Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 7th August 1874.

No. 33. Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Tinnevelly, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Lachamara Tope, 25th July 1874, No. 188 :—

With reference to Proceedings, No. 909, dated 28th May 1874, I have the honor to inform you that the decrease in the allotment for Public Works in the Budget for 1874-75 arose from the fact that so many of the roads were put into thorough repair, that a reduction could confidently be made under that head. For the same reason, the Commissioners anticipate that the Budget allotment of Rupees 1,500 will meet the requirements of the year.

2. The reduction under "Hospitals" arose from the omission of an allotment made last year for a Lock Hospital, the building of which had to be set aside both on account of its cost and the difficulty of obtaining a site.

3. The cost of lighting has been reduced by doing away with a useless Maistry, and by handing over the care of the lamps to the Divisional Commissioners who are having the work well and cheaply carried out.

4. The length of the line free of toll at Palamcottah is very much shorter than the main line through the town.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1874, No. 1308.

The President's letter purports to be a reply to G.O., dated 28th May 1874, No. 909; the Government cannot but consider it unsatisfactory.

2. In that order the Government commented on the manifestly inadequate sum of Rupees 150 allotted for the repair of roads, and the President now states that so many of the roads were put into thorough repair that the Commissioners anticipate that the Budget allotment of *Rupees* 1,500 will meet the requirements of the year. If Rupees 1,500 be a clerical error for Rupees 150, the Government must adhere to their opinion as to the inadequacy of the amount.

3. The President next explains the *reduction* under "Hospitals" and under "Lighting;" but in the Government Order to which he is replying it is the *increase* in the Dispensary charges (exclusive of Public Works) which is commented on, and the Budget allotment for lighting was higher, and not lower than in the previous year.

4. The fact reported in paragraph 4, that the length of the line free of toll at Palamcottah is very much shorter than the main line through the town is satisfactory so far as it goes, but the President appears to have failed to observe that the Government desired information regarding the condition of the road, and explanation of the circumstances under which it was anticipated that the opening of the line would lead to a falling off under "Tax on Vehicles" and "Registration of Carts" without causing any diminution in the receipts from tolls.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Tinnevelly.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

Govt. of Madras

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,
Tinnevelly,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 7th.

Recd.

G.O., 7th August 1874, No. 1308.

AUGUST.
Nos. 33-34.

Tinnevelly and Palamcottah Municipalities.—The explanation furnished by the President in reference to the comments of Government in respect of certain items in the Budget Estimates for 1874-75, not considered satisfactory.

No. 188

Tinnevelly - President's Office - Palamcottah 25th July 1874.

From

D. K. Puckle Esqre
President Municipal Commissions
Tinnevelly

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to proceedings No. 909 dated 28th May 1874. I have the honor to inform you that the decrease in the allotment for Public Works in the budget for 1874-5 arose from the fact that so many of the roads were put into thorough repair, that a reduction could confidently be made under that head. For the same reason, the Commissioners anticipate that the budget allotment of Rs 1500 will meet the requirements of the year.

2. The reduction under Hospitals arose from the omission of an allotment made last year for a Lock Hospital, the building of which had to be set aside both on account of its cost and the difficulty of obtaining a site.

3. The cost of lighting has been reduced by doing away with a useless Naistry, and by handing over the care of the lamps to the Divisional Commissioners

who are having the work well and cheaply carried out.

4. The length of the line free of toll at Palamcottah is very much shorter than the main line through the town.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed't Serv't.

R K Puckle
President.

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commissioners, Tinnevelly, dated 25th July 1874, No. 188.

Order thereon 7 dated 7 August 1874 No. 1508.

The President's letter purporting to be a reply to G.O. dated 28th May 1874, No. 909; the Govt. cannot but consider it unsatisfactory.

2. In that Order the Govt. commented on the manifestly inadequate sum of Rs. 150 allotted for the repair of roads, and the President now states that so many of the roads were put into thorough repair that

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To
The Chief Secretary to Government
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Dated 25th July 1874
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Sir,

In obedience to the G.O. No. 909 dated 28th May 1874 the Circumstances under which the Municipality was unable to comply with the orders of Government for the collection of the Road Cess for 1873-74 and 1874-75 have been fully explained in the Letter of the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 15th July 1874 and the Letter of the President of the Municipality dated 17th July 1874 which were forwarded to Government with the Collector's Letter No. 1 dated 15th July 1874 and the President's Letter No. 2 dated 17th July 1874 respectively. In the latter Letter the President of the Municipality has explained the circumstances under which the Municipality was unable to collect the Road Cess for the year 1873-74 and has also explained the reasons why the Municipality was unable to collect the Road Cess for the year 1874-75 up to the end of June 1874. The Municipality has also explained in the same Letter the reasons why the Municipality was unable to collect the Road Cess for the year 1874-75 up to the end of June 1874. The Municipality has also explained in the same Letter the reasons why the Municipality was unable to collect the Road Cess for the year 1874-75 up to the end of June 1874.

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3. The President next explains the reduction under "Hospitals" and under "lighting", but in the G.O. to which he is replying it is the increase in the Dispensary charges (exclusive of Public Works) which is commented on, and the budget allotment for lighting was higher, and not lower than in the previous year.

4. The fact reported in para. 4 that the length of the line free of toll at Palamcottah is very much shorter than the main line through the town, is satisfactory so far as it goes, but the President appears to have failed to observe that the Govt desired information regarding the condition of the road, and explanation of the circumstances under which it was anticipated that the opening of the line would lead to a falling off under "Tax on vehicles" and "Registration of Carts" without causing any diminution in the receipts from tolls.

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To
The President of the
Mun. Commrs, Tinnevelly.
P.W. Depart

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Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

The President of the
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Tinnevelly
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Dated 7th Augt
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Nos. 33 - 34.

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Municipalities - No
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to the comment of Govt.
in respect of certain items
in the budget estimates
for 1874/75 considered
unsatisfactory -

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