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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

30th October 1878, No. 1967.

Municipal-Reports.

Read the following papers:—

No. 268. *From E. F. WEBSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Tanjore, 28th September 1878, No. 188.*

I have the honor to forward the report of the Combaconum Municipality for the official year 1877-78.

2. The accounts were audited by Mr. E. B. Dawson, whose report is enclosed.
3. The report on the working of the Civil Dispensary submitted by the Apothecary in charge, together with that of the Branch Dispensary, is enclosed.
4. The gross receipts and charges of the Municipality amounted to Rupees 36,373-4-2 and 34,007-3-1, respectively, against an estimate of Rupees 39,720.
5. The decrease under the head of Receipts is due to the falling off in the income from tolls, and that under Expenditure is due to certain allotments sanctioned under Grants I, II, III, and IV not having been fully utilized.
6. The cause of variations between the estimate and actuals being fully explained in the report of the Vice-President, I do not dwell on them.
7. Seeing that the collection of taxes in this Municipality has been generally very slow I have drawn the attention of the Vice-President to the necessity of stringent measures being adopted for speedy collections.
8. The working of the Municipality appears to be satisfactory except in the case of vaccination. The number of cases vaccinated is decreasing year by year as will be seen from the Vice-President's report, but he does not afford any explanation on the point. As there is no doubt that this bad result is mainly due to the indolence of the vaccinator employed, I have warned him that he will be dismissed if he does not work with more energy.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. GOVINDA ROW, Vice-President, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, dated Combaconum, 20th August 1878, No. 81.

I have the honor to submit, for transmission to Government, my report on the working of this Municipality during the year 1877-78 with the usual statements of receipts and expenditure as prescribed in G. O. No. 1847, dated 25th April 1877, together with the report of the Apothecary in charge of the hospital and dispensary.

2. The Budget Estimate for the year under report received the sanction of Government in their Order, No. 575, dated 9th March 1878.
3. The annual report on the working of the Civil Dispensary at the station received from the Apothecary in charge of the institution, and the report of the Branch Dispensary received from the pensioned First-class Hospital Assistant in charge thereof, are herewith forwarded as per instructions of Government contained in their Order, No. 209, dated 2nd March 1872. As the reports and statements accompanying them give a detailed account of the several items of receipts and expenditure, I do not consider it necessary to enter into details on this head again.
4. The total actual receipts and expenditure amounted to Rupees 27,633-3-4 and Rupees 34,007-3-1 against Rupees 32,720 and Rupees 39,720, respectively, as per Budget.

The causes of variations are fully explained in the comparative statements (1 and 2) sent herewith, as prescribed in G.O., No. 1347, dated 25th April 1877.

5. It will be observed from Statements I and II that the gross receipts amounted to Rupees 36,373-4-2 and the gross expenditure to Rupees 34,007-3-1, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,366-1-1 at the close of the year under report. This balance results from an increase under the head of the opening balance at the commencement of the year.

6. *House and Land Tax.*—The total demand according to the registers was Rupees 14,233-12-9 and the actual receipts amounted to Rupees 12,294-13-2, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,938-15-7 at the close of the year. This large balance was, in a great measure, due to the distressed condition of the poor people in the town. A great portion of this balance has since been collected, and measures have been taken for the realization of the arrears. Out of the arrears of the previous years under this item Rupees 1,036-0-5 were collected during this year, and the remainder, due on ruined or vacant houses and on houses entitled to be exempted under Sections 41 and 50 of the Act, has to be struck off from the accounts as irrecoverable.

7. *Tolls.*—The toll-gates were put up to auction and were sold to the highest bidder for Rupees 16,000, which is Rupees 1,000 in excess of the Budget. But according to G.O., No. 1481, of 15th August 1876, the Commissioners had to contribute the Local Fundshare for 1876-77 in addition to that due for the year under report. Hence the apparent decrease of Rupees 6,356-10-8.

8. *Fines and Fees.*—Under this head are included "Magisterial Fines" and "Demand and Warrant Fees." The former, amounting to Rupees 1,165-9-9, were levied for violations of the conservancy provisions of the Act and bye laws. The increase is due to more effective supervision on the part of the Commissioners as well as to a more stringent enforcement by the Magistrates of the penal provisions of the Act.

9. *Endowments—Interest on Funded Capital.*—Application was made to the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, Tanjore, in February last to bring to the credit of the Municipality the interest due on the Funded Capital of the Civil Dispensary, but the amount was not received before the close of the official year.

10. The other items of receipt call for no special remark.

11. *Expenditure—Grant I—New Works—Buildings.*—The items detailed in Statement II-A, being completions of works commenced during the previous years which have been alluded to in the report of the last year, call for no explanation.

12. *Miscellaneous.—Sinking a Well in Aye Tank, Rupees 260.*—This tank has been exclusively set apart by the Commissioners as a reservoir of drinking-water. But in summer the tank generally gets almost dry; and the failure of the water-supply was greatly felt by the people. To provide for this want the Commissioners sunk a well in the bed of the tank at a cost of Rupees 260.

13. *Repairs—Buildings.*—The items detailed under this head were unanticipated at the time of sending the Budget, but were subsequently found to be urgently needed.

14. *Grant II—Education.*—The Budget made provision for addition to the staff of teachers at each of the Municipal schools, which were carried out only in some of the schools. Provision was also made for establishing another girls' school, which the Commissioners were unable to open owing to the services of schoolmistresses not being procurable. Hence the decrease of expenditure under this head. There were in all six schools, five being boys' schools and one a girls' school. These schools were examined during the year by M.R.Ry. N. Krishna Row, B.A., Head Master of the Town School, Combaconum, and some of his Assistants, all of whom expressed themselves highly satisfied with the results of the examination. The Mahomedan school was examined by a Hindustanee Munshee of this place with satisfactory results. I was also present at the examination and was pleased with the answering of the boys. I received a report from the Head Master subsequent to this examination that the Mahomedan Deputy Inspector of Schools had paid the institution a visit. I very much regret that I received no intimation of the Deputy Inspector's arrival in the town, and was thus unable to be present at his inspection and note the progress and the shortcomings of the institution. A copy of the Deputy Inspector's report of inspection is appended to this report.

15. *Grant in-Aid Schools.*—On a certified memorandum received from the Deputy Inspector of Schools Rupees 246-8-0 were paid to the Anglo-Vernacular School in Banathoral examined under the result system. A separate list of other schools in the town showing their numbers and condition is herewith sent, as per G.O., No. 1347, dated 25th April 1877.

16. *Grant III—Sanitation and Medical Services—Hospitals—Establishment.*—Rupees 4,409-8-7 were spent against Rupees 4,224 in the Budget. The addition to the pay of the Hospital Assistant attached to the Civil Dispensary, who obtained the rank of first class, has caused the increase of Rupees 185-8-0. I visited the dispensary several times during the year and found it always in a thoroughly satisfactory state. Its working reflects much credit on

Mr. J. G. Ashworth, the Apothecary in charge, and it is gratifying to observe that similar satisfactory remarks are made in the Hospital Visitors' Book.

17. *(c), Diet of Patients.*—Rupees 1,254-10-5 were spent against Rupees 900 of the Budget. This large increase is due to the admission into hospital of patients flocking into the town from the famine districts. The expenditure incurred in dieting these men amounted to Rupees 430-14-5 and was recovered from Government through the Collector of the district in pursuance to instructions contained in G.O., No. 1812, dated 2nd July 1877.

18. *Vaccination.*—Only one vaccinator was employed as in previous years. His work is supervised by the Vaccination Superintendent of the Tanjore Circle. The number of cases vaccinated was 1022, of which 791 were successful, 89 unsuccessful, and 142 unknown. The results as compared to those of the previous year are not satisfactory, as will appear from the following statement:—

Result of Operation.	WHEN UNDER THE COMMISSIONERS' SUPERVISION.			WHEN UNDER VACCINATION SUPERINTENDENT.
	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
Successful	1,269	1,307	1,017	791
Unsuccessful	289	304	112	89
Unknown	179	..	253	142
Total ..	1,737	1,611	1,382	1,022

19. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—One Registrar is employed on a salary of Rupees 17 per mensem. The total births and deaths registered were 1419 and 2273 against 1358 and 1624, respectively, of the previous year. The number of deaths from cholera, fever, and small-pox were 285, 196, and 324, respectively.

20. The conservancy of the town was managed under the same system as in previous years, the establishment consisting of two Nuisance Inspectors, six Sub-Inspectors, six peons, twenty-four sweepers, and twenty-two toties.

21. The daily sweepings are deposited in receptacles built of brick-in-chunam and removed by scavenging carts which go round the town twice in a day. These carts and the bullocks of the latrine carts are hired on contract. The total cost under this head amounted to Rupees 4,527-8-3.

22. Great difficulty was experienced in procuring a place for depositing rubbish collected from the town, and the Commissioners therefore purchased a piece of land to be utilized as a rubbish depot at a cost of Rupees 79-4-0.

23. *Grant IV—Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—Lighting.*—The outlay under this head falls short of the Budget Estimate by Rupees 829-2-0. The decrease is due to the provision for additional lamps and Massalchies not having been spent.

24. *Avenues.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rupees 259-9-11 against Rupees 270 of the Budget. Trees of various kinds, such as mango, cocoa, casuarina, and banian were planted and reared along the sides of the roads. The above sum includes the upkeep of the establishment and the cost of plants purchased.

25. *Famine Batta.*—This was an unanticipated charge. As in all Government offices, famine batta was allowed to all Municipal and dispensary servants paid below Rupees 16 a month.

26. *Grant V—Supervision and Management.*—Under this item Rupees 2,880-12-2 were spent; the several items which are detailed in Statements II and II-B call for no special remark.

27. The accounts of the year have been audited by Mr. E. B. Dawson, Agent of the Branch Bank, Negapatam, and have been reported to be correct and properly vouched for. The fee paid to the Auditor was Rupees 150. The suggestions of the Auditor will be attended to.

28. *General Observations.*—The general health of the town during the year was fair. Cholera, small-pox, and fever prevailed to a moderate extent at certain seasons and were properly attended to.

29. The report on the sanitation of the town submitted under G.O., No. 264, dated 9th March 1874, is subjoined to this as therein required.

"I have the honor to submit my annual report on the sanitation of this town for the calendar year 1877 together with the usual abstract statements of receipts and expenditure and the vaccination return.

"One thousand, three hundred, and eighty-nine births and 2220 deaths were registered during the year against 1406 and 1589, respectively, in the previous year. Cholera and small-pox prevailed as epidemic almost throughout the year, the deaths being 257 from the former and 243 from the latter; there were also 328 deaths from fever and 506 from bowel-complaints. The increased death-rates under these heads were partially owing to many of the famine-stricken poor from other districts flocking into the town.

"A statement detailing the outlay on works of sanitation is herewith forwarded.

"Certain portions of some of the principal roads being very narrow for free traffic, the Commissioners extended the roads, and the amount spent on the purchase of lands required for the purpose was Rupees 223.

"Latrines.—Two more latrines for males and females were erected in the lane to the east of Govindappa Agrararam as it was sadly in want of one, besides the existing old ones were thoroughly repaired and tarred.

"A well with pavement all around was erected in the bed of Aye Tank to be reserved for drinking purposes during summer, when the tank gets almost dry.

"The other items detailed in the statement being either completion of, or repairs done to, works alluded to in my last year's report, I think that any further explanation is hardly necessary.

"In conclusion, I beg to state that the health of the town was, on the whole, fair, and much attention was paid to its cleanliness."

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From MOHOMED RUZZA SAHIB, Deputy Inspector of Mahomedan Schools, to the Acting Inspector of Schools, 5th Division, dated Madras, 7th December 1877, No. 238.

I have the honor to acquaint you that I accordingly inspected on the 3rd instant the Combaconum Municipal Elementary School, and to state that it contains two classes of fourteen and thirteen pupils respectively (most of them being Lubbay boys). The highest-class students have been reading the Koran with two little easy Hindustani books, viz., Talinnama and Hikaeth Lateefa, wherein the result has been a downright failure; the master urges that almost all the boys prefer Tamil. In Arithmetic I have given three simple sums in four simple rules, but all have failed. The second-class boys were all beginners.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

1877-78.

MEDICAL REPORT on the Municipal Branch Civil Dispensary, Combaconum, for the Official Year ending 31st March 1878.

This institution was opened on the 1st June 1876 for out-patients only. The number treated during the official year 1877-78 under report was 6500, of which 16 were Europeans. The average daily attendance of natives was 734 and that of Europeans and Eurasians 1. The principal diseases were fevers; rheumatism; syphilitic affections; diseases of the ear, stomach, and bowels; cutaneous affections; abscesses and boils; wounds and injuries. Small-pox and measles have been prevailing in the town. They were all of an ordinary nature and readily yielded to treatment.

2. The number of deaths was fifty-four, of which forty-nine were from cholera, one from dysentery, one from diarrhoea, one from intus-susception, one from hepatitis, and one from ascites. The dispensary is occupied in a building called a dome, rented by the Municipality.

3. This institution is entirely supported from contribution from the Municipality. The only other source of income is from sale of medicines, which is shown in the Financial Statement. It appears from the Financial Statement given by the Municipality that the European medicines supplied from the Medical Stores have not been paid.

COMBACONUM,
20th June 1878.

(Signed)

W. P. TEROOMALIAH NAIDOO,
Pensioned First-class Hospital Assistant,
In medical charge.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT of the Civil Dispensary, Combaconum, 1877-78.

There was but little change in the climate during the past official year. The rainfall for the year was 52.65 inches, being 28.39 inches in excess of the previous year. The maximum temperature was 96° in the months of May, June, and July; the minimum was 73 in January.

2. The freshes in the rivers came down in June and kept up steadily, excepting for the first two or three months, when it fell rather low, and the paddy crops lying to the east suffered from want of water.

3. The north-east monsoon, which set in about the middle of October, continued with very little intermission up to December 18th. The rainfall was accompanied with occasional thunder and lightning, especially in November. There was much thundering and lightning on the afternoon of the 19th March, but no rain although there was every appearance of a good downpour.

4. Owing to the large demands in the famine districts, the common necessities of life were sold at much above the ordinary rates. Rice, which is the staple article of food hereabouts, was sold as much as two and three times more than its original value. The yield in the crops, both dry and wet, was below the average owing to the failure in the rivers during the first freshes and to the excessive and continuous rain during the monsoons.

5. The health of the town was much the same as in the previous year. The diseases most prevalent amongst the natives with the number of deaths are given in the following table. Amongst the Europeans and East Indians, with one exception of a case of typhus fever, the diseases were generally of an ordinary nature, such as catarrh, dyspepsia, and constipation. There were no deaths.

Diseases.	1877-78.		Diseases.	1877-78.	
	In-patients.	Out-patients.		In-patients.	Out-patients.
	A.	D.		A.	D.
Fever.. ..	26	4	Diarrhoea	55	34
Rheumatic affection..	20	0	Worms	..	..
Syphilitic do. ..	18	0	Gonorrhoea and its complications.	16	0
Anæmia	7	1	Abscesses, boils, &c..	21	1
Ophthalmia	1	0	Skin diseases	28	0
Inflammation, external	..	..	Ulcers	22	0
meatus.	4	1	Poisons and poisonous wounds.	3	1
Respiratory affection.	14	6	Injuries	79	6
Dysentery	..	..			

6. Cholera and small-pox prevailed almost throughout the year, with short intervals of cessation in the former, in the months of April, May, September, November, and March; the last case reported was on the 2nd March. Most of the cases occurred in the southern side of the town; on the northern side the epidemic was confined principally to the central and western portions; a few cases also to the north of the Cauvery river near the bridge.

7. The severity of the small-pox epidemic was most marked during the hot months.

8. The death-rates were from cholera 7.025 and small-pox 4.499 per mille of the population.

9. Malarious fevers as usual were most prevalent after the setting in of the monsoons and generally continues up to February and March, or until the heavy dews cease.

10. The total of cases treated at the institution during the year was 6715 including all classes, giving an increase of 377 against the previous year. Of the total treated 39 were Europeans and East Indians and 6676 were natives. All the increase is amongst the latter, while the former shows a falling off of 18, due probably to the diminished number of residents in the town of these classes and to the Branch Dispensary being more conveniently situated for some.

11. The average daily attendance was—Europeans and East Indians, in-patients 34, out-patients 63; natives, in-patients 26.708, out-patients 69.62.

12. The mortality amongst the natives were in-patients sixty-seven, out-patients twelve.

13. The causes of the mortality amongst the in-patients were from small-pox one, febris int. one, febris int. c anasarea one, febris remit. two, cholera six, anæmia c anasarea one, general dropsy two, phthisis pulmon one, diarrhœa twenty-one, diarrhœa c anasarea thirteen, dysentery six, intussusceptio one, pneumonia one, gangrene penis and scroti one, burns two, concussion brain one, venenatio arsenic one, abscess one, multiple injury one, amputation leg for compound fracture c, dislocation of ankle one, fracture compound c, dislocation ankle c, subsequent tetanus one; amongst the out-patients, cholera eight, dyspepsia one, prolapse recti one, intussusceptia one, asphyxia from drown one.

14. Of the in-patient casualties forty occurred amongst people from the famine districts and a few others from other neighboring taluks and the Trichinopoly District bordering (Wodiar-palam).

15. The following statement shows the admissions of the various castes amongst the in and out-patients separately; amongst Hindus are included twenty-eight Brahmin males and five females:—

Castes.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Europeans .. (In-patients)				
.. .. . (Out- do.)	2	1	2	5
East Indians .. (In- do.)	3	1		4
.. .. . (Out- do.)	8	13	5	26
Hindus (In- do.)	230	108	36	374
.. .. . (Out- do.)	3,030	1,179	1,545	5,754
Mahomedans .. (In- do.)	14	1		15
.. .. . (Out- do.)	47	14	20	81
Native Christians .. (In- do.)	12	6	2	20
.. .. . (Out- do.)	101	83	118	302

16. Of the total number of in-patient admissions 101 dieted themselves.

17. The operations consisted of six major and seventy-four minor, exclusive of abscess, boils, &c. One death occurred in a case of amputation of right leg for compound dislocation of the ankle with fracture of astragalus.

18. The native midwife attached to the Municipality attended to fifty cases during the year, both in and out of hospital, as follows:—

	In Hospital.	Out of Hospital.
Natural labor		
.. .. . (Tediuous do.)	3	22
.. .. . (Laborious do.)		14
.. .. . (Preternatural)		3
.. .. . (Breech)		2
.. .. . (Hand (cross birth twins))		1
.. .. . (Premature)		2
.. .. . (Miscarriage)		1
.. .. . (Abortion)	2	

19. Vaccination.—During the year 149 cases were vaccinated by the Medical Pupils attached to the dispensary, the Hospital Assistant, and myself; of these, 102 were successful, 32 unsuccessful, and 15 unknown.

20. There was an increase of forty-six in the number vaccinated as compared with the previous year.

21. The Municipal vaccinator operated on 1022 cases; 791 of those were successful, 89 unsuccessful, and 142 unknown. There was a falling off in the numbers, being less than the preceding year by 360. This falling off may perhaps be attributed to the objection of the people to vaccinate during the prevalence of small-pox and other exanthematous diseases, the old prejudices regarding the goddess Mariatha being revived at the time. The vaccinator, moreover, was at one time ailing, when no doubt his work must have fallen back.

22. The work of the vaccinator is superintended by the Deputy Inspector of the Circle.

23. The financial condition of the institution continues the same. The total income was Rupees 6,912-3-9 and the expenditure the same, so that the balance is the same as in the previous year, viz., Rupees 20,000. It will, however, be noticed that the interest on the investments is not included in the income as the amount was only received in the current year, so also there are one or two other items which ought to have been received during the year, such as dieting of famine patients, &c. Amongst the items of expenditure also there are one or two which ought

to have been paid during the year, but is carried over to the next—payments for medicines for instance (see statement of Branch Dispensary). Such state of things will never, I fear, give a correct account of actual income and expenditure for each year under report.

24. The dispensary buildings are the property of the Municipality and are kept in good repair, excepting the male wards and the bath-room attached; these require thorough repairs, in fact a fresh roofing altogether.

No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1878, No. 1967.

In the following abstract the receipts and expenditure of the Combaconum Municipality in the year 1877-78 are contrasted with the actuals of the preceding year and the Budget of the year under report:—

RECEIPTS.	Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	9,713	7,000	8,740
Rates on Houses and Lands	13,233	14,000	1,669
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	1,926	1,800	4,310
Tolls	19,070	1,300	1,037
Licenses	1,205	150	144
Assignments by Government	92	2,000	2,000
Contribution from Local Funds	2,000	600	1,226
Fines and Fees	932	1,550	1,568
Endowments	2,613	1,320	1,884
Miscellaneous	1,474		464
Advances recoverable	302		
Total	52,560	39,720	36,373

CHARGES.	Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			3
New Works—			
Communications	1,452	2,460	255
Buildings	7,761		471
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	721		
Repairs—			
Communications	4,712	6,142	3,803
Buildings	945		591
Establishment	975	840	840
Tools and Plant	45	100	5
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	2,663	3,806	2,839
Results Grants	395	300	246
Inspection (Contribution)	70	70	70
Miscellaneous	443	400	471
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	7,735	6,974	7,203
Vaccination	279	335	282
Registration of Births and Deaths	192	233	200
Conservancy	9,362	11,472	9,532
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	2,372	2,604	1,778
Travellers' Bungalow	104	132	124
Avenues and Watering Roads	267	270	260
Miscellaneous	697	654	2,153
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	2,630	2,928	2,881
Balances	8,740		2,366
Total	52,560	39,720	36,373

the amount was subsequently recovered from Government. The total number of patients treated in this and in the Branch Hospital was 13,215 against 11,591 in 1876-77.

7. The Vaccinator's work was not satisfactory, the number of persons vaccinated having fallen from 1,382 to 1,022. As compared with the outturn of previous years the work is still more unsatisfactory. The attention of the Sanitary Commissioner will be drawn to the President's remarks regarding the Vaccinator. The Government note that the President is alive to the importance of infusing more vigor into the working of this department.

9. The registration of births and deaths showed the following results:—

	Births.	Deaths.
.....	1,358	1,624
1876-77	1,419	2,273
1877-78		

There were 609 deaths from cholera and small-pox.

10. The Auditor's report brings to light defects and inaccuracies which the Commissioners should arrange to guard against in future.

(True Extract.)

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Gomulamphe

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

By, Secy, &c., &c.

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