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Municipal—Reports.

Read the following papers:—

No. 88. *From W. LOGAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 26th June 1878, No. 10.*

I have the honor to forward herewith the Annual Report on the working of the Towns Improvement Act in the Municipality of Palghat during the past official year 1877-78, with the prescribed statements. The reports of the Municipal Auditor and of the Medical Subordinate in charge of the Civil Dispensary are also submitted herewith with their enclosures.

2. The total income of the Municipality, inclusive of the opening balance of Rupees 3,149-10-11, was Rupees 21,918-3-1 in the year under report, against an estimate of Rupees 17,190.

3. The particulars of the receipts, as compared with the Estimate and the Actuals of the previous year, are given below:—

	Actuals of 1876-77.			Estimate of 1877-78.			Actuals of 1877-78.			INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ACTUALS AS COMPARED WITH 1876-77.					
										Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Balance	4,179	13	8	1,500	0	0	3,149	10	11	..	..	..	1,030	2	9
2. Assignments, &c. by Government	..	..	..	500	0	0	1,655	8	0	1,655	8	0	..	..	..
3. Rates and Taxes, &c. ..	4,809	8	7	5,670	0	0	5,611	0	9	801	8	2	..	..	..
4. Tolls	5,930	0	0	5,930	0	0	6,445	0	0	515	0	0	..	..	..
5. Fees in Schools	735	14	0	750	0	0	819	4	0	83	6	0	..	..	..
6. Endowments, &c. ..	28	8	6	..	..	..	554	15	1	526	6	7	..	..	..
7. Contributions from Local Funds	1,555	14	5	1,850	0	0	1,967	1	1	411	2	8	..	..	..
8. Miscellaneous	2,045	6	5	990	0	0	1,715	11	3	..	..	..	329	11	2
Total	19,285	1	7	17,190	0	0	21,918	3	1	3,992	15	5	1,359	13	11
Net Increase	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,633	1	6	..	..	..

4. The only important item which shows a decrease as compared with 1876-77 is the opening balance.

5. The main items which show increases are "Government Grant," "Rates and Taxes," "Tolls," "Contribution from Local Funds," and "Endowments, Donations,

&c." The increase under the item "Government Grant" was owing to the receipt in the year under report of the grant due in arrears for six years on account of the Kalpathi School. The delay was caused by the Educational Department.

6. The increase under "Rates and Taxes, &c.," was due to the increase in the receipt under License fees and also to the collection of arrears, and that observable under "Tolls" was due to competition at the time of sale. Owing to a large sale of medicines and the receipt of 300 and odd Rupees from Government on account of famine charges, there was an increase under "Endowments, Donations, &c." Increase under the "Local Fund Contribution" was owing to increased expenditure in the Hospital.

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

		Total Demand.	Collection.	Remission.	Total of Columns 2 and 3	Balance.	Percentage of Collection to Demand.
		1	2	3	4	5	6
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1876-77	{ Current	16,617	16,342	61	16,403	214	98-34
	{ Arrear	347	328	..	328	19	95-52
1877-78	{ Current	17,658	17,473	8	17,481	177	98-95
	{ Arrear	234	202	..	202	32	86-32

The collections were very satisfactory.

8. EXPENDITURE.—The total expenditure in the year under report was Rupees 16,430-8-2 against an estimate of Rupees 16,366. The particulars of which are given hereunder as compared with 1876-77:—

	Actuals of 1876-77.			Estimate of 1877-78.			Actuals of 1877-78.			INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ACTUALS AS COMPARED WITH 1876-77.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.	
Grant I	7,206	9	10	6,280	0	0	5,309	8	6	1,897	1	4
Do. II	2,329	3	10	2,858	0	0	2,711	7	9	382	3	11
Do. III	4,353	1	2	4,723	0	0	5,199	11	2	846	10	0
Do. IV	428	5	3	675	0	0	610	11	4	182	6	1
Do. V	1,706	6	7	1,830	0	0	1,736	13	1	30	6	6
Miscellaneous	111	12	0	..	..	..	862	4	4	750	8	4
Total	16,135	6	8	16,336	0	0	16,430	8	2	2,192	2	10

9. The decrease under Grant I was due to the construction of the hospital building in 1876-77. The roads were, with the exception of the one leading to the Rail station, maintained in good order. The bad state, during the monsoon months, of the one referred to was owing to an attempt to do too much for it rather than too little. The important items under which there were increases of expenditure are

Grants II and III and Miscellaneous. The increase under Grant II was specially due to the entertainment of an Inspecting Schoolmaster for the Municipality, that under Grant III the increase in the charges for diet of patients whose numbers increased in the year under report owing to scarcity, and that under "Miscellaneous" was owing to the grant of famine batta to Municipal servants.

10. Hospitals.—The total number of in-patients was 417 and of out-patients 3,464. The year under report was an unhealthy year and great scarcity prevailed at one time. The new hospital did very excellent service, and from the crowds that resorted to it the institution is evidently much appreciated. The accommodation though of standard dimensions is, however, too limited.

11. Vaccination.—There was only one Vaccinator. The number of cases vaccinated was 775, of which 613 were successful. The cost per case was three Annas and one Pie.

12. Registration.—The number of births was 1,135 against 1,236 in the previous year, and deaths 1,400 against 1,097. The increase in the number of deaths was due to the unhealthiness of the year and to the arrival of starved people from famine districts.

13. The lighting of the town was resumed in the year under report.

From W. G. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Vice-President of the Palghat Municipality, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, dated Palghat, 28th May 1878, No. 108.

I have the honor to submit the Annual Report on the Palghat Municipality with the usual statements.

2. The income of the Municipality is derived chiefly from (1), the house-tax; (2), tolls on the roads. The grants from Provincial and Local Funds are for work done in the hospital and school. The total income from all sources was Rupees 21,918-3-1, and the expenditure Rupees 16,430-8-2, leaving a balance on 31st March 1878 of Rupees 5,487-10-11.

3. RECEIPTS.—I. a. The opening balance was Rupees 3,149-10-11 being considerably in excess of the estimate owing to the road grants not being worked out. The Budget for 1877-78 was estimated to close with a balance of Rupees 824, and actually closed with Rupees 5,487-10-11. This is accounted for by the non-expenditure of Rupees 1,800 for supervision on the hospital, a grant not expected of Rupees 1,397-8-0 for schools, and an increase of Rupees 515 in the tolls.

b. Rates on Houses yielded Rupees 4,785-4-5 against an estimate of Rupees 4,900. The actual demand assessed, however, was Rupees 4,767-8-11, of which Rupees 4,582-14-0 were collected and Rupees 7-13-0 remitted; so for the current year the collection was Rupees 4,582-14-0 on a demand of Rupees 4,759-11-11 or 96-2 per cent. There was an arrear of Rupees 234-1-5, of which Rupees 202-6-5 were collected or 86-3 per cent. There has since been collected Rs. 74-10-6, which Rupees 133-14-5 to be collected, and this balance will shortly be disposed of. The actual leaving Rupees 133-14-5 to be collected, and this balance will shortly be disposed of. The actual collections for 1877-78 were Rupees 4,785-4-5, against Rupees 4,809-8-7 in the previous year or a decrease of Rupees 24-4-2, which considering the year is very fair. The house-tax was fixed at 5 per cent. of the rental and no charge was levied on lands within Municipal limits; this is being now rectified.

c. Tolls.—These are collected by contractors at half of the full rates allowed by the Act. Half the amount bid is paid to the Local Fund Board. The moiety this year was Rupees 6,445, against an estimate of Rupees 5,930, which was the actual for 1876-77. There was thus an increase of Rupees 515 over the previous year accounted for by more spirited biddings at the auctions. There are no arrears.

d. Licenses.—Under Section 124 of the Act one Anna is levied on each animal slaughtered. The slaughter-house is let on contract and there are no arrears. The fees at the bandy-pettahs are three Pies for a cart and at the markets six Pies per head of cattle. There are other minor fees. The contract system is in force; hence there are no arrears. In 1876-77 the yield was Rupees 749, and this year Rupees 825-12-4 against an estimate of Rupees 770. The increase is gradual and satisfactory.

II. a. Provincial Grant.—This was estimated at Rupees 500 for the middle-class school at Kalpathi. The Director of Public Instruction fixed the amount due to the Municipality at Rupees 258, and Rupees 1,655-8-0 was drawn being the total sum due from 1st November 1871 when the Municipality took over the school (G.O., dated 6th November 1874); hence the variation.

b. *Contributions from Local Funds.*—There was only paid Rupees 550 against Rupees 630 estimated for Public Works. It is a grant for maintaining what were formerly public roads. We do not know why the Local Fund Board have reduced the grant. The increase in the moiety due on account of the hospital arises from feeding charges for the poor and from a supply of furniture. Part of the former was repaid by Government as a famine charge. Actuals 1876-77, were Rupees 1,555-14-5; Estimate 1877-78, Rupees 1,850; Actuals 1877-78, Rupees 1,967-1-1.

c. *Fines and Fees.*—Estimate Rupees 290, Actuals Rupees 327-9-4 against Rupees 385-4-2 in 1876-77. This is an item that always varies with the use of coercive process. There are supposed to be better collectors now.

d. *Fees in Schools.*—There is an increase owing to the increase in the number of pupils. The actuals for 1876-77 were Rupees 735-14-0; the estimate for the year under report was Rupees 750, and the actual receipts Rupees 819-4-0.

e. *Rents of Houses, &c.*—There is an increase owing to the number of travellers at the Public Bungalow and to a room having been rented for a part of the year by the Department Public Works as an office. Actuals 1876-77, Rupees 824-2-0; Estimate 1877-78, Rupees 650; Actuals 1877-78, Rupees 1,084-13-4; increase over 1876-77, Rupees 83-6-0.

f. *Endowments.*—The increase here is from the great and unexpected sale of medicines. No estimate was made under this head. The price of medicines sold in 1876-77 was Rs. 9-6-0, and this year Rupees 218-3-10. For dieting famine patients a charge of Rupees 306-11-3 was recovered (G.O., No. 1812, dated 2nd July 1877). There was a subscription of Rupees 30, which was unexpected which completes the item.

g. *Miscellaneous.*—This item calls for no remark save that the income of two years' sweepings were brought to credit in the year under report.

The following table gives the income compared with the previous year:—

Item.	Actual Receipts, 1876-77.			Estimated Receipts, 1877-78.			Actual Receipts, 1877-78.			Increase or Decrease in 1877-78.		
1	2			3			4			5		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Balance..	4,179	13	8	1,500	0	0	3,149	10	11	—1,030	2	9
2. Rates and Taxes	4,809	8	7	4,900	0	0	4,785	4	5	—24	4	2
3. Tolls	5,930	0	0	5,930	0	0	6,445	0	0	+ 515	0	0
4. Licenses..	749	0	0	770	0	0	825	12	4	+ 76	12	8
5. Provincial Grants				500	0	0	1,655	8	0	+1,655	8	0
6. Contributions from Local Fund Boards	2,105	14	5	1,850	0	0	1,967	1	1	+ 411	2	8
7. Fines and Fees..	385	4	2	290	0	0	327	9	11	— 57	10	10
8. Fees in Schools	735	14	0	750	0	0	819	4	0	+ 83	6	0
9. Rents	824	2	0	650	0	0	1,084	13	4	+ 260	11	4
10. Endowments	28	8	6				554	15	1	+ 526	6	7
11. Miscellaneous	47	0	3	50	0	0	303	4	0	+ 256	3	9
Total	19,795	1	7	17,190	0	0	21,918	3	1	+2,673	1	3

The incidence of taxation is Rs. 0-9-5-5 excluding balances. Last year it was Rs. 0-8-10, and this increase is chiefly accounted for by the increase in tolls.

The stability of the Municipality is pretty well assured:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Cash balance	5,487	10	11
Hospital subscription in Bank	271	13	10
Value of premises	190	0	0

Besides the above there is a bad debt owing by the Local Fund Board, part of cost of the hospital building. Bankruptcy is pleaded against payment.

4. *EXPENDITURE.*—The total expenditure was Rupees 16,430-8-2 compared with Rupees 16,135-6-8 in the previous year and is divided as follows:—

Grants.	Actuals of 1876-77.			Estimate of 1877-78.			Actuals of 1877-78.			Increase or Decrease of 1877-78 com- pared with 1876-77.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Grant I ..	7,206	9	10	6,280	0	0	5,309	8	6	—1,897	1	4
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Do. V ..	1,706	6	7	1,830	0	0	1,736	13	1	+ 30	6	6
Miscellaneous	111	12	0				862	4	4	+ 750	8	4
Total ..	16,135	6	8	16,336	0	0	16,430	8	2	295	1	6

The proportionate expenditure under each head per cent. is roughly ($\frac{1}{10}$ ths total error):—

Grant I.	Grant II.	Grant III.	Grant IV.	Grant V.	Miscellaneous.
32.3	16.5	31.6	8.7	10.4	5.2

The expenditure exceeded the estimate and this is more than accounted for by the payment of famine batta.

5. *EXPENDITURE.*—a. *GRANT I.*—Rupees 1,800 were allotted for supervision on the hospital and not paid, whilst Rupees 160-14-4 was paid for building a Small-pox and a Cherumer shed. There was an extra expenditure on the roads owing to damages done to them. They were kept in fair order; but the mileage is very great for the income of the Municipality. The allotments are made in varying sums for each road. I propose to measure and classify the roads and from next year to make mileage grants.

b. *GRANT II.*—The Kalpathi School was worked very satisfactorily by the Head Master; but the under masters are apt to make it a stepping stone to Government employment and do not look on it as their home. The Inspecting Schoolmaster left us to become a Vakeel and never did a satisfactory day's work. It is a feeder of the Zillah School and cost Rupees 1,673-5-8, and Rupees 819-4-0 were collected as fees. There was an average daily attendance of 141 pupils; so they were educated at a cost of Rupees 5-4-11 each. There was an expenditure of Rupees 193-12-11 on salary grants to four schools—(1) Mapala, (2) Mahomedan, (3) Tamil, (4) Malayalam. There were sixteen Result Schools aided with Rupees 799-8-0, being at the rate of Rupees 2-12-5 each scholar. The following were the results:—

Standard.	Number of Pupils presented.	PASSED.				
		Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.
I ..	177	147	162	142	..	..
II ..	98	78	91	88	..	..
III ..	13	11	11	11	4	4
IV ..	..	..	..	..	..	..

The report of the Inspector of Schools is on the whole satisfactory.

c. *GRANT III.*—The excess over the estimate here in the Actuals is owing to dieting patients who flocked in from famine districts. Government repaid a part of this. One of the Commissioners, M.R. Ry. Sivarama Iyer, with the aid of others was feeding over 1,000 poverty-stricken people who had flocked down from Coimbatore. The hospital has turned out a great success. The total number of in-patients was 417 and of out 3,464; of the former 103 died and of the latter 11; this in an exceptionally unhealthy year. It was maintained at a cost of Rupees 3,420-1-6. There has been a Compounder added to the staff, and on the recommendation of the Deputy Surgeon-General the Commissioners have applied for a trained midwife. From the remarks in the books, Hospital Assistant Narayanaswamy Naidoo has given great satisfaction. Owing to remarks by His Grace the Governor, the Deputy Surgeon-General, and the Acting President, the Police have been asked to provide a ward, as the one made over to them is

overcrowded. The Registration Department returns 1,400 deaths and 1,135 births, against 1,097 and 1,236 in the previous year. The excess is due to an unhealthy year and the influx of starved people from Coimbatore and Pollachy. There were 775 vaccine operations: of which, 613 were successful or 79.1 per cent. nearly being a cost of Rupees 0.3-1.5 per successful case.

d. GRANT IV.—The lighting of the Municipality was resumed during the year and a large supply of kerosene-oil laid in. Hence the increase over the Budget Estimate.

e. GRANT V calls for no remark except it be that Rupees 4,785 were collected at a cost of Rupees 463, or at the rate of 9.6 per cent. The house-tax only is taken, as the other items are paid in by the contractors. The amount under Miscellaneous is famine batta.

No. 89. From W. LOGAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 29th June 1878, No. 11.

In continuation of my letter, No. 10, dated 26th instant, forwarding the Annual Report of the Palghat Municipality for 1877-78, I have the honor to forward herewith the report and statements of the Palghat Dispensary for that year.

CONCISE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL DISPENSARY AT PALGHAT FOR THE OFFICIAL YEAR 1877-78.

The Abstract Return of Sick for the official year 1877-78 is herewith submitted:—

	EUROPEANS.		NATIVES.	
	In.	Out.	In.	Out.
Remained on 31st March 1877		3	16	38
Admitted during the year	13	178	388	3,245
Total	13	181	404	3,283
Discharged	13	173	272	3,238
Died		2	103	9
Remained on 31st March 1878		6	29	36
Average daily sick for the year	0.66	1.75	22.47	27.35

1. The Institution is open to all comers without caste distinctions, and the Return will testify to its usefulness and popularity. The wants of the sick are promptly attended to and speedy relief given in all possible cases.

During the year under review 401 were the number of in-patients admitted, whilst the out-patients extended to 3,423, and which, in comparison with the previous year's Return, will show an increase of 167 in the former and a decrease of 1,555 in the latter. The increase among in-patients is due to the famine destitutes of other districts brought into the hospital by the Police as well as sent in by the Magistrates, and the decrease among the out-patients is due to the prevalence of cholera and small-pox at Palghat which prevented people of its outskirts from attempting to enter the town.

The following table will show the number of Admissions and Deaths of In and Out-patients for the last five years:—

Years.	IN-PATIENTS.		OUT-PATIENTS.	
	Admitted.	Died.	Admitted.	Died.
1873-74	214	22	2,630	2
1874-75	196	30	2,544	3
1875-76	148	30	2,279	13
1876-77	234	31	4,978	32
1877-78	401	103	3,423	11

2. The health of the public was not so satisfactory as it was in the year previous to this, owing to the outbreak of cholera and small-pox and influx of strangers from famine districts, viz., Coimbatore, Pollachy, Mysore, &c. The climate of Palghat was on the whole favorable. The hot season was as usual very oppressive in February, March, April and May. In November, December, and January strong east winds prevailed by which fever ensued. The other months were healthy. The total rain-fall for the year under report was 89.12 inches against 64.66 inches for 1876-77.

The necessary provisions of life were very dear during the year.

3. The conservancy of the town has been well attended to by the Municipality. The sanitary condition of the town is on the whole satisfactory. The drainage has yet to receive the attention of the Commissioners. Artificial drains are dug up once or twice in every year, but they are soon blocked up by the strong showers of rain and thereby the roads are injured. The erection of public latrines in suitable localities would be a decided sanitary improvement, as the natives, in the absence of such an important requirement, resort for calls of nature to the smaller streets, lanes, and adjoining paddy fields not far from wells and tanks.

4. Cholera and small-pox were the prevailing epidemics during the past year. Fifteen cholera patients were admitted in the hospital in the year under report, of whom four recovered and the rest died. The number of seizures in the town was 250 and deaths 224, whilst that of the entire taluq was 2,338 and 1,653 respectively. Twenty-seven small-pox cases were admitted in the hospital, of whom eighteen recovered and the rest died. The number of seizures in the entire taluq was 5,072 and deaths 1,393.

5. The principal diseases that gave rise to the admissions were small-pox, fevers, cholera, rheumatism, primary syphilis, anaemia and general dropsy; of the Classes A and B, of General Diseases, neuralgia, ophthalmia, inflammation of the external meatus, diseases of the respiratory system, dyspepsia, dysentery, ascaris lumbricoides, diarrhoea, colic, constipation, ascites, gonorrhoea and its complications, abscesses, ulcers, boils, scabies, and other skin diseases; of local diseases debility, privation and wounds and injuries.

There were in all 103 deaths in hospital, viz., nine small-pox, eleven malignant cholera, one phthisis, twenty general dropsy, eleven dysentery, nineteen diarrhoea, three ascites, one stricture of urethra, three ulcers, one old age, fourteen debility, one burn, five privation, three wounds and injuries and one amputation of thigh. The increase of the death-rate is due to the famine destitutes brought by the Police, &c., in the last stage of their existence.

6. The Dispensary is supported by the Municipality in connection with the Local Fund Board.

The Dispensary was removed to the new hospital building on the 23rd April 1877, it consists of three blocks, each having two large rooms, a bath-room and a store-room with front verandah, with out-houses such as two latrines for males and females, one cook-room, and one dead-house. Cholera and small-pox sheds erected during the year under report with tatties around and one thatched hut with mud walls for Cherumers.

The Hospital is faced to the southern side with high basement extending from west to east. The western block contains two wards, one of which is used for police sick and the other for male patients. One of the wards of the middle block is used as surgery-room and the other one is secured for the European patients, operation, and office. One of the rooms of the last or eastern block is used for male and the other one for the female patients. Each of the rooms will not contain more than four beds, but necessity constrains me to accommodate six or eight patients. The Cherumer's shed is also used for other caste people when vacant owing to want of rooms.

I think it is my duty to recommend that a separate building be provided for the use of Police sick instead of being allowed to crowd up the ward.

The measurements are as follow:—

	16	16	Feet.
One Police ward	16	16	"
Two Male wards, each	12	7 1/2	"
Three Bath-rooms, each	10	7 1/2	"
Three Store-rooms, each	16	16	"
One Office and Operating-room and European ward	16	16	"
One Surgery-room	16	16	"
One Female ward	14 7 1/2	8	"
Verandah	22 1/2	13 1/2	"
Male latrine	22 1/2	13 1/2	"
Female latrine	20	12	"
Cook-room			"

Cherumer's ward	..	..	..	..	..	20	x	12	Feet.
Dead-house	..	..	..	..	..	17	x	12	"
Small-pox shed	..	..	..	..	..	23	x	12	"
Cholera shed	..	..	..	..	..	23	x	12	"

7. The rules regarding the custody of poisonous drugs are strictly adhered to.
8. *Visitors' Book.*—*Vide* copy of the remarks attached.
9. Sixty-seven in-patients dictated themselves in the Dispensary during the year under report, of whom five were Europeans, six Eurasians, and fifty-six Natives.
10. *Number of Patients Treated.*—*Vide* Statement A attached.
11. *List of Surgical Operations.*—*Vide* List B attached.
12. *Caste of the Patients.*—*Vide* Statement C attached.
13. *Financial Statement.*—*Vide* Statement D attached.
14. The hospital building is the property of the Municipal Board.
15. *Deaths of In and Out patients.*—*Vide* Statement F attached.

PALGHAT,
17th June 1878.

(Signed)

C. NARRAINSAWMY NAIDOO,
*Second-Class Hospital Assistant
in Medical charge.*

C.
STATEMENT showing the CASTE of In and Out Door Patients admitted during the Year 1877-78 in the MUNICIPAL DISPENSARY at PALGHAT.

	EUROPEANS.			EURASIANS.			HINDOOS.			MAHOMEDANS.			OTHER CASTES.			TOTAL.		
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.
In-patients	7	..	..	3	2	1	184	88	28	27	16	5	36	8	1	257	114	30
Out-patients	39	15	17	37	21	49	1,319	379	641	225	72	159	176	111	163	1,796	598	1,029
Total	46	15	17	40	23	50	1,503	467	664	252	88	164	212	119	164	2,053	712	1,059

PALGHAT,
17th June 1878.

(Signed) C. NARRAINSAWMY NAIDOO,
*Second-Class Hospital Assistant,
in Medical Charge Municipal Dispensary.*

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

D.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT exhibiting the working of the MUNICIPAL DISPENSARY at PALGHAT for the Year 1877-78.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, 17TH JULY 1878, No. 1249.

Cr.		Rs. A. P.		Dr.		Rs. A. P.	
		Rs.	P.			Rs.	P.
Balance in hand 31st March 1877	..	262	0 8	By Medical Officer's salary	..	600	0 0
Invested up to 31st March 1878	..	..	..	" Medical Subordinates' salary and allowance	..	393	14 11
Received during the year, viz.—	..	..	..	" Servants' wages	..	436	13 8
From Government	..	426	11 3	European medicines from Medical Stores	..	18	8 0
" Municipality	..	1,408	3 1	" purchased.	..	104	13 6
" Local Funds	..	1,417	1 1	Half-yearly supplies	..	121	13 0
" Interest of vested funds.	..	9	13 2	Annual supplies	..	1,098	14 9
" European donations or subscriptions	..	30	0 0	Dieting sick	..	3	0 0
" Native	..	..	..	Wines and spirits	..	236	13 5
" Sale of medicines, &c., to persons not entitled to gratuitous issue	..	218	3 10	Monthly perishable articles, &c.	..	53	5 1
	..	..	..	Cooking articles.	..	85	7 11
	..	..	..	Bedding and clothing	..	17	5 4
	..	..	..	Hospital rent	..	4	12 0
	..	..	..	Repairing furniture	..	160	14 4
	..	..	..	Construction of a small-pox, cholera, and cherner's shed	..	162	14 4
	..	..	..	Repairing hospital, &c.	..	5	13 0
	..	..	..	Contingencies	..	..	..
Total income	..	3,772	1 1	Total	..	3,500	3 3
Total expenditure	..	3,500	3 3				
Balance in hand 31st March 1878	..	271	13 10				

I certify that the above to be a correct return of the income and expenditure of the Municipal Dispensary, Palghat, for the year 1877-78.

This statement will differ from the Municipal Accounts, as I see that they make up their returns on the actual payments within the year, and not for the year.

PALGHAT,
17th June 1878.

(Signed)

C. NARRAINAWMY NAIDOO,
Second-Class Hospital Assistant in Medical Charge.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

F.

STATEMENT showing the DEATHS of the In and Out Patients in the MUNICIPAL DISPENSARY, PALGHAT, for the Year 1877-78.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, 17TH JULY 1878, No. 1249.

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GENERAL DISEASES.				LOCAL DISEASES.																
	Order A.				Order B.		Dysentery.	Diarrhoea.	Ascites.	Stricture of male urethra.	Ulcer.	Old age.	Debility.	Burns and scalds.	Privation.	Contusion of abdomen with rupture of viscera.	Wound of the abdomen with protrusion of injured viscera.	Fracture of humerus, simple.	Amputation of the thigh.	Total.
	Small-pox.	Malignant cholera.	Puerperal fever.	Phthisis pulmonalis.	General dropsy.															
<i>Europeans and Eurasians.</i>																				
In-patients	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Out-patients	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Natives.</i>																				
In-patients	..	9	11	..	1	20	11	19	3	1	3	1	14	1	5	1	1	1	1	103
Out-patients	..	..	6	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Total	..	9	17	1	1	20	14	20	3	1	3	1	14	1	5	1	1	1	1	114

PALGHAT,
17th June 1878.

(Signed)

C. NARRAINAWMY NAIDOO,
Second-Class Hospital Assistant in Medical Charge.1981
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ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Municipal Dispensary at Palghaut.

EXTRACT from the Visitors' Book, 1877-78.

Month and Date.	Names.	Remarks.
6th September 1877.	E. C. Johnson ..	Found everything clean and tidy. All wards full. There are a good many things would require to be done before the new building is in the condition I should wish to see it in, but the Hospital Assistant has reported on them, and I hope a good deal will be done before long.
29th October 1877.	C. Y. Reed ..	I have been under treatment in this hospital, and am witness to the indefatigable attention paid by the Medical Officer to his duties. As for myself I have received every attention, and consider the place clean and comfortable. A back verandah stretching from end to end would add immensely to the utility of the building.
2nd November 1877.	C. Sivaramien ..	I am very satisfactory.
"	Echara Warriar ..	
3rd November 1877.	Cunnoo Munnadiar ..	
11th February 1878.	W. E. Gay ..	All very satisfactory. A verandah at the back should be a great boon to the patients.
	J. Wilson, Deputy Surgeon-General.	The hospital is clean and well ventilated, but rather crowded, owing to the Police occupying one of the wards. The medicines and instruments are sufficient and well cared for, but the books are incorrectly kept; however, I do not blame the Hospital Assistant for this, as it is impossible to perform the clinical work without the assistance of a writer. Cots and bathing tubs are required. A female nurse also for the women's ward is indispensable.
3rd March 1878 ..		The hospital is kept very clean, and the patients well attended to. The Hospital Assistant has not kept the books properly, but I quite concur with the Deputy Surgeon-General that he cannot do this without the assistance of a writer, which has been lately procured on Rupees 10 a-month. The Police ward is much overcrowded.
	(Signed) H. D. COOK, M.D., Civil Surgeon.	
23rd March 1878 ..		I am very much pleased with the hospital, but though it might have been built slightly larger with advantage. The real thing that will have to be done will be to provide a separate and detached block for the Police, thus leaving an additional ward for the public. At present the Police ward is dreadfully overcrowded. The space is sufficient, I am told, to accommodate four patients, and at present there are ten in the ward. Several of the cots have two patients in them, but the Hospital Assistant assures me that most of these men are out-patients who do not sleep in the hospital. Even so this is a sufficient argument for increased accommodation. Hospital Assistant Narrainsawmy in charge appears to be intelligent and orderly.
	(Signed) D. BUICK, Acting Collector.	

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. NARRAINSAWMY NAIDOO,
Second-Class Hospital Assistant in Medical Charge.PALGHAUT,
17th June 1878.

No. 90.

ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1878, No. 1249.

In the following abstract the actuals and estimated receipts and expenditure of the Palghaut Municipality for the year 1877-78 are compared with the actuals of 1876-77:—

	RECEIPTS.		
	Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	4,180	1,500	3,150
Rates on Houses and Lands	4,810	4,900	4,785
Tolls	5,930	5,930	6,445
Licenses	749	50	826
Assignments by Government	500	500	1,655
Contribution from Local Funds	1,556	1,850	1,967
Fines and Fees	385	240	328
Endowments	28	..	555
Miscellaneous	1,607	2,220	2,207
Advances Recoverable	40	..	..
Total	19,285	17,190	21,918

	CHARGES.		
	Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Buildings	4,027	1,800	161
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	..	..	..
Repairs—			
Communications	1,852	3,100	3,437
Buildings	122	100	270
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	20	212	240
Establishment	1,066	1,068	1,067
Tools and Plant	120	..	135
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	..	1,148	..
Salary Grants	104	144	194
Results Grants	582	1,350	799
Schools on the combined system	1,643	..	1,610
Inspection (Contribution)	..	216	108
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	2,128	2,510	3,096
Vaccination	104	125	120
Registration of Births and Deaths	264	270	263
Conservancy	1,857	1,818	1,721
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	235	350	428
Travellers' Bungalow	121	150	123
Miscellaneous	72	175	60
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	1,706	1,830	2,585
Advances Recoverable	30	..	..
Refunds	82	..	14
Balances	3,150	824	5,487
Total	19,285	17,190	21,918

2. The actual receipts exclusive of balance amounted to Rupees 18,768 against an estimate of Rupees 15,690, and actuals in 1876-77 Rupees 15,105. All heads with one exception "Rates on Houses" show an increase over estimate, and with the

same exception and "Fines and Fees" over the actuals of 1876-77, the net increase exclusive of balance, being Rupees 3,663. This satisfactory state of affairs is mainly due to general improvements in the revenues of the Municipality.

3. The large balance on hand at the close of the year, Rupees 5,487, against Rupees 3,150, at the beginning of the year, is stated to be due (1) to the non-payment of the contribution to Provincial for Department of Public Works supervision on hospital works, amounting to Rupees 1,800;* (2) to increase of revenues, including Rupees

* It is noted that the Liabilities of the Municipality in the note to Statement II are set at 1,608 Rupees only. Explanation should have been furnished. In other respects this note seems faulty.

1,397-8-0, arrears of Government grant to the Kalpatti School. With regard to (1) the Vice-President should have explained why the contribution was not paid; with regard to (2) the Government consider that the accumulation of large balances is

not desirable unless with a view to provide funds for a large undertaking. The current year opened with a balance of Rupees 1,187 in excess of the estimate. Should the Commissioners determine not to apply for a loan for the Kalpatti School additional buildings (G.O., 18th May 1878, No. 885), which in the present prosperous condition of the Municipal finances seems hardly necessary, the surplus will be reduced to proper dimensions by the outlay on these school buildings; otherwise the Government would suggest to the Commissioners the propriety of dealing systematically with the drainage of the town, which judging from the medical officer's carefully prepared report is still very defective, and of adopting the Vice-President's judicious proposals to classify the roads, and fix a proper mileage for each line. The extension of the hospital accommodation also demands early attention.

4. The collection of the house-tax is very satisfactory, and generally the demand, collection, and balance statement indicates good administration. The President should have explained why the Local Fund contribution for Public Works was reduced from Rupees 600 to Rupees 550. The increase in fees in schools, as also in proceeds of sales of medicines, is gratifying. The amount of the debt still due, from District to Municipal Funds, for the hospital buildings, is not stated and should now be reported. The President will, it is hoped, soon be able to arrange for its liquidation.

5. There was an increase under all heads of expenditure over the actuals of 1876-77, Grant I alone excepted, which shows a decrease of Rupees 1,897 on the figures of that year, leaving a net increase of expenditure of Rupees 295 only, viz., Rupees 16,430 against Rupees 16,135.

6. The expenditure under Grant I shows that with the exception of the sum of Rupees 1,800 already referred to the allotments under the several heads were fully utilized. The Government have already noted the objects of outlay falling under this grant, which they trust may soon receive the attention of the Commissioners.

7. The percentage of expenditure under "Education," 12.4, is very creditable to the Commissioners. The progress of the Kalpatti School has been on the whole satisfactory, while the cost of educating each child has fallen from Rupees 6-5-1 to Rupees 6-0-10. There has been a slight increase in the expenditure under salary and results grants, counterbalanced by a trifling decrease in grants under the combined system. Statement V has not been correctly prepared. The columns under head "Municipal Schools" have not been filled up, nor is the attendance shown opposite several of the results schools. The fact that they were recently brought under inspection does not account for the omission. The Commissioners have not as yet undertaken the establishment of girls' schools. The Government trust the matter will engage their early and earnest consideration. The President will call on the Vice-President to submit a revised statement.

8. The progress of the hospital is gratifying. The institution has proved of great public service during the distress, and the Hospital Assistant Narainaswami Naidu appears to deserve credit for the manner in which he has discharged his onerous duties during this trying time. The Government are glad to learn that the Commissioners have applied for the services of a trained midwife. The Acting Inspector-General of Police will report what action has been taken regarding the proposed erection of a

separate Police ward. It is not desirable that a Municipal institution should be inconvenienced by the requirements of a public department.

9. The Government learn with pleasure the generous conduct of M.R.R. Sivarama Iyer in feeding numbers of famine-stricken people.

10. The expenditure on conservancy, Rupees 1,721, seems quite inadequate to the requirements of a town with 31,000 inhabitants. It is noted that the Medical Officer draws attention to the deficient latrine accommodation in the town, and remarks that the bye-streets are used as latrines. It is further observed that no revenue is, it would appear, derived from sanitary service at private houses—no inconsiderable source of revenue in some Municipalities. The matter will receive the careful attention of the Vice-President and the Commissioners when submitting the Budget for 1879-80.

11. No expenditure appears under markets. The provision for the town in this respect should be explained in the next annual report. It is observed that the lighting of the town has been resumed.

12. The increase under establishment is satisfactorily explained, being mainly due to batta to inferior Municipal servants during the famine.

13. In concluding this review the Government are glad to record their opinion that the general administration of Municipal affairs in this important town is very creditable to those concerned.

(True Extract.)

H. B. Pigg

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Palghat.
 " Public Works Department.
 " Revenue Department.
 " Board of Revenue.
 " Sanitary Commissioner.
 " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 " Accountant-General.
 " Director of Public Instruction.
 " President of the Local Fund Board, Palghat.

Exd. T. O'Connor and C. Howarth.

SH. Subba Rao

Revenue Receipt
No 3570

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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