in whose cases it is hoped a cure may be effected.

10. Lighting.—The cyclone having destroyed most of the iron posts and lanterns the town has not been lighted since October last. Fifty iron brackets and twenty iron lamp-posts with seventy lamps are being constructed.

11. Education.—The average attendance at the twenty-two results grants schools supported by the Municipality has risen to 643 from 592. The decrease in the expenditure was due solely to the non-presentation of bills. There are in the town thirteen other schools with 1,050 boys and girls on the rolls.

12. Demand, Collection, and Balance.—The current demand on account of house and profession taxes and tolls was Rupees 21,280, of which Rupees 17,656 were collected and Rupees 1,142 were remitted, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,482. Owing to the damages sustained by house-owners during the cyclone, and owing to the prevailing high prices, leniency was shown in the collection of the taxes. This caused the large outstanding balance. The arrears demand outstanding at the beginning of the year was Rupees 1,504, the whole of which has been collected with the exception of Rupees 276 written off as irrecoverable.

13. General.—The town was visited in October 1876 by a heavy cyclone which caused great loss to the Municipality as well as to the inhabitants. Twenty-five

persons died by drowning. A large number of houses in the town were destroyed and the inmates left destitute. At a meeting at which the Collector presided subscriptions amounting to Rupees 5,545 were collected for the Cyclone Relief Fund, and the money was administered by a committee presided over by the Municipal Vice-President. Eleven pukka and eighteen temporary privies were blown down and others damaged. One of the ferry flats which was built at a cost of Rupees 2,000 parted from her moorings and was lost, but has lately been found at the bottom of the river not irreparably damaged. A new flat was purchased at a cost of Rupees 600. All the roads sustained much damage. The Rani of Bobbili came forward very opportunely with a magnificent gift of Rupees 1,000 which has contributed greatly to their restoration. His Grace the Governor of Madras paid a visit to the Municipality during the year and narrowly escaped the cyclone.

14. VIZIANAGRAM.—The following statement compares the receipts and expenditure of the Municipality for the year 1876-77 with the Budget Estimate for that year and the actuals of the previous year:—

15. RECEIPTS.—The balance at the beginning of the year was Rupees 30, and the receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 13,192, making a total of Rupees 13,222 against Rupees 11,929 the estimate, and Rupees 12,072 the actuals, of the preceding year. The increase occurs chiefly in the following items:—

- (1). Rates on Houses;
- (2). Taxes on Vehicles; and
- (3). Tolls.

The increase in the first item is owing to the revision of the house-tax. The increase in the second item is due to the return of His Highness the Maharajah to Vizianagram who brought with him many carriages from Benares; and that in the third item is due to the tolls having been raised from a fixed sum and was estimated for by competition at auction.

16. EXPENDITURE.—The expenditure incurred during the year amounted to Rupees 13,214, showing an increase of Rupees 1,285 over the Budget Estimate, and of Rupees 1,172 over the actuals of the preceding year. The increased expenditure was incurred to utilise the assets available.

New Works.—A sum of Rupees 2,213 was estimated in the budget for new works, but the actuals under the head increased to Rupees 3,350 in consequence of the increased receipts.

The works executed were—

	RS.
7,040 yards of road	575
194 do. of culverts	244
378 do. of rough stone drains	184
198 do. of parapet walls	498
681 do. of cut-stone drains	470
72 do. of under-ground tunnels	360
88 do. of bridges	1,019
Total	3,350

Repairs.—The expenditure on account of repairs to roads and drains was Rupees 1,484 against Rupees 1,618 the estimate. The remaining portion of the budget grant was not utilised, being unnecessary. Six thousand yards of road, 150 yards of culverts, 1,697 yards of rough stone drains, and 821 yards of parapet wall in different parts of the town were repaired. The latrines and the travellers' sheds damaged by the cyclone of October last were put in order. Several pits were filled up, earthen drains cut, and croton destroyed.

17. Education.—The budget grant for education was Rupees 1,098, and the actual expenditure amounted to Rupees 915. The amount spent in the preceding year was Rupees 607, thus showing an increase of Rupees 308 in the year under

review. Besides the result schools supported from Municipal funds there are several schools of various degrees for girls as well as boys supported by His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram, E.C.S.L. Return V has not been filled up by the Commissioners. They have been written to, and when the return is received it will be submitted to Government.

18. *Vaccination*.—Notwithstanding the payment of a fee of one Anna to the parents of the children vaccinated the number of the vaccine operations has decreased from 923 to 784. The amount spent under this head was Rupees 183 against Rs. 194 in the previous year, and Rupees 218 the budget grant. I have called the attention of the Government to this unsatisfactory state of vaccination which is due to the prevalence of cholera, and improvement during the current year is hoped.

19. *Public Health*.—The health of the town was not satisfactory. Cholera prevailed more or less throughout the year and caused 204 deaths. The deaths from fever were 417. There was no small-pox. The total number of deaths and births registered was as follows:

	1875-76.	1876-77.
Deaths	577 (28.72 per mille).	803 (39.92 per mille).
Births	644 (32.05 " "	622 (30.06 " "

The tanks and the wells in the town furnished a good supply of water. Some improvement has taken place in the supervision of the Conservancy Department since the date of the last report.

20. *Lighting*.—The expenditure under this head rose from Rupees 387 in the previous year to Rupees 477. Fifty-one lamps are in use.

21. *General*.—The cyclone which visited the town of Vizagapatam in October 1876 also passed through Vizianagram but did not do any great damage. His Grace the Governor of Madras visited this town also during the year under report. His Grace kindly visited the new market and bazar which have proved a great public convenience. In the last year's report it was brought to the notice of Government that the Vizianagram Municipality was extravagant in the cost of its establishment. The Government in their review of the reports, dated 11th August 1876, No. 1,443, called for proposals for a reduction of the establishment. Proposals were submitted accordingly and sanctioned in G.O., dated 19th December 1876, No. 2,372.

In G.O., dated 8th February 1876, No. 286, the Vizianagram Municipality was permitted to retain the full income from tolls on the condition that a loop line should be constructed to free through traffic. This loop line has not yet been constructed. A loop line already exists for the bulk of the traffic, viz., that from Parvatipore, Bobbili, Salar, and Gajapatnam to the coast. The traffic from Chicacole, Konada, and Bhogapuram passes to the coast through the trunk road and that from Chepurupilly and country tracts. Scarcely any through traffic from the Nellimirla side comes into Vizianagram. A large quantity of grain and other articles of consumption are received by this route at Vizianagram for the use of its inhabitants. The Municipal Commissioners think that the proposed loop line will be of doubtful advantage to cartmen and carriers owing to the circuitous route necessary to avoid their limits, and therefore propose that instead of a loop line being made they may be allowed to pay to the Local Fund Board one-eighth of their income from tolls. I have ascertained that the number of handies that came into Vizianagram during ten days in the busiest season from 25th April to 4th May 1877 was 3,473, of which 2,374 were laden and 1,099 unladen. Of the above number of laden handies 2,275 were unloaded at Vizianagram for consumption in the town, and 4 per cent. of the laden carts or 3 per cent. of the whole number 99 passed through to destination beyond. Considering that the through traffic is so very small it seems that the one-eighth share of the income from tolls offered by the Municipality to the Local Fund Board is reasonable, and I beg strongly to recommend that the proposal of the Commissioners may be sanctioned.

From observation of the ground I have been convinced that handies taking the loop line at the only possible point of departure (near the Phul Bagh) could cross into the town at fifty points before they reach its further limits.

22. *Bimlipatam*.—The annexed abstract shows the receipts and charges of the Municipality for 1876-77 as compared with the estimate for that year and the actuals of 1875-76:—

23. *Receipts*.—Including a balance of Rupees 720 brought forward the Municipality has had at its disposal during the year Rupees 10,586 against Rupees 9,715 the Budget Estimate, and Rupees 15,063 the actuals of the previous year, thus showing an increase of Rupees 871 over the Budget Estimate which is mainly caused by larger subscriptions to the Dispensary than had been anticipated, and by the rental of a small building of the Municipality which was formerly occupied rent free by an European school. In comparison with the actuals of the previous year there appears a large decrease of Rupees 5,348 which is only nominal, being due to the Municipal share of the income from tolls alone having been shown in the accounts of 1876-77 as per G.O., dated 27th November 1876, No. 2,126.

24. *Expenditure*.—The net expenditure incurred by the Municipality during the year amounted to Rupees 10,440 against Rupees 9,300 the estimate, and Rupees 14,343 the actuals of 1875-76. The increased receipts have enabled the Commissioners to incur an expenditure in excess of the budget grant. The decrease in comparison with the preceding year's actuals is also nominal for the same reason stated in the above paragraph.

New Works.—Nothing was provided in the budget for new works, but the additional receipts and the small expenditure for education admitted of the Commissioners laying out a sum of Rupees 1,061 on 1,068 yards of new drainage.

Repairs.—The outlay on repairs amounted to Rupees 1,100 the estimate. The roads in the town were repaired at a cost of Rupees 879, and the Municipal hall, which was somewhat damaged by the cyclone of October 1876, was repaired at an expense of Rupees 107. A sum of Rupees 82 was spent in repairing the drains in the town.

25. *Education*.—The expenditure for education fell short of the estimate by Rupees 322, and this by no fault of the Commission. Aid was refused to no school that was brought under the results system. Five result schools having 169 boys and 13 girls on their rolls received an aggregate grant of Rupees 247. The usual salary grant of Rupees 36 was paid to the Mussulman school numbering 24 children. Since October 1876 a salary grant of Rupees 20 per mensem has been granted to a small mixed school newly opened for European and East Indian children. The number at present on the rolls of this school is only 16, but the Commissioners are not without hopes that the school will increase in usefulness. Besides the above there exist in the town a Government Taluq school, a Middle-class school maintained by the Baptist Mission, a Girls' school supported by His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram, E.C.S.L., and three other private schools. The boys and girls on the rolls of these schools number 179.

26. *Dispensary*.—The charges of the Dispensary amounted to Rupees 3,698 against the estimate of Rupees 3,700. The institution has continued to be useful and popular as will be seen from the enclosed report of the medical officer. The number of in-patients treated at the Dispensary during the year was 213 against 178 of the preceding year, and that of out-patients was 5,357 against 5,006 of 1875-76. The number of deaths among the in-patients was twelve, and that among the out-patients was seven.

27. *Vaccination*.—The expenditure incurred for vaccination was exactly the same as that provided in the budget, viz., Rupees 150. One Vaccinator on Rupees 10 per mensem worked during the whole year and operated on 348 cases against 398 of 1875-76 and 374 of 1874-75. Fees of 2 Annas to each child and 4 Annas to each adult vaccinated have been held out as inducements.

28. *Public Health*.—The public health of the town was below that of the former years, but considering the nature of the season it was favorable. Small-pox prevailed to a small extent during the earlier months, and the deaths from it numbered seven. Fever and bowel-complaints were the chief diseases of the patients. The deaths from cholera reported were eleven, but it is doubtful whether they were not from diarrhoea.

The total number of deaths registered during the year was 288 (32.62 per mille) against 290 of the previous year, and that of births was 259 (29.34 per mille) against 314 of 1875-76. The sanitary condition of the town was good, and the drainage and conservancy was excellent.

22. *Lighting*.—The charge for lighting amounted to Rupees 615 against Rupees 720 the estimate, thus showing a decrease of Rupees 105 caused by the Municipality having had to give up lighting for some time after the cyclone.

30. *General*.—The centre of the cyclone of October last passed over Bimlipatam but did not do any great damage. The Act worked smoothly during the year.

From J. D. REES, Esq., Vice-President, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Vizagapatam District, dated Vizagapatam, 16th June 1877, No. 51.

I have the honor to report on the working of this Municipality for the official year 1876-77, and to forward, herewith, the statements of receipts and expenditure of the Municipal Funds together with the Auditor's report according to new form prescribed by G.O., dated 25th April 1877, No. 1347.

2. The original Budget Estimates received the sanction of Government in their Order, No. 647, of 7th April 1876.

3. The actual receipts and charges amounted to Rupees 26,208 and Rupees 26,172 against Rupees 25,585 and Rupees 25,430, respectively, shown in the Budget Estimates. The causes of variations are fully explained in "Statement VI-B, Comparative Statement, Receipts and Charges."

Sanitation.—There was a great scarcity of water this year owing to the failure of rain. Three wells were sunk, others were deepened, and a large number cleansed. An establishment for supplying water to the low caste people was maintained, as their own wells ran dry and they were not permitted by higher caste people to draw water from others. Fifty iron brackets and twenty iron lamp-posts with seventy lamps are being constructed to supply the place of the existing wooden posts.

One hundred and forty-four square yards of prickly-pears and wild figs have been removed in places contiguous to dwelling houses.

The cleansing of the town has been duly attended to. The streets are swept clean, the drains are flushed twice a day with clean water, the excreta and other foul matter are removed twice a day and buried at a distance from the town. Six public privies on the Coimbatore plan have been brought into use. Surface drains measuring 771 yards have been constructed in the several parts of the town.

The number of lepers in the leper ward has been reduced to 10, and they have been selected by the Civil Surgeon as being patients in whose cases it is to be hoped a cure may be effected.

The town was visited by a violent cyclone on the 7th October 1876 which lasted for full twenty-four hours. The river on the western side of the town rose to such a height as to inundate Kottapettah, a quarter populated chiefly by the cooly classes who all lost their houses and much of their property. The water at Kottapettah at its highest point was full 6 feet deep. The deaths by drowning numbered 25. The Government lent the Municipality the aid of 90 convicts for twenty-one days, free of cost, by means of whom and the extra establishment entertained the town was thoroughly cleansed within a fortnight from the date of the cyclone. The employment of an extra establishment for the purpose occasioned an outlay of Rupees 294. At a meeting, at which Mr. Goodrich presided, subscriptions, amounting to Rupees 5,545, were collected for the Cyclone Relief Fund. The money was administered by a committee over which the Vice-President, Municipal Commission, presided. The Municipal property suffered considerably in the cyclone. Eleven public and 18 temporary privies were blown down and others damaged. One of the ferry boats which was built at a cost of Rupees 2,000, parted from her moorings and has not been heard of since. Many other buildings and all the roads have sustained much damage. The Rani of Bobbili came forward, very opportunely with a munificent gift of Rupees 4,000 which has contributed greatly to the restoration of the roads and damaged property, and to the efficient cleansing of the town—a work of considerable difficulty and of the greatest importance for the prevention of disease at that crisis.

Vaccination.—The Municipal Vaccinators have performed 175 operations, of which 145 have been successful. The number vaccinated is 183 less than in the preceding year. The Municipality were without the services of Vaccinators for about five months. They were for some time on cholera duty, did but little when they were at work, were condemned by the Civil Surgeon, and subsequently dismissed. Two new hands are now employed who are placed under the supervision of the Assistant Superintendent of Vaccination as per G.O., dated 2nd September 1876, No. 1591. It is to be hoped that they will work with more success than their predecessors.

Births and Deaths.—The number of births registered in the year is males 508 and females 481; in all 989, being 88 more than in the preceding year. The number of deaths registered is males 586 and females 592; in all 1,088. This is 217 more than in the preceding year.

Public Health.—The mortality of this year exceeded that of the preceding one. It has been chiefly fever and cholera. The first case of cholera was on the 8th April, the last on the 29th March 1877. Chlorodyne with other medicines were placed in the hands of Commissioners, and medicine depôts were established in the houses of several private individuals who treated 200 patients in 169 cases with success. Every means was resorted to to prevent the spread of the disease. Sulphur balls and tar fires were burnt regularly, clothes of the deceased patients buried or burnt, and such extra medical aid as was available was taken advantage of. An additional conservancy establishment was also maintained for the better cleansing of the town during the prevalence of the disease.

Civil Dispensary.—The report of the Civil Surgeon, copy of which is herewith sent, notices the prevalence of cholera and fever, and refers to the visitation of the town by the late cyclone. That officer also notices the sanitary condition of the town, and observes that that of the parts sloping off towards the sea-beach and backwater is not good, the locality on the sea-beach being chiefly populated by fishermen whose houses are built without any attempt at order. Adequate drainage is impossible. It is unnecessary here to refer to the condition of those parts of the town adjoining the swamp as the matter has recently received your attention. Two hundred and eighty-five in-patients and 6,698 out-patients were treated during the year against 291 and 7,462 in the preceding year; the decrease is attributed by the Civil Surgeon to the changes of medical officers and subordinates.

In a supplemental report particulars are given regarding the percentage of the principal diseases to total cases treated, the proportion of different castes among patients, the statistics of diet among in-patients, and the cost per head of in and out patients with other information called for in paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 31st August 1876, No. 981.

The working of the Act.—The difficulty experienced in collecting the house and profession, &c., taxes in this year has been considerably increased in consequence of great straits the people have been put to by the occurrence of the late cyclone and from other untoward circumstances such as the sickness and high prices which have prevailed. This has induced the Commissioners to leniency in the matter of collecting the taxes, and has thus caused the large demand balance shown in the accounts.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Annual Report of the Civil Dispensary, Vizagapatam, for the year 1876-77.

1. The public health of the town of Vizagapatam and district during the past year has not been satisfactory, cholera having prevailed more or less in various parts of the district. Several cases occurred in the town and also in the District Jail in August, and in the end of January the disease again made its appearance in a very virulent form in the jail, and seventeen deaths resulted. Shortly afterwards it appeared in the town and was present up to the end of the year, a case or two occurring now and then. In the northern taluqs of the district it broke out in February, and there it was most fatal. Altogether during the year 1,550 deaths were reported to have occurred from this disease. Small-pox has not been prevalent to any extent. Intermittent fever has been pretty common as usual in this malarious district.

2. The hot season is generally considered to have been unusually severe, and the rainfall, apart from that which fell during the cyclone in October, was scanty. It amounted in all to thirty-seven inches, ninety-nine cents, nearly the half of which fell during the cyclone. The town and a considerable part of the district suffered from a cyclone on the night of the 5th of October. Twenty-nine lives were lost, and much damage was done to property. The Dispensary buildings were damaged to a slight extent.

3. The sanitary condition of the higher part of the town is very good, but where the ground slopes away down on the east side towards the sea and to the westward towards the backwater the sanitation is not so good. This is due on the shore side to that being the fishermen's quarter where every obstacle to cleanliness is imposed by the people themselves, and where the houses are built without any attempt at order, and drainage consequently impossible. The shore is the principal latrine; but the Municipality are doing their best to rectify this by building latrines along the beach. On the landward side there is a system of drainage, but it is not effectual as the fall is too slight, the water from the beach water at high tide regurgitating into the drains.

4. There has been a total of twenty-one Europeans and East Indians and 264 natives treated as in-patients in this Dispensary. These numbers are almost the same as last year, there having been 22 and 269. Of out-patients there were 627 and 6,071 against 649 and 6,813 in the year previous. This shows a falling off of 742 in the native out-patients' department which I cannot account for, unless the frequent changes of medical officers and the loss of

1st-class Hospital Assistant C. Appavoo, No. 359, on 1st December, who was very highly spoken of by my predecessors, may do so.

5. Regarding the practice the only cases of interest have been one of vesico-vaginal fistula operated upon most successfully; one of fistula in ano and with extensive sinus also cured, and an amputation of the leg in an old woman where Eschsch's bloodless plan was adopted with success. Ninety surgical operations altogether have been performed, the great majority of them being of a minor character. One case of stabbing in the region of the chest was also treated, and did well. In the medical line there was no case calling for special notice.

6. The deaths of in-patients numbered twenty-eight, of whom one was a European. Among the out-patients ten died, two of whom were Europeans. Of the causes of deaths among the in-patients there is nothing worthy of note; they were dysentery, diarrhoea, dropsy, epilepsy, phthisis, debility, cholera, syphilis, anasarca, starvation, and wounds. Among the out-patients was one case of hydrophobia; the other diseases causing death were hysteria, beri-beri, tetanus, diarrhoea, and cholera.

7. The Dispensary has been endowed by His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram with Rupees 20,000, who also contributes sufficient to make up with the interest on the above a monthly income of Rupees 200. The Municipality and Local Fund Boards each contribute in addition a sum of Rupees 100 monthly. The funds of the Dispensary are in a very prosperous condition. The balance in the Treasury on the current expenditure was on the 1st April 1876 Rupees 454-8-6, and on the 31st March Rupees 2,778-5-1.

8. Vaccination is not efficiently performed. The Municipality employ two vaccinators, but the number vaccinated by them is very small. They are, however, to be put under the immediate supervision of the Civil Surgeon, and an attempt will be made to carry out the work more efficiently in future.

9. The Dispensary Establishment consists one 1st-class Hospital Assistant on sick leave, one 3rd-class Hospital Assistant acting, a nurse, peon, cook, waterman, two ward coolies (male), one ward coolie (female), one male toty, and a female toty.

The medical officers in charge have been Surgeon-Major J. P. Nash who went on furlough to Europe on the 7th July 1876; Surgeon A. E. Dalgairus, in medical charge of the 7th Regiment Native Infantry, succeeded to the charge, which he gave over to Surgeon C. H. Day on the 15th of August. Dr. Day was relieved by Surgeon James Smith on the 1st December 1876. First-class Hospital Assistant C. Appavoo, No. 359, went on sick leave on the 4th December 1876, and his place was taken by 3rd-class Hospital Assistant T. Ramajogy Naidu, No. 1032, who is zealous but is too young for such an important charge.

I certify that the order regarding the safe custody of poisonous drugs has been fully carried out. The return of food grains growing in the district accompanies this report.

(Signed) J. SMITH, Surgeon,
Civil Surgeon.

8th May 1877.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Continuation of Annual Report with reference to G.O., 31st August 1876, No. 981.

I.—Table showing percentage of the principal diseases to total treated in order of frequency:—

Ague	7-68
Ulcer	7-16
Rheumatism	5-16
Dyspepsia	4-57
Bronchitis	2-91
Infl. memb. tym.	2-78
Dysentery	1-68
Diarrhoea	1-64
Conjunctivitis	1-4
Leprosy	1-68
Syphilis, primary	1-56
Scrofula	1-49

II.—The proportion of different castes among the patients are as follow:—

Europeans	36
East Indians	612
Christians	470
Brahmins	1,140
Rajputs	44
Hindus	3,561
Musulmans	820
Pariahs	294

III.—The list of the in-patients is as follows:—

	EUROPEANS AND EAST INDIANS.				NATIVES.			
	Full at As. 5.		Half at As. 3½.		Full at As. 2.		Half at A. 1 P. 8.	
Rice	lbs.	oz.	lbs.	oz.	lbs.	oz.	lbs.	oz.
Mutton	..	8	..	8	1	8	1	..
Bread	..	12	..	8	..	4	..	3
Vegetables	..	8	..	8	..	4	..	..
Currystuff	..	8	..	6	..	4	..	4
Ghee	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1
Coffee	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	2
Hoppers, No.	..	6	..	4	..	..	..	..
Onions	..	6	..	4	..	..	..	..
Milk	..	6	..	6	..	1	..	1
Sugar	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	2
Salt	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	2
Firewood	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	2
Dholl	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	2

Any extras required are ordered by the medical officer.

IV.—The average cost of dieting each in-patient during the year Rupees 2-3-11, and the average cost of medicines for each in and out patient was Rupees 0-1-9½.

V.—The institution receives the services of the Civil Surgeon gratis. All other charges are met out of the funds mentioned in paragraph 7 of this report where the sources of income are given.

VI.—The Surgeon attends personally every morning and prescribes for all out-patients.

VII.—A Commissioned Medical Officer has always been in charge.

VIII.—The Hospital and other buildings are well suited in every way for such an institution.

VIZAGAPATAM,
18th May 1877.

(Signed) J. SMITH, Surgeon,
Civil Surgeon.

STATEMENT showing the food grain growing in the Vizagapatam District.

Rice.	Green gram.
Ragi.	Black gram.
Cholum.	Red gram.
Cumboo.	Bengal gram.
Horse-gram.	

8th May 1877.

(Signed) J. SMITH, Surgeon,
Civil Surgeon.

From P. JAGANATH ROW, Vice-President, to the Acting President, Municipal Commission, Vizianagram, dated Vizianagram, 11th May 1877, No. 12.

I have the honor to forward the report on the working of the Municipal Commission, Vizianagram, together with the original statements of receipts and expenditure for the year ending on the 31st March 1877. Duplicate statements left with the Auditor for transmission.

2. The balance in hand at the close of the last official year was Rupees 29-7-4, and the receipts under all heads during the year are Rupees 13,192-12-5, leaving a balance of Rupees 7-14-7 on the 31st March 1877 as certified by the Deputy Tahsildar's certificate herewith forwarded.

3. The number of Municipal Commissioners in this Municipality including the Inspector and the Deputy Inspector of Schools is 10, and the number of meetings held during the year was 28.

4. Taxes on Houses and Lands.—The demand under this head is Rupees 1,030, and the amount collected is Rupees 1,407-12-9 on account of the house-tax having been raised from 3 to 4 per cent.

5. The contract for tolls for the year under review was Rupees 7,775; the amount realized at auction is Rupees 8,050, being an increase of Rupees 275.

6. *Registration of Carts.*—The estimate was Rupees 450 and the collection was Rupees 501, being an increase over estimate of Rupees 51; this was on account of the inhabitants having purchased additional bandies.

7. *Taxes on Carriages and Animals.*—The estimate under this head was Rupees 2,530, and the collection was Rupees 2,441-4-0, being an increase over estimate of Rupees 411-4-0 on account of additional horses and carriages belonging to His Highness the Maharajah being at the station, and other gentlemen having purchased carriages and horses.

8. The expenditure under all heads is as follows:

	RS.	A.	P.
1. New Works	3,350	2	6
2. Repairs	1,483	7	10
3. Establishment	60	0	0
4. Tools and Plant	39	3	8
5. Results Grant and Inspecting Agency	915	3	3
6. Vaccination and Fee for Children	183	0	0
7. Registration of Births and Deaths	285	0	0
8. Conservancy	4,368	6	7
9. Lighting	476	15	5
10. Sanitation	15	0	0
11. Office	1,418	14	8
12. Miscellaneous	619	0	0
Total	13,214	5	2

9. Works completed during the year are as follow:—7,040 yards of road in length average breadth 8 yards; 194 yards of brick arched tunnels 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 feet vents; 378 yards of rough stone drains; 198 yards of parapet wall; 681½ yards of cut stone drains; 72 yards of under ground tunnel 6 feet vent; 88½ yards of bridges 9 feet span.

10. 150 yards of drains of 2, 3, and 4 feet vents were repaired; 1,696½ yards of rough stone drains were placed in proper repair; likewise 821 yards of parapet wall damaged by cyclone, and the whole of the latrines and travellers' sheds placed in proper repair; earthen drains cut in different places about town; croton destroyed in several parts of the town.

11. The number of vaccine operations during the year was 784, being less than last year by 139. Of this number under one year 61, and above one year 723; of the former 59 and 635 of the latter were successful, and the remainder not known, not being the inhabitants of this Municipality but strangers passing through the town. A small fee was given to the parents for having their children vaccinated.

12. The registration of births and deaths for the year is as follows:—622 births and 803 deaths against 644 births and 577 deaths during 1875; and of the deaths registered during this year 204 from cholera, 417 from fevers, 18 from bowel-complaints, 3 from suicide, 9 from accidents, and the rest in number 151 from all other causes. On the whole the health of the town has not been very satisfactory during the year.

13. The latrines are cleansed morning and evening; sundry pits have been filled up where stagnant water used to remain. Disinfecting powder, carbolic acid, brimstone, tar, blue lights were freely used during the time the cholera was raging and houses whitewashed in different parts of the Municipality.

14. Fifty-one lamps are in use in this Municipality which are lighted only on dark nights and not through the whole of the month.

15. The tanks and wells gave a good supply of water during the year.

16. Extra conservancy establishment was entertained during the time the cholera was in the Municipality and for some time after for the purpose of cleaning all the dirt, &c., accumulated in different out-of-the-way places.

17. With regard to the civil suit against the late toll contractor his property was attached according to the decree of the District Munsiff and was put up to auction, and there being no bidders the Municipality purchased the property under the amount of decree; and the Commissioners expect that the amount will shortly be realized and credited to the funds by the resale of property.

18. The Commissioners are highly pleased with the works and repairs together with the improvements made during the year in different parts of the Municipality, and the measures adopted for the cleanliness and lighting of the town have been of great benefit not only to the inhabitants but likewise to travellers also passing through the town.

Report of the Bimlipatam Municipal Commission for the Year ending March 1877.

I. The subjoined statements of accounts show that the Municipality has had at its disposal during the year Rupees 10,585-8-8 against an estimate of Rupees 9,715-9-8; the house-tax gave Rupees 1,853-12-10 against Rupees 1,800; tolls Rupees 4,012-8-0 (after deducting a like contribution to the Local Fund Board) against Rupees 4,000; contributions, &c., to the Hospital Rupees 3,088-6-9 against Rupees 2,500 (the main increase in the year caused by larger subscriptions, &c., than had been anticipated), and minor items Rupees 610-13-9 against Rupees 400. Of these minor items it is only necessary to refer to the sum of Rupees 98 which was received from the rental of a small building taken over from the old Municipal Association. An European school had the use of this building, formerly rent free.

II. The additional receipts and the decrease under estimates in the Education Grant have admitted of our laying out Rupees 1,060-7-10 on new drainage. The cyclone in October caused some damage to Municipal buildings, but the repairs were effected at a cost of Rupees 196-12-0.

III. On education the expenditure fell short by Rupees 322-8-0, and this by no fault of the Commission. It is perfectly well understood that aid is refused to no school that applies under the results system. Since October we have contributed Rupees 20 monthly to a small mixed school for European and East Indian children; the number at present on the rolls is only 16, but we are not without hopes that the school will increase in usefulness; a salary grant of Rupees 3 has been made to a Mussulman school numbering 24 children, and result grants have been paid to four schools aggregating 144 children. At the Government school there are only 40 boys, and the house is adapted for 100. The Baptist Mission school numbers 60 and has a fifth class. This school which charges small fees (or no fees) according to the circumstances of the boys is doing good work, but naturally draws away from the Government school. The number of girls on the roll of the Maharajah's school is 45. The total number of children in Bimlipatam receiving education is 401—336 boys and 65 girls.

IV. The Hospital has continued its usefulness as will be seen from the appended report of the medical officer. Formerly we debited the keep of lunatics to Hospital account, but this item now appears under Grant IV, as per G.O., 27th November 1876, No. 2126. In consequence of the state of the season and the threatenings of cholera we employed from time to time some extra labor at a cost, under Conservancy, of Rupees 127.

had to give up lighting for some time after the cyclone, thus saving out: caused by our having

VI. Under supervision and management there is a small increase caused by printing charges for budget forms, &c.

VII. The register of births gives a total of 259 (39.34 per mille) against 314 in 1875-76 and 213 in 1874-75. The mortuary register shows 288 deaths (32.61 per mille) against 290 in 1875-76 and 196 in 1874-75. These returns are not satisfactory, but, considering the nature of the seasons, are scarcely to be wondered at.

VIII. The vaccination returns show 348 cases (39.42 per mille) against 398 in 1875-76, and 374 in 1874-75. Fees of 2 Annas to each child and 4 Annas to each adult have again been held out as inducements. On and off the Vaccinator has been employed as a Conservancy Inspector.

IX. With dear food the public health has naturally suffered, but all things taken into account few towns will have come out of the year more favorably. The deaths from cholera were eleven, but it is doubtful whether these were not really famine diarrhoea; at any rate if cholera it was of exceedingly mild type. There were seven deaths from small-pox. The Act worked smoothly.

BIMLIPATAM,
3rd April 1877.

(Signed) G. RIPLEY,
Vice-President.

BIMLIPATAM.

MUNICIPAL DISPENSARY.

Annual Medical Report, 1876-77.

I. *Observations on the Climate and Season of the past Year, and the Condition of Public Health in the Station and Surrounding Districts.*—Though the climate of Bimlipatam is equable and agreeable for the greater portion of the year, still it has an enervating effect on the system, more especially on the delicate and nervous. The past season has been one of drought from the complete failure of the monsoons. The rainfall was 27½ inches—7½ inches less than the previous year. The mean annual temperature was 79°. In August and September last there was much electric disturbance. A cyclone passed over the station on the night of the 8th October last leaving the

place a complete wreck. Not a single thatched building was left intact. A great number of trees which stood for years past were blown down. The town is sadly in want of large vegetation.

The health of the population on the whole has been below that of former years. Small-pox prevailed to a small extent during the earlier months and diseases of the stomach and bowels for the latter half. Malarial fever has also given a large percentage of sick. Seven hundred and thirty-nine cases were treated in and out of Hospital, or 13.4 per cent. of all admissions. The births registered in the Municipal Office were 256 and the deaths 288, or in the per mille ratios of 29 and 34.8 respectively.

Although absolute scarcity did not prevail during the year, yet the common necessities of life were at a higher value than the previous one. The poor and the laboring classes have suffered materially by the cyclone and large exports from this town of all kinds of grain to the famine districts. A lungekhanna was established by the opulent merchants of the town on the 18th December last, and up to date 200 people are daily fed with one meal of ragi congee.

II. *Detailed Narrative of any epidemic Disease.*—No epidemic has happily prevailed during the year. A few cases of choleraic diarrhoea or rather famine diarrhoea have come under observation. The subjects who applied to the Hospital were as a rule impoverished weakly-looking objects. Most of the cases were amenable to the usual astringent treatment and careful dieting.

A case of confluent small-pox was brought ashore from board the S.S. *Oriental* in February last from Rangoon. The man was landed without the knowledge of the Marine authorities. He was placed in quarantine at a distance to the north of the town in a temporary shed. The case terminated fatally from congestion of the lungs on the ninth day of admission.

The comparative freedom of this town from cholera and other epidemic diseases is mainly due to its sanitary arrangements which are scrupulously supervised by the Vice-President of the Municipality.

III. *Principal Diseases and Classes of Diseases prevalent during the year.*—The total number of patients treated at the Dispensary during the year past amounted to 5,570; of these 213 were intern and 5,357 extern patients. Of the former fifty-two were self-supporting. From the following table it will be seen that there has been a slight increase in the number of patients compared with the previous year:—

					ADMITTED IN		Increase.	Decrease.
					1875-76.	1876-77.		
<i>Europeans.</i>								
In-patients	..	..	..	..	17	26	9	..
Out-patients	..	..	..	..	445	458	13	..
<i>Natives.</i>								
In-patients	..	..	..	..	161	187	26	..
Out-patients	..	..	..	..	4,561	4,899	338	..

Thus showing that the benefits of the institution are being more appreciated by the natives year by year. The principal diseases and classes of disease for the past year have been as follows:—

Class I., Zymotic and Constitutional Diseases.—One thousand, two hundred and seventy-two cases were treated, or 22.8 per cent. of all admissions from this class. Six deaths are recorded, giving a mortality of four. The percentage is very small; this could be accounted for. The fatal cases occurring out of Hospital are very seldom reported; hence the disproportion of deaths to admissions. The fatal cases were small-pox one, remittent fever one, primary syphilis two, general dropsy one, and beri-beri one.

II. *Local Diseases.*—The admissions were as follows:—

Nervous affections 75, diseases of eye 66, ear 193, nose 6 disease of percutaneous system 4, absorbent system 29, respiratory system 227, digestive system 2,240, urinary 94, generative 100, locomotive 23, cellular tissue 118, cutaneous 885, and diseases of the ductless glands 9; giving a total of 4,051, or 72.7 per cent. of sick from this class. There were nine deaths, or a mortality of .2 per cent. The fatal cases were from dysentery 4, criminal abortion 1, puerperal convulsions 1, hemiplegia 1, diarrhoea 1, and malaria 1.

III. *Conditions, &c.*—Twenty-five cases were treated, or .4 per cent. of sick from debility and senectus two deaths.

IV. *Poisoning.*—Five cases of accidental poisoning; no deaths.

V. *Injuries.*—133 were treated or 2.3 per cent. from accidental and other injuries, two deaths, one from starvation and the other from tetanus.

VI. *Operations.*—A large amount of minor surgery was performed. One case of paracentesis abdominis for ascites; nine quarts of serum was drawn off.

IV. *Special Cases suited for Communication to the Profession.*—A case of lightning stroke was admitted in August last. The lad was discharged from hospital quite well six days after admission. Details entered in my annual report to the head of the Medical Department.

V. *Surgical Operations performed during the year.*—A large number of minor surgery was performed during the year, such as tapping hydroceles, amputation of fingers, and circumcision for phimosis. No case requiring capital operation.

VI. *Management of the Hospital, &c.*—The management and control of the Hospital is under the Municipality. From the financial statement it will be observed that the expenditure has been well within the receipts.

Mr. John Young, a former resident of this town, gave a liberal donation of 100 Rupees for the Hospital use. Mr. Ripley, tge Vice-President, thought it best to expend this amount by admitting five additional in-patients to the allotted number ten from the 1st January 1877 for the next five or six months; hence the increase in the number of in-patients.

VII. *Condition as to usefulness of Lying-in Ward.*—Several cases of midwifery were attended to outside by the Hospital Nurse. The native females of this town have still a great prejudice to the hospital lying-in ward.

VIII. *Changes in, or additions to, Hospital buildings.*—The hospital is in good order. No change in buildings. A contagious ward is the only accommodation now required.

BIMLIPATAM,
1st April 1877.

(Signed) JOHN XAVIER,
In Medical charge Station.

No. 172. From H. St. A. GOODRICH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Vizagapatam District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vizagapatam, 8th August 1877, No. 843.

With reference to paragraph 17 of the Municipal Report for 1876-77, dated 7th July 1877, No. 711, I have the honor to forward herewith Educational Return V of the Vizianagram Municipality, from which you will observe that there are in the Municipality 15 results schools with an average attendance of 360 boys and 33 girls and 5 schools supported by His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram with an attendance of 449 boys and girls,

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1877, No. 2367.

The President of the Municipal Commissions of Vizagapatam, Vizianagram, and Bimlipatam submits the reports on their working during 1876-77.

2. The receipts and expenditure of the Vizagapatam Municipality compare with the estimates and with the actuals of the preceding year as shown below:—

VIZAGAPATAM.

RECEIPTS.	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimates, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Rates on Houses and Lands	2,066	4,000	3,477
Taxes on Arts	4,778	5,000	4,506
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	2,218	2,000	2,158
Registration of Carts	158	150	123
Tolls	11,760	8,140	7,838
Licenses	92	100	..
Assignments by Government	25	20	11
Fines and Fees	4	100	104
Endowments	..	..	4,000
Miscellaneous	622	220	1,294
Advances recoverable	..	..	15
Balance brought forward	5,655	3,995	2,682
Total	27,378	23,725	26,208

CHARGES.		Actuals, 1876-76. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
GRANT I.				
New Works—				
Buildings ..	..	..	..	469
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	..	2,613	3,250	1,619
Repairs—				
Communications ..	..	528	250	3,764
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	..	594	400	1,772
Establishment ..	..	1,255	1,476	283
Tools and Plant ..	..	120	154	11
GRANT II.				
Results Grants ..	..	2,334	2,000	946
Inspection (Contribution) ..	..	247	300	289
GRANT III.				
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	..	2,944	2,746	2,283
Vaccination ..	..	179	222	111
Registration of Births and Deaths ..	..	393	460	432
Conservancy ..	..	8,290	7,712	8,640
GRANT IV.				
Lighting ..	..	1,856	1,335	832
Avenues and Watering Roads ..	..	..	85	36
Miscellaneous ..	..	113	570	690
GRANT V.				
Supervision and Management ..	..	3,130	2,610	2,768
Advances recoverable ..	..	..	..	200
Balances ..	..	2,782	155	1,068
Total ..	..	27,378	23,725	26,208

3. The town was visited in October 1876 by a cyclone which caused much damage to household property, roads, street-lamps, &c., and the distress consequent thereon and the prevalence of high prices retarded the collection of the taxes which constitute the chief ordinary income of the Municipality. But the falling off under this head was more than compensated by the munificent gift of Rupees 4,000 by the Rani of Bobbili towards the repair of the damage caused by the storm.

4. The consequence was a considerable increase in Public Works expenditure, which amounted to Rupees 7,144 against an allotment of Rupees 3,900, the increase being chiefly under repairs of roads and buildings. The Government appreciate the energy exhibited by the Commissioners in adopting and working out the measures necessary for the restoration of the town.

5. The amount expended on Education was Rupees 1,235 against Rupees 2,300, the estimate for the year, and Rupees 2,581, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease, however, is only nominal, being due to the non-presentation of bills within the year, and not to any diminution in the number of schools examined. It is gratifying to note that upwards of 55 per cent. of the boys and 16 per cent. of the girls of school-going age attended the various schools in the town.

6. A sum of Rupees 2,283 was expended on the Dispensary, at which 285 in-patients and 6,698 out-patients were treated against 291 of the former and 7,462 of the latter in 1875-76. The Government, though regretting the decrease, admit that it may have been due to changes in the Medical staff and to the existence of other facilities for medical aid. They note that the working of the Vaccination Department was even less satisfactory than in the preceding year, the total number of operations performed being only 175 against 894 in 1874-75 and 358 in 1875-76. The Govern-

ment rely on the Commissioners to make every effort to effect improvement in this department.

7. There was a large increase in conservancy charges owing to special measures to check the spread of cholera, which unhappily prevailed throughout the year; but, in spite of these preventive measures, there was a rise in the death-rate of nearly 20 per cent.

8. As regards the accounts, it is observed that the charge for road works should have been debited to Works and not to Establishments, and that the amount, Rupees 30, paid for the collection of tolls when under attachment should have been shown under Grant V instead of Grant IV. The Contingent and other Miscellaneous charges need not have been detailed in Statement II-B, which is meant to show only the particulars of establishment under each grant.

9. Under Miscellaneous is included a sum of Rupees 1,013 brought to account from the toll deposits of last year. It is not clear what this sum is, and the President should expedite the report called for regarding it in paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 11th August 1876, No. 1443.

The following comparative statement of the Vizianagaram Municipality shows the actuals of the preceding year and the estimates and actuals of the year under review.

VIZIANAGRAM

RECEIPTS.			
	Actuals, 1876-76. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
Rates on Houses and Lands	1,027	1,000	1,007
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	2,545	2,500	2,543
Registration of Carts	451	450	451
Tolls	7,775	7,775	8,000
Licenses	..	..	..
Assignments by Government	17	21	11
Contribution from Local Funds	14	15	18
Fines and Fees	5	10	10
Miscellaneous	167	90	254
Balance brought forward	69	..	50
Total ..	12,072	11,929	13,222

CHARGES.			
	Actuals, 1876-76. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications	..	..	..
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	1,098	1,213	1,594
Repairs—			
Communications ..	2,083	1,000	1,756
Buildings ..	..	..	..
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	1,001	600	321
Establishment ..	355	1,018	90
Tools and Plant ..	30	90	1,073
..	57	50	60
GRANT II.			
Results Grants	..	..	..
Inspection (Contribution) ..	533	1,000	828
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	74	93	87
Vaccination ..	..	..	..
Registration of Births and Deaths ..	27	..	123
..	194	216	183
..	270	270	285
Conservancy ..	3,834	3,865	4,332

CHARGES.—concluded.

	Actuals, 1875-76. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	387	500	477
Avenues and Watering Roads	..	..	15
Miscellaneous	..	..	93
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	2,029	2,014	1,858
Advances recoverable	10	..	..
Balances	30	..	8
Total	12,072	11,929	13,222

2. The Municipality is dependent wholly for its revenue on taxation, under which there was a satisfactory increase of Rupees 1,119 from causes explained in the report. There is a large outstanding arrear of Rupees 1,480 under Tolls adjudged to be paid by the late Toll Contractor. His property has been sold in satisfaction of the decree, and steps should be taken for the early adjustment of the account.

3. By G.O., dated 8th February 1876, No. 286, the Government permitted the Municipality to retain the whole income from Tolls on condition that a loop-line should be constructed to liberate through-traffic from Palcondah to the coast. The Commissioners now propose that the loop-line, which they regard as of doubtful advantage, be abandoned and they be allowed to pay to the Local Fund Board one-eighth of their toll proceeds in satisfaction of their claims. The proposal will be referred to the Board of Revenue for opinion after communicating with the Local Fund Board, who do not appear to have been consulted.

4. The available funds having exceeded the estimate, the outlay on Public Works was Rupees 503 more than the allotment, and principally on the extension of roads and construction of drains and tunnels.

5. As compared with the previous year, there was an increase of 50 per cent. in the expenditure on Education, which, notwithstanding the decrease in attendance at the aided schools, appears to have progressed satisfactorily. Besides the fifteen schools which received grants, there are five others maintained by His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram with an attendance of 449 boys and girls. There were 204 girls under instruction in all the schools.

6. The Government regret to learn that the results of vaccination operations were again indifferent this year. This may have been due to the prevalence of cholera throughout the year, and there was an increase in the number of deaths from 577 in 1875-76 to 802.

7. The charge of Rupees 93 for the maintenance of lunatics, and the amount (Rupees 87) expended on account of the Medical Pupil should have been shown under Grants III and IV respectively instead of as entered.

8. The working of the Municipality was on the whole satisfactory. The Government are glad to observe the reduction in the Establishment charges.

The following is an abstract of the receipts and expenditure of the Bimlipatam Municipality for 1876-77, compared with the estimates for that period and with the actuals of 1875-76 :—

BIMLIPATAM.

	Actuals, 1875-76. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
Rates on Houses and Lands	1,156	1,800	1,854
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	236	240	241
Registration of Carts	165	160	138
Tolls	9,125	4,000	4,012
Licenses	16	..	12

RECEIPTS.—concluded

	Actuals, 1875-76. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
Assignments by Government	11	..	12
Contribution from Local Funds	300	300	300
Fines and Fees	95	..	41
Endowments	2,673	2,500	3,088
Miscellaneous	142	..	165
Balance brought forward	1,144	715	720
Total	15,063	9,715	10,586

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1875-76. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	3,011	..	1,060
Repairs—			
Communications	1,187	700	879
Buildings	..	..	197
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	..	400	83
Tools and Plant	..	..	5
GRANT II.			
Salary Grants	126	36	136
Results Grants	177	660	247
Inspection (Contribution)	31	40	31
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	4,251	3,500	3,698
Vaccination	170	150	150
Conservancy	2,605	2,001	2,128
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	1,601	720	615
Avenues and Watering Roads	69	36	42
Miscellaneous	..	..	291
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	1,115	857	878
Balances	720	415	146
Total	15,063	9,715	10,586

2. The receipts for the year amounted to Rupees 10,586 against an estimate of Rupees 9,715, the increase being caused by larger subscriptions to the Dispensary than had been anticipated, and by the rental of a small building belonging to the Municipality which was formerly occupied rent-free by a European school. It is satisfactory to note that the whole of the assessed demand for house-tax was collected with the exception of a small sum of Rupees 10 remitted on appeal.

3. The expenditure under each of the grants and the amount of closing balance together with the approximate percentage which these bear to the available assets is shown below :—

Public Works	Rupees 2,224, or 21 per cent.
Education	414, or 3.9 "
Sanitation	5,976, or 56.5 "
Miscellaneous	948, or 8.9 "
Establishment	878, or 8.3 "
Balance	146, or 1.4 "

4. The outlay on Public Works was more than double the allotment in consequence of the increased collections and the decrease in the educational expenditure,

which enabled the Commissioners to lay out Rupees 1,060 on 1,068 yards of new drainage for which there was no provision in the budget. The roads in the town were maintained in good order, and the necessary repairs executed to the Municipal Hall, which was damaged by the cyclone of October 1876.

5. The progress of education appears to be satisfactory, about 50 per cent. of the boys and 10 per cent. of the girls of school-going age having been at school during the year. The expenditure for this purpose, though falling short of the estimate, exceeded the actuals for the preceding year by Rupees 80. Five schools were aided with results grants and two with salary grants. The Government are glad to learn that all claims for results grants were met in full.

6. The establishment of a new school for European children is satisfactory, but the Government are inclined to doubt the necessity of maintaining a Government School in a town where such ample provision for middle-class education exists. The Director of Public Instruction will report on the subject.

7. The Dispensary maintained its character for usefulness, and is evidently much appreciated by the people. There was an increased attendance of 213 in-patients and 5,357 out-patients against 178 of the former and 5,006 of the latter in 1875-76. The results of vaccination, as in the other two Municipalities, were unsatisfactory. The cost per head, viz., Annas 6 and Pies 10, is unduly high, and the Commissioners should endeavour to reduce it.

8. The public health was indifferent owing to the unfavorable nature of the season, but the sanitary condition of the town is reported to have been good, and the drainage and conservancy excellent. There was a decrease of Rupees 105 in the lighting charges owing to the Municipality having had to give up lighting for some time after the cyclone.

9. The Government concur in the President's estimate of the working of this Municipality, which reflects much credit on the Vice-President and his colleagues.

10. In the accounts—Statement V is defective in that it does not give attendance for 1875-76. In Appendix A, the number of ex-officio members is stated to be four, whereas it cannot be more than two under the Act. The accounts have been otherwise correctly prepared.

(True Extract.)

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 " Revenue Department.
 " Board of Revenue.
 " Accountant-General.
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Revenue Department

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**THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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