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Municipal—Reports.

Read the following paper:—

No. 138. *From C. VENCATAKISTNA MUDELIAR, Vice-President, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Wallahjapett, dated Wallahjapett, 17th August* 1877, *No.* 37.

I have the honor to submit the annual accounts of the Municipality for 1876-77 which were audited by the Deputy Accountant of the Collector's office, North Arcot, and found correct, as per his report herewith enclosed.

2. *Receipts and Disbursements.*—The amount actually collected during the year was Rupees 7,106-6-4 exclusive of deposits from contractors and of rates remaining uncollected by reason of difficulties incidental to the prevalence of drought. The amount actually expended was Rupees 7,420-11-9 *minus* an outstanding advance of Rupees 37-3-3, showing an increase of expenditure over receipts of Rupees 314-5-5, which had to be borrowed from Deposit Accounts to meet pay of establishment and other indispensable charges. The balance under Deposits was Rupees 678-1-4 exclusive of sum lent to current account, Rupees 314-5-5, and of balance, Rupees 2,695, remaining unspent on relief-works out of an allotment of Rupees 3,175 (*minus* Rupees 50 paid for tools purchased) received from the Collector of North Arcot for the purpose and carried to credit in the accounts.

3. The following is a summary of the receipts and disbursements compared with the Budget allotments as shown in Statements 1 and 2:—

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4. *Health.*—The health of the town has been good during the months of May, June, August, October, and November 1876.

5. One hundred and twelve cases of cholera occurred during the remaining months, of which seventy-three proved fatal and thirty-nine recovered. This is mainly due to the failure of rains and the prevalence of the epidemic in the surrounding parts.

6. *Births and Deaths.*—The number of births during the year was 391 against 434 in 1875-76 and of deaths 406 against 490 during the same year. Of the latter 73 were from cholera against 72 in the preceding year.

7. *Vaccination.*—The total number vaccinated was 216 against 124 in 1875-76. Of these 42 were of persons under one year of age against 36 in the preceding year and 174 above one year against 88 during the same year. In the former case all operations have been successful, and in the latter 166 successful and 8 unsuccessful. One hundred pauper children who offered themselves for vaccination received batta in the shape of a measure of rice each.

8. *New Works and Repairs—Roads and Streets.*—Owing to the want of funds the petty roads and side ditches in the town were kept under passable repair during the year: the Trunk Road was thoroughly repaired and a portion of it from Caveripak Gate was also remetalled.

9. *Wells and Ponds.*—Thirty useful wells in the town were cleaned and deepened where necessary. Ratnums or water-drawing wheels were put up to three wells.

10. The following ponds were cleaned during the year:—

1. Vinagaga Chetty drinking-water pond.
2. Gramany's washing pond
3. Ragyeer drinking-water pond
4. Cooppoo Chetty's do.
5. Monegar's do.
6. Agambraswaraswamy's drinking-water pond.

11. *Relief-works.*—In the beginning of February last the condition of the people in the town was likely to suffer seriously from the effects of drought. To this scarcity of water-supply also threatened to add its sufferings.

The low state of the Municipal finances, as stated under Receipts and Disbursements, proved a great obstacle in the way of the Commissioner's making any provision against starvation and failure of water-supply: they therefore brought the matter to the notice of the Collector, who was kind enough to accord ready sanction to the starting of relief-works-deepening thirty-five wells and eight drinking-water ponds—whereby not only an impending water famine was averted but several families of the able-bodied poor were provided with work near their very doors. Thus the timely introduction of relief operation tended to mitigate the sufferings of those that were able to work, while the relief-camp at Ranipett contributed to relieve such of the poverty stricken, old, and infirm, who were otherwise unable to maintain themselves. Agreeably to a letter received from the Collector in March last a house-to-house visitation was made where needed by the Divisional Commissioners, and the result was, the Commissioners are glad to state, that no case of starvation had turned up among the townspeople.

12. *Drainage.*—A culvert was constructed between Yegambeeswaraswami Pond and its feeders, besides 252 guard-stones were put up to parapet walls of culverts and drains.

13. *Lighting.*—During the year all the street lamps, thirty-nine in number, were lighted with kerosene-oil by contract.

14. *Latrines.*—All the latrines in the town were cleaned and tarred during the year. A latrine was newly erected in Paper-maker Street.

15. *Slaughter-house.*—Necessary repairs were done to the slaughter-house.

16. During the year the conservancy of the town was effected by departmental agency and two additional carts with the necessary scavenger establishment were temporarily employed during the prevalence of cholera.

17. *Municipal Buildings.*—The toll stations at the Sholingur-Caveripak Anicut and Arcot gateways were repaired, and walls were raised at the entrance of the cart-stand for the protection of sheds there.

18. *Compound Walls.*—Agreeably to the bye-law passed in G.O., of the 10th October 1872, No. 1378, compound walls coped with tiles were raised to nineteen vacant building sites which were facing the streets.

19. *Noxious Vegetations.*—The backyards of twelve houses were cleared of rank vegetation.

20. *Buildings in ruinous state and vacant Sites.*—A house which was in a dangerous state was removed and repaired. Six houses, which were commenced to be built on vacant sites without making due provision for drainage and for the removal of night-soil, were under Section 142 of the Act required to supply the defect.

21. *Prickly-pear.*—One thousand three hundred and twenty-five square yards of prickly-pear were removed and interred during the year. Of these 685 square yards were from private property at the expense of the owners concerned.

22. *Planting Trees.*—Eighty-six new trees were planted during the year in the Trunk Road, Chetty and Smith Streets, and at the ponds and slaughter-house.

23. *Market.*—The western block of stalls (nine in number) in the market was provided with doors as they were occupied during the year.

24. *White-washing.*—All the occupied houses in the town were white-washed and otherwise cleaned during the year.

25. *Dogs.*—Eight hundred and two dogs were killed during the year.

26. *Appeal.*—There were two appeals received during the year against house-tax, and the taxes were confirmed.

27. *Education.*—The number of salary schools maintained during the year was the same as that in the previous year, showing, however, an increase in the number of scholars, 124 against 122. There have been no result-grant schools owing to the want of funds. The salary schools divide themselves into the Easternpet School and Westernpet School, both containing two departments, Tamil and Telugu. Their highest classes, as far as vernaculars are concerned, approximate the second class of a Taluq School. Each of them had three masters, two for teaching Tamil and one for Telugu.

28. (*a.*) *Easternpet School.*—The attendance of pupils at the close of the year was sixty-two against sixty-six in 1875-76, showing a decrease of four pupils during the year. The average daily attendance was fifty-one pupils. The marginally-noted table shows the establishment of which the school consists. The amount spent for its maintenance was Rupees 394-5-3 and that received in the shape of school fees Rupees 98-6-0; hence the net cost was Rupees 295-15-3 and the charge per pupil Rupees 5-12-10. The number instructed was thirty-four in Tamil and twenty-nine in Telugu. The progress made during the year is reported by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Chittoor Circle, as "good in all subjects except geography, in which the attainments of the lads were of a middling nature."

Names.	Designation.	Examination passed.	Salary.
			Rs.
Rungaiya	Head Master.	5th Grade	12
Gopaul Rao ..	Assistant Master.	Uncovenanted.	8
Comarasami Mudaly.	Telugu Master.	Do.	7
	Peon ..	..	3

29. (*b.*) *Westernpet School.*—The number of pupils on the rolls at the close of the year was sixty-two against fifty-six in 1875-76, showing an increase of six pupils during the year. The average daily attendance was forty-six pupils. The establishment of the school is as shown in the margin. The amount expended for the upkeep of the same was Rupees 462-15-6 and that received on account of school fees Rupees 96-10-0; hence the net cost was Rupees 366-5-6 and the charge per pupil Rupees 7-15-5. The number which received instruction was thirty-one in Tamil and an equal number in Telugu. The progress as reported was satisfactory in Tamil and middling in Telugu; thus the result would appear to be, comparatively speaking, inferior to that of the Easternpet School noticed above. The Deputy Inspector in explaining the cause says: "The materials the teachers of the Westernpet School have to work upon are different from those in the other school, the majority of the lads belonging to the lowest class of the people, who are naturally dull and not easily susceptible of improvement."

Names.	Designation.	Examination passed.	Salary.
			Rs.
P. Thanicachella Pillay.	Head Master.	5th Grade	15
.....	Assistant Master.	4th do.	8
Narrainasami Mudali.	Telugu Master.	Uncovenanted.	10
	Peon ..	..	3

30. About the close of the year the Assistant Tamil Mastership of the school became vacant by the resignation of Thanicachella Mudali consequent on his having obtained a higher post in the Local Fund School at Nellicuppum, in the South Arcot District.

31. *Collection.*—Of the House and Land-tax of Rupees 448-9-11 remaining uncollected at the close of the year Rupees 99-6-0 has been collected since, except a balance of Rupees 349-3-11, which the Commissioners were unable to recover on account of the existing drought and of the absence of defaulters from town.

32. *Miscellaneous.*—The Commissioners intend carrying out the suggestions of the Auditor with reference to the system of keeping accounts from the ensuing year.

No. 164.

Submitted to Government with enclosures.

PALAMANAIR,
19*th September* 1877.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
President.

No. 139. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1877, No. 2744.

An abstract of the receipts and charges of the Wallajahpett Municipality for 1876-77 as compared with the estimates for that year and the actuals for 1875-76 is given below :—

RECEIPTS.

	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	1,921	..	..
Rates on Houses and Lands	2,005	1,985	1,880
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	348	350	360
Registration of Carts	628	650	605
Tolls	4,320	2,666	2,907
Licenses	53	50	146
Assignments by Government	269	285	254
Fines and Fees	114	70	273
Miscellaneous	862	910	627
Loans	..	..	314
Advances Recovered	104	..	55
Total ..	10,624	6,966	7,421

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
GRANT I.	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works—			
Communications	15	..	..
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,575	..	138
Repairs—			
Communications	986	400	316
Buildings	..	..	46
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	206	60	62
Establishment	360	120	120
Tools and Plant	57	25	25
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	799	842	842
Results Grants	90	..	..
Inspection (Contribution)	30	10	10
Miscellaneous	8	10	6

CHARGES—*concluded.*

	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT III.	250	150	150
Hospitals and Dispensaries	130	125	145
Vaccination	196	197	196
Registration of Births and Deaths ..	3,157	2,462	2,683
Conservancy			
GRANT IV.	791	710	655
Lighting	56	46	40
Markets	295	294	293
Avenues and Watering Roads	177	216	289
Miscellaneous			
GRANT V.	1,432	1,299	1,328
Supervision and Management	14	..	37
Advances Recoverable	..	..	46
Refunds			
Total ..	10,624	6,966	7,421

2. The collections under the various heads of taxation and from Miscellaneous sources amounted to Rupees 7,421. The decrease in the Toll receipts as compared with those of 1875-76 is due to the exclusion from the accounts for 1876-77 of the share contributed to Local Funds. The collections were very satisfactory considering the prevalence of famine. Only Rupees 449 out of the House and Land-tax demand remained for collection at the close of the year.

3. Funds having been found inadequate to meet the necessary current expenditure, a loan of Rupees 314 was taken from the deposits in the hands of the Municipality. This should be avoided in future, and the expenditure kept within the available income.

4. The Public Works Expenditure was very limited, but what was spent was usefully employed in cleaning wells and tanks and in the execution of other petty works likely to add to the comfort and cleanliness of the town. At a time when the distress from famine was severe, and the necessity for providing labor for the poor was pressing, a grant of Rupees 3,175 was received from the Collector for expenditure by the Municipality.

5. The deepening of thirty-five wells and eight drinking-water ponds was immediately undertaken with satisfactory results, and a sum of Rupees 2,695 out of the grant still remained unexpended at the close of the year.

6. The expenditure on Education was incurred chiefly in the maintenance of two schools with an average daily attendance, according to Statement V, of ninety-three boys. The fees realized amounted to Rupees 195, and the net cost per pupil was Rupees 6-15-3. This is a high average, and the Government consider that the Municipal Funds available for educational purposes would be much more usefully employed in an endeavour to improve by means of results grants the existing indigenous schools which already have an attendance of 268 boys, and in ten of which nothing is taught but the reading of cadjan accounts.

7. The charge entered against Hospitals is the contribution towards the maintenance of the Ranipett Dispensary. During the year, 216 persons were vaccinated, against 124 in 1875-76. The cost per operation was as high as Annas 10-9. Births and deaths were registered as under :—

	1876-77.	1875-76.
Births	391	434
Deaths	406	490

As usual Conservancy Charges were heavy, Rupees 2,683 having been spent against Rupees 3,157 in the previous year.

8. The expenditure under the remaining heads does not call for remark save that the proportion of charge for Supervision and Management appears to be excessive. It should be kept down to 10 per cent. as nearly as possible. The improvements suggested in the Auditor's report should be speedily introduced. A sum of Rupees 71-12-6 shown as Law charges under Grant IV should appear under Grant V. The Public Works Expenditure shown in Statement V does not appear in Statements II and II-A.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett.
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" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Director of Public Instruction.
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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