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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	7-4-	1874.

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

No. 29. Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Varadaiyapalliem, 27th January 1874, No. 13 :—

I have the honour to forward, for sanction, the Budget Estimate of receipts and charges of the Conjeveram Municipality for 1874-75.

2. RECEIPTS.—The assets from all sources are estimated at Rupees 21,790, or about Rupees 5,000 less than the usual annual income, the decrease being caused by the abolition of the Professional tax from next year.

3. The Commissioners apprehend that the expenditure budgeted for, for 1873-74, will not be utilized to the extent proposed, the balance is, therefore, entered at Rupees 3,310, against Rupees 310, the estimated amount.

4. About Rupees 1,000 are expected to remain uncollected on account of Trades Tax, and this amount is accordingly entered under "Arrears."

5. The entire expenditure on account of the annual festival at Conjeveram is under the control of the Municipality, so the amounts of contribution made on its account by the Chingleput Local Fund Board, and the Pagoda authorities, Rupees 400 and 50, respectively, are shown under "Receipts."

The other items of revenue call for no explanation.

6. EXPENDITURE.—In consequence of the falling off in the municipal revenue, owing, as above stated, to the discontinuance of the Trades Tax, it has been found necessary to economise the expenditure under several heads as explained below :—

(1.) Although much remains still to be done in the way of giving the town the benefit of improved roads, the Commissioners have only been able to make a grant of Rupees 4,100 for three roads, all of which can be completed with these allotments.

(2.) No provision is made for the Lalakal project; but, as soon as the revised plan and estimates are received, provision will be made by a transfer of funds from other less important items of expenditure.

(3.) Nothing is entered on account of "Results Grants." There are two good institutions in the town—Patcheappah's and Free Church Schools—which amply provide for elementary education. In addition to these, and in place of the numerous Pial Schools, the Commissioners proposed to establish and maintain two schools, in each of the four divisions, at an aggregate cost of Rupees 800 a-year. By this arrangement, the Inspectorate charge will be considerably less than what it was, and, therefore, only Rupees 100 are entered as the contribution to the Chingleput Circle, instead of Rupees 450 as now.

(4.) In view to keeping the expenses within the available means, Mr. Crole, the Acting Sub-Collector, who is an ex-officio member of the Municipality, has, at the request of the Commissioners, revised and further reduced the establishments, and his suggestions have been generally adopted by the Board, the result being a saving of Rupees 1,480 per annum.

7. The cost of the sanitary arrangements is given at Rupees 1,050, which is Rupees 450 more than the sum entered in the current year's Budget. The difference is due to the entire expenditure having been charged to the Municipality, as stated at paragraph 5.

No. 30. MINUTE by the Hon. W. ROBINSON, C.S.I., dated 14th March 1874.

I regret that I am unable to join in passing the Budget for the Conjeveram Municipality.

2. The facts I think clearly show that the Professional Tax (about Rupees 6,000) cannot be dispensed with without serious sacrifice of public interests. Indeed the need of outlay is increasing rather than decreasing. The tax is a sound and ancient Hindu tax deliberately adopted by the Legislature and unobjectionable, I consider, in all respects.

3. The proposed abandonment leads directly to a most serious reduction of the grant for communications; while Tolls increase. Buildings suffer likewise, and it is not easy to see whence funds are to be obtained for the reduced allotment for the Lalakal project. Conservancy and lighting have both to be curtailed.

1873-74.	RS.
New Works	12,510
Repairs...	1,870
Total ...	14,380

1874-75.	RS.
New Works	4,100
Repairs	1,030
Total ...	5,130

4. I doubt greatly the propriety of setting up what will be practically two (2) opposition Town Schools in a place which is already so well provided by Hindu and Missionary Societies with good voluntary schools. Langour and probably early extinction are, I think, sure to follow sooner or later (after the first excitement of starting) the proposed competition. I would ask the Municipal Committee to reconsider this project.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1874, No. 550.

The Budget Estimates of the Conjeveram Municipality, for the years 1873-74 and 1874-75, are compared in the subjoined abstract:—

RECEIPTS.	1873-74. RS.	1874-75. RS.
Balance brought forward ...	14,920	3,310
Assignment by Government ...	40	790
Rate on Houses	9,000	8,500
Tax on Arts, &c.	6,000	1,000
Tax on Vehicles	1,000	900
Registration of Carts	600	600
Tolls	4,000	4,500
Fees	300	150
Fines	100	70
Endowments, &c.	30	20
Contribution from Local Funds.	1,400	1,800
Miscellaneous...	100	150
Total ...	37,490	21,790

CHARGES.	1873-74. RS.	1874-75. RS.
Grant I.		
New Works—		
Communications	12,510	4,100
Buildings	1,100	650
Miscellaneous...	2,600	50
Repairs—		
Communications	1,870	1,030
Buildings	160	50
Miscellaneous...	80	150
Other Items	510	330
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools	1,650	800
Inspection		100
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	4,890	4,890
Vaccination	120	120
Registration of Births, &c.	150	170
Conservancy	6,610	5,380
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	2,450	2,110
Miscellaneous purposes ...	400	110
Grant V.—		
Office	1,730	1,420
Miscellaneous	350	200
Balance	310	130
Total ...	37,490	21,790

2. The Commissioners have been able to adjust the Budget without proposing any fresh taxation to make up for the loss of the Profession-tax, the entry against which for 1874-75 is on account of arrears only. The other entries on the receipt side correspond so nearly with those for the current year as to call for no remark in detail.

3. The reduction in the allotment for Public Works seems to be due, not only to the loss of the Profession-tax as stated in the covering letter, but also, and that in greater measure, to the fact that the opening balance for 1874-75 is estimated at Rupees 11,610 below that shown in the current year's Budget. The District Engineer will be called upon, in the Public Works Department, to explain why the revised estimate for the Lalakal project has not yet been furnished, and to state when it may be expected.

4. If, by the establishment of Municipal Schools at an annual cost of Rupees 800, it is proposed to sever connexion with the Pial Schools, now being improved by the Inspecting Schoolmasters, no contribution at all need be paid to the Local Fund Board for inspection, as all charges on account of Deputy Inspectors are in future to be borne from Provincial funds. The Government observe that the amount expended on Results Grants in 1872-73 was Rupees 977, and, if the new arrangements meet all requirements equally well, the change will undoubtedly be an improvement. It is presumed that the educational authorities have been consulted. The reductions in the establishment are approved, and the Budget is passed as submitted.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Conjeveram,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 7th.

Read.

G.O., 7th April 1874, No. 550.

APRIL.
Nos. 29—31.

Conjeveram Municipality.—The Budget Estimate of this Municipality for 1874-75 reviewed.

Conf. Acts 23/4

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No. 30. Minute

Conjeveram

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1873-74:—
New Works — 12510
Repairs — 1870
14,380

1874-75:—
New Works — 4100
Repairs — 1030
5,130

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14/8 W Robinson

I regret the loss of the Professional Post — but it seems time that it be terminated no terms contemplated in the Ordinance — and therefore that I should not be justified in keeping it vacant a short time after the Ordinance for its discontinuance. The two schools I understand, are of a much lower grade

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G.O. No. 550. 17th April 1874
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Statement IV Municipality of Longueuil

Probable Demand Collection and Balance Statement for the year 1874-75:

Current

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Demand assessed	Collected	Remitted or appeal or otherwise	Written off as irrecoverable	Total Columns 2-3-4	Balance
Rate on houses	7000	7000			7000	
Taxes on arts						
Tolls	4500	4500			4500	
Total	11500	11500			11500	

Chambly Court District,
Longueuil
Municipal Commissioners
Office,
in circuit Parading of Villeneuve
24 January 1874

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President

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From 1874 Dept.

From The President
THE COLLECTOR OF Municipality
Conjeeveram Municipality
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To
The Chief
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Dated 27th January 1874
Received 29th

(Enclosures 2) No.

No. 201 No. 13

Forwarding the Budget Estimate of Receipts and Charges of the Conjeeveram Municipality for 1874-75

Statement IV Municipality of Conjeeveram.

Probable Demand Collection and Balance Statement for the year 1874-75.

Arrears.

	1 Balance of old Demand	2 arrears of previous year	3 Total Demand	4 Collected	5 Remitted	6 Written off	7 Total Columns 4-5-6	Balance
Rate on houses	550	1,300	1,850	1500		350	1,850	
Tax on Arts &	770	500	1,270	1,000		270	1,270	
Tolls								
Total	1,320	1,800	3,120	2,500		620	3,120	

Chingleput District,
Conjeeveram Municipal
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President.

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the President, Municipal Commissioner, Conjeeveram dated 27th January 1874.

No. 13.

Read Minute by the Hon'ble Robinson — 14 May 74.

Order thereon. 7 April 74 Rs. 550

The budget estimates of the Conjeeveram Municipality for the years 1873-74 and 1874-75 are compared in the subjoined abstract.

Receipts

S.O No. 650 dated 7th April 1874 - Sanction

Letter from the President, Municipal Commissioner, Conjeeveram dated 27th January 1874 Qus 13

Extract from G.O. No. 15 Financial Dept. dated 20th May 1874.

Receipts	1873-74	1874-75
Balance brought forward	1492 0	331 0
Assignment by Govt	40	770
Rate on houses	9000	8500
Tax on Arts &c	6000	1000
Tax on Vehicles	1000	900
Registration of Carts	600	600
Tolls	4000	4500
Fees	300	150
Fines	100	70
Endowments &c	30	20
Contributions from Govt	1400	1800
Miscellaneous	100	150
Total	37490	21790

Charges	1873-74	1874-75
Grant I		
New works		
Communications	12510	4100
Buildings	1100	650
Miscellaneous	2600	60
Repairs		
Communications	1870	1030
Buildings	160	50
Miscellaneous	80	150
Other items	510	330
Grant II		
Municipal establishment	1650	800
Inspection		100
Grant III		
Hospitals	4570	4570
Vaccination	120	120
Registration of births	150	170
Conservancy	6610	5380
Grant IV		
Lighting	2050	2110
Miscellaneous purposes	400	110
Grant V		
Office	1730	1420
Miscellaneous	350	200
Balance	310	130
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To

The Prest. Mund. Commr.
Conjeeveram

Dated Sept. 7 }
Recd. 7 } 1874, No. 550

Nos. 29. 31.

Conjeeveram Munsy. The Budget Est. of this Munsy. for 1874-75, received -