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23rd November 1878, No. 2081.

Municipal—Reports.

Read the following paper :—

No. 125. *From W. P. AUSTIN, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore, dated 4th September* 1878, *No.* 199.

I have the honor to submit the annual accounts of the Vellore Municipality for 1877-78. They were audited by the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury of this district. They are nine in number, and are accompanied with a copy of the Auditor's report and the reports of the Medical Officer in charge of the Civil Dispensary and of the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination at this station.

2. The actual income of the previous year exclusive of the opening balance was Rupees 40,009-15-5. That estimated for the year under report amounted to Rupees 36,521, while the demand actually assessed was Rupees 43,749-1-5. Of this amount Rupees 34,241-11-6 were collected within the year. The balance, Rupees 9,507-5-11, are due by the Toll, Market, and Bandystand Contractors; but, as they pretended to have sustained losses and to be unable to pay their arrears, the amount they deposited as security was confiscated and suits have been filed against them for the recovery of balance.

3. The amount estimated for expenditure was Rupees 32,327, but that actually spent was Rupees 36,273-3-4.

4. The causes of the variations between the estimate and the actuals of the year under review being all explained in Statement VI-B they are not repeated here.

5. The health of the town was far from good. More than 6,000 persons were afflicted with diseases, and 2,709 of them died.

6. The number of births and deaths in this and the preceding year are shown below :—

	1876-77.	1877-78.
Births	1,241	778
Deaths	1,274	2,709

7. Deaths occurred from the following causes :—

Cholera	586
Smallpox	105
Fever	321
Bowel-complaint	613
All other Causes	1,084
Total ..	2,709

8. The following statement shows the number of persons vaccinated in this and the preceding year:—

—	Number of cases.	Result. Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Doubtful.	Unknown.	Amount of Batta paid.
						RS. A. P.
1876-77.						
Vaccinated by Municipal Vaccinators, two in number	2,438	2,331	54	..	53	317 0 0
Vaccinated by Medical Subordinates ..	749	633	55	..	61	121 8 0
Total ..	3,187	2,964	109	..	114	438 8 0
1877-78.						
Vaccinated by Municipel Vaccinators, two in number	8,192	8,191	1	..	..	169 2 0
Vaccinated by Medical Subordinates ..	76	71	5	..	..	..
Total ..	8,268	8,262	6	..	..	169 2 0

9. The number of patients treated in the Civil Dispensary was 2,977 in-patients and 7,266 out-patients against 750 in and 7,182 out-patients in the preceding year.

10. The number and other particulars of Municipal Schools are shown in Statement V.

11. The roads and streets in the town were kept in good order, and conservancy and sanitary works were carefully attended to.

12. Lungerkhana and the Civil Dispensary were the only institutions that remained under the control of the Commissioners during the year 1877-78.

No. 368.

True copy submitted to Government with enclosures.

CHITTOOR,
22nd October 1878.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL,
for *President.*

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

CONCISE ANNUAL REPORT on the CIVIL DISPENSARY at VELLORE for the Year 1877-78.

1. No Meteorological instruments kept.

2. Crops have been scanty and food-grains consequently dear.

3. The principal diseases that have come under treatment at the Civil Dispensary during the year 1877-78 have been—

Diarrhœa	553	with 306 deaths as in-patients.
„	402	as out-patients. No deaths recorded.

Dropsy	502	with 234 deaths being in-patients.
„	118	out-patients with no deaths recorded.
Dysentery	475	with 192 deaths as in-patients.
„	192	out-patients. No deaths recorded.
Ulcer	223	with eighteen deaths as in-patients.
„	1,013	out-patients. No deaths.
Cholera	162	in-patients with eighty-eight deaths.
„	521	out-patients with 264 deaths.
Ague	120	in-patients with five deaths.
„	1,015	out-patients. No deaths.
Abscess	85	in-patients. Four deaths.
„	819	out-patients. No deaths.
Syphilis, Primary ..	63	in-patients. One death.
„ „ ..	64	out-patients. No deaths.
Gonorrhœa	27	in-patients and 33 out-patients.
Leprosy	25	in-patients. Three deaths.
„	41	out-patients. No deaths.
Rheumatism ..	21	in-patients. Two deaths.
„	256	out-patients. No death.
Smallpox	15	in-patients. Four deaths, and no out-patients.
Wounds and injuries	462	in-patients with two deaths.
„ „	119	out-patients. No deaths recorded.
All other Diseases ..	1,272	out-patients with no deaths recorded.

4. Cholera and smallpox were epidemic up to September 1877.

5. Cases of diarrhœa, dysentery, and dropsy may be assigned to famine influence, which influence is existing still.

The European community formed a small portion of the patients at the Civil Hospital, seven being treated as in-patients with two deaths 295 as out-patients with four deaths during the past year, while during the same portion of time 2,977 natives were treated as in-patients and 7,266 as out-patients.

The average daily sick—

European ..	In	·58
	Out	1·4
Natives ..	In	116·94
	Out	34·49

The percentage of deaths from cholera to treated was 54·93 in-patients and 50·76 out-patients.

This shows a high percentage of mortality, but it must be borne in mind that the year under review has been a very exceptional one, and that famine and privation have been important factors in the causation of disease and death.

6. The working of the Dispensary has been considered satisfactory. There has been a large increase of in-patients principally due to the causes above noted no doubt still the increase is the presumptive evidence of confidence.

Vaccination has been carried on by the medical subordinates in town and elsewhere by the Municipal Vaccinators.

7. The financial condition of the institution may be considered good, as all deficiencies are met by the Municipality.

VELLORE,
1st *April* 1878.

(Signed) J. E. DICKINSON, Surgeon-Major, I.M.D.,
Acting Civil Surgeon.

No. 126. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1878, No. 2081.

In the annexed abstract the receipts and expenditure of the Vellore Municipality for 1877-78 are compared with the estimates for that year and the actuals for 1876-77:—

RECEIPTS.

	Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	5,956	806	3,557
Rates on Houses and Lands	5,926	6,500	6,147
Taxes on Arts	..	5,000	3,665
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	1,987	2,000	1,834
Registration of Carts	947	1,000	827
Tolls	15,400	7,500	8,587
Licenses	177	120	231
Assignments by Government	1,840	1,147	1,158
Contribution from Local Funds	750	750	750
Fines and Fees	575	200	1,040
Endowments	6,901	6,862	6,758
Miscellaneous	5,506	5,442	3,244
Total ..	45,965	37,327	37,798

CHARGES.

GRANT I.	Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works—			
Communications			
Buildings	522	..	112
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	..	..	343
Repairs—	163	..	72
Communications			
Buildings	2,926	2,850	3,678
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	485	..	465
Establishment	1,995	610	14[illegible]
Tools and Plant	63	100	[illegible]
Contributions to Local Funds	..	..	81[illegible]
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	931	1,184	1,166
Results Grants	1,044	1,200	937
Inspection (Contribution)	..	180	180
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	4,255	4,288	3,796
Vaccination	557	440	427
Registration of Births and Deaths	360	360	390
Conservancy	10,931	9,462	10,162
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	2,247	2,840	3,951
Markets	296	308	338
Choultries	11,023	4,256	4,508
Miscellaneous	406	412	386
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	3,134	2,745	3,287
Refunds	45	..	..
Balances carried forward	3,557	5,000	1,525
Total ..	45,965	37,327	37,798

2. The report of the Vice-President is most meagre and unsatisfactory, and is forwarded by the President without even a covering letter.

3. The accounts submitted are correctly prepared. They show that Rupees 6,376* were appropriated from the funded capital of the Civil Dispensary and the Lungerkhana to meet the current expenditure of these institutions, and that no

	RS.
* For the Civil Dispensary	2,200
For the Lungerkhana	4,176

portion of the Toll revenue was paid to Local Funds. The necessity for drawing on funded capital for incurring ordinary expenditure should have been explained, and no portion of such funds should have been expended without the special sanction of Government. It is observed that the "Endowment Receipts" were within the Budget Estimate, but it was not explained when the Budget was submitted that any portion of the capital of the endowed institutions would be drawn upon for their maintenance during the year. The reason for not paying to the Local Fund Board their share of the Tolls revenue is unexplained. The President will report on the above points without delay.

4. The receipts amounted to Rupees 34,241 against an estimate of Rupees 36,521 and an actual in 1876-77 of Rupees 40,009. The decrease as compared with the estimate is due partly to smaller collections under the various items of taxation, excepting Tolls, owing chiefly to difficulties caused by the famine; and partly to the failure of the market and bandystand contractors to pay the arrears of rent due by them. In 1876-77 the Tolls realized nearly double the amount estimated for the year under review, and this accounts for the revenue of that year exceeding so largely that of the subsequent one notwithstanding the non-levy in that year of the Profession Tax. Nearly five times the revenue estimated under fines was realised during the year. The increase under Tolls above the estimate was nominal as above explained.

5. Statement IV shows that the uncollected arrears amounted at the end of the year to Rupees 11,072, of which only Rupees 162-4-0 related to 1876-77 and previous years; and that the rest was in the proportion noted in the margin. It is reported that after the close of the year all but 694 Rupees of the arrears of Profession Tax were collected.

	Percentage of Demand.
House Tax	25·1
Tax on Arts	32·6
Tolls	46·5

6. The Government observe that no revenue is derived from land. The President will explain why no rate is imposed on land in Vellore, while a rate of 5 per cent. is levied on house property.

7. The expenditure aggregated Rupees 36,273 against Rupees 32,327 estimated. The distribution of this amount under the various grants and the proportion of unspent balance at the close of the year were as noted below:—

	Per cent.
Grant I.—Public Works	17·8
„ II.—Education	6·1
„ III.—Hospitals, &c.	39·1
„ IV.—Miscellaneous Purposes	24·3
„ V.—Supervision	8·7
Balance carried forward	4·0

8. The excess expenditure on works over the Budget grant is explained in Statement VI-B as having become unavoidably necessary. It was incurred chiefly on petty new works such as Bridges, Tunnels, and School-buildings and on more extensive repairs than those originally sanctioned in the Budget. Had the Supplemental Budget ordered in G.O., 8th March 1877, No. 867, Financial, been submitted there would have been no necessity for undertaking any works without previous sanction. The sum of Rupees 813 shown as contribution to Local Funds appears by the note to Statement II to be on account of the repairs of the road to the Railway Station.

9. There were altogether four schools maintained by the Municipality. Of these the Cusba School was newly opened during the year, and the attendance is given at seventy-seven. In the other three schools the attendance rose from 137 to 221; while the net cost per pupil at all the schools fell from Rupees 5-7-11 to Rupees 2-12-4. The reason assigned for the decrease in the amount of Results Grants is not intelligible. The entries against "Miscellaneous" in Statement V require explanation.

10. The Hospital and Civil Dispensary appears to have done good work among the numerous applicants for relief during a year of drought and disease. There were 2,977 in and 7,266 out patients treated against 750 and 7,182 respectively in the

previous year. Vaccination is reported to have made good progress, the number of operations was 8,268 against 3,187 in 1876-77.

The births and deaths registered were 778 and 2,709 against 1,241 and 1,274 in 1876-77.

11. The Conservancy of the town, judging from the expenditure, seems to have been well attended to, but it should receive full notice in the annual report. The increase in Lighting charges is ascribed to the rise in the price of oil and the large expenditure in connection with the Lungerkhana was incurred mainly in feeding travellers. On the whole the administration of the Municipality does not appear to have been very satisfactory or vigorous. The Government direct that a full report be submitted on the operations of the current year.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore.
" 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 Boards, Vellore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Vellore,

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