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Municipal—Reports.

The subjoined table is an abstract of receipts and charges:—

GRANT I.—Of the expenditure under Grant I, Rupees 680 were on account of new works and Rupees 350 on account of repairs; Rupees 250 were spent on the construction of latrines, and Rupees 350 in making certain sanitary arrangements at the time of the expected visit of His Grace the Governor.

GRANT II.—Only one Municipal School was started on the 1st January 1878. The average daily attendance from this date to the end of the official year was 73 boys and 4 girls. Three masters were employed in the year.

GRANT III.—The conservancy of the town was carried on by an establishment of ten scavengers, six loties, one head scavenger, and a Nuisance Inspector.

During the year under report fifty-four persons were vaccinated. In thirty-six cases the operation was successful.

The other items do not call for any special notice.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. RAMA ROW, Acting Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Ongole, to the President, Municipal Commission, Nellore, dated Ongole, 9th November 1878, No. 157.

I have the honor to submit the Annual Report on the operations of the Municipal Commission, Ongole, during 1877-78, together with the accounts prescribed by Government and the Auditor's report.

2. The Government issued orders in their Proceedings, No. 1757, dated 30th September 1876, to introduce the Towns' Improvement Act into the Town of Ongole from 1st February 1877. But owing to the absence of a Tahsildar and the extreme pressure of work in every office on account of famine, the introduction of the Act was postponed till 1st April 1877. vide G.O., No. 165, dated 13th January 1877. The town was brought under the provisions of the Municipal Act from 1st April 1877.

3. The number of the Commissioners for the official year 1877-78 was sixteen, including the two ex-officio members, viz., Collector and Sub-Collector, and thirteen sittings were held, at which the average attendance was nine. There are no institutions attached to the Municipality.

4. As the Municipality has been introduced into Ongole since the beginning of the official year spoken of, there was no balance on hand on the 1st April 1877. The receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 5,988-2-5, exclusive of Rupees 1,123-7-2, being one-third of the collection of tolls to be credited to the Local Fund. Deducting the expenditure Rupees 4,690-7-3, there was a balance of Rupees 1,297-11-2 on 1st April 1878.

The annexed statement shows the actual receipts of the Municipality for the year as compared with the Budget Estimates:—

Rates and Taxes.		Budget.	Actuals of 1877-78.		
		RS.	RS.	A.	P.
Houses and Lands		2,348	1,977	0	0
Vehicles and Animals		670	46	8	0
Carts			308	0	0
Tolls		960	680	0	0
License, Cart-stand fees, &c. .. .		3,693	3,370	5	6
Advances recovered, &c. .. .		525	412	8	0
Miscellaneous		80	12	8	1
Loan received from the Local Fund Board .. .			4	12	0
Assignments by Government		20	300	0	0
Total		8,296	7,111	9	7
Deduct the one-third share of the collection of tolls credited to Local Fund Board .. .			1,123	7	2
			5,988	2	5

The Budget Estimate for 1877-78 was, for the first time, framed without a proper data. This is the chief cause for all the variations between the Budget Estimates and the actual receipts and expenditure. I however endeavour to explain the differences as far as possible. The total collections were less than estimated in the Budget by Rupees 1,184-6-5.

House and Land Taxes.—The collections of house and land taxes were Rupees 371 less than the estimate. The actual demand for the official year was Rupees 2,327-10-5, which is less than the Budget amount only by Rupees 20-5-7. The uncollected balance, however, has since been almost collected.

Vehicles and Animals.—There was a decrease of Rupees 315-8-0. This is owing, I believe, to the death of several cattle for want of fodder.

The collections for carts amounted to Rupees 680 against an estimate of Rupees 960. This difference is owing to the same cause of loss of cattle as assigned in the above.

Tolls.—The toll gates are managed under Amani. The receipts on this head, as shown in

		RS.	A.	P.
April 1877		634	14	6
May		457	12	0
June		317	9	0
July		330	5	0
August		258	11	6
September		127	2	6
October		136	15	6
November		179	5	0
December		318	15	6
January 1878		235	2	0
February		216	8	6
March		157	1	6

the margin, were on the decrease gradually. At the beginning of the year under report, a large quantity of rice in carts, &c., was imported into Ongole during famine from Kottapatam and other places, and consequently tolls were largely collected in a few months. Subsequently, as the famine began to disappear the demand for rice at Ongole became less. Further, the canal communication having been extended as far as Kottapatam in the latter part of the year, the inland traffic was not active. These are the two reasons for the decrease of Rupees 323 under this head.

Licenses, Cart-stand Fees, &c.—There are three cart-stands in the town of Ongole. They were given on contract for Rupees 825 for a period of one year from 26th June 1877 to 25th June 1878. The cart-stands do not appear to have been worked from the beginning of the year up to the 25th June 1877. In the contract of one year referred to above, a period of two months and twenty-five days of the following year 1878-79 has been included. A sum of Rupees 194-12-8 out of the amount of the contract is, therefore, due to the above period. After deducting this sum from the amount of the contract, the remainder, Rupees 630-3-4, belongs to the year under reference. Even this amount exceeds that of the Budget Estimate by Rupees 105-3-4. The contractor has paid Rupees 412-8-0 within the end of the official year 1877-78, and Rupees 206-4-0 subsequently. And he has to pay still Rupees 206-4-0, which will be collected shortly.

Miscellaneous.—A sum of Rupees 17-4-1 only was collected against the estimated amount of Rupees 80, as there was no collection from the sale of sweepings and from the slaughter-house, which has not been established in the town.

Assignment by Government.—The balance of cattle-pound fees, after deducting the expenditure, was not credited to the Municipal fund.

Charges.—The total charges for the year amounted to Rupees 4,690-7-3, which may be classified as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Grant I—On Public Works	1,030	0	10
Do. II—On Education	166	3	10
Do. III—Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,256	5	4
Do. IV—Lighting, markets, &c.	1,937	13	3
Do. V—Supervision and Management	300	0	0
Repayment of the debt to Local Fund Board .. .			
Total	4,690	7	3

GRANT I.—The following statement exhibits in detail the expenditure on works:—

Item.	Amount.	Total.
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
NEW WORKS.		
1. Communications—		
(a) Making the Big Bazaar road ..	216 6 2	
2. Education ..	..	
3. Sanitary and Miscellaneous—		
(a) Toll-sheds and toll-bars ..	213 10 8	
(b) Latrines ..	250 0 0	
		680 0 10
REPAIRS.		
1. Communications ..	..	
2. Education ..	..	
3. Sanitary and Miscellaneous—(a) making certain sanitary arrangements on account of the expected visit of His Grace the Governor of Madras ..	350 0 0	350 0 0
Total ..		1,030 0 10

The earth-work and gravelling of the road in question was given on contract to a private individual of the town of Ongole for the estimated amount of Rupees 865-8-7, of which Rupees 216-6-2 were paid to him in advance in March 1878.

Eight toll-sheds, three toll-bars, and five latrines were newly constructed at a cost of Rupees 463-10-8.

A sum of Rupees 350 was expended in making certain sanitary arrangements on account of the expected visit of His Grace the Governor of Madras.

GRANT II, *On Education*.—A Municipal school was set on foot on 1st January 1878 in Ongole. Three Masters on a salary of Rupees 15, 8, and 7 were appointed. The average daily attendance of the school from 1st January to the end of the official year is seventy-three boys and four girls. The present strength of the school is one hundred and thirteen boys and two girls. No school fees are being levied from them. The total expenditure amounted to Rupees 166-3-10, including the salaries of teachers, house-rent, cost of furniture and contingencies. The Local Fund Board do not contribute any amount towards the expenditure.

No results grants have been applied for, nor paid.

GRANT III, *Sanitary and Miscellaneous*.—The conservancy of the town is carried on by an establishment of ten scavengers, six toties, one head scavenger, and one Nuisance Inspector. The salary of the Nuisance Inspector was Rupees 30 per mensem up to the end of December 1877, but it was subsequently raised to Rupees 60, with a view to secure the services of a professional man to perform the duties of both an Overseer and Nuisance Inspector, and accordingly a man was appointed in January 1878. Five extra scavengers were entertained for one month on a monthly salary of Rupees 5 each during the outbreak of cholera in the Ongole town in September 1877. The total cost of the establishment is Rupees 1,177-9-4. The details are as follow:—

	RS. A. P.
Nuisance Inspector ..	362 9 4
Scavengers ..	575 0 0
Head Scavenger ..	60 0 0
Toties ..	180 0 0
	1,177 9 4
Contingencies ..	55 0 8
	1,232 10 0

VACCINATION.—The cost of this establishment is Rupees 23-11-4. One vaccinator is employed on Rupees 15 per mensem. He is to attend to the duties of a vaccinator as well as registration of births and deaths. His services were entertained in January 1878. The number of cases vaccinated during the official year is fifty-four as shown in the margin.

Thirty-six successful.
Eleven unsuccessful.
Seven unknown.

GRANT IV, *Lighting, &c.*—No lighting establishment was entertained during the official year under report.

GRANT V, *Supervision and Management*.—The cost of this establishment is Rupees 411-5-6, which consists of one manager on Rupees 20, one clerk on Rupees 15, and one peon on Rupees 5 per mensem, and that of the contingencies is Rupees 255-10-3 which are particularised below:—

	RS. A. P.
Paper, &c. ..	68 11 3
Door numbering ..	146 15 0
Cart numbering ..	10 0 0
Belts and badges ..	30 0 0
Total ..	255 10 3

Collection.—There are four toll collectors, one bill collector, and eight peons. The cost of this establishment is Rupees 765-13-10, exclusive of the contingencies, viz., Rupees 122-10-2.

An establishment, at a cost of Rupees 84-5-0, was entertained as a temporary measure for measuring houses.

The cost of the office furniture is Rupees 83-8-0, and that of paper and printing charges is Rupees 214-8-6.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1878, No. 2238.

The Receipts and Charges of the Ongole Municipality for 1877-78 are compared with the estimates in the abstract given below:—

RECEIPTS.	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
RS.	RS.	
Rates on Houses and Lands ..	2,348	1,977
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals ..	670	355
Registration of Carts ..	960	680
Tolls ..	3,693	2,247
Licenses ..	..	4 2
Assignments by Government ..	20	..
Fines and Fees ..	525	..
Miscellaneous ..	80	5
Loans ..	..	300
Advances recoverable ..	..	12
Total ..	8,296	5,988

CHARGES.	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
RS.	RS.	
GRANT I.		
New Works—		
Communications ..	1,436	216
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	850	464
Repairs—		
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	..	350
GRANT II.		
Municipal Schools ..	..	166
Salary Grants ..	600	..
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	1,320	..
Vaccination ..	180	24
Conservancy ..	1,992	1,232
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management ..	1,622	1,938
Repayment of Debt ..	..	300
Balances ..	296	1,298
Total ..	8,296	5,988

2. The Municipality was started on the 1st April 1877. To meet expenditure at the outset before the collections came in, a sum of Rupees 300 was borrowed. It was repaid within the year.

3. The receipts, excluding the loan, amounted to Rupees 5,688 against 8,296 estimated. Almost every item shows a decrease as compared with the estimate. Leaving out of consideration the fact that the Budget Estimates of the Municipality for the first year of its existence must necessarily be based on imperfect data, there were special causes at work during the year, producing results different from those which might have been anticipated. These causes affected chiefly the proceeds from tolls, and the tax on vehicles and animals. The stimulus given to grain-traffic by the famine during the earlier months of the year led during this portion of the year to large collections from tolls, but the revenue fell as the famine began to subside, and on the completion of canal communication to Kottapatam. The great mortality among cattle affected injuriously the revenue from tax on vehicles and animals. The collections from the house-rate were, however, satisfactory; a sum of Rupees 318 only remaining uncollected at the close of the year. The amount has been realised since its close. It is observed that no portion of the land-rate was realised during the year. The demand under this head was, however, very small, viz., Rupees 32-4-6 only. The amount realised from market fees, Rupees 412-8-0, is wrongly shown against licenses in Statement I, instead of under Fees and Fines, as in the estimate. No reason is assigned for not crediting to Municipal funds the Surplus Pound Fund.

4. The charges incurred from the receipts amounted to Rupees 4,390, leaving an unspent balance of Rupees 1,298 in the hands of the Commissioners at the close of the year. The expenditure was in the following proportions on the various objects:—

Grant	I.—Works	...	...	...	...	...	23-5
"	II.—Education	...	...	...	...	...	3-8
"	III.—Medical Services and Sanitation	...	...	...	...	...	28-6
"	V.—Supervision	...	...	...	...	...	44-1

5. The decrease of Rupees 1,220 in the expenditure under new communications as compared with the allotment is due to the actual advance made for a work being alone shown in the accounts, while the work was given out on contract for Rupees 865-8-7. The progress made in the execution of the work should have been stated. The particulars of expenditure under Repairs—Sanitary and Miscellaneous—have not been furnished. The omission should now be supplied.

6. The Educational charges were confined to the maintenance of a school established on 1st January 1878, in which the attendance was seventy-three boys and four girls. The Government observe from Statement V that there are four other schools in the town, with 137 boys and 55 girls. The President will impress on the Commissioners the advisability of bringing, during the current year, these schools under the Results Grants System.

7. A vaccinator was entertained in January 1878 who performed fifty-four operations within the year. The registration of births and deaths was also entrusted to him, but he had not apparently begun the work when the year closed.

8. The conservancy charges were Rupees 1,232, of which Rupees 1,178 appertained to establishment. The supervision charges were high, but they include the cost of the toll establishment, and also the stationery and printing charges, besides cost of furniture.

9. On the whole, the administration of the Municipality during the year was confined for the most part to the collection of taxes, the entertainment of establishments, and generally to putting matters in train for useful work in future. The Government note that a good beginning has been made in respect of sanitation and conservancy.

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10. The accounts are generally correctly prepared, but Statement IV should contain only items relating to house and land-rate and tolls. It is noted that the Local Fund share of the tolls is entered in Statement II as an unpaid liability, though the President mentions that it was credited to Local Funds, and though it is entered very properly as an item of receipt excluded from account in Statement I. The President will explain. In any case, the amount should not be shown in Statement II.

(True Extract.)

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To the President of the Municipal Commission, Ongole.

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" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Director of Public Instruction.
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