M.R.O. 1—77,005—8-6-37.

(1) Number of pages 16

(2) Date of repair 30-8-40

(3) Initials of the Referencer

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 333	Press Mis.
	192-193
Dated 15-2-	1875.

9/10

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Municipal—Taxation.

No. 192. Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Rajahmundry, 16th January 1875, No. 3 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward some resolutions of the Rajahmundry Municipal Commission for the sanction of Government.

2. Government are aware that the funds of the Municipality are not sufficient for all our requirements ; and the Local Funds Board cannot give us much assistance. The Commissioners have hitherto been anxious not to increase the taxation, but we have come to the conclusion that we cannot go on any longer in the way we have been.

3. There is a very large extent of road urgently requiring repairs, and we can give but a small amount towards this work. The hospital is sadly in want of repairs. We cannot afford a Vaccinator, and the conservancy of the town would be improved if we had more funds.

4. The Municipal Commissioners have, therefore, resolved to ask Government to reintroduce the Profession-tax, and to put the House-tax at $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. on the annual value, and to raise the Tolls from half to three-quarters of the maximum allowed by the Act.

5. I know of no objection to be urged about the House-tax being fixed at $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. ; but I do not like the Profession-tax, and I should be glad to see Tolls abolished, especially while the roads are not so good inside the Municipality as outside it. Still, considering the want of funds to carry out the urgent works, I would recommend Government to sanction these proposals from the commencement of next year.

6. If Government will give their sanction, the Commissioners will hereafter lay before Government their proposals for the expenditure of the extra funds.

7. I may mention that, as heretofore, the Commissioners had thought that the taxation could not be increased. I proposed that we should ask Government to abolish the Commission and form a local Committee, as contemplated in Section 33 of the Local Fund Act, retaining so much of the taxation as would be allowed by that Act ; but the Commissioners did not like this, as it would subordinate the Commission to the Local Fund Board, and though it would give the town better roads, would reduce probably the means of lighting it ; so instead of doing this, they made the proposals which I now ask Government to sanction.

8. With reference to the estimate of Rupees 566-4-0 for repairing the Civil Dispensary, the Commissioners wish that this amount may be sanctioned from the Funded Capital of the Hospital. To save delay, as the matter is very urgent, they have for the present paid the money from the General Fund. I request the order of Government on this matter. If Government sanction the increased taxation, there will not be so much reason for taking the sum from the Funded Capital ; but if they refuse sanction, I must, notwithstanding recent Government orders, recommend that it be taken from the Endowment Fund.

Resolutions.

II. Proposed that Government be requested to introduce again the tax on professions, &c. Carried unanimously.

III. Proposed that the Tolls be increased to three-fourths of the maximum rates.
Carried.

IV. Resolved that the sanction of Government be asked to keep the rate on houses, &c., at 6¼ per cent. on the annual value.

V. Resolved that the estimate for Rupees 566-4-0 for repairing the Civil Dispensary be sanctioned from the Funded Capital of the Hospital.

Resolved that the amount of this estimate be advanced from the General Funds, and the work to be commenced immediately under the supervision of S. Gopalakrishnamma Garu and B. Somayya Garu.

(True Extract.)

RAJAHMUNDRY,
18*th December* 1874.

(Signed) W. P. AUSTIN,
Vice-President.

No. 193. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1875, No. 333.

Under the circumstances reported, the Government will not object to the reintroduction of the Profession-tax subject to the exemption of persons falling within the sixth, seventh, and eighth classes.

2. The rate of tolls may also be increased from one-half to three-fourths of the maximum, but the income from that source will again be subject to reduction under the orders recently issued regarding the division of the proceeds between Municipal and Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1875 Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,
Godavery District.

Dated February, 15th.

Read.

G.O., 15th *February* 1875, *No.* 333.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 192-193.

Rajahmundry Municipality.—Orders passed regarding the reintroduction of the Professional tax and the increase in the rate of Tolls in the Municipality.

5

II Proposed that Government be requested to introduce again the tax on Professions &c.

Carried unanimously.

III Proposed that the Tolls be increased to 3/4 ths of the Maximum rates.

Carried.

IV Resolved that the sanction of Government be asked to keep the rate on Houses &c. at 6 1/4 per cent on the Annual value.

V Resolved that the Estimate for Rs 566-4-0 for repairing the Civil Dispensary be sanctioned from the Funded Capital of the Hospital.

VI Resolved that the amount of this Estimate be advanced from the General Funds and the Work to be commenced immediately under the supervision of S. Gopalakrishnamma garu & K. Somayya garu.

(True extract)
Municipal Office
Rajahmundry
18th December 1874.

Wm Tait
Vice President

Memo

At a meeting of the Rajahmundry Municipal Commissioners on the 18th December 1874 it was proposed and carried unanimously that the Govt be requested to introduce again the Tax on professions &c.

It was also resolved that the Govt be asked to keep the rate on houses at 6¼ per cent and to raise the rate of tolls from ½ to ¾ of the maximum rate.

Judging from the figures for 1873-74 (the latest actuals) the effect of these proposals would be to raise the Municipal income by about Rs 6,000.

In forwarding the Resolutions of the Board the President Mr Foster remarks that he does not like the Profession Tax and that he would be glad to see tolls abolished, but that considering the want of funds to carry out urgent works

Inclosure

In 1873-74 the Tax on Arts realised Rs 4600 against an estimate of Rs 6500 which is explained that exceptional difficulties were experienced in the collection in that year. Rs realised Rs 1950

I.W.D. appd & Govt sanctioned.

4/2

I. Dt

1. 2.

Dated 12th Jan 75

Board's Letter
Comm. Rajahmundry
Municipal Commrs
Dated 18th Dec 74
Rec'd 16th Jan 75
No 3
Resolution

to recommend the Govt to sanction the Commissioners proposals.

The urgent works he sums up as follows :—

"There is a very large extent of road urgently requiring repair and we can give but a small amount towards this work: the Hospital is sadly in want of repairs: we cannot afford a Vaccinator, and the Conservancy of the town would be improved if we had more funds"

With reference to the Hospital repairs it may be remarked that the Commissioners propose to defray the cost from the Guard capital, and that as a rule the Govt do not object to the capital being drawn on for works of a permanent character.

From para 7 of the Bd's letter it may be inferred that the present proposals are looked upon as the only alternative to a proposal

to abolish the Municipality and throw the Conservancy of the town on the Local Fund Board.

28/1

How can we wonder at the prosperity of this recommendation & give effect to the Law - but meet the wishes of the Commissioners as regards the increase of Rolls. We fear we misunderstand the intention of Sec: 33 of L.F. Act

1/2

Rajahmundry Municipality

Memo for Orders

2. Despatch

Letter Order

4 The Board has been asked to reduce the proposal to increase the rate of tax which it is submitted is necessary that order can pass and that proposals shall be submitted for duly to proceed between Local and Municipal Funds.

H
6/2

29/1 6/2

11 4

No. 3

Godavery District
Municipal Office
Camp Rajahmundry
16th January 1875

From
W. S. Foster Esquire
President

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

Sir,

I have the honor to forward some resolutions of the Rajahmundry Municipal Commission for the sanction of Government

2 Government are aware that the funds of the Municipality are not sufficient for all our requirements: and the Local Funds Board cannot give us much assistance. The Commissioners have hitherto been anxious not to increase the taxation, but we have come to the conclusion that we cannot go on any longer in the way we have been.

3. There is a very large extent of road urgently requiring repairs, and we can give but a small amount towards this work: the Hospital is badly in want of repairs: we cannot afford a Vaccinator, and the Conservancy of the town would be improved if we had more funds.

4. The Municipal Commissioners have

therefore resolved to ask Government to re-introduce the Profession Tax, and to put the House Tax at 6¼ per cent on the annual value, and to raise the tolls from one half to three quarters of the maximum allowed by the Act.-

5. I know of no objection to be urged about the House tax being fixed at 6¼ per cent: but I do not like the Profession Tax, and I should be glad to see tolls abolished, Especially while the roads are not so good inside the Municipality as outside it: Still considering the want of funds to carry out the urgent works, I would recommend Government to sanction these proposals from the Commencement of next year.

6. If Government will give their sanction, the Commissioners will hereafter lay before Government their proposals for the Expenditure of the Extra Funds.

7. I may mention that as heretofore the Commissioners had thought that the Taxation could not be increased, I proposed that we should ask Government to abolish the Commission, and form a Local Committee as contemplated in Section 33 of the Local Fund Act, retaining so much of the taxation as would be allowed by that Act, but the

Commissioners did not like this, as it would subordinate the Commission to the Local Fund Board, and though it would give the town better roads, would reduce probably the means of lighting it: so instead of doing this, they made the proposals which I now ask Government to sanction -

8. With reference to the Estimate of Rupees 566-4 for repairing the Civil Dispensary the Commissioners wish that this amount may be sanctioned from the funded Capital of the Hospital: to save delay, as the matter is very urgent, they have for the present paid the money from the General Fund: I request the order of Government on this matter. If Government sanction the increased taxation, there will not be so much reason for taking the sum from the funded Capital: but if they refuse sanction, I must, notwithstanding recent Government orders, recommend that it be taken from the Endowment fund -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt

J. S. Foster
President

Cpy: D. Ramachandrum
1st Clerk

2 Pkgs/74. Nos 1-3.
14 Dec/74- -120+121.
14 — " — 122-123.
16 — " — 155--156 ol

Hind. 1875 Department
from Municipality
The President
Municipal Commissr
Godavery District
To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Dated 16 January 1875
Recd 23? — " —
No 3
Encls 1
No.

No. 129

Forwarding for
sanction some
resolutions of the
Rajahmundry Municipality,
and making certain
proposals regarding
taxation &c.

Municipal - Report

4

15-Feby 75-No 333

Under the circumstances reported the
Govt will not object to the re-introduction
of the Profession Tax subject to the exemption
of the persons falling within the 6th & 7th &
8th classes.

The rate of tolls may also be increased
from ½ to ¾ of the maximum, but
the income from that source will again
be subject to reduction under the orders
recently issued regarding the division
of the proceeds between Municipal and
Local Funds.

J.L.

Dispd 24/2 13/2

With Order

President of the Municl Comrs
Godavery Dt.

No 192 -

25 1938

Govt. of {187 } Madras.

Fil

G. O., 15-Rl, 1875, No. 333

Nos. 192-3

Rajahmundry Survey. Orders passed regarding the re-introduction of the Permanent Rayt & the reversion in the case of Tolls in this Survey