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Municipal—Reports.

Read the following paper :—

No. 154. *From C. VENKATAKISTNA MUDALIAR, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajapet, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, North Arcot, dated 9th October 1878, No. 38.*

I have the honor to submit the annual accounts of the Municipality for 1877-78 which were audited by the Deputy Accountant of the Collector's Office, North Arcot, and found correct, as per his report herewith enclosed.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

2. The amount actually collected during the year was Rupees 8,872-10-8 exclusive of deposits from contractors and of rates remaining uncollected by reason of difficulties incidental to the continuance of the drought. The amount actually expended was Rupees 9,107-9-8 inclusive of the repayment of a debt of Rupees 314-5-5 on account of last year, advances to be recovered amounting to Rupees 84-6-5, and of rates refunded to owners of vacant houses, Rupees 27-3-11, showing an expenditure over receipts of Rupees 234-15-0 which had to be borrowed from Deposit Account and other indispensable charges. The balance under Deposits was Rupees 1,130-9-9 exclusive of sum lent to current account, Rupees 234-15-0; the amount which remained unspent on relief works having been spent on the projects stated under "New Works and Repairs."

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

RECEIPTS.		Budget.	Actuals.
		RS.	RS.
Rates and Taxes—			
Rates on Houses, &c.		2,285	1,323
Taxes on Professions, &c.		2,040	1,672
" Vehicles		60	60
" Animals		250	209
Registration of Carts		650	590
Tolls		3,900	3,651
License Fees		140	137
Communications		225	225
Surplus Pound Fund		35	31
Fines and Fees, &c.		234	144
Fees in Schools and Training Institutions		150	167
Rents of Houses—			
Gardens and Markets, &c.		395	393
Miscellaneous		275	212
Loans—			
Amount borrowed from Deposit Account to meet current liabilities			235
Advances Recovered		60	59
Total		10,699	9,108

EXPENDITURE.					Budget.	Actuals.
GRANT I.					RS.	RS.
New Works—						
Buildings ..	..	..	..	..	220	140
Drainage ..	..	..	..	..	25	25
Water-supply ..	..	..	..	..	279	122
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	..	470	201
Repairs—						
Communication ..	..	..	..	..	1,250	489
Water-supply ..	..	..	..	..	250	98
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	..	100	72
Other Items ..	..	..	..	..	460	358
GRANT II.						
Municipal Schools ..	..	..	..	..	912	904
Results Grants ..	..	..	..	..	100	84
Contribution to Local Funds ..	..	..	..	..	20	20
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	..	10	10
GRANT III.						
Contribution to Local Fund on account of Ranipet						
Dispensary ..	..	..	..	..	150	150
Vaccination ..	..	..	..	..	187	187
Registration ..	..	..	..	..	221	217
Conservancy ..	..	..	..	..	2,840	2,785
GRANT IV.						
Lighting ..	..	..	..	..	700	522
Market ..	..	..	..	..	56	43
Other Items ..	..	..	..	..	766	716
GRANT V.						
Office ..	..	..	..	..	1,352	1,311
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	..	48	99
Repayment of Debt ..	..	..	..	..		314
Advances Recoverable ..	..	..	..	..		84
Refunds ..	..	..	..	..		27
Total ..					10,611	9,108

4. *Health.*—The health of the town has been good during the months of September, October, and November 1877, and February and March 1878.

5. One hundred and one cases of cholera occurred during the remaining months, of which eighty-four proved fatal and seventeen recovered. This is mainly due to the failure of rains, the severity of the famine, and the prevalence of the epidemic in the surrounding parts.

6. *Births and Deaths.*—The number of births during the year was 309 against 391 in 1876-77, and of deaths 902 against 406 during the same year. Of the latter, eighty-four were from cholera against seventy-three in the preceding year.

7. *Vaccination.*—The total number vaccinated was 602 against 216 in 1876-77. Of these, 23 were of persons under one year of age against 42 in the preceding year, and 579 above one year against 174 during the same year. In the former case 21 were successful and 2 unsuccessful, and in the latter 491 successful, 18 unsuccessful, and the result of 70 not known. One hundred and thirty-nine pauper children against a hundred in the preceding year, who offered themselves for vaccination, received batta in the shape of a measure of rice each.

8. *Tolls.*—During the year the toll contractor failed to fulfil the terms of his contract, and had it not been for timely precautions the Municipality would have sustained loss. The circumstances connected with the failure are briefly these:—from the commencement of the contract the contractor was very irregular in the payment of his kist. He was frequently warned to be punctual, and lastly fined, but to no

purpose; for he not only put off the payment of the fine but ceased sending his kist and would not show himself when sent for, though he had in the mean time collected tolls for twenty-one days without, as he should have done, paying his kist in advance on the 1st of the month. Great leniency was shown to him throughout by reason of adverse season which, in the opinion of the Commissioners, tended, as experience subsequently proved, to benefit him to a great extent during the early part of his contract, when an unprecedented grain traffic found its way exclusively by bandy route instead of by rail. From rough data kept, in view to test the veracity of an application put in by him at the time for remission on the score of famine, it appeared that not less than 651 laden and 162 empty bandies passed along the Great Western Trunk Road alone between the 23rd and 27th July last, yielding an income of Rupees 137-4-0, to say nothing of the receipts from the other gateways. This being the case the Commissioners, as the last resort left, resolved to put an end to his contract, subject to the terms and conditions of his agreement, and in pursuance of such resolution required him by notice to hand over the management of the collections to the Municipality. To this he turned a deaf ear. He refused to acknowledge receipt of the notice, and in view to prevent the Commissioners from taking immediate action in the matter he disappeared from the place. The Commissioners in consequence had no alternative left but to deal with the toll collectors direct, and take the levy of tolls under departmental management. After this had been done the contractor turned up and tendered his kist, with the request that the cancelled contract might be restored. The Commissioners, under the circumstances stated, declined to accede to his request. The arrears unpaid has therefore been made good from the deposit lodged by him, and the collections made by departmental agency held in deposit, pending the settlement of liabilities and adjustment of the accounts.

NEW WORKS AND REPAIRS.

9. *Roads and Streets.*—During the year all the petty roads in the town were repaired and the great portion of it was re-metalled.

10. *Ponds and Wells.*—The following ponds were cleared of silt, deepened, and repaired during the year:—

1. Agambraiswaraswamy's drinking water pond.
2. Royjee's " "
3. Gramany's washing " "

11. Three wells in Suvarna Chetty, Konsety, and Ooppucar Streets, and two wells in Sugavasee Muttappa Madali Street were deepened and repaired. A well in Suvarna Chetty Street was ripped up, rivetted with stone, and repaired. The construction of two wells in Boojunga Row and Wudder Streets was brought to a completion during the year. The slaughter-house well project has come to a stand-still owing to the rocky nature of the soil below. Trial wells are therefore being sunk in other parts which it is hoped will prove a success.

12. To meet the wants of the inhabitants in the southern end of the town, where spring water is scarce, a new well was sunk in Tiruvattoor Oothaiwadai Street at Municipal expense, and the Commissioners are glad to say that the experiment has proved a success. It contained 2½ feet of pure spring water during the very driest part of the year. The project is now under construction as relief work, as stated in the following paragraph:—

Relief Works.—The following is a list of the works improved under this head:—

- (1) Deepening of thirty-five minor street wells.
- (2) " and widening of Venayaga Chetty's drinking water pond.
- (3) " of Nanjundappa's " "
- (4) " of Moniagar's " "
- (5) " of Padavattemen's " "
- (6) " of Wallaja Thongul.
- (7) " of Karingal "

- (8) Deepening of Park Well at Cauverypanck gate (still in progress).
 (9) " widening, and construction of new well in Oothaiwadai Street, referred to in the preceding paragraph.
 (10) " widening, and construction of new well at Ranipet gate, referred to in the report for 1875-76 under "Roads and Streets."

The construction of the two latter works is in progress.

14. *Drains*.—The unfinished portion of the two-vent drain in Bourn Chetty Street was completed during the year.

15. *Lighting*.—For want of funds during the year only twenty-nine instead of thirty-nine street lamps were lighted with kerosene-oil in important parts of the town.

16. *Latrines*.—All the latrines in the town were cleaned and tarred during the year. Cinerators were also built to seven latrines in the town preparatory to the introduction of the Coimbatore system of conservancy.

17. *Pasture Land*.—The trench south of the town was to some extent levelled and prepared for the growth of grass to feed Municipal scavenger bullocks.

18. *Conservancy*.—During the year the conservancy of the town was effected under contract system. The adoption of the Coimbatore system of conservancy was held in abeyance owing to the adverse nature of the season, and the high prices at which grass and straw were sold during the greater part of the year.

19. *Cart-stand*.—The sheds at the cart-stand were repaired and granite pillars substituted for wooden posts, and preparations made to cover the well at this place with wooden shutters, &c., as suggested by you in your letter, No. 69, dated 14th March 1877.

20. *Compound Walls*.—Compound walls coped with ~~ing the streets~~ were raised to ~~fe~~

21. *Noxious Vegetation*.—The backyards of forty-two houses were cleared of rank vegetation.

22. *Prickly-pear*.—Five thousand one hundred and six square yards of prickly-pear were removed and interred during the year. Of these, 4,774 square yards were from private property at the expense of the owners concerned.

23. *Planting Trees*.—Sixty-two new trees were planted during the year in the Trunk Road and near Benayaga Chetty's drinking water pond.

24. *Whitewashing*.—All the occupied houses in the town were whitewashed and otherwise cleaned during the year.

25. *Belfry*.—During the year the unfinished portion of the belfry was completed, and a bell cast to be fixed to it.

26. *Park Gateways*.—Gates were put up to the two parks in the town.

27. *Markets*.—The two markets and other Municipal buildings were white-washed during the year.

28. *Dogs*.—One hundred and sixty-two dogs were killed during the year.

29. *Appeals*.—There were 172 appeals received during the year against Trade Tax. Of these the taxes of eighty-one appeals were confirmed, fifty-three reduced, four remitted, dismissing eleven appeals for default of the appellants after due notice, and leaving twenty-three unheard owing to the absence of the appellants.

EDUCATION.

30. Subjoined is a succinct report on the progress of education in the Municipal Schools during the year as received from the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Chittur Circle.

On this the Commissioners have no observations to make, except that better buildings are not available in the town suited for school purposes:—

"(a.) The following table compares the number and attendance of the schools at the beginning and close of the year under report:—

Schools.	ON THE 31ST MARCH 1877.		ON THE 31ST MARCH 1878.	
	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.
Municipal Schools	2	124	2	194
Result Grant Schools	..	..	2	49
Total	2	124	4	243

"(b.) From the above table it will be perceived that the number of Municipal Schools remained unaltered, while their attendance increased by seventy. For want of funds there were no Result Schools aided from Municipal Funds during the year previous to the last.

"An amount of Rupees 100 was allotted for Result Grant during the year under report; consequently two indigenous schools were aided on the result system. Thus there were within the Municipality, at the close of the year under review, four schools with an attendance of 243 pupils, against two schools with an aggregate attendance of 124 pupils at its commencement.

"(c.) Of the four schools mentioned above, two are entirely maintained from Municipal Funds and are termed Municipal Schools. The other two are indigenous schools aided from Municipal Funds on the result system.

"(d.) They are located in the eastern and western parts of the town and are called Easternpet and Westernpet Municipal Schools. They are held in rented houses ill-suited for schools. A uniform fee of two annas was being collected from the pupils, but now on account of famine a graduated fee of one and two annas was introduced in the early part of the year. Two vernaculars—Tamil and Telugu—are taught in each of these. They were once visited by the Acting Inspector in September last, when prizes were distributed to the deserving lads. They were subsequently twice inspected by Sama Row (the late Deputy Inspector of Schools, Chittur Circle). On all these occasions the schools produced satisfactory results. These form good feeders to the Anglo-Vernacular School at the station.

"(e.) It will be noticed from the following table, which compares the attendance of these schools at the end of the last four years, that the strength was doubled since 1874-75:—

Schools.	NUMBER OF PUPILS ON THE 31ST MARCH			
	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Easternpet Municipal School	49	66	62	100
Westernpet do.	58	56	62	94

"(f.) The subjoined statement shows the establishment connected with each school and its net cost to the Municipality:—

Schools.	Names of Masters.	Designation.	Monthly Salary.	Amount drawn from Municipal Fund.	Amount credited to Municipal Fund.	Net Cost to Municipality.
Easternpet Municipal School.	Rungiengar	Head Master.	RS. 14	RS. A. P. 437 11 8	RS. A. P. 87 3 0	RS. A. P. 350 8 8
	Gopaul Row	2nd Master.	9			
	Comarasami	3rd do.	8			
	Mudali.					
	Peon		3			
Westernpet Municipal School.	Contingencies		2	RS. A. P. 475 7 6	RS. A. P. 79 7 0	RS. A. P. 396 0 6
	Kanica Cholla	Head Master.	15			
	Pillai.					
	Narayanasami	2nd do.	10			
	Mudali.					
	Virasami Naik	3rd do.	9			
	Peon		3			
	Contingencies		2			

"(g.) Result Grant Schools.—During the year under report there were two schools preparing for result grant (Raghaviah's School and Jangum Chetty Street School) within the Wallajapet Municipality. They contained twenty-nine and twenty pupils respectively on the 31st March 1878. Both these schools were inspected by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Chittur Circle, and received Rupees 60-8-0 and 23-8-0 respectively as grant. Thus the amount of result grant sanctioned and drawn during the year was Rupees 83-8-0 out of Rupees 100 allotted for that purpose. The progress which these schools made during the last year was on the whole good."

No. 384.

True copy submitted to Government.

(Signed)

W. S. WHITESIDE,

President of the Municipal
Commission, Wallajapet.CHITTUR,
30th October 1878.

No. 155.

ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1878, No. 2105.

The financial transactions of the Wallajapet Municipality during 1877-78 are briefly shown in the annexed comparative abstract:—

RECEIPTS.

	Actuals, 1876-77	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward			
Rates on Houses and Lands	1,880	2,285	1,323
Taxes on Arts		2,040	1,672
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	360	310	269
Registration of Carts	605	650	590
Tolls	2,907	3,900	3,651
Licences	146	140	137
Assignments by Government	254	260	256
Fines and Fees	273	234	144
Miscellaneous	627	820	772
Loans	314		235
Advances Recoverable	55	60	59
Total	7,421	10,699	9,108

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Buildings	138	994	140
Sanitary and Miscellaneous			348
Repairs—			
Communications	316	1,250	489
Buildings	46		
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	62	350	169
Establishment	120	360	338
Tools and Plant	25	100	20
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	842	912	904
Results Grants		100	84
Inspection (Contribution)	10	20	20
Miscellaneous	6	10	9
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	150	150	150
Vaccination	145	187	187
Registration of Births and Deaths	196	221	218
Conservancy	2,683	2,840	2,785
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	655	700	522
Markets	40	56	48
Avenues and Watering Roads	289	136	382
Miscellaneous			
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	1,228	1,595	1,541
Repayment of Debt			314
Advances Recoverable	37		85
Refunds	40		27
Balances		88	
Total	7,421	10,699	9,108

2. The receipts aggregated Rupees 8,873 against an estimate of Rupees 10,699, and an actual of Rupees 7,107 in 1876-77. The increase as compared with the previous year is due to the reimposition in 1877-78 of the Tax on Arts and to the raising of the Tolls during the year from half to three-fourths of the rates in the schedule appended to the Towns Improvement Act. The decrease below the estimate is owing to short receipts under all items attributable chiefly to famine. The uncollected balances at the close of the year amounted to Rupees 1,422 Current, and Rupees 250 Arrears, the greater portion of which—1,000 Rupees and upwards—appertains to the House Tax and is said to be due to the defaulters having left the town in consequence of the famine.

3. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 9,108, or Rupees 235 in excess of the receipts. The deficit was, however, nominally made good by the Commissioners borrowing from the Deposit Funds in their hands. But this procedure is objectionable, and its repetition after the instructions of Government in paragraph 3 of their Order, dated 22nd November 1877, No. 2744, Financial, is reprehensible. The Commissioners should so adjust their expenditure as to bring about financial equilibrium, and to leave, if possible, a small surplus at the end of the year to meet the current expenses of the Municipality till the collections of the next year come in.

4. The receipts were expended on the various objects of the Act in the following proportions :—

Grant	I, Public Works	..	..	..	..	..	16.5
"	II, Education	..	..	..	..	..	11.2
"	III, Hospitals and Conservancy	..	..	..	..	..	36.7
"	IV, Lighting, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	14.1
"	V, Supervision	..	..	..	..	..	16.9
Repayment of Debt, Advances, &c.							4.6

5. The particulars of expenditure under Public Works show that in a year of drought the Commissioners wisely bestowed their attention on the improvement of the water-supply of the town. The relief works undertaken were in the same direction. The repair of roads appears to have received a fair share of attention. The purchase of land for pasture and cost of fencing it involved an outlay of Rupees 181. This measure although good in itself for the reason stated might, without inconvenience, have been postponed till the Municipality had funds enough to obviate the necessity of borrowing.

6. The Educational expenditure was nearly equal to the estimate, and exceeded that of the previous year by Rupees 159. The two Municipal Schools improved considerably in attendance, which rose from 124 to 194. Their progress is favorably reported on, and the cost per pupil fell from Rupees 6-15-3 to Rupees 3-12-9. Results grants amounting to Rupees 84 were paid to two schools during the year with an attendance of forty-nine boys. The Government trust that the Commissioners will devise measures for bringing under proper supervision the six other indigenous elementary schools in the town. The entry under Column 7 of Statement V of Rupees 1,146-2-11 as expenditure on Public Works appears to be an error; the amount not appearing in Statements II and II-A.

7. The health of the town was far from good during so unpropitious a year. The Dispensary, which is a small building, made an annual contribution of Rupees 150, was the only institution near the town available for affording relief to the sick. The births and deaths registered were 309 and 902 against 391 and 406 in 1876-77. The deaths by cholera amounted to 84. Vaccination showed more satisfactory results than in the previous year. There were 602 operations against only 216 in 1876-77, and the cost per head fell from Annas 10-9 to Annas 4-11. The conservancy of the town appears to have been well attended to, the expenditure under this head being 31.4 per cent. of the receipts.

8. The Lighting charges were reduced during the year to the amount necessary for lighting the more frequented parts of the town. This retrenchment was judicious under the circumstances.

9. The Government regret to observe that, notwithstanding their remarks on the report for 1876-77, the charges of supervision, far from being reduced, show an increase over the actuals of the previous year, though the amount is within the Budget provision for 1877-78. The President should try to keep the charge to within 10 per cent. of the receipts in future.

(True Extract.)

W. A. J. J.
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajapet.

- " 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, North Arcot.

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