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Municipal—Reports.

Read the following paper:—

No. 110. *From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Kistna District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Masulipatam, 23rd August 1877, No. 1759.*

I have the honor to report on the Masulipatam Municipality for 1876-77.

2. The year's receipts, exclusive of balances, were Rupees 21,240-13-4, against an estimate of Rupees 23,800, and against Rupees 26,239, the income of 1875-76.

3. The total expenditure in 1876-77 amounted to Rupees 22,150-13-7 out of an estimate of Rupees 23,750, that of the previous year being Rupees 26,190.

4. The accompanying abstract statement compares the actuals of the year under report with the Budget Estimates and with the actuals of the preceding year. The variations are explained in the remarks column.

5. The more important items will be reviewed in detail.

6. RECEIPTS—*Rates on Houses.*—The receipts from this source were, inclusive of arrears, Rupees 6,911-10-1. The Budget Estimate was Rupees 6,750, and the collections in 1875-76, Rupees 7,945, of which more than a fifth was the arrears of previous years.

7. The current demand of the year was more than 96·5 per cent. collected. Under arrears there is an outstanding balance of Rupees 403, which, or the greater portion of which, will have to be struck off the books, as the parties concerned are dead, or insolvent, or have left the place.

8. *Taxes on Arts* were estimated at Rupees 2,250, but no collections were made, as the Government sanction was not received till after 1st April, and the High Court held that the tax could not be legally collected then.

9. *Taxes on Vehicles* amounted to Rupees 400-8-0. This item was formerly clubbed together with "Taxes on animals."

10. *Taxes on Animals* yielded Rupees 1,061-12-0.

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* Vehicles	309	two sources was estimated at Rupees
Animals	958	1,200, and in 1875-76 it amounted to
	—	Rupees 1,267.*
Total	1,267	

12. The above figures indicate the increasing prosperity of the townspeople: the number of carriages of a better sort is yearly increasing.

13. *Registration of Carts.*—The number of carts registered increased to the extent of more than 25 per cent. in consequence of the increasing export trade of the place. The income was budgeted at Rupees 600, but the actual receipts have reached Rupees 886. In the year before they were 700 Rupees.

14. *Tolls.*—Of the gross collections of Rupees 9,546-15-5, Rupees 550 were the arrears of 1875-76, of which no portion was due to Local Funds.

15. The farm was sold for Rupees 9,280.* Of the Rupees 8,996-15-5† collected, only Rupees 2,200 were remitted to the Treasury in behalf of the Masulipatam Local Fund Board. The residue, Rupees 798-15-9, is shown in the deposit account, as it is not the Commissioners' own money. The Auditor is in error when he enters Rupees 6,796-15-5 as the net municipal income from this source. The correct figure is Rupees 5,997-15-8 calculated thus—

	RS.	A.	P.
Gross Receipts	9,280	0	0
Deduct—			
Arrears due for 1875-76, of which no portion was due to Local Funds	550	0	0
Payment towards Local Fund Share	2,200	0	0
Balance of share actually collected, but payment of which withheld	798	15	9
	3,548	15	9
Balance	5,997	15	8

This is exclusive of the arrear credited wholly to municipal account.
16. For comparison's sake the transactions connected with the tolls are shown underneath in the gross—

	RS.	A.	P.
Actuals of 1875-76	7,910	0	0
Estimate, 1876-77	8,100	0	0
Actuals, 1876	9,546	15	5
Increase over estimate	1,447	0	0

17. The increase is mainly attributable to the large quantity of produce that found its way here, both for local consumption and for shipment, chiefly during the three months of the year when the canal was closed.

18. Licenses.—Cart-stands are the only places licensed (Section 136): the fees amounted to Rupees 690. They used to be shown included in one lump sum with fees under bye-laws and Schedule A. They were all estimated together at Rupees 1,200. The latter item will be noticed further on.

19. Contribution from Provincial Funds.—The Municipality receives no aid from State funds.

	RS.	A.	P.
Total Town Pound Receipts	309	6	9
Total Charges	270	10	4
Surplus Pound Fund	38	12	5
Moiety due to Municipality	19	6	2½
Received for 1875-76	22	0	11
Received for 1876-77 subse- quently	41	7	14
	9	6	2
	32	1	0

* Rupees 2,150.

22. Fines and Fees (Section 17, Bye-laws and Schedule A).—As explained above, the latter were formerly included in "Licenses" under the various sections of the Act. The receipts aggregated Rupees 974-2-0. Separated, they were Rupees 166-14-0§ and Rupees 807-4-0, respectively.

§ Estimate 250.

20. Contribution from Special Funds.
A sum of Rupees 32-1-0 was all that was received for Surplus Pound Fund; was less than half the previous year's credit, and less than a third of the amount expected. The cause of the short receipt was the enhanced charges on the Pound Fund in consequence of a change in the mode of remuneration to Poundkeepers and to Vetties.

21. Contribution from Local Funds.—A remittance of Rupees 2,355-2-7 was received from the Masulipatam Local Fund Board towards their moiety share of the Town Dispensary expenses. The Budget Estimate† of the share seems to have been somewhat below the mark.

† Estimate 250.

23. Fees in Schools, &c., amounted to Rupees 75-2-0 out of the estimate of Rupees 100, and to Rupees 91 in the preceding year, a decrease that may be accounted for by the badness of the season.

24. Rent of Houses, Gardens, Markets, &c.—Rupees 567-14-7 were realized as detailed in the margin. No estimate was made in the Budget. Regarding the first of the two items, the Commissioners agreed with a Contractor to complete the market at his own expense and to recoup himself by the rents. However soon after the completion of the work the Contractor found he could not collect the rents, and asked the Commissioners to assist him: this they agreed to do, and it was arranged they were to collect the rents and pay the Contractor what he had expended without interest.

25. In regard to the second item, the Commissioners by a resolution, dated 30th November 1876, decided to collect ground-rent at the rate of 3 Pies per diem from persons occupying ground in the Robertson's pettah square market. The occupants in a petition to Government protested against the collection as illegal; but on the receipt of the Commissioners' explanation the Government declined to interfere—vide G.O., No. 981, March 20th, 1877.

	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
Rent of Police Hospital	328	200	58
Appropriation from Capital	..	99	95
Subscription	787	300	284
Sale of Medicines	39	200	104
Total	1,154	799	491

26. Endow-
ments, &c.—The
Hospital receipts
were Rs. 491-11-0
against Rs. 1,153-3-10
in the previous year.
The large decrease
may be accounted
for as follows:—

- (a). The rent of the Police Hospital was, for the greater part of the year, stopped by that department towards the recovery of the advance (Rupees 137) made by them for repairing the building—G.O., No. 137, January 27th, 1876, Judicial Department.
- (b). Almost every one has withdrawn his subscription.
- (c). In 1875-76 an unusually large sum was collected by the Zillah Surgeon to asphalt the floor of the dispensary, and the rent of the Police Hospital was advanced by Government to repair it—see Government Order quoted above.

27. Miscellaneous.—The aggregate credit under this head was Rupees 226-4-11, and comprised sale proceeds of trees, sale of lands, of spare chunam, and unserviceable articles; also, fines, value of work due for private parties, &c., &c.

28. The particulars of land sold are given underneath:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Value of lands lying between roadway and the adjacent house wall	9	5	4
Value of land referred to in G.O., No. 507, dated 12th April 1870	20	0	0
Value of land formerly purchased by Commissioners for drainage purposes, but subsequently surrendered by them	4	0	0
Total	33	5	4

29. With reference to paragraph 2, G.O., No. 392, dated February 3rd, 1877, regarding the Rupees 427 advanced by the Collector during the outbreak of cholera, the money was shortly afterwards refunded to the Treasury under instructions from the Accountant-General. It, therefore, does not appear in the present accounts.

30. The advance was made as it was understood that the Provincial Funds were to be charged with the cost of necessary sanitary measures during the prevalence of epidemics.

31. The entire Municipal Funds thus available for expenditure during 1876-77 amounted to Rupees 21,430* shown as under:—

	RS.	Incidence per head of Population.					
		1876-77.			1875-76.		
		R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.
Taxation	16,498	0	7	4	0	8	2
Other sources	4,742						
Opening Balance	21,240	0	9	5	0	11	1
	190						
Total	21,430						

32. This fall in the revenues of the Municipality was caused by the Commissioners having to give up a portion of the tolls.

33. EXPENDITURE.—The expenditure of Rupees 22,150-13-7 was about 103·3 per cent. of the available assets, and left a deficit of Rupees 720-3-0 at the end of the year. The expenses may be distributed among the various grants thus:—

Grants.	Expenditure in 1876-77.		Proportion of Income (= Rs. 100).		Remarks.
			1876-77.	1875-76.	
Grant I, Public Works	RS.	A. P.	RS.	RS.	The assets of 1875-76 = Rupees 26,380.
Do. II, Education	4,674	6 11	22	18	
Do. III, Sanitation and Medical Services	1,806	9 10	8	6	
Do. IV, Lighting, &c.	9,317	14 4	44	49	
Do. V, Office Establishment, &c.	4,049	13 2	19	16	
Advances, &c.	2,223	0 7	10	8	
Closing Balance	79	0 9	..	2	
	— 720	3 0	— 3	1	
	21,430	10 7	100	100	

34. The particulars of expenditure will now be described.

35. *Public Works — Communications.* — Rupees 393-5-3 were laid out on the improvement of lanes against Rupees 300 provided for the purpose under *Repairs*. The transfer to *New Works* is in accordance with paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 392, dated the 3rd February 1877. The excess of Rupees 93-5-3 over allotment was on the construction of two tunnels found necessary in the course of the year. The existing roads were kept up at an expenditure of Rupees 1,779-5-4,† an expenditure far in excess of that of the two† preceding years, but yet insufficient for the real necessity of the town. The roads are no doubt in a better condition than they were three or four years ago, but many more are wanted.

† Gross allotment	RS.
Deduct allotment for lanes transferred to New Works	2,070
	300
	1,770
† 1874-75	RS.
1875-76	1,084
	708

36. *Buildings* include—

- Improvement to the meat stall.—Expenditure, Rupees 364-5-5 without allotment.
- The construction of an enclosure to form a vegetable market.—Expenditure, Rupees 683-9-2 against Rupees 200 granted in the Budget under *Repairs—Miscellaneous*.

N.B.—These improvements were found necessary in the course of the year.

- Repairs to the Civil Dispensary.—Expenditure, Rupees 187-1-4 without allotment. It must, however, be noticed here that the appropriation of Rupees 95-4-4 out of the Capital Fund was made for this purpose, though no distinct provision had been entered in the Budget. The excess expenditure was due to certain repairs found necessary to the outbuildings.

- Repairs to Latrines.—Expenditure, Rupees 44-14-6 out of the Budget grant of Rupees 100 under *Miscellaneous*.

37. *Drainage.*—Rupees 305-13-3 out of the allotment of Rupees 450 provided for “Cleansing Tanks, &c.,” in Grant III, were laid out on what could be done for that money. The scanty rain of the year enabled the Commissioners to keep the drainage clear at a small cost.

38. During rains, the drainage is anything but satisfactory, and requires a large outlay of money to improve it thoroughly. The survey of the town, as I have said in my last report, ought to be undertaken as an essential preliminary as soon as funds are forthcoming.

39. *Water Supply.*—The Kistna water is, as the Government are aware, supplied to the town by means of pipe conduits. In the year under review, Rupees 415-6-1 were expended on the construction of a few such, and Rupees 175-8-11 on the repairs of the existing ones. The allotments were Rupees 300 and Rupees 200.* The excess expenditure in the former case was Rupees 115-6-1, and was necessary to complete work commenced.

40. *Public Works Establishment*† consisted of one maistry. His pay was raised from Rupees 15 to Rupees 18 per mensem. The mile coolies, who were dispensed with from 1st April, had to be paid their wages for March preceding, for which there was no provision in this year’s Budget. Hence an excess expenditure.

41. It is hardly necessary to observe here that the Municipality was credited with its proper *net* share of the tolls, and that, therefore, no debit was entered against *Contribution to Local Funds*.

42. *Education.—Municipal Schools.* The Commissioners kept up their two schools at Machavaram and in the Fort. The cost aggregated Rupees 654-15-10, and was ordinary. The monthly cost of the schools is Rupees 31 and 22, respectively, and the cost of each boy’s teaching Annas 7-5 and Annas 9-8, respectively. Copies of the Deputy-Inspector’s reports accompany. That of the Machavaram School is very satisfactory; that of the Fort School, only fair.

43. I fear there is little chance of the Commissioners finding money to build a school for some time to come.

† The Hindu Branch School.

44. *Salary Grants* were issued, as usual, to one† school, and amounted to Rupees 477-2-0.

§Furnished by the Deputy Inspector. Does not agree with our accounts in some respects.

45. *Results Grants* amounted to Rs. 624-8-0, about the usual expenditure. For further particulars see Statement§ V and the following table:—

	No.	Amount Paid.
Average number of schools for the last three years	12	Rs. 474 8 0
Number of schools paid in 1876-77	16	Rs. 624 3 0
Do. in 1876-77 on account of 1875-76	7	Rs. 162 0 0
Do. in 1877-78 on account of 1876-77	0	..
Do. refused grants in 1876-77	8	..

46. The total cost of Education was —

	Rs.
In 1874-75	1,667
1875-76	1,663
1876-77	1,806

In 1874-75 the Municipalities were relieved of certain expenditure in connection with Normal Schools, Deputy Inspectors, and Elementary Girls' Schools. Hence that year is chosen as the starting-point; and it will be seen that the Commissioners have not extended their educational operations much beyond their ordinary limit.

47. The number of children of the school age in the town is 5,400; of these 741, or about 14 per cent., are reading in elementary schools receiving municipal aid. The cost to the Municipality of each child so reading is Rupees 2-6-11.

48. *Sanitation and Medical Services—Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The Town Dispensary—an endowed one—is under the superintendence of the Zillah Surgeon, assisted by two Dressers. One of these is in special charge of the branch dispensary, where out-patients are attended to. At the main dispensary only in-patients are treated. The aggregate expenditure was Rupees 4,585-12-3, exceeding the budget estimate by Rupees 286, but falling short of the previous year's charges by Rupees 2,470, when a large payment was made into the treasury on account of medicines supplied by Government in previous years. In G.O., No. 197, dated 20th January 1877, the Government have sanctioned the postponement of the payment of Rupees 750 due to them for medicines supplied in the year.

49. The only item of expenditure in 1876-77 claiming special notice is "Diet of Patients." The provision in the budget was Rupees 1,000, but the actual expenditure exceeded it by Rupees 285-6-2. There was a similar excess in the contingent expenditure; the institution did much good service—*vide* subjoined table:—

NUMBER OF PATIENTS.			AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE.		Cost per case treated (in-patients and out-patients taken together).
In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	
1875-76 ..	142	7,137	7,279	10	112
1876-77 ..	167	8,837	9,004	8	44
					15 annas 7 pies.
					8 annas 2 pies.

50. The medical officer's reports are enclosed; one or two points call for comment. Mr. Cook's is somewhat incoherent, and was, I fancy, signed in the hurry of going away.

The real reason why the allotment was reduced to Rupees 50 a-month was that he recklessly in the commencement of the year overspent his monthly allowance, and when he came and asked for more there was no more money to be spared.

It is doubtful how many people he really means did die for want of stimulants. The Board never heard of them till this report, nor have I, but I have more than once brought to his notice that the hospital is not to be used as a langerkhana or place where old people are to be kept alive by stimulating food.

Mr. Day reports that the supply of medicines has been very deficient and has caused inconvenience. This, I believe, still continues, but excuses must be made for a department called upon so unexpectedly in consequence of the famine.

My own and Mr. Day's ideas of liberality do not agree. The amount subscribed (and it is not always paid) by the whole native population is Rupees 7-1-4 a-month, this being the largest and richest town in the Northern Circars.

I do not blame them, for the institution is now supported out of their payments to Municipal Funds, and there is no reason why they should be doubly mulcted.

51. *Vaccination.*—The cost (Rupees 241-6-0) was within the sanctioned limit (Rupees 250). The Vaccinator explains that, if there was a larger allotment of batta to mothers than Rupees 5, he would be able to show better results. The number vaccinated in the year was 553 to 645 in the previous year. The percentage of successful cases was 96.02 and 95.97 respectively, and the cost per operation 7 Annas in 1876-77 and 6 Annas in 1875-76.

52. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—This work was, as usual, carried on by a Special Registrar and the Municipal Schoolmasters. The cost on this account to the Commissioners amounted to Rupees 164 against Rupees 150 allotted. The charges of the year before were Rupees 178.

53. The reports are not yet reliable. But, as far as the figures registered go, the following statistics are drawn out of them:—

Births.		Number of Births.	Rate per Mille of Population.
1875-76	..	610	16.86
1876-77	..	546	15.08

Deaths.		Number of Deaths.	Rate per Mille of Population.
1875-76	..	612	16.91
1876-77	..	534	14.75

The causes of mortality registered are—

Cause.	Number of Deaths.
Cholera ..	23
Small-pox ..	2
Fever ..	133
Bowel Complaints ..	10
Suicides ..	1
Wounds ..	1
Accidents ..	4
Snake-bite ..	3
Wild Animals ..	..
All Other Causes ..	357
Total ..	534

54. *Conservancy.*—The conservancy of the town was secured at an expenditure of Rupees 4,326-12-1. The full allotment, viz., Rupees 5,300, was not spent because more latrines were not wanted as more latrines were not constructed.

55. *MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES—Lighting.*—The town was lighted with cocoanut oil at an expenditure of Rupees 1,200-13-4. The full allotment, Rupees 1,600, was not necessary as kerosene oil, which was allowed for in the budget, was not used.

56. *Market*.—In the middle of the year a Market Inspector was appointed on Rupees 10 per mensem, for whose salary there was no allotment.

57. *Good-water Supply*.—The cost on this account was Rupees 1,517-11-3 against Rupees 1,400 allotted. The particulars are—

	RS.	A.	P.
One Lascar at Rupees 6 per mensem	72	0	0
Payment to Government for water supplied in 1875-76	1,364	0	0
Sundries	81	11	3
Total	1,517	11	3

For the lascar's salary there was no provision.

In their Order, No. 197, dated 20th January 1877, the Government have allowed the Commissioners to postpone payment for this year's water.

58. *Noon Gun*.—The gun is fired every day, and is a great boon to the town. The Commissioners store their ammunition in the godown* transferred to them by Government—see G.O., dated 18th December 1876, No. 3469, Public Works Department.

* Formerly a military solitary cell.

59. *Lunatics*.—Rupees 572-8-9 were the charges of lunatics sent for treatment at the Waltair Asylum in 1875-76 and 1876-77, and for which there was no allotment.

60. In reference to the Auditor's observation that one of the patients (a female) should have been charged to the Masulipatam Local Fund Board, her belongings were not exactly known. She was always silent, and never replied to questions except when asked her name. But, as she lived in Masulipatam for some time, it was decided that the Municipality should undertake her maintenance.

61. *EXECUTIVE—Office Establishment, &c.*—The following are the particulars:—

Items.	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimates, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
One Manager at Rs. 60 + Rs. 15 horse allowance per mensem	RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
" Accountant at Rupees 20	765	900	900 0 0
" Clerk at " 18	169	180	239 8 0
" Writer at " 10	184	180	216 0 0
" Peon at " 7	84	120	
Two Tax Collectors at " 8 each	192	84	83 0 0
Office Contingencies	353	192	192 0 0
Rent of office building	195	200	233 15 4
Auditor's remuneration	50	180	244 13 3
Printing charges	62	50	50 0 0
Furniture	..	50	63 12 0
	..	14	
Total	2,054	2,150	2,223 0 7

62. *Auditor's Report*.—Paragraphs 27, 28, 30, and 33.—The necessary steps have been taken to rectify matters.

Paragraph 29.—The neglect to sign or initial vouchers occurred when Dr. Cook was Vice-President, and it will be brought to his notice if he returns.

Paragraph 31.—I fear the state of things must continue for some time to come. The Commissioners are desirous of inventing a more satisfactory way of collecting their market-fees. The people prefer to pay daily. These are the fees referred to in paragraphs 24 and 25.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

REMARKS ON THE CIVIL DISPENSARY, MASULIPATAM, by Dr. H. D. COOK, M.B.

The climate during the past year since 1st April 1876 has been as usual very hot in the months of April, May, and June. No rain fell, or very little, which has caused a great scarcity of crops.

The highest temperature and lowest temperature can be known by application to the Observer.

The principal diseases were fever and rheumatism, which is owing to the changes of temperature in the months of November and December, January and February.

There have been up to date an increase of 646 patients. There has been five deaths, which are so few that any remarks are not called for.

These people would be saved from dying if the funds of the hospital admitted of more extras given to the people and if more people were even admitted into hospital on ordinary diets; but the expenditure has been restricted to Rupees 50 a-month, which for this large town is most absurd.

Two or three people have actually died from want of stimulants, they having been admitted in a weak, emaciated condition.

The subordinates have all given satisfaction.

Venkataswamy Naidu continues to uphold his character for patience, zeal, and ability. He is compelled to go on sick leave, but, after a little change, may again be able to resume his duties.

Six pupils have been continuing their studies and four more admitted.

Seven midwives have been entertained to be sent to Madras. Two have already gone.

MASULIPATAM,
29th January 1877.

(Signed) H. D. COOK, M.B.,
Zillah Surgeon.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From T. RAMABRAMHAM, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Masulipatam Circle, to the Acting Inspector of Schools, 1st Division, dated 7th April 1877, No. 198.

I have the honor to send in my report on the Municipal School, Fort, Masulipatam, which I examined on the 31st ultimo.

2. The subjoined statement contains the information required about the several classes and masters, &c., of the school:—

Class.	Strength.	Present.	TEACHERS.			PAY.			Manager's Name.
			Name.	Grade.	Age.	Manager.	Government (Municipal).		
III	8	7	V. Ramji Row	5th Grade.	33	RS. A. P. ..	RS. A. P. 12 0 0		
II	9	9	G. Lakshminarayana ..	Do.	31	..	8 0 0		
I	9	9							
Prepa- ratory Class.	19	11	Servant.. ..	..	..	..	0 8 0		
			House-rent..	..	..	..	1 8 0		
Total ..	45	36				Total..	22 0 0		

3. The school is exactly of the same grade as the Machavaram institution. But I am sorry to say it is inferior to it both in point of numbers and instruction. The preparatory class was composed of mere beginners, and was not therefore examined by me.

4. The results of the other classes are given below:—

	Class 3.	Class 2.	Class 1.
English Reading ..	47 pretty fair..		
" Dictation ..	6 very fair ..		
" Explanation ..	68 very fair ..		
Telugu Reading ..	54 very fair ..	35 middling	46 pretty fair.
" Dictation ..	85 very good ..	74 good	66 very fair.
" Explanation ..	63 very fair ..	57 very fair	0.7 very bad.
" Arithmetic ..	71 pretty good.	5 fair	33 middling.
" Geography ..	14 bad		

As a whole, the school has passed a fair examination.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From T. RAMABRAHMAM, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Masulipatam Circle, to the Acting Inspector of Schools, 1st Division, dated 7th April 1877, No. 97.

I have the honor to report on the Municipal Anglo-Vernacular School at Machavaram, Masulipatam, which I inspected in the afternoon of the 30th ultimo.

2. The following table gives particulars regarding the classes and establishment of the school:—

Class.	Strength.	Present.	TEACHERS.			PAY.		Manager's Name.
			Name.	Grade.	Age.	Manager.	Government (Municipal).	
III	14	14	M. V. Ramanujayya	5th Grade.	30	ES. A. P.	RS. A. P. 12 0 0	
II	11	11	Y. Ramachendrayya...	None.	33	..	8 0 0	
I	11	9	V. Venkanna	5th Grade.	24	..	7 0 0	
Preparatory Class.	37	32	Servant ..	...	...	..	1 0 0	
			House-rent ..	...	...	..	3 0 0	
Total ..	73	66	Total ...	...	...	Total...	31 0 0	

It will be observed that half the strength of the school lies in the lowest class. The school being an elementary one all those who are initiated into the alphabet are sent here; hence the large number in the last class. As no definite work was done by them I could not give them a regular examination. The second master still remains uncertificated.

3. The results of my examination of the first three classes which are equal to the 3rd, 2nd, and 1st standards, respectively, under the results system are as follows:—

	Class 3.	Class 2.	Class 1.
English Reading ..	48 pretty fair..		
" Dictation ..	85 very good ..		
" Explanation ..	78 do		
Telugu Reading ..	57 very fair ..	63 very fair	6 very fair.
" Dictation ..	94 very good ..	94 very good	96 very good.
" Explanation ..	84 do	43 pretty fair	5 fair.
" Arithmetic ..	85 do	63 very fair	72 pretty good.
" Geography ..	35 middling		

The boys seemed to be so well up in almost all the subjects tested that I was much pleased with the ready way in which they answered my questions. The results no doubt reflect credit on the teachers.

The Head Master was taking so much pains to improve the hand-writing that I cannot refrain from making special mention of it here. I never found the copy-books written so carefully and kept so clean as at this inspection.

4. I learn that Ramanujayya has since got some acting appointment in the Public Works Department, and gone on leave. I hope the Commissioners will secure the services of a fit man to succeed him.

There are so many matriculates available that one can be easily got for the 12 Rupees now paid.

5. I omitted to mention one important thing. The present school-house has a low roof, is very inconvenient and ill-ventilated. The boys seemed rather to be huddled into the rooms than arranged in regular classes. A better house is a great desideratum.

I know that the efforts to rent a more spacious house have become vain. The only thing that remains to be done by the Municipal Commissioners is to build a house for the school if funds are forthcoming, and I think it is not premature as the school has shown signs of stability for a long time.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

ANNUAL REPORT of the CIVIL DISPENSARY, MASALIPATAM, for the year 1876-77.

Observation on the Climate and Season of the Past Year.—State of the weather during the official year 1876 to 1877 ending with 31st March 1877.

Highest degree of heat 114.8 in May; lowest degree of heat 58.2 in November. Mean temperature for the year 86.2. Rainfall 32.75 inches.

The south-west monsoon began on the 24th of June 1876 and ended in September.

The north-east monsoon never set in during the year. This was quite unusual.

Detailed Narration of Epidemic Diseases.—There was an outbreak of cholera in the villages near the dispensary; the disease was supposed to be brought from the famine works at Bapatla Taluq by a man who on his arrival here was attacked and died. This took place in February 1877 at the time of the Mohurram feast, which probably had a good deal to do with it.

The disease was of a mild type; there were 25 cases, out of which 13 proved fatal. The usual precautions were taken to prevent the disease spreading, the expenses of which had to be defrayed by the hospital by order of the President of the Municipality, although the Committee had previously sanctioned money. This interfered materially with the good working of the hospital during that month. No new experiments were tried by way of treatment. The subordinates, especially W. Venkataswamy Naidu, were very active in going about and administering pills and fumigating the houses of those attacked, &c.

Number of In and Out Patients admitted during the year.—Increase and Decrease.—Number of Deaths.—The number of patients admitted during the year is as follows:—

	Natives.		Europeans.	
	In ..	125	In ..	16
1875-76 ..	Out ..	6,953	Out ..	154
	In ..	156	In ..	11
1876-77 ..	Out ..	8,571	Out ..	261

showing an increase of 1,618, out-patients and 31 in-patients natives, and 113 out-patients Europeans and East Indians, over the number of the year preceding with a decreased number of five in-patients in the number of Europeans and East Indians. The number of deaths were eleven, viz., craniotomy two, primary syphilis one, ulcer one, paralysis one, diarrhoea two, continued fever one, cancerum oris one, debility one, fracture of the thigh one.

Price of Grains.—Paddy, raggy, cholam, and other grains of food sold at high rates.

Principal diseases and classes of diseases prevalent during the year.—The principal diseases treated were fever, rheumatism, bowel complaints, and skin diseases.

There is a lying-in ward; one case was admitted, craniotomy was performed; the result however was fatal. The woman had been in labor four days before her friends sought advice. No large surgical operations were performed.

The hospital is under the management of the Municipality except in professional matters which is left to the medical officer.

The financial condition is very poor. The natives of the place are liberal with their subscription. The Europeans receiving the highest salaries subscribe nothing to a charity so useful and so much in want of funds.

Medicines.—The medicine supply for the past year was very deficient in quantity and caused a good deal of inconvenience at times.

The diets of in-patients and other hospital necessities are provided by a contractor.

The expenses of the hospital are borne by the Municipality and the Local Fund Board.

Latrines.—There are in the hospital compound three latrines which are used by the patients.

No repairs or alterations have been executed during the last year. Some of the repairs done last year about the exterior of buildings are already showing signs of decay.

The water is procured from a reservoir some little distance from the hospital. The water is of fair quantity and is derived from the Kistna Canal.

There are now studying at the hospital ten native pupils. They make fair progress with their work, but there being no accessories for teaching connected with the hospital in the way of specimens, diagrams, or microscopes, it would, in my opinion, be more satisfactory to themselves and to every one else if they received their education in Madras.

Two women have been sent to Madras to receive instructions at the Lying-in Hospital, and there is here a class of five Native Pupil Midwives who have been receiving good instructions from W. Venkataswamy Naidu.

W. Venkataswamy Naidu went on sick leave on the 1st March 1877. I can only join with my predecessor in saying that he gives universal satisfaction. He has been recommended to the post of Honorary Surgeon. I believe he thoroughly deserves it. I only hope he may meet with the reward.

Third-class Hospital Assistant B. Venkataswamy, No. 1054, has just joined to fill his place during his absence.

Hoosman Khan, Second-class Hospital Assistant, attached to the Irrigation Department, is in charge of the Police Hospital adjoining the dispensary. He is a very active man, and works hard. He also takes much pains and interest with the education of the pupils, and I think in time he will succeed well in his profession.

At the Branch Dispensary, devoted to the out-patients, First-class Hospital Assistant T. Varadaragulu Naidu, No. 602, of the Collector's Establishment, has had the charge; he gave general satisfaction to Dr. Cook and also to myself.

He has been recommended for filling the post at the Civil Dispensary, which will become vacant on the retirement of W. Venkataswamy Naidu, as he understands the work well and is a very energetic man.

MASULIPATAM,
1st April 1877.

(Signed) C. H. DAY, B.A.,
Surgeon.

No. 111.

ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1877, No. 2722.

The receipts and expenditure of the Masulipatam Municipality for the year 1876-77 are compared below with the estimates and with the actuals for the preceding year:—

	Actuals, 1876-76.	Estimates, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Opening Credit Balance brought forward	141		190
Rates on Houses and Lands	7,945	6,750	6,912
Taxes on Arts		2,250	
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	1,267	1,200	1,462
Registration of Carts	700	600	886
Tolls	7,910	5,400	6,548
Licenses	1,525	1,200	690
Assignments by Government	72	100	32
Contribution from Local Funds	4,428	2,150	2,355
Fines and Fees	127	250	974
Endowments	1,153	700	492
Miscellaneous	465	500	869
Advances Recovered	647		21
Total	26,380	21,100	21,431

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1876-76. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications			393
Buildings			1,048
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,312	300	415
Repairs—			
Communications	708	2,070	1,833
Buildings			232
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,732	550	482
Establishment	888	180	215
Tools and Plant	23	50	56
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	663	700	655
Salary Grants	516	500	477
Results Grants	434	600	625
Inspection (Contribution)	50	50	50
Miscellaneous		50	
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	7,056	4,300	4,586
Vaccination	243	250	241
Registration of Births & Deaths	178	150	164
Conservancy	5,458	5,300	4,327
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	1,144	1,600	1,201
Markets			58
Advances and Watering Roads	103	100	128
Miscellaneous	2,989	2,000	2,663
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	2,054	2,150	2,223
Advances Recoverable	638		54
Refunds	1	150	25
Balances	190	50	—720
Total	26,380	21,100	21,431

2. The income of the Municipality amounted to Rupees 21,241 against an estimate of Rupees 21,100, the loss of Rupees 2,250 occasioned by the abandonment of the profession-tax having been more than recouped by an increase of Rupees 1,148 under tolls and a number of minor increases under other heads. Statement IV shows a very satisfactory state of things as regards the collection of the house-tax, Rupees 194 only having remained uncollected at the end of the year out of a current demand of Rupees 6,764. The enhanced receipts under tolls and registration of carts bear testimony to the growing trade of the town. With regard to the Auditor's remarks on the mode of collecting market-fees, the Government trust that, without interfering with the daily payments found convenient by the people, the Commissioners will hit upon some plan of exercising more check over the collecting peons than seems at present to prevail.

3. The expenditure of the Municipality under all heads amounted to Rupees 22,151, or Rupees 720 in excess of the funds available. It is not stated from what source this advance was procured, but it is presumed that the Commissioners drew on the deposits in their hands. This should be avoided in future, and the Local Fund share of the tolls should be punctually paid over. The expenditure on Public Works was Rupees 4,674, but no work of any great importance was on hand during the year. It is satisfactory to learn that the roads in the town are now in a better condition than they were three or four years ago.

4. In reviewing the report for 1875-76 the Government remarked that a net cost of Rupees 5-11-8 per boy was excessive for schools of the lower class, and they regret to observe that there has been no improvement in this respect, the cost calculated on the strength and net charges of the two schools being Rupees 5-12-5 per head. The Government trust that it is not to be inferred from the entry in paragraph 45 that grants were refused to eight schools by whom results grants had been fairly earned under the rules in force. Explanation should be submitted on this point.

5. An increase of 25 in-patients and 1,700 out-patients speaks well for the public confidence in the dispensary. There was a falling off in the number of persons vaccinated, and the birth and death statistics are manifestly altogether untrustworthy.

6. The President reports that the conservancy of the town was secured at an expenditure of Rupees 4,326-12-1. This is a satisfactory statement if it is intended to mean that more than that amount was expended under that head. At any rate the subject might have been more fully dealt with in the report, which goes very thoroughly into detail with reference to almost every other object of the Act.

7. As regards accounts:—

- i. The charge for road coolies should have been debited to Works instead of Establishment.
- ii. It is unnecessary to show in Statement IV the portion of the Local Fund share of the tolls still unpaid by the Municipality.

(True Extract.)

J. Murch
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Masulipatam.
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 " Board of Revenue.
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