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Municipal—Budget.

No. 357. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Erode, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 25th January 1875, No. 3 :—

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimate of the Erode Municipality for 1875-76.

2. The estimated income may be thus summed up :—

	1875-76.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward...	...	900
Assignments and Allotments by Government ...	280	...
Rate on Houses ...	2,750	3,000
Tax on Vehicles ...	500	500
Registration of Carts ...	500	500
Tolls ...	1,300	1,000
Fees ...	10	100
Fines ...	70	50
Endowments, &c. ...	150	400
Contributions from Local Funds ...	700	...
Miscellaneous ...	310	410
Total ...	6,610	6,860

3. The estimate under "Assignments and Allotments by Government" comprises the surplus collections of the Cattle pound, and the contribution from Provincial Funds towards the pay of the Medical officer, which the Government directed should be exhibited under this head—*vide* paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 411, of 12th March 1874, Financial Department.

4. There is a decrease under House-tax as compared with the estimate of the current year; but as Rupees 2,163 were only realized in 1873-74 against the estimate of Rupees 3,000 for that year, the Commissioners' estimate of Rupees 2,750 for the ensuing year is as near as can be expected, after raising the house-tax from 6 to 7½ per cent. which the Commissioners have found it necessary to propose so as to meet the expenses.

5. The Tolls realized Rupees 1,400 in 1873-74; so that the Commissioners' estimate of Rupees 1,300 is nearer the mark than the current year's estimate of Rupees 1,000.

6. The decrease under "Endowments, &c.," is caused by the transfer of the Provincial Fund contribution on account of the Medical officer's salary from the head of "Endowments, &c.," to that of "Assignments by Government"—*vide* paragraph 3.

7. Seeing that no opening balance is expected, the anticipated aggregate receipts of the ensuing year do not show any decrease.

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27th February 1875.*

8. The expenditure is estimated as follows:—

	1875-76.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works—		
Communications	690	550
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	100	190
Repairs.—		
Communications	505	700
Other Items	...	30
Grant II.—		
Results Grant	200	200
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	50	50
Grant III.—		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	1,528	1,270
Vaccination	50	50
Registration of births and deaths	84	90
Conservancy	1,996	2,190
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	726	590
Choultries	120	120
Miscellaneous	65	100
Grant V.—		
Supervision and Management	496	570
Balance	...	160
Total	6,610	6,800

leaving no balance at the end of the year.

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No. 360.

ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1875, No. 458.

The comparative abstract given below shows the estimated receipts and charges of the Erode Municipality for 1875-76 and 1874-75:—

RECEIPTS.		CHARGES.	
1874-75.	1875-76.	1874-75.	1875-76.
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward...	1,630	Grant I.—	
Assignment by Government	280	New Works—	
Rate on Houses, &c.	3,000	Communications	550
Tax on Arts, &c.	...	Sanitary and Miscella- neous	390
Tax on Vehicles, &c.	500	Repairs—	
Registration of Carts	500	Communications	700
Tolls	1,000	Miscellaneous	280
Fees	100	Other items	30
Fines	50	Grant II.—	
Endowments, &c.	400	Results Grants	200
Contributions from Local Funds	700	Contributions for Inspection	50
Miscellaneous	410	Grant III.—	
		Hospitals	1,270
		Vaccination	50
		Contribution to Local Funds	50
		Registration of births and deaths	90
		Conservancy	2,440
		Grant IV.—	
		Lighting	590
		Other purposes	220
		Grant V.—	
		Supervision and Management	570
		Balance	160
Total ...	7,590	Total ...	7,590
	6,610		6,610

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27th February 1875.*

2. Statement I.-A does not appear to be correctly prepared; the current expenditure on choultries being shown as Rupees 190, while Rupees 120 only are entered on that account in Statement II. The grant from Provincial Funds towards the pay of the Medical Subordinate in charge of the Hospital need not in future be shown in the Municipal accounts, as the portion of the salary borne by Government will be debited direct to Provincial Funds and not brought on the Municipal books.

3. Notwithstanding a proposed enhancement of the house rate from 6 to 7½ per cent. which the Government sanction, the receipts during the year are estimated to be less by Rupees 250 than in the current year, the Commissioners being of opinion that they over-estimated the proceeds of the house-tax in the current and previous years; the actuals of 1873-74 having been only Rupees 2,163 against Rupees 3,000 estimated.

4. Under Tolls, an increase of Rupees 300 is estimated, and it is observed that the allotment for Public Works Communications do not fall far short of the receipts from that source.

5. The other items do not call for any remark in detail, and the Budget is passed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Erode.

- .. Public Works Department.
- .. Revenue Department.
- .. Board of Revenue.
- .. Accountant-General.
- .. Sanitary Commissioner.
- .. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- .. Director of Public Instruction.
- .. President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore District.

Rtd. T. O'Connor..

Handwritten: 27 Feb 1875
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No. 358. MINUTE by the Hon. W. ROBINSON, c.s.i., dated 22nd February 1875.

I regret that I am unable to assent to enhancement of the house-tax, which bears very heavily on the lower orders, while the rich and well-to-do classes escape a fair taxation in consequence of the tax on trades being held in abeyance.
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No. 259. MINUTE by the Right Hon. the PRESIDENT, dated 25th February 1875.

I think the Budget may pass for this year at least.

2. In all countries a house-tax has been considered one of the best and most convenient forms of municipal taxation: and the rate now adopted is allowed by the Act, and does not appear excessive. But arrangements ought, if possible, to be made for the purpose of exempting the poorest class of houses, and I wish to receive from the Financial Department a memorandum on the question whether this cannot be done for all Municipalities.

3. The profession-tax has some of the worst features of an income-tax; and in places where it produced a very small part of the municipal income, I think it was most properly abolished. That it would fall upon the rich is quite as good a reason for reviving the Indian income-tax as for reviving the profession-tax in our Municipalities where it has ceased to exist. A house-tax has the advantage of being the most convenient and equitable test of property for fiscal purposes that has yet been devised.

HOBART.

Cost of 1875

FINANCIAL.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION

Dated February 27th.

G.O., 27th February 1875, No. 430.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 357-360.

Brode Municipalities. The Budget Estimate of
the Municipality for 1875-76, revised.



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Municipal Commissioners' Office

25th January 1875.

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From,

A. Wedderburn Esquire

President. Municipal Commission - Erode.

To,

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1875-76 1874-75

Repairs :-

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Other Items ————— " 30

Grant II.

Results Grant ————— 200 200
Contribution to Local Funds for
Educational inspection ————— 50 50

Grant III.

Hospitals and Dispensaries ————— 1528 1270
Vaccination ————— 50 50
Registration of Births & Deaths — 84 90
Conservancy ————— 1996 2190

Grant IV

Lighting ————— 726 590
Choultries ————— 120 120
Miscellaneous ————— 65 100

Grant V.

Supervision & management — 496 570
Balance ————— " 160

Total ————— 6610 6860

leaving no balance at the end
of the year -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Alfred W. W.
President.

12 March 74 Nos 106-107 etc
17 July 74 - " - 169-169.
24 Feb - " - 225-226.

Final 1.875 Definitive
From Municipal Budget
The President
Municipal Commissioner
Erode
By the Chief Secretary to
Government
Madras.

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N^o 213
Submitting the
Budget estimate of
the Erode Municipality
for 1875-76 -

N^o 359

Ch. W. W.

Memorandum on House tax in Muni-
cipalities as called for in H.S. the Governor
Minute on the Evoc. Municipalities 13

Section 41 Act III of
1871 (the Town Improvement
Act) provides that "the

Commissioners shall exempt
from assessments any house
building or land, the annual
value whereof is less than
six rupees, of the same in
the sole rateable property
of the owner."

There is thus an existing
general exemption for the
very poor and under Sec
38 the Commissioners may
exempt any person from
any tax who, on account of
poverty, may be unable to
pay the same.

Should the arrangements
now in force not be con-
sidered sufficient instructions

With this explanation
I am, Sir,
very respectfully,
Yours,
W. H. P. 17/3

might be issued to the
Commissioners to make use
of the last clause of the
same section which provides
that they may with the
sanction of Govt & exempt
him the payment of any
rate or tax any class of
persons whom the said Com-
missioners may deem it ex-
pedient to exempt from
such payments.

The clause in question
appears to contemplate the
Commissioners, and not the
Govt, taking the initiative.
But in the case of the
reduction & exemption of the
three lowest classes in the
Profession Tax Schedule,
orders were issued by Govt
at once, and no ob-
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any Commissioners on the

score of informality.

E.A.

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Memorandum on House
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sent by Mr. C. C.
it goes now.

In the presence of H. C.
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Minute of 25 Feb. 75.
L. B.

In Mr. Sturrock

Enrol Budget for 1875-76

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C. C.

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Grant II		
Results from to	200	200
Contributions for Inspection	50	50
Grant III		
Hospitals	1270	1520
Vaccination		
Contribution to Local Funds	50	50
Registration of Births &c	90	24
Conservancy	2440	1996
Grant IV		
Lighting	590	746
Other purposes	220	125
Grant V		
Supervision & Management	590	1496
Balance	160	"
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The President of the Municipal Committee. Erode. 6
Public Works Department 16
Revenue Department 6
Board of Revenue 14
Accountant General 6
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Director of Public Instruction 7
President Local Board 21

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