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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following papers :—

From N. A. ROUPELL, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 12th February 1881, *No.* 14 [*Current No.* 375].

I have the honor to submit the Regular Estimate for 1880-81 and the Budget Estimate for 1881-82 of the Ootacamund Municipality.

Regular Estimate.—The regular estimate of receipts for the current year amounts to Rs. 62,060, being an increase of Rs. 12,870 over the budget grant, viz., Rs. 49,190. This wide difference is accounted for by the large opening balance, Rs. 15,040, as compared with Rs. 10,340 in the budget grant, and by the contribution from Provincial Funds, Rs. 6,660, previously drawn by the Department of Public Works, but this year made over by G.O., Financial Department, No. 1140, dated 8th June 1880, for expenditure by the Municipality. There was a deficiency in Taxes on Arts, on Surplus Pound Fund, and on sale of poudrette amounting to Rs. 750, but the remaining excess is made up of additional receipts from rates on houses Rs. 600, on lands Rs. 200, on licenses Rs. 100, on fines and fees Rs. 100, on rent of market Rs. 480, on rent of slaughter-houses Rs. 550, on bandystand Rs. 140, on sale of materials Rs. 50, on sweepings Rs. 40. In fact, almost every item of receipt shows an improvement as compared with the budget grant.

2. The falling off in the Tax on Arts and Professions was owing to the non-collection of the dues from Military Officers out of deference to the wishes of Government expressed in G.O., No. 1149, dated 9th June 1880, Financial Department.

3. No poudrette was sold as, in fact, none was manufactured. The Commissioners hope to be able shortly to introduce gradually a system similar to that in force at Poona, but the numerous other needs of the Municipality have delayed the introduction of this manufacture.

4. The origin of the very large opening balance, viz., Rs. 15,040, is explained in paragraph 44 of the Administration Report for the year 1879-80.

5. Turning to the regular estimate of expenditure the following is an abstract comparing the regular and budget estimates under each grant :—

—	Regular Estimate.	Budget Estimate.	Saving.	Excess.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Grant I	23,750	19,640	..	4,110
Do. II	1,385	1,480	95	..
Do. III	15,850	15,920	70	..
Do. IV	5,030	4,790	..	240
Do. V	3,855	3,690	..	165
Debt Accounts ..	1,850	1,950	100	..
Balance	10,340	1,720	..	8,620
Total ..	62,060	49,190	265	13,135

6. *Grant I—Public Works.*—The current year's expenditure is put at Rs. 23,750 as against a budget grant of Rs. 19,640. The charge of Rs. 500 under New Works—Communications—is made up of Rs. 300 on account of a stone parapet to replace the wooden railings protecting the road over Kelso bridge, and of Rs. 200 for raising the parapet wall of the regulator sluice and constructing turfed embankments on both sides of the road at the west end of the lake. No provision was made for these in the budget, but they were urgently needed, and the estimates were approved in anticipation of the sanction of Government for which the Commissioners now apply.

7. Under (*b.*) *Buildings*, Rs. 1,600 were entered in the budget for the conversion of the present bandystand into a vegetable market. The intention was to remove the bandystand to a site behind Abdul Cawder's shop, as approved in G.O., No. 582, dated 13th April 1875, Revenue Department. The site was supposed to contain 4 acres, but only ·55 acre can be traced. The Commissioners are of opinion that the present bandystand is well adapted to the wants of the town, and provision has been made for its improvement in the Budget Estimate for 1881-82. They proposed at their meeting, held on 31st January last, to allot for expenditure within the current year under this head Rs. 8,120 on account of the following works:—

	Rs.
Municipal Stores	3,220
Slaughter-houses	2,500
Market Cooking Shed	1,000
Repairs of Chattram	1,400
Total ..	8,120

8. (*c.*) *Drainage.*—A sum of Rs. 9,000 was allotted in the Budget Estimate for the drainage of the main bazaar. The commencement of this work has been much delayed. The scheme submitted by Major Morant, R.E., was returned to him because he had made no provision for the drainage of backyards. On Major Morant's removal from this district in April last, he handed over the estimate to the Local Fund Engineer for revision in accordance with the Commissioner's instructions. The Local Fund Engineer had no establishment to undertake the work, and the Municipal Commissioners sanctioned the employment of a Special Surveyor for the purpose. This was done, and the cost, viz., Rs. 600, is entered in the regular estimate. There was much loss of time for want of Mathematical instruments. There was further delay in deciding whether Major Morant's form of drain or the form of drain adopted in Madras should be selected, and it was not until the end of December that Mr. O'Shaughnessy was able to visit Madras to enable him to form an opinion on the point in question. He has had the advantage of personal communication with the Sanitary Commissioner and with the Municipal Engineer of Madras on this subject, and he has come to the conclusion that an amalgamation of Major Morant's and the Madras schemes will be the best to adopt. Estimates are now in preparation which provide for the best points, consistent with economy of construction, of both the schemes in question. These will be ready in the course of this month. The rough plans are already completed.

9. It may be mentioned that Major Morant was applied to for the levels or Field Books from which his estimate was made, and he said that he had none. The Municipal Engineer states that the whole of the work has had to be gone over from the beginning, and a scheme of this sort requires time, labor, and much consideration to elaborate it properly.

10. (*e.*) *Miscellaneous.*—Under this head the regular estimate amounts to Rs. 800 against a grant of Rs. 1,000. The amount was spent chiefly on planting trees near latrines, on fencing in waste plots, and constructing embankments in dangerous places.

11. (2) *Repairs*—(*a.*) *Communications.*—The budget grant was only Rs. 3,000, but this was increased by Rs. 5,330, the contribution for roads from Provincial Funds, and by Rs. 160 laid out on the improvement of the road leading to old Ooty, which was in an impassable state.

12. (*b.*) *Buildings.*—The grant, Rs. 603, was exceeded by Rs. 500. The excess was devoted to reflooring with asphalte, tarring, repairing, and painting the corrugated iron of the latrines throughout the town. Many of these were in a ruined condition, and the Sanitary Commissioner had commented strongly upon their state of disrepair. This work was much needed. Rs. 400 were allotted to repairing and rebuilding the poudrettte shed, and the balance (Rs. 200) was spent on whitewashing the market and slaughter-houses. Of the excess, Rs. 400 can be in great part met from savings under *New Works*—(*c.*) *Miscellaneous* (Rs. 200), and Repairs—(*d.*) *Water-supply* (Rs. 200).

13. (*c.*) *Drainage.*—No portion of the grant, Rs. 1,000, was utilized for reasons given in paragraph 9 above.

14. (*d.*) *Water-supply.*—Rs. 300 only out of the grant, Rs. 500, were found sufficient for this purpose.

15. (*e.*) *Miscellaneous.*—The budget grant, Rs. 100, was exceeded by a similar amount incurred for cartage of broken bricks, &c., to the market site, in re-painting market and other signboards. The original grant was devoted to repairs of fences, wells, &c.

16. (3) *Establishment*—(*a.*) *Public Works.*—The budget grant only was expended.

17. (4) *Tools and Plant and Contingencies.*—The grant was Rs. 400, while the regular estimate comes to Rs. 950. The excess arose from the necessity of purchasing two pairs of bullocks and carts, and of constructing four night-soil cart tanks in extension of the conservancy. For this extra charge sanction was requested in letter, No. 161, dated 9th October 1880, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

18. (5) *Contributions to Local Funds*—(*a.*) *Local Fund Supervision.*—Under this head a sum of Rs. 2,000 was allotted in the budget grant. This was calculated at 25 per cent. upon the average expenditure, viz., Rs. 8,000, of the two previous years. In the course of the year the Provincial grant already alluded to was given by Government, and the Commissioners raised their contribution to Rs. 2,400. Subsequently it was thought that this too was inadequate, having regard to the considerable increase above mentioned in normal expenditure which was thus raised to Rs. 13,330, to additional petty works up to nearly Rs. 2,000 carried out by the Engineering Department, and to the anticipated excess expenditure out of the large surplus in hand.

19. The regular charges under Grant I will thus exceed the budget provision by Rs. 4,110. The unexpended balance under Bazaar Drainage amounts to Rs. 9,400, and if this sum be deducted from the aggregate charges in the regular estimate over and above the budget grants for the current year, the excess regular charges under Grant I will be found approximately balanced. The Commissioners would, therefore, propose that the allotments under Grant I should stand as follows, and request the sanction of Government thereto;—

GRANT I.—*Public Works.*	Sanctioned Budget. Rs.	New Budget. Rs.
1. New Works—		
(*a.*) Communications		500
(*b.*) Buildings	1,600	8,120
(*c.*) Drainage	9,000	600
(*d.*) Water-supply	..	..
(*e.*) Miscellaneous	1,000	800
2. Repairs—		
(*a.*) Communications	3,000	8,490
(*b.*) Buildings	600	1,100
(*c.*) Drainage	1,000	..
(*d.*) Water-supply	500	300
(*e.*) Miscellaneous	100	200
3. Establishment—		
(*a.*) Public Works	440	440
4. Tools and Plant and Contingencies	400	950
5. Contribution to Local Funds—		
(*a.*) For Public Works Supervision	2,000	2,250
Total Grant I ..	19,640	23,750

20. *Grant II—Education.*—The regular estimate, Rs. 1,385, falls short of the budget grant, Rs. 1,480, by Rs. 95, owing to the reduced salary grants payable under the Revised Grant-in-aid Code (*vide* G.O., No. 36, dated 16th February 1880).

21. *Grant III—Sanitation and Medical Services.*—Here there is a close correspondence between the regular and budget items. On the whole there is a saving of Rs. 70 in the budget grant, Rs. 15,920. The outlay under (4) Conservancy—(*a*) Establishment—falls short of the budget grant by Rs. 70, and would have been considerably less on account of fines and savings, but for the employment of the additional hands for which sanction was applied in this office letter, No. 161, dated 9th October 1880.

22. *Grant IV—Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes.*—A saving of Rs. 200 occurs under (1) Lighting—(*b.*) Contingencies—owing to the fall in the price of kerosene oil.

23. *The Contribution for the Police.*—The moiety of pay of Police Force was exceeded by Rs. 270. The actual outlay was not known at the time the budget was framed, and in the course of the year G.O., No. 429, dated 27th February 1880, raised the Municipal contribution from Rs. 50 to Rs. 60 per cent. of the total Police charges.

24. The charge for Census was not foreseen, and amounts to Rs. 300. To the latter charge the excess of the regular estimate over the budget grant is almost entirely attributable.

25. *Grant V—Supervision and Management.*—Here there is an excess expenditure of Rs. 165 over the grant, viz., Rs. 3,690. This excess occurs in (1) Office—(*b.*) Contingencies—and in (4) Contribution to Local Funds and Government Secretariat for Controlling Establishment. In the former case it is accounted for by the charges for printing and by the cost of Gazettes which were under-estimated. In the latter no provision has been made. All the remaining items are well within the budget provision.

26. The year will thus close with the large balance of about Rs. 10,300 due to the non-utilization of the amounts allotted for drainage of the main bazaar.

27. I now come to the consideration of the estimate of probable receipts for the year 1881-82. The opening balance as shown above will be Rs. 10,340. The receipts will amount to Rs. 47,110, or Rs. 90 in excess of the regular estimates for the current year. There is no change in the items under 1, Rates and Taxes, which amount in either year to Rs. 28,550. This is due chiefly to the careful revision of the rates on houses and lands. Neither is there any change in the entries under 2, 3, and 5, Contributions from Provincial and Special Funds and Fines and Fees. The receipts from the rents of the market, slaughter-houses, and bandystand are entered in round numbers, somewhat below the probable receipts of the current year. The Commissioners hope that the proposed improvements to the buildings and sites in question will produce higher bids at the next auction, but pending the execution of these works they hesitate to take credit for additional receipts. The sale of poudrette has again been fixed at Rs. 500. The Commissioners are anxious to revive this item of revenue as soon as the shed for the improvement of which an allotment has been made is ready.

28. The proposed total expenditure is put down at Rs. 56,560, which, deducted from the total assets, will leave a balance of Rs. 890 at the close of the year. Such balance with other small current receipts will suffice to meet the costs of establishments during the first few months of the year when the collections are small.

29. *Grant I—Public Works.*—The allotment under this grant is Rs. 28,160 against Rs. 23,750 in the current year. Of this allotment Rs. 14,500 are entered under New Works—(*b.*) Buildings—and comprise the following items, viz.:—

(I) Market extension and improvements, Rs. 7,000.—It is proposed to erect additional lines of stalls all round the existing building in the form of a square. The Commissioners for this purpose have allotted Rs. 7,000 in the budget for one of such lines on the northern side of the existing building. It is proposed to carry out similar improvements on the remaining three sides of the buildings in future years. The extension contemplated provides shelter from inclement weather from which the

market traders now suffer much in the monsoon. It will also tend to improve the appearance of the market and enhance its letting value.

(II) Rs. 1,000 are allotted to complete the necessary extensions of the mutton and beef slaughter-houses. This work has been undertaken in consequence of the representation of the butchers that the present space is insufficient, and for the general improvement of the lines.

(III) Rs. 2,000 have been entered for levelling and draining the bandystand which is excessively muddy during the monsoon.

(IV) For poudrette sheds one near Craigmore, drying pans, kilns or cinerators and manufacture Rs. 3,000 have been allotted.

(V) Rs. 1,500 have been provided for the erection of one large and two small latrines at crowded centres. In my letter already referred to sanction was requested for the outlay of Rs. 2,000 for latrines, but, as no orders were passed, the work was not done.

(*c.*) *Drainage.*—No allotment has been made on this account though it is believed that the main bazaar scheme can be put in hand in the course of the year. This scheme will shortly be before the Government, and upon receipt of their instructions can be undertaken. The Rs. 10,000 appropriated for this purpose in the last year's budget (of which Rs. 600 have been spent) were mainly derived from the contract sales of the market bandystand and slaughter-houses, all of which are much in need of improvements and have been so recognised in this budget estimate. The allotment for the slaughter-houses will, it is believed, provide for their requirements for many years to come, but the bandystand and the market, the latter especially, as has been already shown, call for further expenditure to a considerable amount. It seems only reasonable that reproductive works, such as those named, should have the first claim to attention, and that the cost of works of unusual magnitude, and of a permanent character, from which posterity will benefit, such as the main bazaar drainage and extension of the water-supply, should not be thrown upon the current revenue, but be met by loans, the interest on which should be so fixed as to secure their redemption in, say, thirty years. Indeed this seems the only feasible course, for if current income should be devoted to such works it will be necessary to borrow for works of every day necessity. In the full belief that the Government will admit the justice of these views the Commissioners have made no allotment for drainage. In consideration of the peculiar circumstances of this Municipality, which for two-thirds of the year is the seat of Government, and the resort of persons from all parts of the Madras as well as from the other Presidencies, and the heavy demands upon its revenues, Government have promised a contribution towards the bazaar drainage of an amount equal to that furnished by the Municipality. This latter amount as stated above can only be raised by a loan which it is hoped that the Government will grant by instalments, as the money can be advantageously laid out. The Commissioners further trust that the Government, in view of the exceptional position of this Municipality, may be pleased to treat similarly the scheme for the water-supply extension which will shortly be submitted for their approval, viz., by granting an amount equal to that provided by the Commissioners and by assisting the latter in obtaining this amount by a loan upon the terms above indicated.

The estimates for the bazaar drainage scheme to be now submitted for approval come in round numbers to Rs. 40,000. Regarding it Mr. O'Shaughnessy writes as follows:—

"This estimate is based on Major Morant's scheme, and it will be sufficient for the work proposed by that officer. These works will, no doubt, be an improvement, but, so far as I can see at present, they fall very far short of what is required. They would make it easier to keep the bazaar and native town clean, but they will help to increase rather than diminish the pollution of the lake to an extent that will be unbearable at no very distant period. Of all the schemes proposed for the drainage of Ootacamund Major Tulloch's is, in my opinion, the only one that is suitable or likely to be effectual, and anything that is now done should tend to its eventual adoption. This scheme will cost at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs of rupees."

(*e.*) *Miscellaneous.*—Rs. 500 have been applied to enclosing waste plots of ground, fencing, embanking, and other petty improvements.

30. (2) *Repairs*—(*a.*) *Communications.*—The appropriation, Rs. 8,330, comprises the usual Municipal grant Rs. 3,000, and the Provincial grant Rs. 5,330.

The usual annual allotments have been made for (*b.*) Buildings—(*d.*) Water-supply.

The grant for (3) *Establishment*—(*a.*) *Public Works*—has been raised from Rs. 440 to Rs. 480. The pay of the carpenter and blacksmith, who has been in the employ of the Municipality since 1867, was in 1877-78 reduced from Rs. 37-8-0 to Rs. 30 owing to financial pressure. Last year this reduced pay was raised by Rs. 2, and it is proposed to raise it still further this year to Rs. 35.

31. (5) *Contribution to Local Funds*—(*a.*) *For Public Works Supervision.*—The additional grant on this account is explained in paragraph 18 above.

32. The allotment under *Grant II—Education*—Rs. 1,400 is almost the same as the probable expenditure in the year 1880-81. It is expected that the results grants payable to the Wesleyan and Kendal Church Mission Schools will this year be higher.

33. *Grant III— Sanitation and Medical Services.* — The expenditure under 1, Hospital and Dispensaries, will, in fact, be the same as last year. Nor is there any material change under 2, Vaccination and Registration of Births and Deaths.

The grant for *Conservancy*—(*a.*) *Establishment*—remains almost the same as before. An addition of Rs. 60 to the annual pay of the Water-course Inspector has been made in consequence of the additional work thrown upon him in registering the rainfall in four different localities within the station. Such information previous to the year 1880-81 was procured by the Department of Public Works.

34. *Grant IV—Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes.*—The chief item under this head is cost of pay of Police, Rs. 3,300.

Lighting contingencies have been put down at Rs. 800 to provide for the fluctuating price of oil.

The other items call for no remark.

35. The only alterations under *Grant V—Supervision and Management*—are Rs. 10 per month to the Manager, as explained in last year's report, and a proposed increase of Rs. 5 monthly to the pay of the Head Clerk which it is thought may fairly be somewhat raised.

36. In conclusion I would express my regret at the delay in the submission of these estimates. Plans and estimates for numerous works above specified had to be prepared, modified, and approved, and some have only recently been received. Without them the Commissioners were unable to make the necessary appropriations in the regular estimate and by consequence in the budget estimate. The work connected with the Census has also occupied much of the time of the office establishment.

I have the honor to request that the Government may be pleased to accord their early sanction to the works in the regular estimate to allow of as much work as possible being undertaken in the now current year.

From Surgeon-Major M. C. FURNELL, M.D., F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 28th February 1881, *No.* 297 [*Current No.* 511].

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that a provision of Rs. 21,635, or 37·6 per cent. of income, has been made by the Ootacamund Municipality for the year 1881-82. It may be accepted.

2. The Commissioners propose to devote a large sum of money for improvements to the market, slaughter-house, and bandy-stand. These places, no doubt, need all the improvements contemplated to make them worthy of so important a station.

3. In my inspection notes of Ootacamund, dated 27th July 1880, I drew particular attention to the want of a suitable place for the butchers to expose their supplies

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for sale, and I hope in the proposed rearrangement of the market some accommodation will be allotted them. I would also strongly recommend water being laid on to the market, for, without a supply of this, it is almost impossible the place can be kept as clean as a market of this sort should be.

4. I am glad to see the President believes that the main bazaar scheme of drainage can be put in hand in the course of the year. It is, I presume, beyond my province to consider how the means to carry out this scheme are to be obtained, but I may be permitted to reiterate, after what I saw last year, its urgent necessity; for, unless something is done to remove the accumulating evil, Ootacamund must lose its reputation as a sanitarium.

5. Considering the increasing importance of the town, and my own knowledge of it, I am inclined to think the loan contemplated might easily be raised, and I agree with the President in thinking it the most feasible plan.

ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1881, No. 675.

The estimated receipts and charges of the Ootacamund Municipality for 1881-82 are compared below with the sanctioned budget and regular estimates for the previous year:—

RECEIPTS.

	Budget, 1880-81.	Regular Estimate, 1880-81.	Proposed Estimate, 1881-82.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	10,340	15,040	10,340
Rates on Houses and Lands, at 7½ per cent. ..	20,400	21,200	21,200
Taxes on Arts, at the maximum schedule rates ..	3,500	3,300	3,300
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals, maximum schedule rates	3,400	3,400	3,400
Registration of Carts, maximum rate in Section 75	400	400	400
Licenses	150	250	250
Assignments by Government	150	6,760	6,760
Fines and Fees	500	600	600
Miscellaneous	10,350	11,110	11,200
Total ..	49,190	62,060	57,450

CHARGES.

	Budget, 1880-81.	Regular Estimate, 1880-81.	Proposed Estimate, 1881-82.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—		500	..
Communications	1,600	6,720	14,500
Buildings	10,000	1,400	500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous			
Repairs—	3,000	8,490	8,330
Communications	600	2,500	500
Buildings	1,600	500	450
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	440	440	480
Establishment	400	950	400
Tools and Plant	2,000	2,250	3,000
Contributions to Local Funds			
GRANT II.	1,160	1,070	1,060
Salary Grants	80	75	100
Results Grants	240	240	240
Inspection (Contribution)			

CHARGES—*continued.*

	Budget, 1880-81.	Regular Estimate, 1880-81.	Proposed Estimate, 1881-82.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	500	500	500
Medical College	200	205	230
Sanitary Inspection	200	200	230
Vaccination	250	245	240
Registration of Births and Deaths	150	145	160
Conservancy	14,620	14,555	14,680
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	1,340	1,140	1,340
Avenues and Watering Roads	100	100	100
Police	3,000	3,270	3,300
Miscellaneous	350	520	350
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	3,690	3,855	4,050
Repayment of Debt	950	950	950
Refunds	1,000	900	900
Balances	1,720	10,340	860
Total	49,190	62,060	57,450

2. The incidence of taxation calculated according to the Regular Estimate is Rs. 2-13-9 per head of population. The taxation open to the Municipality is fully utilized excepting Tolls. The amount of capitalized property possessed by the Municipality on the 31st March 1880, including value of premises Rs. 8,000, amounted to Rs. 23,933. The liability remaining unpaid on that date amounted to Rs. 10,734.

3. The Regular Estimate of receipts appears to have been carefully prepared. It shows a large increase, Rs. 12,870, over the sanctioned estimate, Rs. 49,190. This increase is chiefly attributed, apart from an increase in the opening balance, to credit having been taken for the Provincial contribution of Rs. 6,660, sanctioned in G.O., Financial Department, dated 8th June 1880, No. 1140, for the maintenance of certain roads. Nothing was expected from sale of poudrette as none had been manufactured, though Rs. 500 were originally estimated from this source, and Rs. 405 actually collected in 1879-80.

4. The alterations in the Public Works allotments are fully explained, the most important of these being the provision of Rs. 8,120, under New Works—Buildings, for the works particularised in the margin, the commencement of which was sanctioned by Government by telegram under date the 9th March 1881. Repairs to chattram is incorrectly classified under New Works instead of under Repairs. The necessary transfer has now been made. The allotment, Rs. 10,000, provided in the budget for the drainage of the main bazaar remained unemployed, and the President states that the scheme submitted by Major Morant needed modification, and that revised estimates are in course of preparation. These should be submitted as soon as possible with the requisite plans. The employment of a temporary surveyor in connection with this work is sanctioned on the condition that he shall not be retained longer than required.

	RS.
Municipal stores	3,220
Slaughter-houses	2,500
Market cooking shed	1,000
Repairs of chattrams	1,400
Total	8,120

5. The estimated receipts for 1881-82 do not show any material variation from the Regular Estimate for 1880-81 except that the income from sale of poudrette is taken at the same figure, Rs. 500, as that in the last Budget Estimate, the Commissioners being anxious to revive this source of revenue.

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6. The allotment for Public Works is passed, and the increase of pay recommended to the carpenter and blacksmith sanctioned. The question of providing funds for the drainage scheme and the extension of water-supply, alluded to in paragraph 29*c* of the President's letter, will be submitted separately. The contribution to the Medical College and Sanitary Inspection, calculated on the bare receipts of the Municipality, excluding License Tax, should be Rs. 230 each in lieu of Rs. 210 entered. The increase of pay recommended to the Water-course Inspector and the Head Clerk, as also the increment to the salary of the Manager, is sanctioned.

7. The Budget Estimate is closed with a balance of Rs. 860 which the Government consider inadequate. As a rule a balance equivalent to 10 per cent. of receipts should invariably be provided in future budgets.

8. With these remarks, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council passes the Budget of the Ootacamund Municipality for 1881-82.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, Nilgiri District.
" Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1881} Madras.

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To THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Ootacamund,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 21*st.*

Issued

Reed. *Encl.*

G.O., 21*st April* 1881, *No.* 675.

APRIL.

Municipal—Budgets.—Budget Estimate of the Ootacamund Municipality for the year 1881-82, reviewed.

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Municipal Commissioner's office
Ootacamund 12th February 1881.

No. 14

From.

V. A. Roupell Esquire
Ag: President, Ootacamund
Municipal Commission,

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

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Regular Estimate. The Regular Estimate of receipts for the current year amounts to Rs 62060 being an increase of Rs 12870 over the Budget grant viz 49190. This wide difference is accounted for by the large opening balance Rs 15040, as compared with Rs 10340 in the Budget Grant and by the contribution from Provincial Funds Rs 6660, previously drawn by the D. P. W., but this year made over by G.O. F. D. No. 1140 dated 8th June 1880 for expenditure by the Municipality. There was a deficiency in

in Taxes on Arts, on Surplus Pound Fund and on Sale of Poudrette amounting to Rs 750, but the remaining Excess is made up of additional receipts from Rates on Houses (Rs 600), on Lands (200) on Licenses Rs 100, on Fines and Fees 100, on rent of market Rs 480, on rent of Slaughter Houses Rs 550, Bandy Stand Rs 140, on sale of materials 50, on Sweepings Rs 40, In fact almost every item of receipt shows an improvement as compared with the Budget grant.

2. The falling off in the Tax on Arts and Professions was owing to the non-collection of the dues from Military officers out of deference to the wishes of Government expressed in G. O. No. 1149 dated 9th June 1880. Financial Department.

3. No poudrette was sold as, in fact, none was manufactured. The Commissioners hope to be able shortly to introduce gradually a system similar to that in force at Poona, but the numerous other needs of the Municipality have delayed the introduction of this manufacture.

4. The origin of the very large opening balance viz Rs 15040 is explained in para 44 of the Administration Report for the year 1879-80.

5. Turning to the Regular Estimate of Expenditure, the following is an abstract comparing the Regular and Budget Estimates under each grant.

—	Regular Estimate	Budget Estimate	Saving	Excess
Grant I.	23750	19640	"	4110
Grant II	1385	1480	95	"
Grant III.	15850	15920	70	"
Grant IV.	5030	4790	"	240
Grant V.	3855	3690	"	165
Debt accounts.	1850	1950	100	"
Balance	10340	1720	"	8620
	62060	49190	265	13135

6 Grant I. Public Works. The current year's expenditure is put at Rs 23750 as against a Budget grant of Rs 19640. The charge of Rs 500 under new works Communications is made up of Rs 300 on account of a stone parapet to replace the wooden railings protecting the road over Kelso Bridge, and of Rs 200 for raising the parapet wall of the Regulator Sluice and construc-ting turfed embankments on both sides of the road at the West end of the Lake. No provision was made for the

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in the Budget, but they were urgently needed and the estimates were approved in anticipation of the sanction of Government for which the Commissioners now apply.-

7. Under (b) Buildings. Rs 1600 were entered in the Budget for the conversion of the present Bandy stand into a vegetable market.- The intention was to remove the Bandy stand to a site behind Arbnl Cawdery shop, as approved in G.O. No. 582 dated 13th April 1875 R.D. The site was supposed to contain 4 acres but only .55 acres can be traced. The Commissioners are of opinion that the present Bandy stand is well adapted to the wants of the town and provision has been made for its improvement in the Budget Estimate for 1881.82. They proposed at their meeting held on 31st January last to allot for expenditure within the current year under this head Rs 8120 on account of the following works:—

	Rs
Municipal stores —	3220
Slaughter Houses —	2500
market Cooking Shed —	1,000
Repairs of Chuttrams —	1400
Total Rupees.	8,120

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8. (c) Drainage. A Sum of Rs 9000 was allotted in the Budget Estimate for the Drainage of the main Bazaar. The Commencement of this work has been much delayed. The Scheme submitted by Major Morant R.E was returned to him because he had made no provision for the Drainage of backyards, On major morant's removal from this District in April last he handed over the estimate to the Local Fund Engineer for revision in accordance with the Commissioners' instructions. The Local Fund Engineer had no establishment to undertake the work and the Municipal Commissioners Sanctioned the employment of a Special Surveyor for the purpose. This was done and the cost viz Rs 600 is entered in the Regular Estimate. There was much loss of time for want of mathematical instruments. There was further delay in deciding whether Major Morant's form of drain or the form of drain adopted in Madras should be selected and it was not until the end of December that Mr. O'Shaughnessy was able to visit Madras to enable him to form an opinion on the point in question.- He has had the advantage of personal communication with the Sanitary Commissioner

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and with the Municipal Engineer of Madras on this subject, and he has come to the conclusion that an amalgamation of Major Morant's and the Madras schemes will be the best to adopt. Estimates are now in preparation which provide for the best points, consistent with economy of construction, of both the Schemes in question. These will be ready in the course of this month. The rough plans are already completed.

9. It may be mentioned that Major Morant was applied to for the levels or Field Books from which his estimate was made and he said that he had none. The Municipal Engineer states that the whole of the work has had to be gone over from the beginning and a scheme of this sort requires time, labor, and much consideration to elaborate it properly.

10. (b) Miscellaneous. Under this head the regular estimate amounts to Rs 800 against a grant of Rs 1000. The amount was spent chiefly on planting trees near Latrines, on fencing in waste plots and constructing embankments in dangerous places.

11. (2) Repairs (a) Communications. The Budget Grant was only Rs 3000 but this was increased by Rs 5330 the contribution for roads from Provincial Funds and by Rs 160 laid out on the improvement of the road leading to old Ooty which was in an impassable state.

12. (b) Buildings. The grant Rs 600 was exceeded by Rs 500. The excess was devoted to re-flooring with asphalte, tarring, repairing, and painting the corrugated iron of the Latrines throughout the town. Many of these were in a ruined condition and the Sanitary Commissioner had commented strongly upon their state of disrepair. This work was much needed. Rs 400 were allotted to repairing and rebuilding the Powdrette Shed and the balance (Rs 200) was spent on whitewashing the market and Slaughter Houses. Of the excess, Rs 400 can be in great part met from savings under New works (c) Miscellaneous (Rs 200) and Repairs (d) Water Supply (Rs 200).

13. (c) Drainage. No portion of the

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grant Rs 1,000 was utilized for reasons given in para 9 above.

14 (d) Water Supply. Rs 500 only out of the grant Rs 500 were found sufficient for this purpose.

15 (e) Miscellaneous. The budget grant Rs 100 was exceeded by a similar amount incurred for cartage of broken bricks &c to the market site, in repainting market and other sign boards. The original grant was devoted to repairs of fences, wells &c.

16. (3) Establishment (a) Public works. The budget grant only was expended.

17. (4) Tools & Plant Contingencies. The grant was Rs 400 while the Regular estimate comes to Rs 950. The excess arose from the necessity of purchasing 2 pairs of bullocks and carts and of constructing 4 night soil cart tanks in extension of the Conservancy. For this extra charge sanction was requested in letter No. 161 dated 9th October 1880, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

18. (5) Contributions to Local Funds. (a) Local Fund Supervision. Under this head a sum of Rs 2000 was allotted in the Budget Grant. This was calculated at 25 per cent, upon the average expenditure viz

viz Rs 8000 of the two previous years. In the course of the year the Provincial grant already alluded to was given by Government and the Commissioners raised their contribution to Rs 2,400. Subsequently it was thought that this too was inadequate having regard to the considerable increase above mentioned in normal expenditure which was thus raised to Rs 13,330, to additional petty works up to nearly Rs 2000 carried out by the Engineering Department, and to the anticipated excess expenditure out of the large surplus in hand.

19 The Regular charges under grant I will thus exceed the Budget provision by Rs 410. The unexpended balance under bazaar drainage amounts to Rs 9400, and if this sum be deducted from the aggregate charges in the Regular Estimate over and above the Budget grants for the current year, the excess Regular Charges under grant I will be found approximately balanced. The Commissioners would therefore propose that the allotments under grant I should stand as follows and request the sanction of Government thereto.

Items	Sanctioned Budget	New Budget
Grant I Public works	Rs	Rs
1 New Works (a) Communications	"	500
(b) Buildings	1600	8120
(c) Drainage	9000	600
(d) Water Supply	"	"
(e) Miscellaneous	1000	800
2 Repairs (a) Communications	3000	8490
(b) Buildings	600	1100
(c) Drainage	1000	"
(d) Water Supply	500	300
(e) Miscellaneous	100	200
3 Establishment		
(a) Public works	440	440
4. Tools & Plant & Contingencies	400	950
5. Contribution to Local Fund		
(a) For P. W. Supervision	2000	2250
Total Grant I	19640	23750.

20. Grant II Education. The Regular estimate Rs 1385 falls short of the Budget grant 1480 by Rs 95, owing to the reduced salary grants payable under the Revised Grant in aid Code vide G.O No. 36 dated 16th February 1880.

21. Grant III Sanitation and Medical Services. Here there is a close correspondence between the Regular and Budget items.

On the whole there is a saving of Rs 70 in the Budget grant Rs 15920. The outlay under 4 Conservancy (a) Establishment falls short of the Budget grant by Rs 70 and would have been considerably less on account of fines and savings, but for the employment of the additional hands for which sanction was applied in this office letter No. 161 dated 9th October 1880.

22. Grant IV Miscellaneous municipal purposes. A saving of Rs 200 occurs under 1 Lighting (b) Contingencies owing to the fall in the price of kerosine oil.

23. The Contribution for the Police. The Moiety of Pay of Police Force was exceeded by Rs 270. The actual outlay was not known at the time the Budget was framed and in the course of the year G.O. No. 429 dated 27th February 1880, raised the municipal contribution from Rs 50 to Rs 60 per cent of the total Police charges.

24. The charge for census was not foreseen and amounts to Rs 300. To the latter charge the excess of the

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Regular estimate over the Budget grant is almost entirely attributable -

25 Grant V. Supervision & management;

Here there is an excess expenditure of ₵ 165 over the grant viz ₵ 3690. This excess occurs in 1, Office (6) Contingencies and in 4 Contribution to Local Funds and Government Secretariat for controlling Establishment. In the former case it is accounted for by the charges for printing and by the cost of Gazettes which were underestimated. In the latter no provision has been made all the remaining items are well within the Budget provision -.

26 The year will thus close with the large balance of about ₵ 10,300 due to the non-utilization of the amounts allotted for drainage of the main Bazaar -

27. I now come to the consideration of the estimate of probable receipts for the year 1881.82 - The opening balance as shewn above will be ₵ 10,340 - The receipts will amount to ₵ 47,110, or ₵ 90 in excess of

of the regular estimates for the current year - There is no change in the items under 1 Rates and Taxes, which amount in either year to ₵ 28,550. This is due chiefly to the careful revision of the rates on Houses and Lands. Neither is there any change in the entries under 2, 3 & 5. Contributions from Provincial and Special Funds and Fines and Fees. The receipts from the rents of the market, Slaughter Houses and Bandy Stand are entered in round numbers, somewhat below the probable receipts of the current year. The Commissioners hope that the proposed improvements to the buildings and sites in question will produce higher bids at the next auction but pending the execution of these works they hesitate to take credit for additional receipts - The sale of Poudrette has again been fixed at ₵ 500. The Commissioners are anxious to revive this item of revenue, as soon as the shed for the improvement of which an allotment has been made is ready -

28 The proposed total expenditure is put down at ₵ 56,060 which, deducted from the total assets, will leave a balance

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of Rs 890 at the close of the year. Such balance with other small current receipts will suffice to meet the costs of establishments during the first few months of the year when the collections are small.

29. Grant I Public Works. The allotment under this grant is Rs 28160 against Rs 23750 in the current year. Of this allotment Rs 14500 are entered under New works (6) Buildings and comprise the following items viz:-

(i) Market extension & improvements — 5...

It is proposed to erect additional lines of stalls all round the existing building in the form of a square. The Commissioners for this purpose have allotted Rs 7000 in the Budget for one of such lines on the northern side of the existing building. It is proposed to carry out similar improvements on the remaining 3 sides of the buildings in future years. The extension contemplated provides shelter from inclement weather from which the market traders now suffer much in the monsoon. It will also tend to improve the appearance of the market and enhance its letting value.

(ii) Rupees 1000 are allotted to complete the necessary extensions of the mutton and Beef Slaughter Houses. This work has been undertaken in consequence of the representation of the Butchers that the present space is insufficient and for the general improvement of the Lines.

(iii) Rupees 2000 have been entered for levelling and draining the Bandy Stand which is excessively muddy during the monsoon.

IV. For Poudrette Sheds one near Craigmore drying frames kilns or enerators and manufacture Rs 3000 have been allotted.

V. Rupees 1500 have been provided for the erection of one large and two small latrines at crowded centres. In my letter already referred to sanction was requested for the outlay of Rs 2000 for latrines, but, as no orders were passed, the work was not done.

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(c) Drainage. no allotment has been made on this account though it is believed that the main Bazaar scheme can be put in hand in the course of the year. This scheme will shortly be before the Government and, upon receipt of their instructions, can be undertaken. The Rs 10000 appropriated for this purpose in the last year's Budget (of which Rs 600 have been spent) were mainly derived from the contract sales of the market Bandy Stand and Slaughter Houses all of which are much in need of improvements and have been so recognized in this Budget Estimate, The allotment for the Slaughter Houses, will, it is believed, provide for their requirements for many years to come but the Bandy Stand and the market, the latter especially as has been already shown call for further expenditure to a considerable amount, It seems only reasonable that reproductive works such as those named should have the first claim to attention and that the cost of works of unusual magnitude

magnitude and of a permanent character from which posterity will benefit such as the main Bazaar Drainage and extension of the Water Supply should not be thrown upon the current revenue, but be met by loans the interest on which should be so fixed as to secure their redemption in say 30 years. Indeed this seems the only feasible course, for if current income should be devoted to such works it will be necessary to borrow for works of every day necessity. In the full belief that the Government will admit the justice of these views the Commissioners have made no allotment for Drainage. In consideration of the peculiar circumstances of this municipality which for two thirds of the year is the seat of Government and the resort of persons from all parts of the Madras as well as from the other Presidencies and the heavy demands upon its revenues Government have promised a contribution towards the Bazaar Drainage of an amount

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equal to that furnished by the Municipality - This latter amount as stated above can only be raised by a loan which it is hoped that the Government will grant by instalments as the money can be advantagously laid out -, The Commissioners further trust that the Government in view of the exceptional position of this Municipality, may be pleased to treat similarly the scheme for the water supply extension which will shortly be submitted for their approval viz; by granting an amount equal to that provided by the Commissioners and by assisting the latter in obtaining this amount by a loan upon the terms above indicated.

The estimates for the Bazaar Drainage Scheme to be now submitted for approval come in round numbers to Rs 40,000 Regarding it Mr. O'Shaughnessy writes as follows:—

This estimate is based on Major Morant's Scheme and it will be

be sufficient for the work proposed by that officer - These works will no doubt be an improvement, but so far as I can see at present they fall very far short of what is required. They would make it easier to keep the Bazaar and native town clean, but they will help to increase rather than diminish the pollution of the lake to an extent that will be unbearable at no very distant period. Of all the schemes proposed for the drainage of Potteramund Major Pullock's is in my opinion the only one that is suitable or likely to be effectual and anything that is now done should tend to its eventual adoption - This scheme will cost at least 1½ Lacs of Rupees.

(f) Miscellaneous. Rs 500 have been applied to enclosing waste plots of ground; fencing, embanking and other petty improvements.

30 (2) Repairs (a) Communications -

The appropriation Rs 8330 comprises the usual

usual municipal grant ₹ 3,000. and the Provincial grant ₹ 5,330.

The usual annual allotments have been made for (b) Buildings & (d) Water-Supply -.

The grant for 3 Establishment (a) Public Works has been raised - from ₹ 440 to ₹ 480 - The pay of the carpenter and Blacksmith who has been in the employ of the municipality since 1867 was in 1877-78 reduced from ₹ 37.8.0 to ₹ 30.0.0 owing to financial pressure - Last year this reduced pay was raised by ₹ 2 and it is proposed to raise it still further this year to ₹ 35/-

31. (5) Contribution to Local Funds (a) for Public works Supervision

The additional grant on this account is explained in para 18 above.

32. The allotment under Grant II Education ₹ 1400 is almost the same as the probable - expenditure in the year 1880.81. This is expected

expected that the Results grants payable to the Wesleyan and Kendal Church mission schools will this year be higher -

33. Grant III Sanitation and Medical Services - The expenditure under 1 Hospital & Dispensaries, will, in fact, be the same as last year. Nor is there any material change under 2 Vaccination and Registration of Births and Deaths.

The grant for conservancy (a) Establishment remains almost the same as before, an addition of ₹ 60 to the annual pay of the Water Conservancy Inspector has been made in consequence of the additional work - thrown upon him in registering the rainfall in 4 different localities within the station. Such information previous to the year 1880.81 was - procured by the D.P.W.

34. Grant IV. Miscellaneous Municipal purposes - The chief item under this head is cost of Pay of Police ₹ 3380.

Lighting

Lighting Contingencies have been put down at £800 to provide for the fluctuating price of oil—
The other items call for no remark.

35. The only alterations under Grant V Supervision and management are £10 per month to the manager, as explained in last year's Report and a proposed increase of £6 monthly to the pay of the Head Clerk, which increase it is thought may fairly be—considered raised—

36. In conclusion I would express my regret at the delay in the submission of these Estimates Plans and estimates for numerous works above specified had to be prepared, + modified and approved and some have only recently been received, Without them the Commissioners were unable to make the necessary appropriations in the Regular estimate and by Consequence in the Budget estimate— The work connected with the Census has also occupied, much

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much of the time of the office establishment,

I have the honor to request that the Government may be please'd to accord their early sanction to the works in the Regular Estimate, to allow of as much work as possible being— undertaken in the now Current Year.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed Servt

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No
1 Enclosure.

Subject.

Submitting the Budget Estimates of the Otacamund Municipality for the Year 1881. 82.

Statement I. Revenues and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Town of Colacamund during the Official year 1881.82

	1881.82 Arrears	1881.82 Current	1881.82 Details of minor Heads	1881.82 Totals of major Heads	Probable Receipts for 1880.81
1. Rates and Taxes.					
(a) Rate on Houses.	350 " "	18050 " "	18400 " "		18400 " "
(b) Rate on Lands	150 " "	2650 " "	2800 " "		2800 " "
(c) Taxes on arts &c	" " "	3300 " "	3300 " "		3300 " "
(d) Tax on Vehicles & Animals	" " "	3400 " "	3400 " "		3400 " "
(e) Registration of Carts	" " "	400 " "	400 " "		400 " "
(f) Licenses.	" " "	250 " "	250 " "	28550 " "	250 " "
2. Contribution from Provincial Funds			6660 " "	6660 " "	6660 " "
3. Contribution from Special Funds					
(a) Surplus Pound Fund			100 " "	100 " "	100 " "
5 Fines and Fees under Bye laws			600 " "	600 " "	600 " "
7. Rent of Houses Gardens markets &c.					
(a) Rent of municipal market			3600 " "		3680 " "
(b) Rent of Slaughter House			3600 " "		3750 " "
(c) Rent of Bandy Stand			1300 " "		1340 " "
(d) Rent of grazing lands			" " "	8500 " "	
8. Payments for municipal services by private parties					
(a) Private Scavenging			1800 " "		1800 " "
(b) Work done for Private Parties.			150 " "		150 " "
(c) Burying dead animals			50 " "	2000 " "	50 " "
9. Endowments Private contributions Donation & miscellaneous Receipts.					
10. Miscellaneous.					
(a) Sale of materials Tools & Plant.			50 " "		100 " "
(b) Sale of Poudrette.			500 " "		" " "
(c) Sale of measures			50 " "		50 " "
(d) Sale of Sweepings			100 " "		140 " "
(f) Interest			" " "		" " "
(g) Refunds			" " "		50 " "
(h) Sale of land			" " "	700 " "	" " "
				47110 " "	47020 " "

Statement I. Revenues and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Town of Colacamund during the Official year 1881.82

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	1881.82 Details of minor Heads	1881.82 Totals of major Heads	Probable Receipts for 1880.81
Brought forward.		47110 " "	47020 " "
12 Advances Recovered			
(a) From municipal Servants	" " "		
(b) Deposit accounts	" " "	" " "	
Total		47110 " "	47020 " "
13 Balance brought forward.			
(a) Municipal Fund		10340 " "	15040 " "
Total		57450 " "	62060 " "

Note to Statement I

1. House rate is levied at ½ per cent subject to the following deduction for furniture:
   A deduction of 10 per cent for furnished houses the gross rental of which is assessed at not more than Rs 400 per annum.
   15 per cent for annual rentals between 400 & 800 Rupees, 20 per cent between 800 & 1600 Rs & 25 per cent for all houses above 1600 Rs.
2. The rates on lands are as follows:—
   (a) Lands cultivated with potato & vegetable gardens are assessed at 2 Rs an acre.
   (b) Tea cultivation at 3 Rs an acre under 5 years free
   (c) Gum & accacia at 2 Rs an acre under 5 years free.
   (d) Sholahs at 1 Rs per acre
   (k) Chinchona at 2 Rs an acre under 5 years free.
   (f) Peat land at 5 Rs an acre, unworked free.
   (g) Grass land four annas per acre.
3. Taxes on arts &c are levied at the maximum Schedule rates excepting classes VII & VIII which are exempted.
4. Taxes on Vehicles are levied at the maximum Schedule rates
5. Carts are registered at 2 Rs each per Half year.
6. Tolls are not levied.
7. Licenses and fees are at the rates sanctioned in G.O. No. 962 dated 30th May 1878.

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President,

Ootacamund Municipality.

Statement I A. Endowments entrusted to the Municipal Commissioners under Section 15 & 16 for the official year 1881.82

Name of Institution	Amount of Funds capital	Opening balance	Interest or Income of Ca[pital]	Appropriation from capital for expenditure	Private Contribution & Donations	Sale of medicines or sundry property	Total (Columns 2-7) (Statement I. 9)	Contribution to Local Fund Boards	Total Receipts	Invested	Current charges	Total (Statement II Grant III)	Allotted for Public works (Statement II. 4)	Total charges	Closing Balance	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nil																

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President
Ootacamund Municipality

Statement II. Expenditure from Municipal Funds of the Town of Ootacamund for the official year 1881.82

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—	1881.82 Details of minor Heads			1881.82 Total of major Heads			Probable Expenditure for 1880.81		
Grant I. Public Works									
1 New works									
(a) Communications	"	"	"				500	"	"
(b) Buildings	14500	"	"				8120	"	"
(c) Drainage	"	"	"				600	"	"
(d) Water Supply	"	"	"				"	"	"
(e) Miscellaneous	500	"	"	15000	"	"	800	"	"
2. Repairs.									
(a) Communications	8330	"	"				8490	"	"
(b) Buildings	500	"	"				1100	"	"
(c) Drainage	"	"	"				"	"	"
(d) Water Supply	300	"	"				300	"	"
(e) Miscellaneous	150	"	"	9280	"	"	200	"	"
3. Establishment									
(a) Public works	480	"	"	480	"	"	440	"	"
4. Tools & Plant & Contingencies	400	"	"	400	"	"	950	"	"
5. Contribution to Local Funds									
(a) For Public works Supervision	3000	"	"	3000	"	"	2250	"	"
Total Grant I				28160	"	"	23750	"	"

Statement II. Expenditure from municipal Funds of the Town of Otacamund for the official year 1881.82. (continued)

	1881. 82 Details of minor Heads	1881. 82 Total of major Heads	Probable expenditure of 1880.81.
Grant IV Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes.			
1. Lighting			
(a) Establishment	540 " "		520 " "
(b) Contingencies	800 " "	1340 " "	600 " "
3 Chowltries			
(a) Establishment	" " "		
(b) Contingencies	" " "	" " "	" " "
4 Watering Roads.	" " "	" " "	
5. Avenues.	100 " "	100 " "	100 " "
6. Purchase of land.			
7. Purchase of materials			
8. Work done for Private parties.	150 " "	150 " "	150 " "
9. manufacture of measures	50 " "	50 " "	50 " "
10. manufacture of Powdrette.	150 " "	150 " "	20 "
11. Sixty per cent of Pay of Police	3300 " "	3300 " "	3270 "
13. Census charges.	" " "	" " "	30 " "
Total Grant IV		5090 "	5030 " "

Statement II. Expenditure from municipal Funds of the Town of Otacamund for the official year 1881. 82 (Concluded) 675/21

	1881. 82 Detail of minor Heads	1881. 82 Total of major Heads	Probable expenditure of 1880.81.
Grant V Supervision & management			
1 Office			
(a) Establishment	2585 " "		2345 " "
(b) Contingencies	725 " "	3280 " "	720 " "
2. Collection			
(a) Establishment	324 " "		325 " "
(b) Contingencies	26 " "	350 " "	20 " "
3. Miscellaneous.			
(a) Office Rent	360 " "		360 " "
(b) Contribution for Controlling Establishment in the Government Secretariat & Local Funds.	60 " "	420 " "	55 " "
Total Grant V		4050 " "	3855 " "
Repayment of Debt	950 " "	950 " "	950 " "
Interest			
Advances Recoverable	" " "	" " "	" " "
Refunds	900 " "	900 " "	900 " "
Grand Total Expenditure		5650 " "	5560 " "
Balance (a) municipal Funds.		890 " "	890 " "
Total		57450 " "	57450 " "

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President
Otacamund Municipality.

Statement II A. Detail of allotment for Expenditure on Public works estimated to cost Rs 100 or upwards.

Part I. New works.

No.	Project	Amount of Expenditure	Paid for Expenditure	Expenditure in 1881-82	Remarks
		"	"	"	
(a)	Communications				
(b)	Buildings				
	(1) Extension & Improvements to the market	7000	"	7000	
	(2) Completing the additions to the Beef and Mutton Butcheries Slaughter Houses	1000	2500	1000	
	(3) Levelling and draining the Bandy Stand	2000	"	2000	
	(4) Constructing the Boudrette Sheds drying pans Cinerators &c	3000	"	3000	
	(5) Constructing Cargo Small latrines in convenient centres	1500	"	1500	
	Total	14500	2500	14500	
		"	"	"	
(c)	Drainage				
		"	"	"	
(d)	Water Supply				
(e)	Miscellaneous Enclosing waste plots of ground, planting trees and embanking dangerous spots	500	"	500	
	Total	500	"	500	
	Grand Total	15,000	2500	15,000	

Statement II A. Detail of allotments for Expenditure on Public works

Part II. Repairs.

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No.	Project.	Grant.	Remarks.
(a)	Communications		
	(1) Expenditure from the Provincial grant on municipal Roads.	5330	√
	(2) 4 5/8 miles 1st class Road @ 302 " " 0 per mile		
	1399 " " 0		
	3 3/32 miles 2d class Road 681 " " 0		
	2 11/16 miles 3d do 296 " " 0		
	7/8 mile 4" do 24 " " 0		
	Bridle paths 500 " " 0	2900	
	(3) Petty Repairs & Reserve	100	
	Total	8330.	√
(b)	Buildings		
	Repairing & Whitewashing market Slaughter Houses Bridges &c	500	
	Total	500	√
(c)	Drainage.	"	
(d)	Water Supply		
	Repairs to the north & south Water Supply channels	300	
	Total	300	√
(e)	Miscellaneous.		
	Repairing fences, wells Embankments &c	150	
	Total	150	√
	Grand Total	9280.	√

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President

Cotacamund Municipality

Statement II B. Detail of Municipal Establishment.

	No.	Salary per mensem	Salaries per annum	Total major Heads
Grant I Public works.				
Blacksmith	1	35 " "	420 " "	
Bellowsboy	1	5 " "	60 " "	
Storekeeper	"	" " "	4 " "	
Total			480 " "	480 " "
Grant II. Education				
Inspection	"	" " "	" " "	
masters	"	" " "	" " "	
clerks	"	" " "	" " "	
Inspectors	"	" " "	" " "	
Total			" " "	" " "
Grant III Sanitation & Medical Services				
1. Hospitals & Dispensaries				
medical Subordinates	"	" " "	" " "	
clerks	"	" " "	" " "	
Servants	"	" " "	" " "	
Total			" " "	" " "
2. Vaccination				
Vaccinators	1	18 " "	216 " "	
Peons	"	" " "	" " "	
Total			216 " "	216 " "
3. Registration.				
Registrars	1	12 " "	144 " "	
Peons	"	" " "	" " "	
Total			144 " "	144 " "
4. Conservancy				
Conservancy Inspectors	1	90 " "	1080 " "	
Do assts Do	1	40 " "	480 " "	
Do Maistries	3	45 " "	540 " "	
Do Head	1	9 " "	108 " "	
Scavengers 1st Class	24	192 " "	2304 " "	
Do 2nd Class	24	168 " "	2016 " "	
Do 3rd Class	8	48 " "	576 " "	
Do 4th Class	8	40 " "	480 " "	
Carters	12	96 " "	1152 " "	
Do	4	28 " "	336 " "	
Total			9072 " "	9072 " "

Statement II B. Detail of Municipal Establishment.

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	No.	Salary per mensem	Salaries per annum	Total major Heads
Brought forward.				
Water Course				
Inspector	1	40 " "	480 " "	
Peons	4	32 " "	384 " "	
Total			864 " "	864 " "
Grant IV. miscellaneous Municipal Purposes				
1. Lighting				
Massalchees	5	45 " "	540 " "	
Peons	"	" " "	" " "	
Total			540 " "	540 " "
3 Choultries				
Establishment	"	" " "	" " "	
Contingencies	"	" " "	" " "	
Total			" " "	" " "
Grant V. Supervision & management				
1. Office				
Manager	1	140 " "	1680 " "	
Clerk	1	35 " "	420 " "	
Do	1	20 " "	240 " "	
Peons	2	18 " "	216 " "	
Total			2556 " "	2556 " "
2. Collection				
Process Servers	1	17 " "	204 " "	
Do	1	10 " "	120 " "	
Total			324 " "	324 " "

Vice President
Vizagapatam Municipality

Receipts.

Statement IV A. Regular

Items.	Actuals of the first 8 months of 1880.81	Actuals of the last 4 months of 1879.80	Probable receipts of the last four months of 1880.81	Total of Columns 2 & 3	Budget Estimate 1880.81	Explanation of variations between Columns 5 & 6
1	2	3	4	5		
1. Rates & Taxes						
(a) Rate on Houses	10770 " "	7290 " "	7630 " "	18400 " "	" " "	Although not estimated for this Expenditure was considered necessary for certain unforseen
(b) Rate on Lands	1885 " "	1830 " "	915 " "	2800 " "	1600 " "	The allotment of £1600 for Improvements to Bandy Stand was not utilized but sanction was for certain other important works costing £820 is now applied for, hence the increase -
(c) Taxes on arts &c	1980 " "	1295 " "	1325 " "	3300 " "	9000 " "	not absorbed for reasons stated in para 8 of covering letter accompanying this Budget.
(d) Tax on Vehicles & Animals	2580 " "	820 " "	820 " "	3400 " "	" " "	
(e) Registration of carts	210 " "	180 " "	190 " "	400 " "	1000 " "	The full grant will not be spent as it was found that £800 will suffice for this year's requirements -
(f) Tolls	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "		
(g) Licenses	75 " "	190 " "	175 " "	250 " "	3000 " "	The Provincial grant for Roads not estimated for
2. Contribution from Provincial Funds					600 " "	The variation is fully explained in para 12 (b) Buildings of the accompanying
(a) Communications	6660 " "	" " "	" " "	6660 " "		Report on the Regular Estimate for 1880.81
3. Contributions from Special Funds					1000 " "	£785 sufficient to new works (c) Drainage
(a) Surplus Pound Fund	30 " "	35 " "	70 " "	100 " "	500 " "	£300 found sufficient for repairs this year.
5. Fines and Fees under Bylaws &c	405 " "	320 " "	195 " "	600 " "	100 " "	An additional outlay of £800 was incurred on certain petty works.
7. Rent of Houses gardens markets &c						
(a) Rent of municipal market	2165 " "	1095 " "	1515 " "	3680 " "	440 " "	
(b) Rent of Slaughter House	2500 " "	1100 " "	1250 " "	3750 " "	400 " "	Increase was devoted to purchasing bullocks & constructing night soil cart for which sanction was applied for.
(c) Rent of Bandy Stands	895 " "	430 " "	445 " "	1340 " "	2000 " "	Owing to the contribution for P.W. Supervision having been raised as it was found insufficient -
(d) Rent of Land	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	19640 " "	
8. Payments for municipal services to private parties						
(a) Private Scavenging	1325 " "	505 " "	475 " "	1800 " "	600 " "	
(b) Work done for Private parties	70 " "	45 " "	80 " "	150 " "	360 " "	The grant reduced in accordance with the Revised Grant in aid Cds.
(c) Burying dead animals	20 " "	" " "	30 " "	50 " "	200 " "	
9. Endowments Private contributions Donation & Miscellaneous Receipts	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	50 " "	
10. Miscellaneous.					30 " "	
(a) Sale of materials Tools & Plant	85 " "	" " "	15 " "	100 " "	210 " "	
(b) Sale of Poudrette	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	1480 " "	
(c) Sale of measures	40 " "	" " "	10 " "	50 " "		
(d) Sale of Sweepings	75 " "	" " "	65 " "	140 " "	500 " "	
(f) Avenues	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	200 " "	
(g) Refunds	" " "	" " "	50 " "	50 " "	200 " "	
(h) Sale of Bylaws	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	216 " "	
12. Advances Recovered.					34 " "	
(a) From municipal Servants	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	140 " "	
13. Balance					6 " "	
(a) Municipal Fund.	15020 " "	" " "	" " "	15020 " "		
Total	46810 " "	15155 " "	15250 " "	62060 "	9070 " "	
					2000 " "	
					100 " "	
					600 " "	
					802 " "	
					46 " "	
					15920 " "	

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Statement IV A Regular Expenditure Estimate.

Items	Actuals of the first 8 months of 1880.81	Actuals of the last 4 months of 1879.80.	Probable charges of the last 4 months of 1880.81	Total of Column 2 & 4
1	2	3	4	5
Grant IV Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes				
1. Lighting				
(a) Establishment	360 " "	180 " "	180 " "	540
(b) Contingencies	440 " "	10 " "	160 " "	600
3. Choultries				
(a) Establishment	" " "	" " "	" " "	"
(b) Contingencies	" " "	" " "	" " "	"
4. Watering Roads	" " "	" " "	" " "	"
5. Avenues	40 " "	50 " "	60 " "	100
6. Purchase of land	" " "	" " "	" " "	"
7. Purchase of materials	" " "	" " "	" " "	"
8. Work done for Private Parties	25 " "	10 " "	125 " "	150
9. Manufacture of measures	40 " "	" " "	10 " "	50
10. Manufacture of Poudrette	5 " "	" " "	15 " "	20
11. Miscellaneous				
12. Moiety of Pay of Police Force	2170 " "	1410 " "	1100 " "	3270
13. Census	40 " "	" " "	260 " "	300
Total Grant IV	3120 " "	1660 " "	1910 " "	5030
Grant V Supervision & Management				
1. Office				
(a) Establishment	1585 " "	750 " "	790 " "	2375
(b) Contingencies	620 " "	80 " "	100 " "	720
2. Collection				
(a) Establishment	215 " "	110 " "	110 " "	325
(b) Contingencies	20 " "	" " "	" " "	20
3. Miscellaneous				
(a) Office rent	240 " "	310 " "	120 " "	360
(b) Contribution to Controlling Establishment in the Government Secretariat & Local Funds	5 " "	" " "	50 " "	55
Total Grant V	2685 " "	1250 " "	1170 " "	3855
Repayment of Debt } Interest	475 " "	475 " "	475 " "	950
Advances Recoverable	" " "	" " "	" " "	"
Refunds	390 " "	285 " "	510 " "	900
Grand Total Expenditure	28920 " "	9765 " "	22800 " "	51720
Balance				10,340
Total				62060

Budget Grant 1880.81	Explanation of variations between column 5 & 6
6	7
17800 " "	Excess due to increased collections realized on the revision of House Registers.
2600 " "	Do Do Do of land Register.
3500 " "	Due to noncollection of taxes from military officers.
3400 " "	
400 " "	
" " "	
150 " "	Increased applications & fees for burning bricks.
" " "	Not budgetted for
150 " "	A smaller sum remitted to the municipality on a/c of moiety of Surplus Pound Fund by the Commissioner this year
500 " "	The anticipated receipts from this source was under estimated owing to Competition
3200 " "	The Rent of the municipal market fetched more at auction
3200 " "	Do Slaughter Houses — Do — Do —
1200 " "	Do Bandy Stand — Do — Do —
" " "	
1800 " "	
150 " "	
50 " "	
" " "	
50 " "	The excess was realized by sale of surplus & unserviceable stores
500 " "	No poudrette sold, as there was no demand for it.
50 " "	
100 " "	More competition at the auction this year at the sale of manure & rubbish collected in the Bandy Stand —
" " "	
50 " "	
" " "	
" " "	
10340 " "	Excess due to the unexpended allotment for drainage in last year & the excess in several items of receipts.
49190 " "	

[signature]
President
Ootacamund Municipality

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Statement IV A. Regular Expenditure Estimate.

Items	Actuals of the first eight months of 1880.81	Actuals of the last 4 months of 1879.80	Probable Charges of the last 4 months of 1880.81	Total of Cols 2 & 4	Budget grant of 1880.81	Explanation of variations between columns 5 & 6
					6	7
Grant I Public Works						
1 New works						
(a) Communications	300 " "	105 " "	200 " "	500 "	540 " "	
(b) Buildings	" " "	" " "	8120 " "	8420 (6720) "	800 " "	Owing to the fall in the price of kerosine oil
(c) Drainage	" " "	" " "	600 " "	600 "	" " "	
(d) Water Supply	" " "	" " "	" " "	"	" " "	
(e) Miscellaneous	115 " "	615 " "	685 " "	800 "	" " "	
2. Repairs						
(a) Communications	8160 " "	150 " "	330 " "	8490 "	100 " "	
(b) Buildings	950 " "	" " "	150 " "	400 (2500) "	" " "	
(c) Drainage	" " "	" " "	" " "	" "	" " "	
(d) Water Supply	" " "	" " "	300 " "	300 "	200 " "	Cannot with any accuracy be estimated
(e) Miscellaneous	90 " "	30 " "	110 " "	200 "	50 " "	
3 Establishment						
(a) Public works	275 " "	180 " "	165 " "	440 "	100 " "	No demand for Poudrette. Manufacture discontinued.
4 Tools & Plant & Contingencies	595 " "	65 " "	355 " "	950 "	3000 " "	Actual outlay not known when Budget was framed. In the course of the year the contribution was raised from 50 to 60 per cent of the total cost.
5. Contribution to Local Funds						
(a) For P. W. Supervision	2000 " "	" " "	250 " "	2250 "	" " "	Not budgetted for, an unforeseen charge.
Total Grant I	12485 " "	1145 " "	11265 " "	23750 "	4790 " "	
Grant II Education						
3 Grants in aid						
(a) Breeks Memorial School	250 " "	600 " "	350 " "	600 "	2376 " "	
(b) C. M. S. Boys School	30 " "	115 " "	240 " "	270 "	624 " "	The charges for printing Municipal Proceedings in District Gazette and cost of Gazette exceeded the anticipated outlay—
(c) Roman Catholic Boys School	15 " "	60 " "	185 " "	200 "	324 " "	
4 Results Grants					6 " "	
(a) Wesleyan Mission School	35 " "	" " "	" " "	35 "		
(b) Kaudal Church Mission School	40 " "	" " "	" " "	40 "	360 " "	
6. Inspection						
(a) Educational Inspectorate	240 " "	" " "	" " "	240 "	" " "	Not budgetted for, the actual sum to be provided was not known
Total Grant II	610 " "	775 " "	775 " "	1385 "	3690 " "	
Grant III Sanitation & Medical Services						
1. Hospitals & Dispensaries						
(a) Contn. to St. Bar. Hospital	" " "	" " "	500 " "	500 "	950 " "	
(b) Contn. to Medical College	5 " "	" " "	200 " "	205 "	" " "	
(c) Contn. for Sanitary Inspectn.	" " "	" " "	200 " "	200 "	1000 " "	
2. Vaccination						
(a) Establishment	110 " "	70 " "	105 " "	215 "	47470 " "	Due to the nonutilization of the amount allotted for the Bazaar Drainage scheme.
(b) Contingencies	30 " "	" " "	" " "	30 "	1720 " "	
3 Registration of Births & Deaths						
(a) Establishment	90 " "	50 " "	55 " "	145 "		
(b) Contingencies	" " "	" " "	" " "	" "		
4 Conservancy						
(a) Establishment	5670 " "	2745 " "	3330 " "	9000 "		
(b) Sanitary Service (Cost of Conservancy Carts)	2275 " "	890 " "	1725 " "	4000 "		
(c) Cleansing of Tanks & Wells	" " "	" " "	100 " "	100 "		
(d) Contingencies	405 " "	165 " "	195 " "	600 "		
5 Water Course						
(a) Establishment	535 " "	265 " "	270 " "	805 "		
(b) Contingencies	35 " "	" " "	15 " "	50 "		
Total Grant III	9155 " "	4175 " "	6695 " "	15850 "	49190 " "	

Ootacamund
Munl: Commissioners'
Office 12th February 1881.

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President
Ootacamund Municipality

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Office of Sanitary Commissioner
Madras 28th February 1881

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From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that a provision of Rupees 21,635 or 37.6 per cent of income has been made by the Ootacamund Municipality for the year 1881/82. It may be accepted.

The Commissioners propose to devote a large sum of money for improvements to the market, slaughter house and Bandy stand. These places no doubt need all the improvements contemplated to make them worthy of so important a station.

In my inspection notes of Ootacamund dated 27th July 1880 I drew particular attention to the want of a suitable place for the Butchers to expose their supplies for sale, and I hope in the proposed re-arrangement

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re-arrangement of the market some accom-
=modation will be allotted them. I would
also strongly recommend water being laid
on to the market, for without a supply
of this it is almost impossible the place
can be kept as clean as a market of this
sort should be.

I am glad to see the President
believes that the main bazaar scheme
of drainage can be put in hand in the
course of the year. It is I presume beyond
my province to consider how the means
to carry out this scheme are to be obtained,
but I may be permitted to reiterate, after
what I saw last year, its urgent necessity;
for unless something is done to remove
the accumulating evil Ootacamund
must lose its reputation as a Sanitarium.

Considering the increasing
importance of the town, and my own
knowledge of it, I am inclined to
think the loan contemplated might
easily be raised, and I agree with
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters

from the President, Municipal Commission, Ootacamund dated
12th February 1881 No 14
Do Sanitary Commissioner 28th February 1881 No 297.

ORDER. 21 April 1881 No 675

The estimated receipts and charges of the Ootacamund Municipality for 1881-82 are compared below with the sanctioned budget and Regular Estimate for the ~~current~~ previous year.

Receipts.	Budget 1880-81	Regular Estimate 1880-81	Proposed Estimate 1881-82
Balance brought forward ..	10,340	15,040	10340
Rates on Houses and Lands at 7½ per cent	20,400	21,200	21,200
Taxes on Arts at the maximum Schedule rates	3,500	3,300	3300
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals maximum Schedule rates	3400	3,400	3400
Registration of Carts maximum rate under 75	400	400	400
Tolls	"	"	"
Licenses	150	250	250
Licence Tax	"	"	
Assignments by Government ..	150	6,760	6760
Contribution from Local Funds ..	"	"	"
Fines and Fees	500	600	600
Endowments	"	"	"
Miscellaneous	10,350	11,110	11,200
Loans	"	"	"
Advances Recoverable	"	"	"
Total ..	49190	62,060	57,450

Charges.

Grant I.			
New Works.			
Communications	"	500	"
Buildings	1,600	6720 ~~8420~~	14,500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	10,000	1400	500
Repairs.			
Communications	3000	8,490	8330
Buildings	600	~~2100~~ 250	500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	1,600	500	450
Establishment	440	440	480
Tools and Plant	400	950	400
Contributions to Local Funds ..	2000	2250	3000
	19640	23750	28160
Grant II.			
Training Schools	"	"	"
Municipal Schools	"	"	"
Salary Grants	1160	1070	1060
Results Grants	80	75	100
Schools on the combined system	"	"	"
Inspection (Contribution) ..	240	240	240
Miscellaneous	"	"	"
	1480	1385	1400
Grant III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	500	500	500
Medical College	200	205	230
Sanitary Inspection ..	200	200	230
Vaccination	250	245	240
Registration of Births & Deaths	150	145	160
Conservancy	14,620	14,555	14680
	15920	15850	16040
Grant IV.			
Lighting	1340	1140	1340
Markets	"	"	"
Choultries	"	"	"
Traveller's Bungalow ..	"	"	"
Avenues and Watering Roads.	100	100	100
Police	3000	3270	3300
Licence Tax	"	"	"
Miscellaneous	350	520	350
	4790	5030	5090
Grant V.			
Supervision and Management.	3690	3855	4050
Repayment of Debt	950	950	950
Advances Recoverable	"	"	"
Refunds	1000	900	900
Balances	1720	10,340	860
	7360	16045	6760
Total ..	49,190	62,060	57,450

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of debt.
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2. The incidence of taxation Excluding Tolls calculated according to the Regular Estimate is Rs 2-13-9 per head of population. The taxation open to the Municipality is fully utilised. The amount of capitalized property possessed by the Municipality on the 31st March /80 including value of premises Rs 8,000 amounted to Rs 23,933. The ~~re was~~ ~~unpaid~~ (no) liability remaining unpaid on that date. amounted to Rs 950.

3. The Regular Estimate of receipts appears to have been carefully prepared. It shows a large increase Rs 12,870 over the sanctioned Estimate Rs 49,190. ~~The cause of~~ this increase is chiefly attributed, apart from an increase in the opening balance, to credit having

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been taken for the Provincial Contribution of Rs 6,660 sanctioned in G.O. No 278 8th June/80 No 1142 for the maintenance of certain roads. It is remarkable that nothing is expected from sale of Pondrottes, though Rs 500 were originally estimated from this source and Rs 405 actually collected in 1879-80.

4. The alterations in the Public Works allotments are fully explained; the most important of these being the provision of Rs 8,120 under the head of New Works, buildings, for the works particularised in the margin, the commencement of which was sanctioned by Government by telegram under date the 9th March/81. Repairs to Chultrams is incorrectly classified under New Works instead of under Repairs. The necessary transfer has now been made. The whole of the allotment Rs 10,000 provided in the budget for

	Rs
* Municipal Stores	8,220
Slaughter houses	2,500
Market cooking shed	1,000
Repairs of Chultrams	1,400
	8,120

for the drainage of the main bazar remains unfinished is surrendered and the President states that owing to certain defects in the scheme submitted by Major Morant which was thought advisable to amalgamate with the Madras scheme and that revised estimates are in course of preparation. These should be submitted as soon as possible with requisite plans. The employment of a Special Surveyor in connection with this work is temporarily sanctioned, on the condition that he should not be retained longer than required.

5. The estimated receipts for 1881-82 do not show any material variation as compared with the Regular Estimate for 1880-81, except that the income from

from sale of poudrette is taken at the same figure Rs 500 as that in the budget, ~~Est~~ the commissioners being anxious to re-~~establish~~ revive this source of revenue.

6. The allotment for Public Works is passed and the increase of pay recommended to the carpenter and blacksmith sanctioned. The question of providing funds for the drainage scheme and the extension of water supply alluded to in para 29 of the President's letter should ~~form the subject of a separate communication~~ will be sub[d]?.

The Contribution to the Medical College and Sanitary Inspection calculated on the basis receipts of the Municipality excluding License Tax should be Rs 230 each in lieu of Rs 210 entered. The increase of pay recommended to the Water Course Inspector and the Head clerk as also the increment to the salary of the Manager is sanctioned.

7. The budget estimate is ~~wound up~~ closed with a balance of Rs 860 which the Government consider inadequate. As a rule a balance equivalent to ten per cent of receipts should invariably be provided in future budgets.

8. With these remarks the Right Honorable the Governor in Council passes the budget of the Ootacamund Municipality for 1881-82.

To the Prest. ~~Oot~~ Municipal Commission Ootacamund.
" Revenue Department
" Board of Revenue
" Surgeon general with the Govt. of Madras
" Sanitary Commissioner
" Director of Public Instruction
" Accountant General
" Prest. L. F. B. Nilgiri Distt.
" Inspector general of Police.

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From ~~Secretary~~ /
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To ———,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Departt

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Enclo: None.

Remarking on the Budget Estimate of the Ootacamund Municipality for 1881-82

the President in thinking it the most feasible plan.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obt. Servant

M.C. Tunell

M.D. & P.C.S.
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

20th February 1881, No. 675-

Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following paper:—

No. ——— *From N. A. ROUPELL, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 12th February* 1881, *No.* 14.

I have the honor to submit the Regular Estimate for 1880-81 and the Budget Estimate for 1881-82 of the Ootacamund Municipality.

Regular Estimate.—The regular estimate of receipts for the current year amounts to Rs. 62,060, being an increase of Rs. 12,870 over the budget grant, viz., Rs. 49,190. This wide difference is accounted for by the large opening balance, Rs. 15,040, as compared with Rs. 10,340 in the budget grant, and by the contribution from Provincial Funds, Rs. 6,660, previously drawn by the Department of Public Works, but this year made over by G.O., Financial Department, No. 1140, dated 8th June 1880, for expenditure by the Municipality. There was a deficiency in Taxes on Arts, on Surplus Pound Fund, and on sale of poudrette amounting to Rs. 750, but the remaining excess is made up of additional receipts from rates on houses Rs. 600, on lands Rs. 200, on licenses Rs. 100, on fines and fees Rs. 100, on rent of market Rs. 480, on rent of slaughter-houses Rs. 550, on bandystand Rs. 140, on sale of materials Rs. 50, on sweepings Rs. 40. In fact, almost every item of receipt shows an improvement as compared with the budget grant.

2. The falling off in the Tax on Arts and Professions was owing to the non-collection of the dues from Military Officers out of deference to the wishes of Government expressed in G.O., No. 1149, dated 9th June 1880, Financial Department.

3. No poudrette was sold as, in fact, none was manufactured. The Commissioners hope to be able shortly to introduce gradually a system similar to that in force at Poona, but the numerous other needs of the Municipality have delayed the introduction of this manufacture.

4. The origin of the very large opening balance, viz., Rs. 15,040, is explained in paragraph 44 of the Administration Report for the year 1879-80.

5. Turning to the regular estimate of expenditure the following is an abstract comparing the regular and budget estimates under each grant:—

——	Regular Estimate.	Budget Estimate.	Saving.	Excess.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I	23,750	19,640	..	4,110
Do. II	1,385	1,480	95	..
Do. III	15,850	15,920	70	..
Do. IV	5,030	4,790	..	240
Do. V	3,855	3,690	..	165
Debt Accounts ..	1,850	1,950	100	..
Balance	10,340	1,720	..	8,620
Total ..	62,060	49,190	265	13,135

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6. *Grant I—Public Works.*—The current year's expenditure is put at Rs. 23,750 as against a budget grant of Rs. 19,640. The charge of Rs. 500 under New Works—Communications—is made up of Rs. 300 on account of a stone parapet to replace the wooden railings protecting the road over Kelso bridge, and of Rs. 200 for raising the parapet wall of the regulator sluice and constructing turfed embankments on both sides of the road at the west end of the lake. No provision was made for these in the budget, but they were urgently needed, and the estimates were approved in anticipation of the sanction of Government for which the Commissioners now apply.

7. Under (*b.*) *Buildings*, Rs. 1,600 were entered in the budget for the conversion of the present bandystand into a vegetable market. The intention was to remove the bandystand to a site behind Abdul Cawder's shop, as approved in G.O., No. 582, dated 13th April 1875, Revenue Department. The site was supposed to contain 4 acres, but only ·55 acre can be traced. The Commissioners are of opinion that the present bandystand is well adapted to the wants of the town, and provision has been made for its improvement in the Budget Estimate for 1881-82. They proposed at their meeting, held on 31st January last, to allot for expenditure within the current year under this head Rs. 8,120 on account of the following works:—

	Rs.
Municipal Stores	3,220
Slaughter-houses	2,500
Market Cooking Shed	1,000
Repairs of Chattram	1,400
Total ..	8,120

8. (*c.*) *Drainage.*—A sum of Rs. 9,000 was allotted in the Budget Estimate for the drainage of the main bazaar. The commencement of this work has been much delayed. The scheme submitted by Major Morant, R.E., was returned to him because he had made no provision for the drainage of backyards. On Major Morant's removal from this district in April last, he handed over the estimate to the Local Fund Engineer for revision in accordance with the Commissioner's instructions. The Local Fund Engineer had no establishment to undertake the work, and the Municipal Commissioners sanctioned the employment of a Special Surveyor for the purpose. This was done, and the cost, viz., Rs. 600, is entered in the regular estimate. There was much loss of time for want of Mathematical instruments. There was further delay in deciding whether Major Morant's form of drain or the form of drain adopted in Madras should be selected, and it was not until the end of December that Mr. O'Shaughnessy was able to visit Madras to enable him to form an opinion on the point in question. He has had the advantage of personal communication with the Sanitary Commissioner and with the Municipal Engineer of Madras on this subject, and he has come to the conclusion that an amalgamation of Major Morant's and the Madras schemes will be the best to adopt. Estimates are now in preparation which provide for the best points, consistent with economy of construction, of both the schemes in question. These will be ready in the course of this month. The rough plans are already completed.

9. It may be mentioned that Major Morant was applied to for the levels or Field Books from which his estimate was made, and he said that he had none. The Municipal Engineer states that the whole of the work has had to be gone over from the beginning, and a scheme of this sort requires time, labor, and much consideration to elaborate it properly.

10. (*e.*) *Miscellaneous.*—Under this head the regular estimate amounts to Rs. 800 against a grant of Rs. 1,000. The amount was spent chiefly on planting trees near latrines, on fencing in waste plots, and constructing embankments in dangerous places.

11. (2) *Repairs*—(*a.*) *Communications.*—The budget grant was only Rs. 3,000, but this was increased by Rs. 5,330, the contribution for roads from Provincial Funds, and by Rs. 160 laid out on the improvement of the road leading to old Ooty, which was in an impassable state.

12. (*b.*) *Buildings.*—The grant, Rs. 603, was exceeded by Rs. 500. The excess was devoted to reflooring with asphalte, tarring, repairing, and painting the corrugated iron of the latrines throughout the town. Many of these were in a ruined condition, and the Sanitary Commissioner had commented strongly upon their state of disrepair. This work was much needed. Rs. 400 were allotted to repairing and rebuilding the poudrettte shed, and the balance (Rs. 200) was spent on whitewashing the market and slaughter-houses. Of the excess, Rs. 400 can be in great part met from savings under *New Works*—(*c.*) *Miscellaneous* (Rs. 200), and Repairs—(*d.*) *Water-supply* (Rs. 200).

13. (*c.*) *Drainage.*—No portion of the grant, Rs. 1,000, was utilized for reasons given in paragraph 9 above.

14. (*d.*) *Water-supply.*—Rs. 300 only out of the grant, Rs. 500, were found sufficient for this purpose.

15. (*e.*) *Miscellaneous.*—The budget grant, Rs. 100, was exceeded by a similar amount incurred for cartage of broken bricks, &c., to the market site, in re-painting market and other signboards. The original grant was devoted to repairs of fences, wells, &c.

16. (3) *Establishment*—(*a.*) *Public Works.*—The budget grant only was expended.

17. (4) *Tools and Plant and Contingencies.*—The grant was Rs. 400, while the regular estimate comes to Rs. 950. The excess arose from the necessity of purchasing two pairs of bullocks and carts, and of constructing four night-soil cart tanks in extension of the conservancy. For this extra charge sanction was requested in letter, No. 161, dated 9th October 1880, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

18. (5) *Contributions to Local Funds*—(*a.*) *Local Fund Supervision.*—Under this head a sum of Rs. 2,000 was allotted in the budget grant. This was calculated at 25 per cent. upon the average expenditure, viz., Rs. 8,000, of the two previous years. In the course of the year the Provincial grant already alluded to was given by Government, and the Commissioners raised their contribution to Rs. 2,400. Subsequently it was thought that this too was inadequate, having regard to the considerable increase above mentioned in normal expenditure which was thus raised to Rs. 13,330, to additional petty works up to nearly Rs. 2,000 carried out by the Engineering Department, and to the anticipated excess expenditure out of the large surplus in hand.

19. The regular charges under Grant I will thus exceed the budget provision by Rs. 4,110. The unexpended balance under Bazaar Drainage amounts to Rs. 9,400, and if this sum be deducted from the aggregate charges in the regular estimate over and above the budget grants for the current year, the excess regular charges under Grant I will be found approximately balanced. The Commissioners would, therefore, propose that the allotments under Grant I should stand as follows, and request the sanction of Government thereto:—

	Sanctioned Budget. Rs.	New Budget. Rs.
GRANT I.—*Public Works.*		
1. New Works—	..	500
(*a.*) Communications	1,600	8,120
(*b.*) Buildings	9,000	600
(*c.*) Drainage	..	..
(*d.*) Water-supply	1,000	800
(*e.*) Miscellaneous	3,000	8,490
2. Repairs—	600	1,100
(*a.*) Communications	1,000	..
(*b.*) Buildings	500	300
(*c.*) Drainage	100	200
(*d.*) Water-supply	440	440
(*e.*) Miscellaneous	400	950
3. Establishment—	2,000	2,250
(*a.*) Public Works	19,640	23,750
4. Tools and Plant and Contingencies		
5. Contribution to Local Funds—		
(*a.*) For Public Works Supervision		
Total Grant I ..		

20. *Grant II—Education.*—The regular estimate, Rs. 1,385, falls short of the budget grant, Rs. 1,480, by Rs. 95, owing to he reduced salary grants payable under the Revised Grant-in-aid Code (*vide* G.O., No 36, dated 16th February 1880).

21. *Grant III—Sanitation and Medical Services.*—Here there is a close correspondence between the regular and budget iems. On the whole there is a saving of Rs. 70 in the budget grant, Rs. 15,920. The outlay under (4) Conservancy—(*a*) Establishment—falls short of the budget grant by Rs. 70, and would have been considerably less on account of fines and savings, but for the employment of the additional hands for which sanction was applied in this office letter, No. 161, dated 9th October 1880.

22. *Grant IV—Miscellaneous Municpal Purposes.*—A saving of Rs. 200 occurs under (1) Lighting—(*b.*) Contingencies—owing to the fall in the price of kerosene oil.

23. *The Contribution for the Police.*—The moiety of pay of Police Force was exceeded by Rs. 270. The actual outlay was not known at the time the budget was framed, and in the course of the year GO., No. 429, dated 27th February 1880, raised the Municipal contribution from Rs. 50 to Rs. 60 per cent. of the total Police charges.

24. The charge for Census was not foreseen, and amounts to Rs. 300. To the latter charge the excess of the regular estimate over the budget grant is almost entirely attributable.

25. *Grant V—Supervision and Management.*—Here there is an excess expenditure of Rs. 165 over the grant, viz., Rs. 3,690. This excess occurs in (1) Office—(*b.*) Contingencies—and in (4) Contribution to Local Funds and Government Secretariat for Controlling Establishment. In the former case it is accounted for by the charges for printing and by the cost of Gazettes which were under-estimated. In the latter no provision has been made. All the remaining items are well within the budget provision.

26. The year will thus close with the large balance of about Rs. 10,300 due to the non-utilization of the amounts allottel for drainage of the main bazaar.

27. I now come to the consideration of the estimate of probable receipts for the year 1881-82. The opening balance as shown above will be Rs. 10,340. The receipts will amount to Rs. 47,110, or Rs. 90 in excess of the regular estimates for the current year. There is no change in the items under 1, Rates and Taxes, which amount in either year to Rs. 28,550. This is due chiefly to the careful revision of the rates on houses and lands. Neither is there any change in the entries under 2, 3, and 5, Contributions from Provincial and Special Funds and Fines and Fees. The receipts from the rents of the market, slaughter-houses, and bandystand are entered in round numbers, somewhat below the probable receipts of the current year. The Commissioners hope that the proposed improvements to the buildings and sites in question will produce higher bids at the next auction, but pending the execution of these works they hesitate to take credit for additional receipts. The sale of poudrette has again been fixed at Rs. 500. The Commissioners are anxious to revive this item of revenue as soon as the shed for the improvement of which an allotment has been made is ready.

28. The proposed total expenditure is put down at Rs. 56,560, which, deducted from the total assets, will leave a balance of Rs. 890 at the close of the year. Such balance with other small current receipts will suffice to meet the costs of establishments during the first few months of the year when the collections are small.

29. *Grant I—Public Works.*—The allotment under this grant is Rs. 28,160 against Rs. 23,750 in the current year. Of this allotment Rs. 14,500 are entered under New Works—(*b.*) Buildings—and comprise the following items, viz. :—

(I) Market extension and improvements, Rs. 7,000.—It is proposed to erect additional lines of stalls all round the existing building in the form of a square. The Commissioners for this purpose have allotted Rs. 7,000 in the budget for one of such lines on the northern side of the existing building. It is proposed to carry out similar improvements on the remaining three sides of the buildings in future years. The extension contemplated provides shelter from inclement weather from which the

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market traders now suffer much in the monsoon. It will also tend to improve the appearance of the market and enhance its letting value.

(II) Rs. 1,000 are allotted to complete the necessary extensions of the mutton and beef slaughter-houses. This work has been undertaken in consequence of the representation of the butchers that the present space is insufficient, and for the general improvement of the lines.

(III) Rs. 2,000 have been entered for levelling and draining the bandystand which is excessively muddy during the monsoon.

(IV) For poudrette sheds one near Craigmore, drying pans, kilns or cineratators and manufacture Rs. 3,000 have been allotted.

(V) Rs. 1,500 have been provided for the erection of one large and two small latrines at crowded centres. In my letter already referred to sanction was requested for the outlay of Rs. 2,000 for latrines, but, as no orders were passed, the work was not done.

(*c.*) *Drainage.*—No allotment has been made on this account though it is believed that the main bazaar scheme can be put in hand in the course of the year. This scheme will shortly be before the Government, and upon receipt of their instructions can be undertaken. The Rs. 10,000 appropriated for this purpose in the last year's budget (of which Rs. 600 have been spent) were mainly derived from the contract sales of the market bandystand and slaughter-houses, all of which are much in need of improvements and have been so recognised in this budget estimate. The allotment for the slaughter-houses will, it is believed, provide for their requirements for many years to come, but the bandystand and the market, the latter especially, as has been already shown, call for further expenditure to a considerable amount. It seems only reasonable that reproductive works, such as those named, should have the first claim to attention, and that the cost of works of unusual magnitude, and of a permanent character, from which posterity will benefit, such as the main bazaar drainage and extension of the water-supply, should not be thrown upon the current revenue, but be met by loans, the interest on which should be so fixed as to secure their redemption in, say, thirty years. Indeed this seems the only feasible course, for if current income should be devoted to such works it will be necessary to borrow for works of every day necessity. In the full belief that the Government will admit the justice of these views the Commissioners have made no allotment for drainage. In consideration of the peculiar circumstances of this Municipality, which for two-thirds of the year is the seat of Government, and the resort of persons from all parts of the Madras as well as from the other Presidencies, and the heavy demands upon its revenues, Government have promised a contribution towards the bazaar drainage of an amount equal to that furnished by the Municipality. This latter amount as stated above can only be raised by a loan which it is hoped that the Government will grant by instalments, as the money can be advantageously laid out. The Commissioners further trust that the Government, in view of the exceptional position of this Municipality, may be pleased to treat similarly the scheme for the water-supply extension which will shortly be submitted for their approval, viz., by granting an amount equal to that provided by the Commissioners and by assisting the latter in obtaining this amount by a loan upon the terms above indicated.

The estimates for the bazaar drainage scheme to be now submitted for approval come in round numbers to Rs. 40,000. Regarding it Mr. O'Shaughnessy writes as follows :—

"This estimate is based on Major Morant's scheme, and it will be sufficient for the work proposed by that officer. These works will, no doubt, be an improvement, but, so far as I can see at present, they fall very far short of what is required. They would make it easier to keep the bazaar and native town clean, but they will help to increase rather than diminish the pollution of the lake to an extent that will be unbearable at no very distant period. Of all the schemes proposed for the drainage of Ootacamund Major Tulloch's is, in my opinion, the only one that is suitable or likely to be effectual, and anything that is now done should tend to its eventual adoption. This scheme will cost at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs of rupees."

(e.) *Miscellaneous.*—Rs. 500 have been applied to enclosing waste plots of ground, fencing, embanking, and other petty improvements.

30. (2) *Repairs*—(a.) *Communications.*—The appropriation, Rs. 8,330, comprises the usual Municipal grant Rs. 3,000, and the Provincial grant Rs. 5,330.

The usual annual allotments have been made for (*b.*) Buildings—(*d.*) Water-supply.

The grant for (3) *Establishment*—(*a.*) *Public Works*—has been raised from Rs. 440 to Rs. 480. The pay of the carpenter and blacksmith, who has been in the employ of the Municipality since 1867, was in 1877-78 reduced from Rs. 37-8-0 to Rs. 30 owing to financial pressure. Last year this reduced pay was raised by Rs. 2, and it is proposed to raise it still further this year to Rs. 35.

31. (5) *Contribution to Local Funds*—(*a.*) *For Public Works Supervision.*—The additional grant on this account is explained in paragraph 18 above.

32. The allotment under *Grant II—Education*—Rs. 1,400 is almost the same as the probable expenditure in the year 1880-81. It is expected that the results grants payable to the Wesleyan and Kendal Church Mission Schools will this year be higher.

33. *Grant III— Sanitation and Medical Services.* — The expenditure under 1, Hospital and Dispensaries, will, in fact, be the same as last year. Nor is there any material change under 2, Vaccination and Registration of Births and Deaths.

The grant for *Conservancy*—(*a.*) *Establishment*—remains almost the same as before. An addition of Rs. 60 to the annual pay of the Water-course Inspector has been made in consequence of the additional work thrown upon him in registering the rainfall in four different localities within the station. Such information previous to the year 1880-81 was procured by the Department of Public Works.

34. *Grant IV—Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes.*—The chief item under this head is cost of pay of Police, Rs. 3,300.

Lighting contingencies have been put down at Rs. 800 to provide for the fluctuating price of oil.

The other items call for no remark.

35. The only alterations under *Grant V—Supervision and Management*—are Rs. 10 per month to the Manager, as explained in last year's report, and a proposed increase of Rs. 5 monthly to the pay of the Head Clerk which it is thought may fairly be somewhat raised.

36. In conclusion I would express my regret at the delay in the submission of these estimates. Plans and estimates for numerous works above specified had to be prepared, modified, and approved, and some have only recently been received. Without them the Commissioners were unable to make the necessary appropriations in the regular estimate and by consequence in the budget estimate. The work connected with the Census has also occupied much of the time of the office establishment.

I have the honor to request that the Government may be pleased to accord their early sanction to the works in the regular estimate to allow of as much work as possible being undertaken in the now current year.

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