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Municipal—Loan.

No. 87. Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Saidapet, 11th June 1875, No. 70:—

Adverting to G.O., dated 21st April 1875, No. 891, Financial, I have the honor to forward an extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners of Conjeveram, dated the 14th ultimo, and request with reference to it that the sanction of Government may be obtained for a loan of Rupees 7,000* for meeting the excess expenditure incurred by the Municipality during 1874-75, and for making good on one hand the increased expenditure on account of the retention of the Native Surgeon, and on the other hand the depression in income from Tolls and Trades-tax for the current year.

		RS.
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Deduct allotment for New Works ...		3,450
Difference ...		7,086

* or Rupees 7,000 in round numbers.

2. It will be seen from the Proceedings that the Commissioners propose to repay the loan in seven yearly instalments of Rupees 1,000 each with interest, the first instalment being made payable on the 1st July 1876.

3. The Vice-President adds in his letter forwarding the Proceedings that, should effect be given to the arrangements proposed in G.O., dated 11th January 1875, No. 40, Financial, the income from tolls will be further cut down by Rupees 4,000, in which case a further loan will be necessary. An extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioners on this point, which has been submitted to the Board of Revenue, is enclosed for information.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners, Conjeveram, held on the 20th day of February 1875.

PRESENT:

C. S. Crole, Esq., *Ex-Officio Commissioner.*
V. Dorasamy Iyer, Vice-President.
T. Ruthnum Moodelliar, Commissioner.
A. Cathirvelu Moodelliar, ,,
Mr. J. B. Burden, ,,

Read G.O., No. 40, dated 11th January 1875. We gather from the Government Order that we should either construct a loopline around the municipal limits, which will cost the whole revenue of tolls for more than a year apart from the cost of its future upkeep, or consent to a division of the proceeds with the Local Fund Board in the event of their arrangement being transferred to that body. We understand that that Board have agreed to give up the toll. In case of its being continued four-fifths of the proceeds will go up to them considering the proportion of their roads used by the through traffic compared with that of the Municipality, and only one-fifth will be derived by us. Before coming to an agreement we beg to know what the Government are going

to do considering our financial position, which was considerably reduced by abolishing the Tradea tax, to enable as to meet all our wants in carrying out the provisions of the Towns Improvement Act.

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(Signed) V. DORASAWMY IYER,
Vice-President.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Conjeveram Municipal Commissioners held on the 14th May 1875.

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P. V. Ramasawmy Rajoo, B.A., do.
N. Kistna Row, do.
A. Cathirvelu Moodelliar, do.
T. Soobooraya Moodelliar, do.
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P. Acambara Moodelliar, do.

Read G.O., dated 21st April 1875, No. 891, directing to meet the deficit by reductions in the current year's expenditure and to raise a loan if necessary, striking out the allotment of Rs. 3,450 for New Works.

Read again G.O., dated 27th February 1875, No. 455, and the President's letter No. 54, dated 8th May 1875.

With reference to latter of the Government Orders, the Commissioners submit to the proposal of the Government to retain the services of the Native Surgeon on payment of a contribution of fifty per cent. of his pay from Government. They are further willing to retain the present East Indian Nurse.

With respect to the former of the Government Orders it should be observed that the toll was farmed out for the current year for Rupees 800 less than the Budget amount. The income from professional-tax, excluding the three lowest classes, as calculated from the former year's classification, was expected to yield Rupees 800; but on careful reclassification of the men liable to the tax, they hope to raise this source of revenue to Rupees 2,200.

Omitting the new works estimated to cost Rupees 3,450, we shall have Rupees 150 *plus* Rupees 636, the difference of the fifty per cent. of the Native Surgeon's and the Hospital Apprentice's pay noted in the Budget, amounting in all to Rupees 786, deficient to work out the current Budget.

Curtailment in expenditure has already been made in every direction to such an extent that no further reduction is practicable.

Resolved, therefore, with a view of meeting this and the existing deficit of Rupees 6,300 submitted in the first Government Order, to apply for a loan of Rupees 7,000, to be repaid in seven yearly instalments of Rupees 1,000 each with interest, the first instalment being made payable on the 1st July 1876.

Resolved further that these proposals be submitted to the Governmont through the President for their consideration and orders.

(Signed) V. DORASAMY IYER,
Vice-President.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1875, No. 1998.

The President is informed that the suggestion made by Government in paragraph 1 of G.O., dated 21st April 1875, No. 891, that the Conjeveram Municipal Commission should apply for a loan, had reference only to the sum of Rupees 3,450 required for New Works. It is very questionable whether the law will allow of a loan being made to clear off debt incurred for objects other than the construction or repair of works of public improvement. Before deciding, however, upon the question of a loan the Government desire to learn precisely what is the financial position of the Municipality. A full and complete statement should be submitted showing the actual receipts and expenditure for 1874-75, *including all outstanding amounts;* as also a revised abstract estimate of receipts and charges for the current year, excluding new works, which must be postponed.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of £1875] Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Conjeveram

Dated October, 11th.

Issued

Recd.

G.O., 11th October 1875, No. 1998.

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Municipal—*Loan*.—Certain information respecting the financial position of the Conjeveram Municipality called for before disposing of the application for a loan.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Conjeveram Municipal Commissioners held on the 20th day of February 1875.

Present.

V. S. Wale Esqre Ex Officio Commissioner
V. Doraiswamy Iyer Vice President
T. [redacted] Moodeliar Commissioner
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/Signed/ V. D Sivasamy Iyer
Vice President

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President.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Conservancy Municipal Commissioners held on the 12th May 1875.

Members Present

V. Saravanny Iyer.	Vice-President
P. Rathna Mudr.	Commissioner
P. V. Ramasawmy Rajoo B. A.	do.
N. Kistna Row.	do.
A. Cathereloo Moodellar.	do.
P. Soobaraya Moodellaar	do.
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Extract from the Proceedings of the Conservancy Municipal Commissioners Meeting held on the 12th May 1875. No. 70

No. 1433/75

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Curtailment in expenditure has already been made in every direction to such an extent that no further reduction is practicable.

Resolved therefore, with a view of meeting this and the existing deficit of Rs 6300 submitted in the first G. O. to apply for a loan of Rs 7,000 to be repaid in Seven yearly instalments of Rs 1000, each with interest, the first instalment being made payable on the 1st July 1876.

Resolved further that these proposals

be Submitted to the Government thro' the President for their Consideration and orders.

/Signed/ V. Coorasawmy Iyer
Vice-President.

/True Extract/.

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President

Conjeeveram Municipal Presidt

No. 70

Chingleput District, ~~Collector's~~ Office,
Saidapet, 11th June 1875.

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From

R. J. Melville Esqre,
President Conjeeveram Municipality

~~COLLECTOR OF THE~~
Chingleput District.

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael.

Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

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Also a letter from the President of the Conjeeveram Municipality dated 11th June 1875 No. 70

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your hon'r obed't Servant,

President

There is nothing to be done in this case as the arrangements regarding tolls is to take effect from 1876/77 vide p. 4 of Govt G. Proc. 11 June 1875 No 4

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Chingleput District.
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From The Collector of the
Conjeeveram Division
Chingleput District.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government.
Madras.

Dated 11 June 1875.
Received 17 June 1875.

Enclosure No. 70

Requesting sanction of Government for a loan of 4000 Rs to the Conjeeveram Municipality

Financial Department.

No. 1433.

From The President, Conjeeveram Municipality

Dated 11th June 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

Note on the remarks made by His Excellency the Governor, and the Hon'ble Members of Council.

With regard to the note first on the margin, it is submitted that 2 months ago (G.O. dated 21st April No. 891) it was decided that no Provincial grant could be made in the case. Nor are any funds now available.

It is submitted with regard to the 2nd note, that Rule VI of the Loan Rules authorizes the Local Govt. to give loans from sums allotted

allotted by the Govt of India for that purpose - Would the giving of a loan from Provincial Funds come under this Section?

If the proposal is that Government should lend money from Provincial Funds quite irrespective of the Act, Section 3 of the Act seems to preclude this - Section 6 of the Act might perhaps be stretched so as to cover such a procedure, but then the previous consent of the Govt of India would be necessary.

Orders are requested (1) as to whether the present 2 paras of the Order are to go out - (2) as to whether, if so, the concession suggested by H.E. the Governor at the foot of the 2nd page of the draft is to be added.

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8th June 75

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entirely the Govt can make a loan for works of public utility, repair or construction

out of funds allotted to them for the purpose by the G.I. & in accordance with the provisions of Local & M. Councils Act &c. & the Rules of Oct. 75. The Presidency Towns must stop all their works & they can get a loan of even Rs. 10 lacs for repairs of P.W. in current year.

But the Municipality is a creature of the Local Govt. by the Municipal Act of 73. & the Local Govt. by the Budget provision for grants &c. &c. Even Rs. 10 might give them some help. Without seeing the Municipal Budget for the year it is impossible to judge how far such help is necessary. The Govt. time & time can visit them with the cost for a future year. Even so 2 Years is the shortest - but the powers relating to the Municipalities are not put right in the matter. Municipal Loans under 80 in 1873 were less than 10 lacs. The issue of Tolls has enabled less than the Bombay Municipality to borrow all but 3 lacs. The Ahmedabad Municipality is a first class city & pays Rs. 2200. instead of Rs. 5000 as formerly.

I am much opposed as a rule to loans under the Act for ordinary expenditure - such as the

the repair of roads, Municipal buildings & the like - and Nothing Extraordinary has been put before us - No other source of loan is open to us - Loan from Provincial are not legal & there are no funds to spare we are told.

We must therefore go to the Budgets & Examine income - Kinds & cost of two Budgets & annual report. Are valuations of real property fair? Has Trades Tax been revised?

I would certainly say nothing about Tolls at present or give any pledge as suggested. We might Consider when it comes up.

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Loan to Conjeveram Municipality

FOR ORDERS.

We had better dispose of this matter before we have clearly before us the condition of the Municipality as regards

by W.H. BR

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter from the President of the Conjeveram Municipality dy 11th June 1875, No 70.

Order thereon

I think it will be a very bad precedent to make any loan. I wd rather if Provincial funds admit of it. make them a small grant. If not they must for the next three or four years reduce expenditure

B.E.

It is evident that the Municipal loans incurred debts &c they can't pay. They have administered their affairs generally very badly. & I think Govt may properly stop them.

The Govt is competent to return a grant.

The President is informed that the suggestion made by Govt in para 1 of G.O. dated 21st April 1875, No 891, that the Conjeveram Municipal Commission should apply for a loan, had reference only to the sum of Rs 3,450 required for new works. Govt have no power to grant loans for the purpose

purpose of meeting deficits caused by charges incurred in excess of budget provision.

2. Should the Conjeveram Municipality require a loan for the purpose named above, a formal application should be made in accordance with the provisions of "the Local Public Works Loan Act, 1871", and the Rules published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 28th October 1873.

can succeed in prosperity in reaching them a loan of this sort do.

I admit the claim to recognition of good service; but clearly we should establish a dangerous precedent - if not directly contravene the loan rules and orders of the Govt: of India in spirit at least - did we permit a loan to recoup excess of ordinary expenditure.

I would grant the loan for specific public work - water project I believe - but do not see my way to anything further.

The Presidt. of the Conjeveram Munsiff

We may consider the transfer of a portion of the Rolls may not be

* Had subject come up 29/8 ?

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Note

This memo could not be prepared earlier for want of his original Budget Estimates for 1875-76 which were with the P. W. Department & returned to us only a short time ago - & further it seemed fair that it was decided to wait for his annual report & accounts which have now been received & which have enabled me to draw up this memo.

I submit herewith also a draft review of our report LB

Read at the desk of writing the President and only the 15.3.76 Finance was talked of
LB
13/3/76

Memo for orders

The statement submitted with the Resident's letter dated 21st April 1875 No. 891 & intended to give a correct estimate of the deficit in his Commissariat Municipality at the close of 1874/75 is very incorrectly prepared - The deficit of Rs. 8545-6-. was arrived at by comparing the actual expenditure as then ascertained with the Budget estimate of charges for the year. This is obviously wrong. The proper way of arriving at his deficit is to deduct the actual receipts of the year from the actual expenditure

The actual receipts & expenditure are now to be taken from the account submitted with the Commissioners Report for 1874/75. Recently submitted — This is the latest correct account of the transactions of the Municipality for the year in which the deficit is reported to have occurred — & it will be found that it differs widely from the statements which unfortunately had before them when passing their order dy. 2d April 1875. & which forms the basis of the calculation by which the amount of the loan to be applied for from Government was arrived at as will be seen by reference

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to the marginal note appended to the Collectors letter dy 11th June 1875 No. 70 now under disposal.

Discarding altogether the figures submitted by the President in his letter, & adopting those found in his account submitted with the annual report, the true state of the funds in the Municipality seems to have been to be as noted below on the 31st March 1875.

Total Receipts as per annual account for 1874/75 including opening balance		25234
Total charges Do	Do	26369
	actual deficit.	1135

But here it should be noted in all probability that this amount is far short of the actual liability incurred by the Municipality during the

the year for work done
within th - The sum of
Rs. 1135 is which actually
paid by the Commissioners
apparently from the
"deposits" for a portion of
the work ~~done~~ - From
Statement II A submitted
with the annual re-
port, it is observed that
a good deal remains
unpaid to contractors
to the for the work already
executed — But this
not likely to be as large
as Rs. 8545 - as the Commis-
sioners have endeavoured
to make out, the total
expenditure on new
works. amounts ~~of~~
to Rs. 8740 against the
4600 estimated. The actual
excess expenditure for
which the Municipality
have not yet paid ~~the~~
be ascertained & added
to this above deficit of Rs 1135.

The estimates for 1875/76.
require to be corrected
with reference to the
reduced revenue expected
from Tolls & the Trades
Tax; & increased expend-
iture in connection
with the Hospital —

Receipts under Estimate Sanctioned
in G.O dt. 27 Feby 1875 No 45 S — 21010

Deduct Loss of revenue from Tolls. 800
Do. do. Trades Tax. *2800 3600

* The original estimate 5600
Now expected to realize
- Get } 2200
Balance 2800

Net Receipts 17410

Expenditure as estimated at first. 20870

Add. increased charges on acct. of the municipality of Salem Surveying (125 - 72) 12. } 636

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Deficit 4096

If Salem be added an
deficit with which the
year has opened, the
total amount required
by the Municipality
is 4096 + 1135 or 5231
& this independently
of any amount still actually
due by the Municipality
for work done last year.

amount which Municipal Commissioners have to pay for work done last year for which no provision in the Budget is available & which is not included in the deficit of Rs 5231 above required to, it is submitted that the actual amount applicable being ascertained can be advanced as loan under the Loans Act; the loan being met to meet the current expenses of the Municipality; but to meet the outlay on permanent improvements & new works carried on in 1874/75 which are of a character similar to those for which Local Works loans can be granted. In the amount

But I think that this might be treated as a temporary loan, & along with the yearly current. The sum of Rs. 3,450 promised in S.O. 2/2044 April 1875, and Rgl, might stand by itself, as indicated in the draft Order. It is submitted that a para might be added to the draft order stating that the Accounts for 1874-75 which have been received since the date of the provisional letter show the financial obligations to be somewhat different to what he estimated them to be, & that the whole is considered in Abeyance the Annual Report.

34th Sept. 1875

of Rs 5231, Rs 3450 can be met from the allotment for new works which are to be expunged from the Budget & Rs 700 can be saved from the allotment for Lighting under which increased provision was made to account of the use of Kerosene oil — This latter improvement can be post-poned till the present financial difficulty is over.

The remaining 1000 Rupees can be saved from the allotment for repair of communications. for which a provision of Rs 3000 was made against Rs 1050 ~~est~~ provided in the estimate for 1874/75 & against Rs. 360 expended actually in that year

As regards the

of the loan may be included not only the money required for work already done & still remaining unpaid for; but also the money which is necessary to complete the works begun & left unfinished & which might suffer much from the stoppage of work on them.

In addressing the Government concealment of the Budget provisions as above indicated to meet the deficit of Rs 5231, the municipal commissioners should be Glad to receive carefully the assessments under the house & Sider Taxes, as it is not impossible that the proceeds of the latter, especially the latter, may have been much underrated.

Note First the commissioners attempt they ed realize only Rs 800 from the Sider Tax, but now they say it will amount to Rs 2200. SR

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I wd. call the Coll.s attention that before entertaining the appln for a loan, he must have a full & complete financial statement of actual receipts & expenditure including the outstandings for last year 74/5 together with a revised abstract estimate of receipt & charges for the current year - & stating how the Rs must be postponed works & that it is time that it is ascertained whether the Land debt for other new works of public improvement. but that before deciding on this question the Govt must know precisely how the Municipality stands.

23 Sept 75

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order thereon Bd. 11 Oct. 1875. No 1998.

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To

The Presd[t] of the Municipal Conservators Limerick

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Govt. of {187 } Madras.

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Dated 11th } Rebo 187 5, No.
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Municipal - Loan

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