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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Municipal—Reports.

Read the following paper:—

No. 85. *From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Negapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Tranquebar, 24th August 1877, No. 250.*

I have the honor to forward the annual report of the Commissioners on the working of the Negapatam Municipality for the year 1876-77, together with the statements of receipts and charges in the forms prescribed in G.O., dated 25th April 1877, No. 1347.

2. I beg also to forward the report of the Medical Officer in charge of the Negapatam Civil Dispensary on the working of that institution during the same year.

3. Mr. Dawson, of the Branch Bank at Negapatam, audited the accounts of the Municipality for the year under report. His report is herewith submitted.

4. The gross receipts and charges of the Municipality amounted to Rupees 57,709-2-1 and Rupees 52,826-15-0, respectively, against an estimate of Rupees 45,000 on account of each. The increase in the former is chiefly owing to the inclusion, in the opening balance, of a part of the loan, and to a larger amount of collections from fines than was expected; that in the latter is mainly due to a larger outlay than was intended on New Works and Conservancy. The variations in the several items of receipts and charges are explained in the Commissioners' report.

5. There was a balance of Rupees 4,882-3-1 in the hand of the Commissioners at the close of the year under review. Out of this sum, Rupees 3,867-10-7 was paid to the Local Fund Board on account of the tolls in April last, so that the real balance in favor of the Municipality was Rupees 1,014-8-6.

6. The proposals of the Commissioners in regard to making certain improvements to the hospital will form the subject of a separate communication.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Negapatam, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Negapatam, dated 23rd July 1877, No. 100.

I have the honor to submit the report on the working of the Negapatam Municipality during the official year 1876-77, together with the statements in the forms prescribed in G.O., No. 1347, dated 25th April 1877.

The receipts and charges amounted to Rupees 57,709-2-1 and 52,826-15-0, respectively, against Rupees 45,000 on account of each shown in the Budget Estimates, and the causes of the variations between the estimates and the actuals are fully explained in the Comparative Statement VI-B, so that it is unnecessary to reiterate them here.

GRANT I—Public Works—1, New Works.—Under this head a sum of Rupees 11,550-9-9 was expended, as per details given in Statement II-A, Part I, New Works. The buildings on three sides of the market have been completed, and the Commissioners resolved not to proceed with the buildings on the fourth side because the amount already spent exceeded the amount received on loan, viz., 25,000 Rupees. It was originally contemplated to build sixty-four bazaars in a quadrangle, some of which were to be set apart for the sale of meat and fish. The Commissioners having changed their opinion as to where the meat and fish bazaars should be erected a separate building for the sale of these articles, so that the cost of the market is not so much in

excess of the estimate as would at first sight appear. There are now forty-six ready for occupation, and of these, fourteen have been taken at monthly rents from 2 Rupees to 3½ Rupees. It is expected that the other bazaars will be taken in course of time. 465 Rupees were spent in digging a tank near the market. 260 Rupees were spent in levelling the heaps of rubbish in the place where it is thrown down with a view to grass being sown and trees planted there. The other works executed were such as call for no special remarks.

2, *Repairs*.—Under this head a sum of Rupees 9,692-13-2 was expended, out of which Rupees 9,308-0-8 were expended on Communications. The roads were not, at the commencement of the year under report, in so good order as could have been wished. They are not so yet, but the Commissioners have endeavoured to do the best with the means at their command. The cause on the roads during the latter portion of last year was very heavy owing to the great number of carts engaged in the carrying of rice and paddy. Further, owing to all the trucks at the disposal of the Railway being required for the grain traffic, it was impossible to obtain all the laterite required. Rupees 315 were expended in repairing the buildings of the Dispensary as it was found to be necessary to do so. The Local Fund Board agreed to pay one-third of this amount. Rupees 69-12-6 were expended in doing some petty repairs to a latrine, a few dust-boxes, and the fish market.

GRANT II.—*Education*.—Although the Commissioners provided Rupees 2,000 for this purpose, Rupees 845 only for Results Grants and Rupees 80 for Inspection Charges were expended. 890 Rupees were spent for the same purpose last year, so that there is very little improvement this year. There were twelve schools with an average daily attendance of 505 boys and 33 girls which obtained result grants during the year under report. The cost of maintaining these schools was 3,525 Rupees, and 1,541 Rupees were collected on account of fees. After receipt of the Government Proceedings reviewing last year's report the subject of education was taken up, and the Commissioners still adhering to their opinion that it was unnecessary for them to start Municipal Schools, considering the number of schools at work within the Municipality, and that there could be no better plan than paying for results, determined to appoint an Inspecting Schoolmaster to visit the many pial schools throughout the town, in order to show the schoolmasters how to teach, and to urge them to apply for results grants. The appointment was made during the current official year, and it is to be hoped that some improvement may be shown at the end of the year.

GRANT III.—*Hospitals and Dispensaries*.—Rs. 3,807-10-4 were expended under this head, as per details given in Statement II. As the comparative statement explains fully the expenditure no further remarks are necessary here. The annual report on the Dispensary received from the Zillah Surgeon is herewith forwarded, and it gives full particulars of its working. As it had been urged over and over again that further accommodation was required, the Commissioners passed a resolution that the building now used for dispensing medicines should be made a ward for Europeans and East Indians, a house more centrally situated in the town being rented for the purpose of a Dispensary; that a house for the East Indian midwife should be built; that the present deadhouse should be converted into a ward for females suffering from venereal diseases, and a new deadhouse built, and that a compound wall should be built. Estimates have been prepared for all this, and as soon as it is known that the land required for the erection of the midwife's quarters and the new deadhouse can be obtained, and at what rent it can be so, a separate communication will be sent you on this subject, because certain proposals have to be made regarding the providing of funds for the above purposes. The Branch Dispensary at Nagore, for which provision was made in the Budget, was not opened, as a medical subordinate could not be procured.

2, *Vaccination*.—The total number of those vaccinated, during the year under review, was 1,030 against 457 in the previous year, showing an increase of 573. This is in a great measure due to the interest taken in the matter by the late Acting Zillah Surgeon. The cost per head was about 3 Annas and 5 Pies, which is less than that of last year which was about 4 Annas and 2 Pies.

3, *Registration of Births and Deaths*.—The registration of births and deaths during the year under review, as compared with that of the previous year, is as follows:—

Population.		Births.	Deaths.
48,525	{ 1875-76	1,285	1,828
	{ 1876-77	1,238	1,528
Per 1,000	{ 1875-76	26.4	37.6
	{ 1876-77	25.5	31.4

If the 381 deaths registered from cholera be excluded, the ratio will be reduced to 23.6. These figures do not quite agree with those in the medical report, but it is not known where the Doctor got his figures.

4, *Conservancy*.—Under this head Rupees 14,180-8-10 were expended, as per details given in Statement II. Every attention has been paid to this department, the most important with which the Commissioners have to do. There were 381 deaths from cholera against 676 last year. It has been coming and going in a way for which it is impossible to account. Every effort was

made to check its progress by supplying medicines, burning fires, destroying the clothes, &c., of those attacked, and disinfecting the premises where they were.

Burial Grounds.—The late Acting Civil Surgeon submitted at the request of the Commissioners a report on the existing burial and burning grounds within the Municipality. A Committee was thereupon appointed to consider what should be done, and the matter is still under consideration. As to the Protestant Burying-ground the Chaplain of St. Peter's Church, under whose management it is, was desired by the Commissioners to take steps to have a new one opened. He replied that he would do so, but, owing to a change of Chaplains, the matter seems to have been lost sight of. The matter has been again brought to the notice of the present Chaplain, and steps will be taken to have it settled at an early date.

GRANT IV.—Under this head Rupees 5,247-12-7 were expended, lighting Rupees 3,994-5-9, market Rupees 788-2-0, watering roads Rupees 438-4-10, and avenues Rupees 27.

GRANT V.—Under this head Rupees 3,271-7-11 were expended, and the several items call for no special comment; Rupees 2,083-5-4 were paid on account of second instalment for the market loan, and Rupees 1,040-12-0 were paid as interest on the loan up to 31st December 1876.

There were 4,882 Rupees, 3 Annas, and 1 Pie in hand at the close of the year, but this sum included 3,867 Rupees, 10 Annas, and 7 Pies, which were due to the Local Fund Board, Negapatam Circle, on account of their share of the tolls. This amount was not paid before the expiry of the year because the exact amount due could not be ascertained before that time, one of the principal tolls being under the direct management of the Commissioners. Deducting the above amount the Municipality had still a small balance in its favor and not a deficit as was anticipated when the Budget for the current year was prepared.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

1876-77.

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

ONE of the Municipalities of Negapatam are the towns of Nagore, which are distant from each other about three miles; between them are several small villages, of which Kadambadi, where the Europeans principally dwell, Vellipoliem, and Numbean Coopum, a small fishing village, are the chief. These towns are between the river Vettar on the north, and the canal to Vedarniem on the south, and a branch of the river Caverry to the west. Generally speaking the level of these towns is below that of the sea. The population of Negapatam is 32,170, of Nagore 16,355; total 48,525.

2. The Municipal Commissioners exert themselves to keep the town clean. Large wrought iron carts have been introduced from England, which perambulate the town night and morning, carrying off only fecal and liquid matter, and burying it in pits dug for its reception in a place called Hathaway's Park. By this plan the tubs or brick pits which formerly were used for the reception of liquid matter are dispensed with, and are being gradually removed, the dust-bins being still retained for the deposit of all rubbish which is carried away by carts for that purpose and deposited in Hathaway's Park for Negapatam and on the limits of Nagore for that town. It is proposed to introduce a cinerator or cinerators for the burning of filth.

3. All rubbish heaps are being cleaned away, and old cesspools and stagnant tanks are being gradually filled up.

4. The tanks in this town are filled either by freshes from the river or else only by rain; at present they are rapidly drying up.

5. Latrines are built in all quarters of the town, but are not frequented by the majority of the population; these people prefer such places as Hathaway's Park, a burial-ground to east of Cook's road, and the paddy-fields and beach.

6. Burial-grounds have all been inspected by me, and a report, with suggestions for improving their condition, forwarded for the information of the Commissioners; in consequence of this a Sub-Committee has been appointed. The Protestant Burial-ground ought to be extended at once, as it is now overfull, and I am informed by Ministers here that it is impossible to dig a fresh grave without disturbing the bones of one or perhaps two other bodies. The Mahomedan and Hindu Burial-grounds are in bad repair, no walls, overgrown with prickly-pear or thistle, and are frequented for the purposes of nature.

7. Negapatam being the terminus of the South Indian Railway a very large number of emigrants embark for Rangoon and the Straits Settlements; these are at present under no control and live generally outside municipal limits at villages named Poyoor and Sickle, consequently

The number of self-dieted patients was 50.

The diseases from which the greater number of admissions took place were—

TABLE I.

Fevers.	Constipation.
Rheumatism.	Bronchitis, &c.
Ophthalmia.	Abscess and Boils.
Otitis.	Ulcer.
Dyspepsia.	Scabies.
Diarrhoea.	Colic.
Dysentery.	Debility.
Vermes.	

The diseases which terminated fatally were—

TABLE II.

In-patients.		Out-patients.	
Europeans.	Natives.	Europeans.	Natives.
Cholera.	Cholera.	Irritation of dental.	Carbuncle.
Infantile Convulsions.	Debility.	Pulp.	Cholera.
	Pneumonia.		Puerperal fever.
	Valve disease of heart.		Diarrhoea.
	Remittent fever.		Dysentery.
	Paralysis.		Small-pox.
	Diarrhoea.		
	Dysentery.		
	Chronic Rheumatism.		
	Contusion of the hip.		
	Amnesia.		
	Pleurisy.		

Those diseases which were especially fatal—

TABLE III.

Cholera.	Diarrhoea.
Debility.	Dysentery.

The chief diseases which rendered operation necessary are the following:—

1 Synovial Cyst.	1 Phimosia.
6 Pterygium.	1 Elephantiasis Penis.
1 Lacrymal Abscess and Fistula.	24 Hydrocele.
2 Polypus in the ear.	1 Hernia testis.
16 Polypus in the nose.	1 Bursal tumour.
3 Ranula.	10 Non-malignant tumours.
2 Strangulated Hernia.	2 Elephantiasis Labia.
1 Fistula in Perineo.	1 Cataract.
3 " in Ano.	3 Sebaceous tumour.
1 Puncturing Liver for Hydatids.	4 Circumcision.

Fractures caused five admissions and were of the radius and ulna; leg, both bones, cervix femoris, bones of feet, patella, besides 27 different fractures treated out of hospital. Fifteen dislocations were reduced.

The number of confinements in hospital has been eight; of these the mothers all recovered; one was abortion, one still-born, one plural birth, the rest natural.

Twenty-four iron cots and bedding and clothing have been supplied during the year.

NEGAPATAM,
1st April 1877.

(Signed) L. BEECH, Surgeon,
Acting Zillah Surgeon.

No. 86.

ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1877, No. 2702.

The subjoined abstract shows the receipts and charges of the Negapatam Municipality for 1876-77 in comparison with those for 1875-76 and the estimates for the former year:—

RECEIPTS.	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimates, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Opening Balance brought forward	17,806	3,000	13,842
Rates on Houses and Lands	11,685	10,300	10,663
Taxes on Arts	10,677	10,500	10,585
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	1,700	1,550	2,035
Registration of Carts	1,704	1,700	1,876
Tolls	11,976	12,000	11,603
Licenses	1,639	1,200	914
Assignments by Government from Surplus			
Pound Fund	46	50	50
Contribution from Local Funds	2,716	1,450	1,450
Fines and Fees	1,478	300	1,563
Endowments	727	460	355
Miscellaneous	1,483	2,490	2,973
Loans	12,500		
Total	76,137	45,000	57,709

CHARGES.	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimates, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Buildings			10,076
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	18,304	500	1,475
Repairs—			
Communications	3,736	6,000	9,308
Buildings			328
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,401	550	57
Establishment	3,380	3,576	360
Tools and Plant	53	100	28
GRANT II.			
Results Grants	810	1,900	845
Inspection (Contribution)	80	100	80
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	3,842	3,688	3,808
Vaccination	120	120	220
Registration of Births and Deaths	444	444	418
Conservancy	18,291	15,151	13,601
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	4,670	3,715	3,995
Markets	263	780	788
Avenues and Watering Roads	431	300	465
Miscellaneous			367
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	3,484	3,458	3,484
Repayment of Debt	2,986	4,618	3,124
Balances	13,842		4,882
Total	76,137	45,000	57,709

2. The collections aggregated Rs. 43,867 against an estimate of Rs. 42,000. No very great variations occurred under the several heads of taxation. The

Government are glad to observe that only Rupees 26 were written off as irrecoverable and Rupees 25 left uncollected out of the current demand for House-tax, while the uncollected balance of the Profession-tax was little over 6 per cent. of the current demand.

3. The charges amounted to Rupees 52,827 and reduced the balance in hand to Rupees 4,882, of which Rupees 3,869 have been paid to the Local Fund Board on account of Tolls since the close of the year. The expenditure incurred under Public Works was Rupees 21,632 or nearly double the amount estimated. The only new work of importance was the Market, three sides of which are reported to have been completed. Building on the fourth side was not undertaken for lack of funds, the amount of the loan (Rupees 25,000) obtained for the entire structure having been expended. The Government desire to be assured that the structure fairly represents the loan exhausted on little more than three-fourths of the contemplated market place.

4. A sum of Rupees 9,308 was laid out in the repair of roads and every endeavor appears to have been made to meet the increasing requirements of traffic, but the Commissioners' operations were restricted by the inability of the Railway to provide trucks for the carriage of a sufficient quantity of road metal.

5. The expenditure incurred on Education shows only very slight increase over that for 1875-76 and represents little more than one and-a-half per cent. of the Municipal income. The Commissioners are reported to be averse to establishing schools of their own and in favor of paying results grants to existing schools. Three schools received grants during the year in addition to those aided in the previous year. The Commissioners anticipate better results in future from the appointment of a new Schoolmaster with the view of doing more efficient work at operations, and the Government trust that attention will in future be paid to this important service. The number of children whose education is under the supervision of the Commissioners inadequately represents the children of school-going age amongst the population of Negapatam.

6. The Sanitation and Miscellaneous charges comprised under Grants III and IV respectively, and the charges of Supervision and Management included in Grant V, do not show any noteworthy variations. The items marginally noted shown under Grant III belong properly to Grant IV and the sum of Rupees 211-14-0 being expenses incurred in Municipal cases should appear under Grant V.

7. The working of the Dispensary appears to have been very satisfactory. The number of in and out-patients was as under—

	In- patients.	Out- patients.
1875-76	263	7,597
1876-77	335	8,616

8. The unfavorable character of the season does not appear to have materially affected the Hospital sick list. The difference between the Municipal figures and those of the Civil Surgeon regarding the number of births and deaths requires explanation. According to the former the deaths were in excess of the births, while the Civil Surgeon gives the death-rate at 32 per mille and the birth-rate at 39 per mille. Vaccination is reported to have made great progress during the year, the number vaccinated being 1,030 against 457 in the previous year. The increase is ascribed to the exertions of the Civil Surgeon.

9. The Government are glad to observe that the state of the burial-grounds is engaging the attention of the Commissioners.

10. The Auditor's report is satisfactory. His remarks regarding the advisability of assimilating the forms of Municipal Accounts to the Returns prescribed by Government deserve consideration.

(True Extract.)

J. Minch
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Negapatam.
 " 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, Tanjore District.

Exd. J. Wright and T. O'Connor.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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