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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 15-8- 1873.

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No. 113. Read the following letter from J. R. DANIEL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions in Vizagapatam, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vizagapatam, 16th July 1873, No. 1058 :—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of G.O., No. 770, dated 4th ultimo, reviewing the Budget Estimates of the four Municipalities in this District for the official year 1873-74.

2. With reference to paragraph 5, calling for explanation in regard to the appointment of an Accountant on Rupees 50 per mensem, I beg to state that the appointment was not a new one. Up to 1871-72 there was an Accountant attached to the Municipality, whose pay in that year was raised to Rupees 75 per mensem. The Municipal Secretaryship falling vacant in the same year, the Accountant was made Secretary, and directed to do both the duties. The vacant post of Accountant was abolished, and in its stead a Sanitary Inspector was appointed on the same pay. This arrangement not having worked well, the Sanitary Inspector was abolished last year, the Secretary being required to do his duties, and an Accountant entertained on Rupees 50 per mensem. There is thus a decrease of Rupees 900 in the Conservancy Establishment in the current year's budget, and an increase of Rupees 600 in the supervision and general management. There is, therefore, an actual saving of Rupees 300 in the year.

3. As suggested in paragraph 8, I have requested the Commissioners of Vizianagram Municipality to take steps to carry out the views of Government regarding increased provision for lighting.

4. With reference to paragraph 11, I annex an extract from the Vice-President's letter, from which it will be seen that the Commissioners of the Bimlipatam Municipality are not disposed to take steps at present for lighting the town :—

"2. Before submitting estimates I took the opportunity of sounding the Native Commissioners on the subject of 'lighting.' They said that it did not appear to be cared for; in this small town scarcely any one is in the streets after dark. A meeting of Commissioners was held yesterday, when this subject, according to a previously circulated notice, was again taken into consideration. I myself made a proposal that Rupees 700 should be allotted to 'lighting,' but this met with no support; and it was then proposed by one Native Commissioner, and seconded by another, and carried—'That lighting in this town is not needed at present.'"

5. Adverting to paragraph 12, I beg to state that the entry of Rupees 96 in Statement II.-B, Grant I., was erroneous, and should have appeared in Grant III. under the head of "Conservancy." The expenditure under this head will then amount to Rupees 2,634-8-0, which is the total amount of items *a* and *b* under the head of 4, "Conservancy, Grant III., Statement II." Of the sum of Rupees 1,115-8-0 provided under Grant V., Statement II., for supervision and management, details for Rupees 912 are given in Statement II.-B, and the remaining sum of Rupees 203-8-0 have been entered opposite to, &c., &c., &c., for charges on account of auditing Municipal accounts, translating Municipal proceedings, and for general requirements.

6. In reference to paragraph 13, I beg to refer you to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 95, dated 23rd January 1873, recorded in G.O., dated 22nd April 1873, No. 513, where the contributions to be paid by the several Municipalities towards the cost of Inspecting Agency are shown separately. From this it will be seen that the amounts to be contributed, in 1873-74, by the Vizianagram and Bimlipatam Municipalities, are Rupees 203 and 68, respectively.

In the Vizianagram Budget the amount of contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspectorate has been erroneously entered as Rupees 160 instead of 203; this will, therefore, leave Rupees 68, and not Rupees 110, to be contributed by the Bimlipatam Municipality. The necessary corrections will be made in the accounts of the two Municipalities.

7. In reply to the latter part of paragraph 13, I have to state that the amount of Rupees 600, hitherto met from Provincial sources for the maintenance of the dispensary therein alluded to, is now borne by the Municipal and Local Funds conjointly, as directed in G.O., No. 1557, dated 16th October 1871, each paying Rupees 300.

Provision has been made in the current year's Local Fund Budget of the Vizagapatam Circle for Rupees 300.

8. Paragraph 16.—The item of Rupees 20 under the head of "Lighting" is an error of the Secretary. It ought to have been entered under "Miscellaneous Contingencies under Grant IV." There is no provision at all for lighting. This Municipality is working so badly that I fear I shall be compelled to apply to Government to sanction its abolition.

The discrepancy pointed out in this paragraph arose from erroneously adding the amount of Rupees 150 provided in Statement II. under Grant II. for contingencies and miscellaneous charges to the amount of Rupees 900.

9. Referring to paragraph 18, I enclose the resolution of the Commissioners on the subject of abolishing the Professional tax in the Vizagapatam Municipality from 1874-75.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Commissioners that the Professional tax should be abolished. It is believed that after its abolition it will be possible to reduce the expenditure to the receipts; when relieved from this tax the establishment can be greatly reduced; there is no longer any necessity for a provision for new works; the miscellaneous expenditure can also be reduced.

A Sub-Committee has been appointed to go into the details of the reduction, and their report will be laid before a full meeting.

Even should it be found that we cannot reduce the expenditure down to the receipts, we would beg that the Professional tax at any rate be abolished; it is hated both by Commissioners and the people, and any method of increasing the receipts, either by a slight increase in the house-tax or the tolls, would be preferable. I hope, however, that there will be no need for any further taxation; the receipts without the Professional tax are more than Rupees 14,000.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
15th August 1873.

EXTRACT from Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Vizagapatam at a special Meeting held on the 28th June 1873.

* * *

Resolved that Government be informed that there is no necessity to continue the Professional tax after the present year.

That the expenditure will be cut down to meet the reduced receipts.

* * *

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. W. McMURRAY,
Vice-President.

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1873, No. 1165.

The Government are glad to learn that no difficulty is anticipated in dispensing with the tax on professions, &c., in the town of Vizagapatam, and that the proposal meets with the full concurrence both of the Commissioners and of the people.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions in Vizagapatam.

Exd. J. Wright.

Extract from Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Negapatam held at a Special Meeting held on the 28th June 1873.

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Resolved that Government be informed that there is no necessity to continue the Professional Tax after the present year.

That the expenditure will be cut down, to meet the reduced Receipts.

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(True Extract)

W. Mummery
Vice President

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Govt. of [1873] Madras.

FINANCIAL,

To The President of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSION, Negapatam.

Dated August 1873.

Read

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G. O. 1605 August 1879, No. 1105

AUGUST.
Nos. 113-114.

Negapatam Municipality.—Satisfaction expressed that no difficulty is anticipated in abolishing the Profession-tax in the Municipality, and that the proposal is approved by the Commissioners and the people.

No. 1058.

Vizagapatam July 1873

From

J. R. Daniel Esqre
Ag Collector & Resident

To,

The Honble W. Hudleston,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Ootacamund

Sir.

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Come under such a rule, for in the Title of the Act, the Government of Madras is defined. No Officer under any other Government could hold an Executive Office in any way Connected with a Municipal Town under the Madras Government, and the Act could not have Contemplated the Case of an Officer exercising a Calling elsewhere, under another Government, and merely permitted, temporarily, and solely on climatic Considerations to reside and draw pay at Ootacamund during a recess or non-working Season -

18 I offer a case in illustration. A Military Officer, not in active employ though on the effective list may be allowed to reside and draw full pay in Ootacamund all the year round.

If that Officer was under the Madras Government he would be liable to exercise professional functions at the bidding of that Government, but if he was under the Bombay Government he would not. The Madras Act would apply to the one, and not to the other -

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
G. A. Taylor Capt. M.S.C.
Depy. Supt. No 3 Topgl. Party
Central Provinces and Vizagapatam
Agency Survey

Enclosures.

Enclosures.

Two Communications from Municipal Commissioners viz -
1- Bill shewing, that travelling charges defrayed
by Government when an Officer travels on duty,
are paid by Colonel Sexton himself when he
Comes to Colaba and not from his field of Survey -

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Municipal Department
From
Col. F. R. Sykes
C.S.I.
Dep. Sup. Inspection
Southern Division
To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

S.O. No. 1166

Dated 15th April 1873

Rec'd 16th April 1873.

Reports that he proposes with the sanction of Government to visit Coimbatore Salem Coimbatore Trichinopoly & Madura Districts & the Nilgiris & Coonoor in the Season of the Inspection of Municipal Accounts &c &c

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The necessary corrections will be made in the Accounts of the two Municipalities.

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I have the honor to be

Your most Obed. Servant

R Daniel

Ag Collector

Fwd 7 4 June/73 Nos 9-10.
— 6 22 April/73 Nos 92-95.
Cobb 16 Oct/72 Nos 64-65.

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From

The Collector & President
of Board
Vizagapatam.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Octacamund.

No 1315

Dated 16th July 1873
Rec'd 24th "

No 1058
Enclosure 1,

Replying to G.O. No
776 dated 4th June 1873
revising the Budgets
of the four Municipalities
and affording explanations called for

With an Order

C. 4-8-73
R 15-8-73

Order. Octacamund. 15 Augt 1873. No 1165.

The Govt are glad to learn that no difficulty is anticipated in dispensing with the Tax on Professions in the town of Vizagapatam and that the proposal meets with the full concurrence both of the Commissioners and of the people

The Chairman MC Vizagapatam dispd 22/8

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Note — The explanations call for no remark

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

Fisheries

To
The President of the
Vizagapatam Municipality

Dated 15th August
Read. Duda

G. O. 15th August 1873, No. 1165

Nos. 113 - 114.

Vizagapatam Municipality

Satisfaction expressed that no difficulty is anticipated in abolishing the Profession Tax in this Municipality & that the proposal is approved by the Commissioners & the people.