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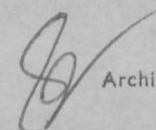
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

12th October 1877, No. 2495.

Municipal—Reports.

Read the following paper:—

No. 98. *From W. LOGAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 12th July 1877, No. 14.*

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the Annual Report of the Palghat Municipality for the past official year 1876-77 together with the statements prescribed in G.O., dated 25th April 1877, No. 1347. I submit herewith also the reports of the Municipal Auditor and of the Medical Officer with their enclosures.

2. RECEIPTS.—The total income of the Municipality during the year under report was Rupees 15,105-3-11, which was raised to Rupees 19,285-1-7 by a balance at the close of the previous year of Rupees 4,179-13-8. The particulars of the receipts as compared with the estimate of the year under report and the actuals of the previous year are given below:—

	Actuals, 1875-76.			Estimate, 1876-77.			Actuals, 1876-77.			INCREASE OR DECREASE AS COMPARED WITH 1875-76.					
										Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.			RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Balance	5,770	15	10	1,400			4,179	13	8	..	..	..	1,591	2	2
2. Assignments, &c., by Government ..	..	..	..	500			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Rates and Taxes ..	5,458	4	1	4,700			4,809	8	7	..	..	..	648	11	6
4. Tolls	11,855	0	0	6,000			5,930	0	0	..	..	..	5,925	0	0
5. Fees in Schools ..	557	12	0	500			735	14	0	178	2	0	..	..	..
6. Endowments, &c. ..	250	0	0	..			28	8	6	..	..	..	221	7	6
7. Contribution from Local Funds ..	2,250	0	0	2,210			1,555	14	5	..	..	..	694	1	7
8. Miscellaneous ..	2,309	1	9	1,800			2,045	6	5	..	..	..	263	11	4
Total	28,451	1	8	17,110			19,285	1	7	178	2	0	9,344	2	1
Net decrease ..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	9,166	0	1

3. The Vice-President has explained all the important variations between the estimate and actuals of the year. The variations between the actuals of this and the previous years are given hereunder.

4. *Opening Balance.*—The decrease under this item as compared with the actuals of 1875-76 was due to a large receipt in that year of a sum of Rupees 1,800, being subscriptions raised for the construction of the Civil Dispensary.

5. *Rates and Taxes.*—The decrease observable under this head was due to the exclusion of "Magisterial Fines" under the new form of receipts prescribed by Government. The amount shown for 1875-76 included the receipts under Magisterial Fines. Taking the "Rates on Houses" alone into consideration, exclusive of the arrear collections, there was an increase of Rupees 140-4-8, which was attributable to a few houses having been newly assessed in the year under report.

6. *Tolls.*—The large decrease is merely nominal and is attributable to the new method of adjusting toll receipts which are shared in common by the Local Fund

Boards and Municipalities (G.O., Financial Department, No. 2126, dated 27th November 1876).

7. *School Fees.*—There was an increase of Rupees 178-2-0 under School Fees, which was due to the raising of the scale of fees levied at the Municipal School at Kalpathi.

8. *Endowments, &c.*—There was a receipt of only Rupees 28-8-6 under this item, being the sale-proceeds of medicines and diet charges recovered.

9. *Contribution from Local Funds.*—The decrease under this item was due to the effect of an arrangement sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 20th September 1876, No. 1697, of dividing the net charges equally between the Municipal and Local Fund Boards. In former years a fixed sum of Rupees 1,650 had been paid. Under the present arrangement the sum paid for the year under report was only Rupees 1,005-14-5.

10. *Miscellaneous.*—The decrease under this item was due to the much smaller receipt in this year under "Avenues" as compared with the previous year.

11. The following is a comparative statement of Demand, Collection, and Balance of Rates and Taxes, Tolls, &c., for the year under report and for the previous year:—

	Total Demand.	Collection.	Remission.	Total Collections 2 and 3.	Balance.	Percentage of Collection to Demand.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1875-76. { Current ..	16,543	16,190	..	16,190	947	97-90
{ Arrears ..	351	194	157	351	..	55-27
1876-77. { Current ..	16,617	16,342	61	16,403	214	98-34
{ Arrears ..	347	328	..	328	19	94-52

The collection was very satisfactory.

12. *EXPENDITURE.*—The total expenditure amounted to Rupees 16,135-6-8 against an estimate of Rupees 16,240, the particulars of which are given below as compared with the previous year:—

	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.	INCREASE OR DECREASE AS COMPARED WITH 1875-76.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Grant I—Public Works..	15,637 1 5	6,160	7,206 9 10	.. .. .	8,430 7 7
Grant II—Education ..	1,949 10 6	2,500	2,329 3 10	379 9 4	.. .. .
Grant III—Sanitation and Medical Services..	3,915 14 2	5,005	4,353 1 2	437 3 0	.. .. .
Grant IV—Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes ..	941 12 1	775	428 5 3	.. .. .	513 6 10
Grant V—Supervision and Management ..	1,826 13 10	1,800	1,706 6 7	.. .. .	120 7 3
Refunds, &c. ..	.. .. .	..	111 12 0	111 12 0	.. .. .
Total ..	24,271 4 0	16,240	16,135 6 8	928 8 4	9,064 5 8
Net decrease ..	.. .. .	..	.. .. .	.. .. .	8,135 13 4

13. *GRANT I—Public Works.*—The very large decrease in the expenditure under this grant was due to the non-exhibition in the year under report of an item of expenditure, viz., Contribution to Local Funds on account of Tolls. As it has been ordered that receipts under Tolls should be shown *minus* the Local Fund Contribution, no expenditure was shown on that account. The decrease was also due to a large expenditure in 1875-76 on account of sanitary arrangements during the occurrence of cholera.

14. *GRANT II—Education.*—The increase under this item was owing to the greater attendance of pupils and the consequent increase in the result grants earned in the year under report. In the previous year the attendance was greatly diminished owing to prolonged outbreak of cholera.

15. *GRANT III—Sanitation and Medical Services.*—The increase under Sanitation was due to an expenditure of Rupees 344-5-10 on account of medicines and supplies.

16. *GRANT IV—Lighting, Choultries, &c.*—The decrease under the item "Lighting" was the cause of the decreased expenditure under this head. Owing to the exorbitant rate at which kerosene-oil was sold the Commissioners thought it advisable to discontinue the lighting of the town during the three months at the close of the year.

17. *GRANT V—Supervision and Management.*—There was a decrease in the charges for printing, stationery, and Gazettes. This fact accounts for the decrease in the expenditure under this grant.

18. The total expenditure of the Municipality amounted to Rupees 16,135-6-8 as against the receipt of Rupees 19,285-1-7 thus leaving a good opening balance of Rupees 3,149-10-11 at the beginning of 1877-78.

19. *Hospital.*—The number of both in and out-patients treated during the year under report shows an increase of 2822. This increase was due to a large extent to the fact that the Hospital Assistant formerly in charge of the dispensary did not keep a regular register of patients treated during three months in the previous year. The opening of the new dispensary was the event of the year. It will be of great use to the town and adjoining country.

20. *Vaccination.*—The number of cases vaccinated was 790, of which 663, or 83-92 per cent., proved successful. This compares unfavorably with the previous year. The cost per successful case was 2 Annas and 6 Pies against 3 Annas and 5 Pies in the previous year.

21. The rate of mortality was less than in the previous year, viz., 1097 against 1166 in 1875-76.

The matters brought to notice by the Auditor are having attention.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From O. CANNAN, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Palghat, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, dated Palghat, 26th June 1877, No. 61.

I have the honor to forward the annual accounts of this Municipality for the official year 1876-77 in accordance with the form prescribed in G.O., No. 1347, dated 25th April 1877, and to report on the working of the Act during that period.

2. Taxes were raised during the year from the sources indicated in the margin.

3. The total amount raised during the year was Rupees 15,105-3-11. The opening balance, Rupees 4,179-13-8, increased this total to Rupees 19,285-1-7. The expenditure was Rupees 16,135-6-8 leaving an unexpended balance of Rupees 3,149-10-11 at the close of the year.

4. *Opening Balance.*—The amount which the Commissioners anticipated at the close of last year was only Rupees 1,400; but as the Department of Public Works, who were in charge of the construction of the Civil Dispensary, did not utilize before the close of the year the full allotment of Rupees 8,000 made in 1875-76, the allotments became a saving and the closing balance increased.

5. *House-tax.*—The receipts under this head amounted to Rupees 4,809-8-7 against Rupees 4,700 budgeted. The increase is attributable to the arrears of last year having been collected during the year under review and also to a few houses having been newly assessed. It

will be seen from the Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement that there remained a sum of Rupees 234-1-5 to be collected on the 31st March 1877, of which Rupees 194-7-7 have been collected since and steps are being taken to clear off the arrears.

6. *Tolls*.—This was leased out on contract and fetched Rupees 11,860, the amount shown in Statement I being the gross receipts less Local Fund contribution.

7. *Local Fund Contribution*.—Government in their Order No. 1697 having directed that the Local Fund Board and the Municipality should equally share the expenditure of the dispensary, which is now under the management of the Commissioners, instead of paying a fixed grant of Rupees 1,850, the sum which the Local Fund Board contributed for the purpose was only Rupees 1,005-14-5.

8. The other items under Receipts do not call for special remark here.

9. *EXPENDITURE—GRANT I,—New Works*.—The only work of importance which was carried out during the year was the construction of the Civil Dispensary commenced two years ago. The building has been completed and is now used as a dispensary. There was no allotment for this work during the current year's Budget. But the sum of Rupees 4,026-10-0 spent for this work was from the savings of last year, and the Commissioners request Government will be pleased to sanction the expenditure already made in anticipation of their approval.

10. *Repairs*.—The expenditure under this head was less than the actuals of last year by Rupees 2,532-8-2. Most of the roads were in pretty good order, and the Commissioners repaired those which needed repair.

11. The total expenditure under Grant I excluding Local Fund contribution from toll-proceeds has exceeded the Budget by Rupees 1,046-9-10 and fallen short of the actuals of last year by Rupees 2,502-15-7.

12. *GRANT II—Education*.—The expenditure under this head was Rupees 2,329-3-10. This has exceeded the actuals of last year by Rupees 379-9-4 but fallen short of the estimate by Rupees 170-12-2. The inspection charges due for the year under report not having been paid before the close of the year the above saving of Rupees 170-12-2 was effected. The Commissioners would have paid the amount if they had received an application intimating the amount due from them.

13. *Kalpahi School*.—The Commissioners are in charge of this institution, which acts as a feeder to the Zillah School at Palghaut. The daily attendance of this school averages 133. The cost for maintaining it amounted to Rupees 1,642-11-10, of which Rupees 735-14-0 were recouped by school fees. Therefore the cost for educating a pupil comes to Rupees 6-5. The institution is well conducted and the results were satisfactory. Combined system is in force at this school.

14. *Salary Grants*.—The amount paid under this head was Rupees 104 against Rupees 38 spent last year. There are three salary-grant schools in the Municipality—one Moplah, one Mahomedan, and one Hindustani school. The latter two were newly established during the year.

15. *Result Grants*.—There were twelve pial schools which received a grant of Rupees 582-8-0 and passed pupils in all the standards as noted below:—

Standards.	Number presented.	NUMBER PASSED.				
		Reading.	Writing.	Arith-metic.	Geogra-phy.	Gram-mar.
I Standard	154	109	107	104	..	..
II do.	53	41	38	40	..	..
III do.	19	13	16	13	11	8
IV do.	10	9	6	6	9	5

The average cost of each pupil comes to Rupees 2-46. The result was satisfactory when compared with the result of last year.

GRANT III—*Civil Dispensary*.—This institution was maintained at a cost of Rupees 2,127-11-11. The number of in and out-patients treated in the hospital is given in the margin, which shows an increase when compared with the figures for last year.

Vaccination.—The number of cases operated during the year was 790; of these 663 successful, 70 unsuccessful and 57 unknown. The figures for the last year were as noted in the margin. The mortality from small-pox was very small.

Registration.—This department was maintained at a cost of Rupees 264. The number of births and deaths registered are given in the margin. Cholera prevailed in the town, to which 179 fell victims against 223 last year. Fever also prevailed as usual and carried away 308 souls against 268 last year.

Conservancy.—This establishment was maintained at a reduced cost of Rs. 1,856-11-10. The lanes were kept clean and every effort was made to keep the town healthy.

Lighting.—The lighting of the town was kept up only for nine months as per reasons given in the Statement VI-B.

The other items call for no remarks. There were 33 cases prosecuted under the Act and bye-laws as against 55 in last year. The number of persons punished was 97 against 227 in the year before.

The usual report on the audit of the Municipal accounts is herewith submitted. The report has not as yet been received, which will be submitted when received.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ANNUAL REPORT of the CHARITABLE DISPENSARY of PALGHAUT for the Year 1876-77.

	IN-PATIENTS.		OUT-PATIENTS.	
	Europeans and East-Indians.	Natives.	Europeans and East-Indians.	Natives.
Up to 31st March 1876	6	11	3	58
Since	6	228	258	4,720
Total	6	239	261	4,778
Up to 31st March 1877	6	192	257	4,709
Since	..	31	1	31
Up to 31st March 1877	..	16	3	38
Since	0-32	14 85	2-14	35-03

Observations on the Climate and Season of the past year, and the Condition of the Public.—The climate of Palghaut was on the whole favorable. The hot season was very severe as it usually is in February, March, April, and May. In November, December, and January strong east winds prevail which bring fever with it. The other months are healthy. The health was not very good owing to the presence of cholera. The north-east monsoon entirely failed and in consequence the cultivation was a failure. The south-west monsoon was fair.

Detailed narrative of any Epidemic disease.—Cholera in a sporadic form prevailed to a certain extent from the commencement of the year and disappeared in September last; but it broke out again in January last and was rather of a virulent type. Unfortunately it still lingers in the town and in the taluq. It was apparently imported by cart-drivers from Pollachi. It is probably have been created by the people indulging too much in bamboo rice. By some, the rice is taken as a luxury, so much so they exchange their rice for it at par. The disease

might be considered to have travelled from the east to the west. Nine cholera patients were admitted in the hospital in the year under report, of whom four recovered and the rest died. The number of seizures in the town was 175, and deaths 153; whilst that in the entire taluq was 1,955 and 1,653, respectively. The town was almost free from small-pox.

3. *Principal Diseases and Classes of Diseases prevalent during the year.*—The principal diseases prevalent during the year were fevers, cholera, rheumatism, anamia, general dropsy, and primary syphilis of the classes A and B of general diseases; conjunctivitis, inflammation of the membrana tympani, diseases of the respiratory system, thrush, dyspepsia, dysentery, ascariis lumbricoides and other bowel complaints; diseases of the urinary system, ulcers, itch and other cutaneous affections of local diseases; debility and wounds and injuries.

During the past official year 5,039 out-patients and 245 in-patients have been treated at this Dispensary, the greatest number of sick treated in any year since its institution. The total number of out-patients admitted was 4,978, against 2,279 in 1875-76, and of in-patients was 234 against 148. This increase may be explained by the growing appreciation among the natives of the European treatment of disease, not only of the town, but by the surrounding country.

The following table will show the number of admissions and deaths of in and out-patients for the last five years:—

Years.	IN-PATIENTS.		OUT-PATIENTS.	
	Admitted.	Died.	Admitted.	Died.
1872-73 ..	205	13	2,218	2
1873-74 ..	214	22	2,630	2
1874-75 ..	196	30	2,544	3
1875-76 ..	148	30	2,279	13
1876-77 ..	234	31	4,978	32

4. *Special or Remarkable Cases suited for communication to the profession, &c.*—Omitted.

5. *Surgical operations performed, &c.*—Omitted.

6. *Economic Statistics and Management of the Hospital, &c.*—This Dispensary is entirely supported by the Municipality. For its financial condition vide statement attached.

7. *Condition as to usefulness of Lying-in ward, if any.*—No lying-in ward.

8. *Changes in, or Additions to, Hospital buildings, &c.*—The Dispensary is held in a rented old bungalow which is hardly fit for the purpose. A new building for the Dispensary is now completed, and the keys were delivered to me on the 31st March 1877. Several minor things have yet to be done in the new building before it can be formally occupied, and regarding them I have addressed the Vice-President of the Municipality.

9. *Sanitary condition of the Town, &c.*—The Conservancy Establishment continues to be the same as in previous years. The sanitary condition of the town is on the whole satisfactory and promises to improve by the present arrangement which assigns separate divisions to some of the Commissioners. The necessities of every corner will, by this arrangement, prominently come to the notice of the Commissioners who are interested in and responsible for the conservancy under their charge. There were sporadic cases of cholera which was successfully combated. The drainage has yet to receive the attention of the Commissioners. By drainage I do not mean expensive operations on a large scale, but side-drains to roads to carry off filth and water. Public latrines are great desiderata which should receive the attention of the Municipality.

10. *Poisons.*—I certify that the orders respecting the custody of poisonous drugs, issued by the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated 23rd January 1863, are fully carried out.

11. *Self-dicting Patients.*—Eighty-two in-patients dictated themselves in the Dispensary during the year under report, of whom six were East-Indians and seventy-six natives.

12. *Visitors' Book.*—Vide copy of the remarks appended.

PALGHAT,
9th July 1877.

(Signed) C. NARRAINSAWMY NAIDOO,
Second-Class Hospital Assistant,
in Medical charge.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1877, No. 2495.

With the above letter the President forwards the report of the Palghat Municipality for 1876-77. The receipts and disbursements for the year, as compared with the budget estimate and with the actuals of the preceding year are as follow:—

RECEIPTS.	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimates, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Rates on Houses and Lands	4,535	4,700	4,810
Tolls	11,855	6,000	5,930
Licenses	107	685	749
Assignments by Government	..	500	..
Contribution from Local Funds	2,250	2,210	1,556
Fines and Fees	817	300	385
Endowments	250	..	28
Miscellaneous	2,817	1,315	1,607
Advances recoverable	50	..	40
Balance brought forward	5,770	1,400	4,180
Total	28,451	17,110	19,285
CHARGES.	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimates, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications	217	..	4,027
Buildings	55	..	..
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	3,818	..	..
Repairs—			
Communications	3,849	4,500	1,852
Buildings	125	300	122
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	552	200	20
Establishment	1,069	1,068	1,066
Tools and Plant	25	92	120
Contributions to Local Funds	5,927	..	..
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	1,415	1,400	..
Salary Grants	38	36	104
Results Grants	299	764	582
Schools on the Combined System ..	..	..	1,643
Inspection (Contribution)	198	300	..
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	1,526	2,300	2,128
Vaccination	104	135	104
Registration of Births and Deaths ..	283	270	264
Conservancy	2,003	2,300	1,857
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	371	350	235
Travellers' Bungalow	122	150	121
Avenues and Watering Roads	300	200	..
Miscellaneous	148	75	72
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	1,827	1,800	1,706
Advances recoverable	..	..	30
Refunds	..	..	82
Balances	4,180	870	3,150
Total	28,451	17,110	19,285

2. The actual receipts appear to be more than the estimates, owing to the inclusion under balance of a large proportion of the allotment for the construction of the

Civil Dispensary which remained unexpended at the end of the year. There was in reality a decrease of Rupees 605 owing chiefly to the non-receipt of the Government grant of Rupees 500 to the middle-class school at Kalpatti, and to the Local Fund Board having under G.O., dated 20th September 1876, No. 1697, contributed only a moiety of the net dispensary expenditure in lieu of a fixed grant of Rupees 1,850. The President should have explained why the school grant was not recovered during the year.

3. The Government observe that there was a satisfactory increase in the revenue derived from the Tax on Houses and Lands, and under Licenses. Of the House-tax, all but 4.6 per cent. of the current and arrears demand was collected within the year. The President should have explained the causes which produced the marked increase under Licenses.

4. The expenditure under various grants amounted to Rupees 16,135, and corresponds very nearly with the allotments. Nothing was provided for New Works. A sum of Rupees 4,027 was, however, spent from the savings of last year on the completion of the dispensary building, which was commenced two years ago. It is observed that, owing to the satisfactory condition of the roads, only a little more than 40 per cent. of the allotment was utilised for their repair.

5. The Government are glad to find that the expenditure on Education was much in excess of that for the previous year, and would have exceeded the budget grant had the inspection charges been paid, but for these no application was received. The progress of the Kalpatti School, which is the only one under the management of the Commissioners, was satisfactory. Owing to the enhanced scale of fees levied at this school, the cost to the Municipality for educating each scholar has been reduced to Rupees 6.5. Besides the Mopla School, salary grants were paid to two others newly established during the year—one a Mahomedan, the other a Hindu School. A sum of Rupees 582 was also distributed in results grants to twelve schools. There were altogether 982 boys and 47 girls under instruction in all the schools in the town out of 2,239 boys and 2,402 girls of a school-going age. The Government trust that this year's report will show an increase in the number of girls attending school.

6. A sum of Rupees 2,128 was expended on the dispensary, at which 5,284 in and out patients were treated against 2,462 in 1875-76. The increase, though satisfactory, appears to have been due to some extent to the fact that no regular register of patients was kept for the last three months in the previous year.

7. The results under Vaccination were indifferent as regards the number of operations performed, but there was a satisfactory decrease of eleven pies in the cost per head of successful case.

8. The public health has, the Government observe, improved, the deaths being 1,097 against 1,166 in 1875-76, and this in the face of the fact that more than 16 per cent. of the deaths registered were from cholera.

9. The Government note with satisfaction that in many streets the clearing of the drains was done by the house-owners themselves, and that there was a great falling off in the number of persons prosecuted under the Act. These facts bear testimony to a growing appreciation by the people of the advantages of efficient municipal administration.

(True Extract.)

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Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Palghat.

" 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, Malabar District.

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