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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

21st January 1881, No. 110.

Municipal Budgets.

Read the following paper:—

No. 75. From A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 1st December 1880, G. No. 707.

With reference to G.O., No. 1942, dated 11th October 1880, that the Commissioners must arrange to keep their expenditure within the available means by reducing expenses if necessary, I have the honor to append a copy of the resolution and an amendment thereon proposed at the general meeting held on the 10th ultimo.

2. The amendment was carried by 15 votes pro to 12 con.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr. F. Rowlandson and seconded by the Hon. P. Macfadyen—

“That after due consideration the Commissioners regret that they do not deem it advisable that they should exercise the functions vested by the Act of 1878, Section 88, in Government itself and attempt to adjust the budget finally. In the opinion of the Commissioners, the Act, as at present framed, cannot be successfully worked, and they will be prepared, if Government should decide on amending the Act, to point out several important matters as to which modification of the existing enactment is absolutely required.”

To which, as an amendment, it was proposed by Mr. P. Rungiah Naidu and seconded by Mr. G. Rajagopal Naidu to add the following words to the above:—

“For instance, the Commissioners are of opinion that it is advisable to abolish the posts of President and the two Vice-Presidents and have in their stead an Honorary President with a paid Secretary, a Collector, and an Engineer, the salaries of the three latter being fixed by the Commissioners, regard being had to the means at their disposal and the efficiency that the appointments require, and that the administration of the Municipality be vested in a Committee consisting of one member from each division to be elected by the Commissioners of that division and presided over by the Honorary President.”

The amendment was carried by 15 votes pro to 12 con.

ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1881, No. 110.

No. 76.

Recorded, the Commissioners' budget for 1881 being under consideration.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.
FINANCIAL.

To
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras.

Dated January, 21st.

Issued

Recd.

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G.O., 21st January 1881, No. 110.

JANUARY.
Nos. 75-76.

Municipal Budgets.—Letter from Acting President, Municipal Commission, Madras, forwarding a Resolution of the Commissioners, with reference to G.O. No. 1942 of 1880, requiring expenditure to be kept within the available means by reducing expenses if necessary, recorded.

G. No. 704

Municipal Office,

Madras, 1st December 1880.

From

A. L. Arundel Esq.,
President, Municipal Commission,

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To

The Honble R. Davidson, C. S. I.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
North B. George.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours Most Obedient Servant,

A. L. Arundel.

Acting President

Municipal Commission

Resolution

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Seconded by Mr. H. S. Macfarlane.

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(True Copy)

A. Brunell

Acting President
Municipal Commission.

Attest
Wm.

du Thiel: 3181/80

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Order 21st Jan'y 1881, No 110

Recorded, the Commissioners'

Budget für 1881 hängt von der Consideration.

To the President M.C. Madras. *10/10/19* (M)
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last. It is submitted that this is
sufficient under present circumstances, a larger allowance
draft is however put up, not initialed.

Abner's Commission
 No action on F. O. requiring
 expenditure to be kept
 within the available means.

Received of
 J. McJoy.

To the Chief Secretary
to Government
Bombay

[illegible]

F. L. A. B.
 July 1890
 Munich

Financial Department

Financial DEPARTMENT.

No.

From actg President. Madras Municipal Commission
1900 No. 703 forwarding copy of re-

Dated 1st Decr 1880. No 1700. The subject of the §6 requires

FOR ORDERS.

- also means by returning response.

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I say that Sec 85 of
the Act requires the Comr.
to submit a Budget statement

I wish the paper
Had been circulated
Earlier ~

I agree very much
in Mr. Hurd's lecture
note - which will leave
it for the Congressmen
to suggest amendments
in the law -
I do not see however
why it should be

1. available in court
2. approved expenditure (P.
must of course provide for
charges imposed by law -
allowance for business expenses
by law & the Govt. to amt. of
expenditure or P. is disallowed
3. amt. of taxation or loan
must be provided for to
approved expenditure

This instruction is the continuation of

a Budget in equilibrium
Sup. of the town the Pres?
have not submitted any
such Budget for the year
1877 - Expires on 31 Inst!

The action of Gov. has been
to increase materially the
amt. of charges & has not
legally be imposed on the
Municip. for Police &
Hospital services. Shows
from the police records?
to see that has been urged
by the Comm. on the subject
that the charges for the
Executive agency to the appt.

occupancy to pay any
Salary. because in fact
superior a salary within
certain limits - and
if a competent person
would undertake the
duty without salary -
I see no reason why Gov.
should not appoint -
I believe that Gov.
other amendments to the
may be effected within
the law with concurrence
of Government -
One special thing in
any amendment - would be
that a definite provision
of some outlay say \$1000
tax shall be set aside for

intend + working fund for
drainage town - beyond
the power of Municipalities to
obtain utilize it - then
there will be no difficulty in
obtaining loan & doing the
work -

as regards economy -
the use of circulars will
be cut out - of lighter cast
drawn by ink instead of 2 bulletins
would produce a large
savings - \$1000. 1872
Under the latest provisions
under the Act. I have not
got 20/50 - 1000 - 1877

The fact is that the Gov.
has not carried out
the proposals of this or
the previous year -

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to Government the Act has
been submitted by Law. Council?
he advised before the Municipalities
without legislation
But the Gov. is now
set to Municipalities law at
their disposal - how are
income of 1000 lbs of
papers greatly in like
the former income of
4000 lbs under the
26 of 50 - 1000 lbs
under the 9 of 50 and
6 1/2 Cables under 9 of 64
and cannot but think
that with judicious economy
the provisions of the
law will be adequately
satisfied from the revenues

at this Disposal.

But the existing law
has framed a scheme
drafted by a committee of
members of the Commission
but that if both considered
proposals for it and
be that throwing on the
General Taxpayers of the
Presidency an undue
charge for the benefit of
the Town of Madras are
submitted by the Comm.
I fear they will be completely
beyond a true possibility
determined by the way
in which the Comm. in
the performance of their
duties of administering
the local affairs of the city.

deduction of 6 annas
per month is made
to keep expenditure within
available means

FOR ORDERS.

and has laboriously written
in detail for the Comm.
to take the assistance of
the President of the Comm.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter from
the President, Municipal
Commission, Madras, dated 1st
December 1880, No. 707.

Order

Sections 85 and 87 of
Act V of 1878 require the
Commissioners to submit
a budget estimate of:-
(1) available income;
(2) approved expenditure;
this will from the nature
of the case provide first
for charges imposed by
law, and secondly for
services entrusted by law
to the Commissioners the
amount of expenditure
on which is discretionary;
amount

(3) amount of taxation,
or loans, ²¹¹ needed to provide
for the approved expendi-
ture.

2. The provisions of
the law just quoted
contemplate, it is ~~desired~~ ^{desired}, ~~and~~
a budget in equilibrium;
yet, up to the present
time, the Commissioners
had not submitted any
such budget for the year
which expired on the 31st
December 1880.

3. The action of
Govt. has been to reduce
materially the amount
of charges which might
legally be imposed on
the Municipality for Police
and Hospital services, and
they

they have ¹¹⁰ given the full-
est consideration to all
that has been urged by
the Commissioners on the
subject. The charges for
the executive agency to
be appointed by Govt.
under the act are prescribed
by law and cannot be
reduced below the mini-
mum without legislation.

4. The Govt. observe
that the Municipality
have at their disposal
now an income of $8\frac{1}{2}$
lakhs of Rupees year-
ly in lieu of a former
income of $4\frac{1}{3}$ lakhs
under Act 26 of 1856,
 $4\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs under Act 9
of 1865 and $6\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs
under

under Act 9 of 1867 and cannot but think that with judicious economy the provisions of the law might be adequately satisfied from the means at their disposal.

5. The existing law was based on a draft by a Committee which included many leading members of the Commission and was laboriously revised in select committee by the Legislative Council with the assistance of the President of the Commission. It is however with a view to amending the law, the Commissioners can submit to the Govt. any well considered proposals

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proposals which shall not have the effect of throwing on the general taxpayers of the Presidency an undue charge for the sole benefit of the town of Madras, such proposals will be carefully weighed, and their feasibility determined with every desire to aid the Commissioners in the performance of the task of administering the local affairs of the city.

Preparation of Madras
Municipal Budget
1880

Obbt. of { 1880 } Madras.

To _____

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*Ann. L. Budgets. Letter
from Dy. Secy. Genl.
Comm. Madras, for
a Rev. of the Comm. from
1942 of 1880, requiring ex-
penditure to be kept
within the available
means by reducing ex-
penses of surveying, re-
corded.*