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Municipal-Reports.

Read the following paper:—

No. 136. *From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Ganjam District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Aska, 13th September 1877, No. 3042.*

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the annual report of the Berhampore Municipality for the past official year 1876-77, accompanied by the accounts prescribed in G.O., 25th April last, No. 1347, Financial Department, and by the reports of the Auditor on the examination of the accounts, and of the Medical Officer on the working of the Civil Dispensary.

2. The following are the transactions of the Municipality for the year under report:—

3. The receipts of the year, exclusive of the opening balance of Rupees 2,511, amounted to Rupees 15,876, against an estimate of Rupees 15,080, and against Rupees 17,128, the actuals of the year preceding. The increase of actuals over the estimate of the year under report is Rupees 796, and is chiefly due to a large increase under the head of Tolls, which fetched a higher price at auction than was anticipated, owing to the activity in the export trade of grain; and to the transfer, to the Municipality by the Local Fund Board with a contribution of Rupees 225, of the loop-lines joining the Chettepore and Aska roads. The trifling variations in other items have been so fully explained in the Vice-President's letter that they need not be recapitulated here.

4. The total expenditure during the year was Rupees 17,716, against an estimate of Rupees 17,344, and against Rupees 17,202, the actuals of the preceding year.

5. The expenditure on New Works under Grant I was Rupees 1,929, against the estimate, Rupees 1,600. Rupees 348 were expended on Communications, viz., Rupees 194 for the Bejjipore road, and Rupees 154 for constructing five tunnels in different parts of the town. Rupees 1,581 were spent in collecting materials for building a Town School, in constructing five substantial latrines, and in erecting a shed to prevent an influx of cholera-stricken pilgrims from Pooree. This shed was erected about a mile beyond the limits of the Municipality on the Chetterpore road. As funds were not available the construction of the building for a Town School was not undertaken. Part of the materials already collected were consequently sold.

6. The total sum spent on repairs was Rupees 2,521, against an estimate of Rupees 2,600. The difference is trifling.

7. The expenditure for Educational purposes (Grant II) was Rupees 2,253, against an allotment of Rupees 2,500. The decrease is chiefly under Results Grants. The Vice-President says that the reason for the decrease is not known to the Commissioners, as all the certificates presented by the Deputy Inspector have been paid.

8. The Ooriya Class in the Town School has been abolished in consequence of the small attendance of boys, and of the existence of elementary Ooriya classes in the Zillah School. The number of boys on the rolls,\* at the commencement of the year under report, was 126, that at the end of the year being 94.

9. There was a slight increase in the number on the rolls of the Hindu Girls-School, but the number on those of the Mahomedan Girls' School fell from thirty-nine to twenty-nine, owing, it is said, to the bandy which brought the children to school having been dispensed with.

10. The amount of expenditure under Grant III was Rupees 6,813, against an estimate of Rupees 6,690. The increase of Rupees 123 is chiefly due to increased charges under "Medicines and Supplies," &c.

11. During the year 2,754† cases were treated at the Dispensary against 2,785† in the preceding year. Dr. North advocates the construction of a lying-in ward, and separate buildings for female patients, caste patients, and for Europeans and East Indians. He considers that the hospital loses many patients from not

being more centrally situated. In his report the Vice-President does not allude to any of these suggestions. Dr. North's recommendation for the entertainment of a writer for the Dispensary (paragraph 6 of his report) has been submitted to Government for sanction—*vide* my letter, No. 3015, dated 11th instant. As to the practice alluded to of bringing dead bodies to the hospital for *post-mortem* examination, I have to state that the matter was brought to the notice of Government in Mr. Master's letter, No. 1487, dated 23rd April last. In their Order, dated 7th June last, No. 1381, Judicial Department, Government have sanctioned the conversion of a portion of the cooking-shed attached to the present Subsidiary Jail into a dead-house, after the new Subsidiary Jail has been built. Steps have been taken for the erection, in the mean time, of a thatched shed for the purpose.

12. The number of cases vaccinated during the year was only 120,‡ against 244 in the preceding year. This great falling off is due to no vaccinator having been appointed in place of the one dismissed for six months of the year.

13. The number of births and deaths registered was 318 and 556, respectively, against 464 and 335 in the previous year. The deaths from cholera were 191 against 70 in the year before, but this great difference is ascribed to defective registration in the latter year.

14. The excess expenditure over the estimate under Grant IV has been explained for each item in the Vice-President's report.

15. The trifling variations in the items under Grant V need no explanation.

16. It is interesting to find that three or four of the Commissioners take a hearty interest in municipal affairs. The health of the town during the year was good on the whole.

17. The year closed with a balance in favor of the Municipality of Rupees 677 in cash, and Rupees 2,000 in Government-securities.

18. The Auditor reports that the state of the accounts is on the whole sufficient for all necessary purposes. The Vice-President's attention has been drawn to the defects noticed in the Auditor's report, paragraphs 2 and 14, and to his suggestion in paragraph 16.

19. The Vice-President's report was received in this office only on the 7th instant. The delay in its submission is explained at the foot of that report.

## ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Berhampore, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Ganjam, dated 25th August 1877, No. 118.

I have the honor to submit, herewith, the annual report of the Berhampore Municipality for the official year 1876-77, together with the duly audited statements of receipts and charges and the Auditor's report in original, also the Zillah Surgeon's report on the working of the Berhampore Civil Dispensary.

2. The forms prescribed in G.O., No. 1347, dated the 25th April 1877, have been used for the year as directed therein.

3. STATEMENT I contains receipts from all sources. The total receipts of the year, with the opening balance of Rupees 2,510-13-0, amounted to Rupees 18,387-8-10, being an increase of Rupees 1,007-8-10 over the Budget Estimate, as shown below:—

|                                                                                          | Decrease. |    |    | Increase. |    |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|----|-----------|----|----|
|                                                                                          | RS.       | A. | P. | RS.       | A. | P. |
| Opening Balance .. .. .                                                                  |           |    |    | 210       | 13 | 0  |
| Tax on Arts, &c. .. .. .                                                                 |           |    |    | 64        | 4  | 0  |
| Tax on Vehicles and Animals .. .. .                                                      |           |    |    | 30        | 0  | 0  |
| Registration of Carts .. .. .                                                            |           |    |    | 28        | 0  | 0  |
| Tolls .. .. .                                                                            |           |    |    | 650       | 0  | 0  |
| Surplus Pound Fund .. .. .                                                               |           |    |    | 22        | 6  | 6  |
| Contribution from Local Funds .. .. .                                                    |           |    |    | 375       | 0  | 0  |
| Fines and Fees .. .. .                                                                   |           |    |    | 182       | 10 | 5  |
| Sale of Materials .. .. .                                                                |           |    |    | 196       | 13 | 3  |
| Conservancy allowance of the Cantonment .. .. .                                          |           |    |    | 150       | 0  | 0  |
| Rate on Houses and Lands .. .. .                                                         | 152       | 13 | 6  |           |    |    |
| Fees in Schools .. .. .                                                                  | 298       | 11 | 0  |           |    |    |
| Rent of Market .. .. .                                                                   | 22        | 0  | 10 |           |    |    |
| Endowments—Hospitals .. .. .                                                             | 92        | 7  | 8  |           |    |    |
| Sale of Sweepings .. .. .                                                                | 6         | 5  | 4  |           |    |    |
| Maintenance allowance of the Cantonment .. .. .                                          |           |    |    |           |    |    |
| Road .. .. .                                                                             | 150       | 0  | 0  |           |    |    |
| Contribution from Government on account of quarter pay of the Hospital Assistant .. .. . | 180       | 0  | 0  |           |    |    |
|                                                                                          |           |    |    | 902       | 6  | 4  |
|                                                                                          |           |    |    | 1,909     | 15 | 2  |
| Deduct decrease .. .. .                                                                  |           |    |    | 902       | 6  | 4  |
| Net increase .. .. .                                                                     |           |    |    | 1,007     | 8  | 10 |

4. RATE ON HOUSES AND LANDS.—There is a decrease of Rupees 152-13-6 as compared with the Budget Estimate, but the amount outstanding at the close of the year is Rupees 435-1-2 as per margin. Out of Rs. 633-14-6 outstanding at the beginning of the year a sum of Rupees 579-5-5 was collected during the year, and a further sum of Rupees 35-7-10 was struck off as irrecoverable.

|                 | RS. | A. | P. |
|-----------------|-----|----|----|
| 1876-77 .. .. . | 415 | 15 | 11 |
| 1875-76 .. .. . | 10  | 12 | 2  |
| 1873-74 .. .. . | 2   | 0  | 9  |
| 1872-73 .. .. . | 6   | 3  | 1  |
| 1871-72 .. .. . | 0   | 1  | 3  |
| Total .. .. .   | 435 | 1  | 2  |

5. RATE ON ARTS, &c.—A sum of Rupees 64-4-0 was recovered during the year out of Rupees 219-4-0 outstanding at the beginning of the year. Rupees 128-8-0 have been struck off as irrecoverable owing to defaulters having died, left the town, &c. This tax was imposed in 1867-68, and abolished in 1874-75, and the outstandings date from 1871-72. A balance of Rupees 26-8-0 remains to be realized. A sum of Rupees 17 has since been recovered.

6. TAX ON VEHICLES AND ANIMALS.—There is an increase of Rupees 30 under this head over the Budget Estimate.

7. REGISTRATION OF CARTS shows also increase of Rupees 20.\* The increase in both these cases is due to increased number of subjects taxed.

8. TOLLS.—There is an increase of Rupees 650 over the Budget Estimate. The large grain export traffic during the year enhanced the value of the tolls, and a better price was realized at auction.

\* Should be Rupees 28.  
(Signed) J. G. H., President.

9. CONTRIBUTION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS—(a) *Surplus Pound Fund*.—Increase in Cattle Pound Collections has caused the increase of Rupees 22-6-6 over the Budget amount.

10. CONTRIBUTION FROM LOCAL FUNDS—(a) *Public Works*.—An increase of 375 Rupees under this head against the Budget item of Rupees 150 is due to two causes.

(a). The duty of maintaining the loopline joining the Chetterpore and Aska roads carrying with it a contribution of Rupees 225 was transferred to the Municipality by the Local Fund Board.

(b). The grant from the Local Fund Board for the upkeep of the Aska road was increased to Rupees 300 during 1876-77, from Rupees 150 to Rupees 300, that is by Rupees 150.

11. FEES AND FINES.—The increase of Rupees 182-10-5 is due to a larger number of Distress and Demand Warrants for the realization of unpaid house-tax being issued than was estimated when the Budget was made; and also to an increase of Rupees 25-12-0 under head of Magisterial fines.

12. FEES IN SCHOOLS.—There is a decrease of Rupees 298-11-0 with reference to the Budget Estimate of Rupees 840. The Budget was estimated on the fact that, for the six months from August 1875 to January 1876, the fees averaged over Rupees 70 a-month. The total fees for 1875-76 was about Rupees 700. For 1876-77 they reach only about Rupees 550, yet it is the only school in the town excepting the Zillah School which teaches English. The Commissioners are unable to understand the reason.

13. RENT OF MARKET.—The decrease of Rupees 22-0-10 in this item is due to the fewer number of temporary shop sites applied for.

14. ENDOWMENT.—The decrease of Rupees 92-7-8 is chiefly due to the falling off in voluntary subscriptions which in this Municipality are remarkably small.

15. MISCELLANEOUS.—(a) *Sale of Sweepings*.—The slight decrease of Rupees 6-5-4 needs no comment.

(b) *Use of Materials*.—Rupees 196-13-8 have been realized by sale of materials purchased for building Town School (vide paragraph 17).

(c) *Maintenance Allowance for Cantonment Road*.—A sum of Rupees 150 was budgeted for, but as the maintenance of the road was resumed by the Public Works Department under orders of the District Engineer, communicated in a letter from the Range Officer, dated 3rd June 1876, No. 39, the contribution was not required, and was not received.

*Contribution from Government*.—Rupees 180, being one-fourth salary of the medical subordinate, were not received direct from Government, but a proportional deduction of Rupees 15 was made monthly from the salary payable to the Dresser.

*Conservancy Allowance of the Cantonment*.—A sum of Rupees 150 has been received from the Paymaster, Madras, with reference to G.O., No. 2336, dated 17th May 1875.

16. The opening balances for 1875-76 and for 1876-77, both actuals and as estimated in the Budget, are shown in the margin. The opening balance reported for the year under review corresponds so closely with that reported for the preceding year 1875-76 as not to require or admit of the explanation referred to in paragraph 2\* of G.O., No. 1347, dated 25th April 1877.

17. STATEMENT II exhibits the particulars of the expenditure which amounts to Rupees 17,716-3-11 exceeding by Rupees 872-3-11. The Budget amount is shown below:—

| Grant.     | Budget. | Actuals. |         | Decrease. |       | Increase. |       |
|------------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|            |         | RS.      | A. P.   | RS.       | A. P. | RS.       | A. P. |
| I. ..      | 4,410   | 4,650    | 0 10    | ..        | ..    | 240       | 0 10  |
| II. ..     | 2,500   | 2,253    | 4 1     | 246       | 11 11 | ..        | ..    |
| III. ..    | 6,690   | 6,813    | 8 9     | ..        | ..    | 123       | 8 9   |
| IV. ..     | 1,492   | 1,915    | 4 8     | ..        | ..    | 423       | 4 8   |
| V. ..      | 2,252   | 2,071    | 2 6     | 180       | 13 6  | ..        | ..    |
| Refunds .. | ..      | ..       | 12 15 1 | ..        | ..    | 12        | 15 1  |
|            | 17,344  | 17,716   | 3 11    | 427       | 9 5   | 799       | 13 4  |

\* Should be paragraph 12.  
(Signed) J. G. H., President.

18. GRANT I—(a) *New Works*.—The increase of Rupees 328-13-9 under this head is accounted for as follows:—

|                              | Budget. | Actual. |       |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
|                              |         | RS.     | A. P. |
| Bejjipore Road ..            | 350     | 193     | 12 7  |
| Petty Works, &c. ..          | ..      | 154     | 4 7   |
| Town School Building ..      | 1,200   | 1,201   | 11 9  |
| Latrines ..                  | ..      | 77      | 14 2  |
| Cholera shed ..              | 50      | ..      | ..    |
| Road No. 9 Street, Bapore .. | ..      | ..      | ..    |
| Total ..                     | 1,600   | 1,928   | 13 9  |

(a). *The Bejjipore Road*.—The construction of this road could not be undertaken in the year owing to the land required not having been taken up in time.

(b). *Petty Works*.—It was found necessary to construct five tunnels in different parts of the town which accounts for the expenditure under this head.

(c). Materials for building a Town School were purchased in the months of April, May, and June at the cost of Rupees 301-11-9, but as it turned out that no money was available for the construction of the building for reasons which were fully detailed in the last year's report (vide paragraph 15) it was resolved to sell such materials as had been collected; accordingly during the year under review part of the materials were sold and fetched, Rupees 196-13-9\* being the value of wood and tiles; stone to value of Rupees 73 remains still unsold.

\* Should be Rupees 196-13-3.  
(Signed) J. G. H., President.

(d). *Latrines*.—Five substantial latrines were completed during the year.

(e). *Cholera Shed*.—To prevent an influx of cholera-stricken Pooree pilgrims into the town it was resolved to erect, as an emergent work, a shed outside the limits of the town into which patients might be received. The shed was erected at a cost of Rupees 77-14-2 about a mile beyond the limits of the Municipality on the Chetterpore road.

(f). A Budget allotment of Rupees 50 was made for the purpose of improving Road No. 9, Bapore, which leads through a parcherry, but when the work was to be put in hand the Commissioners were of opinion that no good could be effected unless the street was widened and made straight; as this involved taking up land, it was resolved to defer taking any steps until sufficient funds were available.

*Repairs*.—There is a decrease of Rupees 205-0-1 under "Communication," and "Drainage." There is an increase on the whole, however, of Rupees 121-7-1 which was incurred through the necessity of executing repairs to the Town School, bullock-shed, tunnels, &c. The details of expenditure under this head are shown in Statement II-A, Part II, Repairs.

19. GRANT II—EDUCATION—(a) *Municipal Schools*.—1. *Town School*.—There is a decrease of Annas 7-3† as compared with the Budget amount of Rupees 1,260. There were 126 boys on the rolls at the commencement of the year as follows:—

|                |    |                     |    |
|----------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Class III-A .. | 18 | Class I ..          | 23 |
| III-B ..       | 16 | Hindustani Class .. | 16 |
| III-C ..       | 18 | Ooriya ..           | 14 |
| II ..          | 23 |                     |    |

During the year the Classes III-A, III-B, III-C were converted into two, and in January these divisions were made into one. In July 1876, a fourth class equal to the third class of the Zillah School was opened.

In January the Ooriya Class containing thirteen boys was abolished owing to the small attendance and to their being elementary Ooriya Classes in the Zillah School. Also on account of the decrease in the attendance the services of one of the ordinary masters were dispensed with. Seventeen boys were admitted into the Zillah School. The number of the boys on the rolls at the close of the year was ninety-four.

2. *Girls' School*.—The decrease of Rupees 17-4-6 with reference to the Budget item is due to the two bandies provided for carrying girls to schools having been dispensed with from the 1st January 1877.

The number on the rolls of the Hindu Girls' School rose from forty-two to forty-five during the year; the number on the rolls of the Mahomedan Girls' School fell from thirty-nine to twenty-nine, and the decrease was probably due to the bandy which brought the children to school having been done away with.

**Results Grants.**—Rupees 71 were paid as per certificates received from the Deputy Inspector of Schools showing a decrease of Rupees 229 as compared with the Budget amount. The reason of the decrease, however, is not known to the Commissioners, as all certificates given by the Deputy Inspector of Schools were paid on presentation.

\* Should be Rupees 174-4-1.  
(Signed) J. G. H., President.

† Correct figure Rupees 169-12-9.  
(Signed) J. G. H., President.

‡ Should be 292 and 2,623, respectively, vide last year's report.  
(Signed) J. G. H., President.

**Vaccination.**—The cost of establishment falls below the Budget amount by Rupees 39-9-0, but this is owing to there having been no vaccinator from July 1876 to January 1877. In September 1876, the Vaccinator was dismissed for absents himself without leave from 5th July, and no competent substitute, notwithstanding every effort made by the Commissioners to obtain one, could be secured until February 1877. This also accounts for the falling off in the cases which number only 120 as against 244 of the preceding year. Of the 120, 107 were successful.

(c). **Registration of Births and Deaths.**—There is a decrease in cost of establishment of Rupees 46-5-4 under this head caused by the non-employment of one Registrar from 12th May to 25th July, and by the abolition of one Registrar from January 1877. The Commissioners were of opinion that one Registrar was quite sufficient for the work.

The births and deaths registered during the year were 318 and 556, respectively. Of 556 deaths 192§ were ascribed to cholera. The births and deaths during the previous year were 464 and 355, respectively. The deaths from cholera were 192|| this year as against 70 last year. But I ascribe the difference in the registered number of deaths to defective registration. The registration during the year under report gives signs of improvement.

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| June .. .. .      | 4   |
| July .. .. .      | 96  |
| August .. .. .    | 24  |
| September .. .. . | 1   |
| March .. .. .     | 67  |
| Total .. .. .     | 192 |

§ The deaths in July from cholera were 95 not 96, and the total number should therefore be 191.

(Signed) J. G. H., President.

It has been the practice to purchase a supply of gram towards the end of the official year when the price is usually low for use during the next year. In this year under review owing to the high ruling price the purchase, a fall being anticipated, was put off, and it was not till the current year had begun that a purchase was effected. That Budget item therefore lapsed.

The entertainment of eight additional sweepers for latrines, the purchase of two additional rubbish carts, and the increased charges under "Contingencies," cause an increase in expenditure of Rupees 85-3-0.

21. **GRANT IV—Lighting.**—The decrease, Rupees 45-8-0, is owing to the abolition of a Lighting Inspector and the reduction of the salaries of the lamp-lighters. As the lamps are lit for only twenty days in a month (the dark fortnight) the reduction was made.

**Avenues.**—There is also a decrease of Rupees 51-2-4 under this head, which is owing to no expenditure having been incurred for planting trees.

**Rewards for killing Dogs.**—There is an increase of Rupees 27-1-0.

A sum of Rupees 88-13-11 was spent for the establishment entertained for preparing bratties and cleaning the bandy-stand. The amount realized by the sale during the year was Rupees 91-13-8, but about Rupees 30 more were realized during this year for bratties made last year but left unsold.

Rupees 10 were paid for Inam land rented at Tenkarapore for a bandy-stand.

**Cholera Allowance.**—A sum of Rupees 58 was voted to V. Vurdappah Naidu, Assistant-Apothecary of the Settlement Party, and to Veerannah Naidu, Dresser of the Survey Party, as a reward for services rendered to the Municipality in treating patients during the cholera season.

A sum of Rupees 30-5-11¶ was spent in purchasing sulphur and firewood and in labor for burning the same in various parts of the town during the outbreak of an epidemic of cholera.

¶ Should be Rupees 30-15-11.  
(Signed) J. G. H., President.

Rupees 60 were paid to Mr. Brophy, late Municipal Inspector, as a grant on retirement with reference to G.O., dated 9th September 1876, No. 1649.

A sum of Rupees 200-6-11 was paid to meet bills received from the District Magistrate of Vizagapatam for the treatment of a lunatic belonging to this Municipality in the Lunatic Asylum of that place.

Cist of Rupees 40-9-3 was paid in arrears, from Faslis 1278 to 1285, for a piece of land (1 acre and 25 cents) taken at Senkarapore for depositing rubbish.

22. **GRANT V—Supervision and Management.**—The decrease of Rupees 180-13-6 against the Budget item was caused by the reduction of Rupees 7-8-0, Manager's horse allowance, and Rupees 5 in the Head Clerk's salary since January 1877, and by the non-expenditure of Rupees 120 provided for house-rent, also by the decreased charges under Contingencies.

23. A refund of Rupees 12-15-1 was made, viz., Rupee 1, being a magisterial fine remitted in appeal, and Rupees 11-15-1 to the Department of Public Works as balance of Rupees 150 received from them for repairing Cantonment road during the previous year.

24. Three or four of the Commissioners, I am glad to say, take a hearty interest in municipal matters. An examination of the attendance of members, however, shows that nearly one half take little or no interest in the working of the Municipality.

25. With the exception of a visitation of cholera during the months of June, July, August, and September 1876, and March 1877, the health of the town was good.

26. Advantage is not taken of the Municipal Hospital so much as might be desired and as, when European medicines is more appreciated, be hoped for; in fact, it is feared that many ek go there merely as a last resort.

27. Delay has occurred in the submission of this report, owing to the difficulty found in obtaining the services of an Auditor.

#### ENCLOSURE No. 2.

#### ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT of the MUNICIPAL DISPENSARY, BERHAMPORE, for the Year 1876-77.

**Climate and Public Health.**—There was nothing remarkable in the weather, up to the end of the calendar year. The Meteorological Observatory, however, not yet established in the station, the Tahsildar registers the rainfall, and according to him, during the months of June, July, August, September, and October, 41-81 inches of rain fell. From the 1st of January to the 31st March the very unusual amount of 7-56 inches has been registered. The total rainfall for the year is 52-74 inches. I am not aware that the public health has been affected in any unusual way by climate during the past year. Excluding cholera and small-pox the public health has been good.

2. **Epidemic Diseases.**—Cholera has been in the district either in a sporadic or in an epidemic form during nearly the whole year. From the Police returns the first case appears to have occurred at Nursunpatt, in the taluq of the same name, a village on the main road between Poree and Chisacole. The first case in the town of Berhampore occurred on the 20th of July. After the 30th of August the town was quite free of the disease till March 3rd, when four pilgrims returned from Poree were attacked. The epidemic continued with some severity till the end heavy thunderstorms when there was a sudden and marked decline in the number of cases.

The deaths from cholera in the district during the year number 2,817; 212\* have died in Berhampore town. I am unable to give the proportion of deaths to attacks; but, judging from the cases I myself have seen, I should say the disease has been of a very severe type.

A military guard was placed on the Poree road to stop returning pilgrims and others from Poree from passing through the station.

The Police also prevented, as much as possible, the importation of cholera.

Five thousand two hundred Cholera pills (without opium) were issued to Police Inspectors, soldiers, and headmen of villages. These have generally thought well of the pills and advocated them; but the Tahsildar of Asika reports that he was "given to understand (by the agents) that the pills proved effectual in stopping the purgings and vomiting, but this was followed by swelling of the belly resulting in death." In the half-a-dozen cases brought to Municipal Dispensary medical treatment was of no avail, but then in all these cases on admission a collapse was complete. Chlorodyne with brandy was administered with great benefit in bad cases of diarrhoea with vomiting.

Small-pox has prevailed in the district and station with more or less severity during the last few months; but the latter is now rid of the disease which is also said to be declining rapidly in the district.

There being no properly-qualified applicant for the post of Municipal Vaccinator, vacant since last July, a respectable lad with a sufficient knowledge of the art of vaccination and lymph preserving has been employed since the 18th of February under my superintendence on a small salary.

3. *Principal Diseases and Classes of Disease* prevalent during the year. Two thousand seven hundred and fifty-four cases have been treated at the Dispensary during the year. This is not a large number for a town of 25,000 inhabitants in a populous district. As may be seen from the following table there is a slight falling off from last year:—

| Patients.       | 1870-71. | 1871-72. | 1872-73. | 1873-74. | 1874-75. | 1875-76. | 1876-77. | Total. |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| In-patients ..  | 123      | 107      | 129      | 178      | 162      | 202      | 210      | 1,111  |
| Out-patients .. | 1,867    | 2,320    | 2,015    | 2,374    | 2,326    | 2,583    | 2,544    | 16,029 |
| Total ..        | 1,990    | 2,427    | 2,144    | 2,552    | 2,488    | 2,785    | 2,754    | 17,140 |

The principal diseases in order of prevalence as inferred from hospital admissions have been—Ague, venereal diseases, chronic rheumatism, diseases of digestive system, diseases of skin, and diseases of eye and ear. Venereal diseases are deplorably common, and I am inclined to think that a great deal of the rheumatism, ulcers, &c., might be honestly returned under this head.

No effort is made in the way of contagious diseases acting to stamp out or check this fearful evil. But from my experience of the present class of in-patients, I might almost venture to say that if a Lock Hospital were established and the Contagious Diseases Acts could be introduced and properly carried out, after a few years the wards of the Municipal Dispensary might be closed for want of patients.

I do not think so. The Dispensary would no doubt rise in public estimation.  
(Signed) J. G. H., President.

The 35 deaths among 210 in-patients represent a high rate of mortality. But it should be borne in mind that many are admitted in the very last stage of disease. Seven (exclusive of deaths from cholera) died during the year within twenty-four hours of their admission. The natives of this district are very loath to come into hospital, and, as far as medical cases are concerned, only come when they cannot, from sickness or want of friends, get food outside.

Of the 2,707 admissions during the year the following table shows the different castes of both sexes:—

| Castes.              | IN-PATIENTS. |          | OUT-PATIENTS. |          | TOTAL. |          |
|----------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|----------|--------|----------|
|                      | Males.       | Females. | Males.        | Females. | Males. | Females. |
| Europeans ..         | 5            | ..       | 1             | 2        | 6      | 2        |
| East Indians ..      | 7            | ..       | 21            | 9        | 28     | 9        |
| Native Christians .. | 10           | 6        | 35            | 14       | 45     | 20       |
| Hindus ..            | 109          | 51       | 1,807         | 420      | 1,916  | 471      |
| Mahomedans ..        | 9            | 2        | 141           | 58       | 150    | 60       |
| Total ..             | 140          | 59       | 2,005         | 503      | 2,145  | 562      |

4. There is no case recorded in the Case Book worthy of communication in detail to the profession. I may, however, mention that I lately operated on an uncommon case of strangulated hernia. The subject of it, a man of twenty-two years of age, had had a hernia in his right groin from his birth; but, his mother or he had always been able to reduce it; his right testicle had never descended into the scrotum. On admission the tumour in the groin was the size and shape of a large mango. The symptoms of strangulated hernia being present and the taxis failing, I performed herniotomy. The sac was thick and contained, besides intestine and the right testicle, an ounce or two of clear fluid. The stricture was at the internal ring. I left the testicle in the inguinal canal.

5. *Surgical Operations.*

| Month and Date. | Names.             | Disease.                    | Nature of Operation. | By whom performed.          | Whether Chloroform used, and in what quantity. | Remarks.  |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 3rd April 1876. | B. Ramasawmy       | Tumour                      | Removed              | Surgeon-Major H. J. Beach   | None                                           | Cured.    |
| 3rd "           | Oogetho            | Foreign body in nose        | Do.                  | First-class H. A. V. Bulram | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 4th "           | Madanah            | Phimosis                    | Circumcised          | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 6th "           | Oogadhu            | Tumour                      | Removed              | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 11th "          | Seonnee            | Fracture (tibia)            | Set                  | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 20th "          | Hindu              | Labour (hand present)       | ..                   | ..                          | ..                                             | ..        |
| 25th "          | Dadebee            | Foreign body in throat.     | Turning              | Surgeon W. H. Boalch        | 3 ivss.                                        | Do.       |
| 25th "          | Damodara Saive     | Hydrocele                   | Removed              | Surgeon-Major H. J. Beach   | None                                           | Do.       |
| 26th "          | G. Anniah          | Phimosis                    | Tapped and injected  | Surgeon-Major H. J. Beach   | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 28th "          | C. Poliah          | Tumour                      | Circumcised          | First-class H. A. V. Bulram | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 30th "          | Horee              | Phimosis                    | Removed              | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 11th May        | Chendramony        | Ascaris                     | Circumcised          | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 15th "          | Lutchmudu          | Tumour                      | Tapped               | do.                         | Do.                                            | Relieved. |
| 16th "          | V. Pottabhi Ramiah | Hydrocele                   | Removed              | do.                         | Do.                                            | Cured.    |
| 20th "          | Champee            | Fracture (humerus)          | Tapped and injected  | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 24th "          | C. Venkataswamy    | Imperforate anus            | Set                  | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 1st June        | Chendramony        | Ascaris                     | Incision             | do.                         | Do.                                            | Relieved. |
| 2nd "           | Narain Bahara      | Fracture (compound humerus) | Tapped               | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 15th "          | Mongolo Saive      | Tumour                      | Set                  | do.                         | Do.                                            | Cured.    |
| 19th "          | Mootchia           | Fracture (radius)           | Removed              | Surgeon-Major H. J. Beach   | 3 ii                                           | Do.       |
| 20th "          | Chompea            | Fracture (humerus)          | Set                  | First-class H. A. V. Bulram | None                                           | Do.       |
| 24th "          | Chendramony        | Ascaris                     | Set                  | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 15th "          | Tonkaye Saive      | Fracture (forearm)          | Tapped               | do.                         | Do.                                            | Relieved  |
| 19th "          | Modana             | Fracture (tibia)            | Set                  | do.                         | Do.                                            | Cured.    |
| 19th "          | N. V. Kristniah    | Phimosis                    | Circumcised          | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 11th Aug.       | Juggoo             | Hydrocele                   | Tapped and injected  | Surgeon W. H. Boalch        | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 13th "          | Noleetha           | Dislocation                 | Reduced              | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 14th "          | A. Venkiah         | Hydrocele                   | Tapped               | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 27th "          | Chintadu           | Phimosis                    | Circumcised          | First-class H. A. V. Bulram | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 27th Sept.      | P. Rajiah          | Hydrocele                   | Tapped and injected  | Surgeon W. H. Boalch        | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 30th "          | P. Juggunayakulu   | Prolapsus ani               | Reduced              | do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |

## Surgical Operations—(Concluded).

| Month and Date. | Names.        | Disease.                     | Nature of Operation. | By whom performed.          | Whether Chloroform used, and in what quantity. | Remarks.  |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 11th Nov. 1876. | A. Ramudu     | Hydrocele                    | Tapped               | Surgeon W. H. Boalth        | None                                           | Cured.    |
| 14th "          | Hera          | Fracture forearm             | Set                  | First-class H. A. V. Bulram | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 24th "          | Purdasee      | Hydrocele                    | Tapped and injected  | Surgeon W. H. Boalth        | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 2nd Dec.        | Ogratho       | Do.                          | Do.                  | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 16th "          | Orjunc        | Phimosis                     | Circumcised          | Surgeon J. North            | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 19th "          | Y. Ramudu     | Hydrocele                    | Tapped and injected  | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 22nd "          | Appiah        | Dislocation                  | Reduced              | First-class H. A. V. Bulram | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 27th "          | P. Koorniah   | Phimosis                     | Circumcised          | Surgeon J. North            | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 3rd Jan. 1877.  | M. Ramaswamy  | Paraphimosis                 | Reduced              | First-class H. A. V. Bulram | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 8th "           | B. Simussee   | Do.                          | Do.                  | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 10th "          | Binalo        | Do.                          | Do.                  | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 16th "          | A. Appiah     | Vascular tumour of the gum   | Do.                  | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 25th "          | Balanky       | Hydrocele                    | Ligatured            | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Unknown.  |
| 30th "          | Ramo Rano     | Neurosis tibia               | Tapped and injected  | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Cured.    |
| 9th Feb.        | A. Yellapah   | Paraphimosis                 | Amputation of leg    | Do.                         | 3v.                                            | Do.       |
| 12th "          | Lingiah       | Do.                          | Reduced              | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 12th "          | Shank Iruased | Stricture urethra            | Do.                  | First-class H. A. V. Bulram | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 15th "          | Lobney        | Retention of urine           | Catheterism          | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Relieved. |
| 22nd "          | A. Gopayilum  | Fracture (humerus)           | Do.                  | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 22nd "          | Kolliah       | Stricture urethra            | Set                  | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Cured.    |
| 26th "          | G. Bonidu     | Paraphimosis                 | Reduced              | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Relieved. |
| 29th "          | Moddu         | Strangulated inguinal hernia | Do.                  | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Cured.    |
| 2nd Mar.        | G. Govariath  | Foreign body in nose         | Herniomy             | Surgeon J. North            | 3v.                                            | Do.       |
| 3rd "           | Tebbe         | Tumour                       | Removed              | First-class H. A. V. Bulram | None                                           | Do.       |
| 10th "          | R. Ramasam    | Foreign body in nose         | Do.                  | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 12th "          | Byraghee      | Phimosis                     | Slit up              | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 17th "          | Sindoo Puzak  | Fracture (humerus)           | Set                  | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 27th "          | Jankey        | Hydrocele                    | Tapped and injected  | Surgeon J. North            | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 27th "          | Nolsella      | Foreign body in ear          | Removed              | First-class H. A. V. Bulram | Do.                                            | Do.       |
| 30th "          | S. Purdasee   | Dislocation                  | Reduced              | Do.                         | Do.                                            | Do.       |
|                 |               | Hydrocele                    | Tapped and injected  | Surgeon J. North            | Do.                                            | Do.       |

6. The financial statement is appended. Much work has been done and considerable expense incurred in connection with the certificates and medical treatment of Government servants in the Police, Revenue Survey, Revenue Settlement, Public Works, Revenue, and Telegraph Departments; but I am not prepared to say whether the Municipality has been adequately reimbursed, directly and indirectly, or not. The Hospital Assistant who, singlehanded, has to do the writing, compounding, and dressing, is hardworked, if not overworked. In my opinion, the entertainment of a compounder, who could also help in the writing, is needed for the better working of the institution.

Considering the reputed wealth of many of the native merchants in the town and Zemindars in the district, Rupees 40-12-0 seems a very small sum for them to subscribe when compared with the Rupees 326 of the dozen Europeans of the station.

7. There is no lying-in ward. Two women have been delivered during the year in one of the small rooms containing one bed.

8. No changes in, or additions to, hospital buildings, &c., have been made during the year. Perhaps I may here be allowed to make the following remarks with reference to the hospital. I consider the hospital loses many patients from not being more centrally situated.

The practice, on the part of the Police, of bringing bodies to the dead-house of the hospital for post-mortem examination is detrimental to the popularity of the institution. This practice is now under reference with a view to its being put a stop to.

The hospital consists of two wards—one for men, the other for women. They are, in my opinion, too close together. The women should be in a separate building, or, at any rate, farther apart from the men.

There is no accommodation for caste people. A detached set of single wards would perhaps be useful.

There is also no separate accommodation for Europeans and East-Indians. It may be said that patients of this class are not sufficiently numerous to justify the building of separate accommodation for them. I should, however, mention that I lately had to keep an English sailor with delirium tremens in the Police lock-up for want of such accommodation.

9. First-class Hospital Assistant V. Bulram, No. 329 has continued in charge during the year, and his general conduct has been satisfactory.

10. Poisonous medicines and drugs are kept in a separate almirah under lock and key.

11. During the year five in-patients dieted themselves.

(Signed) J. NORTH, Surgeon,  
Zillah Surgeon.

BERHAMPORE,  
1st April 1877.

No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1877, No. 2743.

The annexed abstract shows the receipts and charges of the Berhampore Municipality for 1876-77, as compared with the estimates for that year and the actuals of 1875-76:—

|                               | RECEIPTS.         |                    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                               | Actuals, 1876-76. | Estimate, 1876-77. |
|                               | RS.               | RS.                |
| Balance brought forward       | 2,591             | 2,511              |
| Rates on Houses and Lands     | 4,704             | 4,000              |
| Taxes on Arts                 | 106               | 04                 |
| Taxes on Vehicles and Animals | 917               | 900                |
| Registration of Carts         | 517               | 500                |
| Tolls                         | 6,900             | 6,000              |
| Licences                      | 514               | 175                |
| Assignments by Government     | 30                | 25                 |
| Contribution from Local Funds | 950               | 950                |
| Fines and Fees                | 136               | 150                |
| Endowments                    | 718               | 850                |
| Miscellaneous                 | 1,636             | 1,530              |
| Total                         | 19,719            | 17,380             |

| CHARGES.                                  |  | Actuals,<br>1875-76. | Estimate,<br>1876-77. | Actuals,<br>1876-77. |
|-------------------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                                           |  | RS.                  | RS.                   | RS.                  |
| GRANT I.                                  |  |                      |                       |                      |
| New Works—                                |  |                      |                       |                      |
| Communications .. .. .                    |  | 559                  | 400                   | 348                  |
| Buildings .. .. .                         |  | 31                   |                       | 1,581                |
| Sanitary and Miscellaneous .. .. .        |  | 1,457                | 1,200                 | ..                   |
| Repairs—                                  |  |                      |                       |                      |
| Communications .. .. .                    |  | 1,733                | 2,400                 | 2,263                |
| Buildings .. .. .                         |  |                      |                       | 151                  |
| Sanitary and Miscellaneous .. .. .        |  | 304                  | 200                   | 107                  |
| Establishment .. .. .                     |  | 206                  | 180                   | 180                  |
| Tools and Plant .. .. .                   |  | 67                   | 30                    | 20                   |
| GRANT II.                                 |  |                      |                       |                      |
| Municipal School .. .. .                  |  | 1,728                | 2,100                 | 2,082                |
| Salary Grants .. .. .                     |  |                      | 300                   |                      |
| Results Grants .. .. .                    |  | 266                  |                       | 71                   |
| Inspection (Contribution) .. .. .         |  | 100                  | 100                   | 100                  |
| GRANT III.                                |  |                      |                       |                      |
| Hospitals and Dispensaries .. .. .        |  | 2,129                | 2,250                 | 2,424                |
| Vaccination .. .. .                       |  | 120                  | 120                   | 30                   |
| Registration of Births and Deaths .. .. . |  | 120                  | 216                   | 170                  |
| Conservancy .. .. .                       |  | 4,539                | 4,104                 | 4,190                |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .                     |  | 116                  |                       |                      |
| GRANT IV.                                 |  |                      |                       |                      |
| Lighting .. .. .                          |  | 1,129                | 1,208                 | 1,163                |
| Markets .. .. .                           |  | 56                   | 84                    | 84                   |
| Avenues and Watering Roads .. .. .        |  | 181                  | 150                   | 99                   |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .                     |  | 119                  | 50                    | 570                  |
| Supervision and Management .. .. .        |  |                      |                       |                      |
| Refunds .. .. .                           |  | 2,242                | 2,252                 | 2,071                |
| Balances .. .. .                          |  | 2,517                | 36                    | 671                  |
| Total .. .. .                             |  | 19,719               | 17,380                | 18,388               |

2. The receipts amounted to Rupees 15,877, against an estimate of Rupees 15,080, while the collections of the previous year aggregated Rupees 17,128. The various taxes yielded amounts more or less corresponding to the estimates. With the exception of a small sum of Rupees 416, the House-tax was fully realized within the year. The collections under Tax on Arts, &c., were on account of arrears of former years. A sum of Rupees 9-8-0 still remains outstanding under this head, and should either be collected without delay, or struck off as irrecoverable. The increase under Tolls of Rupees 650 over the estimate is satisfactory, and is attributed to increase of traffic. The contribution from Local Funds shows a slight increase owing to the maintenance allowance for the loopline joining the Chatterpore and Aska roads having been transferred to the Municipality along with the line itself. The falling off of Rupees 150 in the collections from School fees requires investigation and further report. The opening balance is taken at Rupees 2,511, while the closing balance of 1875-76, according to the report for that year, was Rupees 2,517. The latter probably includes the deposit balance.

3. The whole income of the Municipality including the balance on hand at the beginning of the year was spent, excepting the small sum of Rupees 671 left to be utilized during the current year. Of the total expenditure about a fourth, or Rupees 4,650, was spent on Public Works, of which none were of very great importance. Repairs to roads cost Rupees 2,263.

4. The educational expenditure, besides that incurred on buildings, comprised Rupees 2,082 for the Town School and Hindu and Mahomedan Girls' Schools under

the management of the Commissioners, Results grants to the extent of Rupees 71, and Rupees 100 contributed to the Local Fund Board for Inspection. The attendance in the Town School fell during the year from 126 to 94, and the Ooriya class consisting of thirteen boys was abolished owing to the small attendance and to there being elementary Ooriya classes in the Zillah School. The Commissioners should endeavour to extend their operations under the Results Grants System. The Government note that all claims presented were paid.

5. The Sanitation and Miscellaneous Charges do not differ much from the corresponding expenditure of the previous year. The Hospital, though apparently well managed, has not yet become really popular. The number of patients treated was nearly the same as in 1875-76. Vaccination showed even poorer results than in the preceding year, the number of operations having fallen from 244 to 120, but the decrease is ascribed to the Municipality having been left without the services of a vaccinator for nearly eight months of the year owing to the difficulty experienced in securing the services of a competent man. The births and deaths registered were as under:—

|           | In. | Out.  | Total. | Births. | Deaths. |
|-----------|-----|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1875-67.. | 202 | 2,583 | 2,785  | 318     | 556     |
| 1876-77.. | 210 | 2,544 | 2,754  | 464     | 355     |

These results indicate imperfect registration, and the Commissioners should use every endeavour to secure more accurate statistics.

(True Extract.)

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Berhampore.  
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 " Revenue Department.  
 " Board of Revenue.  
 " Accountant-General.  
 " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.  
 " Sanitary Commissioner.  
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 " President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam District.

Erd. J. Wright.

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