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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	17-6-	1874.

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No. 116. Read the following letter from F. BRANDT, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trichinopoly, 2nd June 1874, No. 100 :—

Anent the Proceedings* of Government reviewing and passing, with certain remarks and inquiries, the original Budget Estimates for the Trichinopoly Municipality, I have the honour to report as follows.

* G.O., No. 692, dated 25th April 1874, Financial Department.

2. The question as to whether the house-tax should, or should not, be further raised from $6\frac{1}{4}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ (the maximum) percentage was debated at length at the last two meetings of the Commissioners, and at the last meeting the proposition "that the house-tax be raised," as above, was negatived. Four members voted against the proposition; of these, three were non-official and one official! Of the three who voted in favour of raising the tax two were officials—Mr. Symonds, Superintendent of the Central Jail, and Mr. Wynne, Assistant Collector. I myself was in favour of raising the tax; but, seeing that the proposition would have been carried by three European official members, and that not without my availing myself of a casting vote, I thought it desirable not to vote in favour of the motion: so the proposition was negatived.

3. Adopting the suggestion of Government, that application should be made for a loan, it was decided at the same meeting that a loan of Rupees 7,000 is desirable, in addition to the grant from Provincial Funds, for the completion of the Moat Reclamation Scheme, that is to say, for completing the first three items entered in Mr. Pennington's letter embodied in the Government Order under reply. It was voted to be undesirable to incur at present any further expenditure on planting (item 4), and that the metalling of the Eastern and Western Boulevards (item 5) might stand over for some time as the roadways on them are very fair and not inadequate to the traffic passing over them.

4. I propose addressing Government in a separate letter in regard to this loan submitting the particulars required.

5. As to the increased provision for "coolies" under Public Works Establishment and decrease of Rupees 1,674 in Repairs, this change was made in consequence of suggestions from the President in October last, when it was found to be absolutely necessary, in order to put many roads into proper repair, to increase the number of coolies employed, to entertain some additional maistries, and raise the pay of the others; most, if not all, of the required repairs having been effected the establishment is now again reduced. Under "Repairs" nothing except material is provided for.

6. The inadequacy of the sum provided for "education" had not escaped the attention of the Commissioners, who are now engaged in preparing a report on elementary education, as desired by Government. That report will be submitted ere long, and no doubt suggestions will be made for increasing the grant; at the same time, the Commissioners having decided on not raising the house-tax, the current revenue of the Municipality can afford but little in the way of increased allotments to any department.

7. There has been misapprehension on the part of Government as to the allotment for watering. The word "streets" has been misread and misprinted; it should be, and no doubt is in the manuscript, *trees*: not a single pie is spent on watering

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No. 117. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1874, No. 1006.

To be recorded.

2. The resolutions of the Commissioners on the various points alluded to in the President's letter appear to have been arrived at after careful consideration.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly.

Trichinopoly Municipal Office
2^d June 1874 50

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Trichinopoly

Dated June, 17th.

Recd.

G.O., 17th June 1874, No. 1006.

JUNE.
Nos. 116-117.

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Sir,
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J. Braith.
President

1876
 April 1874 York

From

The President
 of the National
 Association

To, The Secretary of
 the York

Association

Dated 22nd Nov 1876

Dec 22nd June 1874
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Examine none

Reports on G. O. Hobbs
 dated 25th April 1874
 receiving the Budget
 Estimates of the
 House of Commons for
 1874-75

with the order of

Received
 27 June 1874 by 1006

The resolution of the Committee on
 the various points alluded to in the Report
 after appearing before him arrived at the
 following conclusions.

The Committee on the York Association
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