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From

The President,

Municipal Commission.

MADRAS.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort-St-George

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MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of a SPECIAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY of MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Tuesday the 26th February 1895, at 5 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT:

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M.R.Ry. R. Balajee Row Avargal.

No. 1.

Revised Estimate for 1894-95.

Proposed by Mr. Cawasjee Eduljee and seconded by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu—
"That the Revised Estimate for 1894-95 be passed."
Carried.

No. 2.

Budget for 1895-96.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. R. Balajee Row Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal—

"That the Meeting resolves itself into Committee."

Carried.

The Meeting resumes.

Proposed by Mr. DeCaster and seconded by M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal—

"That the budget, as submitted by Standing Committee and amended in Committee, be passed for the following items:—

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(c) Drainage	34,820
(d) Water-supply	3,47,340
(e) Miscellaneous	200
2. Repairs—	
(a) Communications	98,770
(b) Buildings	10,750
(c) Drainage, Repairs to works, &c... ..	1,68,900
(d) Water-supply	38,550
(e) Miscellaneous	500
3. Establishment—	
(a) General	27,160
(b) Steam Road-roller	1,700
4. Tools and Plant	5,100
5. Miscellaneous	16,450
Grant II, Education	12,690
Grant III, Sanitation and Medical Services.	3,74,280
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Repayment of debts, Sinking Fund	53,920
Interest on Loan	1,41,220
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Proposed by Mr. Cawasjee Eduljee and seconded by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu—
"That during the official year 1895-96 the taxes be collected as proposed in this budget—

1. Tax on arts, professions, trades and callings (section 103).
2. Tax on salaries (section 114).
3. Tax on buildings and lands at 10 per cent. (section 119).
4. Payment for occupation of lands vested in the Commissioners (section 136).
5. Water-tax on buildings and lands at 4 per cent. in the populous parts of the City and 2 per cent. elsewhere (section 138).
6. Lighting-tax on buildings and lands at 1½ per cent. (section 148).
7. Tax on vehicles with springs and on animals (section 153).
8. Tax on carts and other vehicles without springs (section 164).
9. Tolls on vehicles and animals entering the municipal limits (section 170).
10. Tax upon places used for the retail sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors (section 179)."

Carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal—

"That the amount allotted in the budget for law charges be passed on the understanding that no civil suit or criminal proceedings, other than those provided for under the Act, be instituted or defended without the sanction of the Standing Committee."

Carried.

The Meeting terminated.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Col.,
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Municipal Office, Madras,
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The meeting terminated.

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water-supply and drainage of Madras. If these projects, too, will be taken up, the Municipal history of Madras in 1895-96 will be by no means uneventful. To meet these charges the loan of forty lakhs proposed to be raised is necessary, and I think a tax on kerosine oil would have to be levied.

The speaker then advocated a system of gradation of officers in the Municipal service as an inducement for better work, and an increased grant to primary education. He said that the Municipality was employing hundreds of hands in its in-door and out-door establishments, and there was no reason why this fact should not be turned to account to afford some inducement to the employés to continue in Municipal service and to do their work efficiently. This inducement was more needed in the case of the out-door establishments than in that of in-door establishments. The present system was unsatisfactory because the Municipal servants had nothing to look forward to and were in the habit of leaving the office just at the time when they had acquired sufficient experience and could make themselves useful. The administration suffered in efficiency consequently. He understood that about Rs. 1,500 a year was sufficient as the first instalment to introduce the system he was advocating. The other suggestion he wanted to make was that an increase should be made to the grant under education. The present allotment was altogether inadequate. It has been the policy of the Government to make the cost of primary education a charge on Municipal and Local Funds. The Municipality of Madras had accepted this policy and had been for years meeting from its funds the charge of primary education. But primary education had been expanding in Madras as well as elsewhere and required increased funds to meet its growing requirements. All the District Municipalities and Local Institutions were spending more and more money on this object and the demand for money was still growing. In Madras alone the Municipal allotment for primary education was stationary and the Municipality would appear to think that all that was needed to be done in the way of financial help was done. The speaker knew how his suggestion had been met with in the Commission. It had been said that the Director of Public Instruction had never asked for more money and therefore more money had not been given. But it was quite probable that the Director did not ask for more money because he thought more money would not be given. But the question at issue was not who should begin, but what help education should get from the Municipality. The speaker could assure the Commissioners that if Rs. 1,000 were added to the amount now allotted in the budget, the Director and the Government would accept the addition with cordial thanks. He thought that a true municipal spirit was yet to grow in their midst. They should show a sincere spirit of devotion and should take pride in improving the appearance of their town and promoting the happiness and comfort of their fellow citizens. It was a dream to think that the town could be improved with their poor current revenues, without borrowing largely. They should have faith in the future of this city which would grow in wealth and health and would stand a more severe strain on its resources than the present generation were able to do now.

The proposition was then put to the vote and carried.

The Commissioners resolved themselves into a Committee and resumed into meeting at 6-50.

It was proposed by Mr. J. DeCaster, seconded by Mr. P. M. Sivagnana Mudaliar and carried.

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is Opening Balance, which we can leave out of consideration. Then there are the receipts from Municipal Rates and Taxes, &c., which constitute the chief source of our revenue, and to which I invite your careful attention. The receipts from tax on Arts, show a decrease of Rs. 819 from the actuals of 1893-94, and an increase of only Rs. 500 over the revised estimates of 1894-95. We have no doubt improved in our receipts from tax on buildings, water-tax on buildings, and lighting tax on buildings, as the result, I think, of our revised assessments last year. Other items of receipts show but slight increase, while tolls on vehicles and animals entering Municipal limits show a decrease of Rs. 4,950 over the revised estimates of the year 1894-95. I of course see the note in the margin that "the highest tender for farming is less than for 1894-95." But this affords no explanation. Why is the highest tender less? Can it be that our traffic is decreasing? That cannot be possible. I should suggest whether by splitting up the tolls and farming them out to not different contractors, more revenue cannot be had. Nor has the abolition of the tobacco duties involved a loss of revenue to the Municipality. Because, far from those duties having brought an addition to our revenues, you will see from the figures of revised estimates for 1894-95, they involved an actual loss of Rs. 40,000. But for this loss, the receipts for the year which is about to close would amount to Rs. 9,72,500, a figure higher by Rs. 10,640 than the amount of receipts estimated for during the coming year. We are entitled to an explanation as to why under this heading, 2—Municipal Rates and Taxes—with all the increase from revised assessments on houses, our receipts show a decrease of Rs. 10,640. Then coming to the receipts under the third heading, you see a decrease of revenue in several items, the total decrease being Rs. 13,060 from the revised estimates of 1894-95 and Rs. 6,286 from the actuals of 1893-94. This decrease has taken place notwithstanding the extra income of Rs. 10,000 put down as premium on loans, anticipated for the debenture loan to be raised. If this fresh item were omitted, the real decrease in the normal receipts would be not Rs. 13,060, but Rs. 23,060. Then we come to Grants and Contributions. There is no decrease, but the increase is insignificant, being only Rs. 10. The budget estimates of 1894-95 provided for a contribution of Rs. 15,060 from Government, which had to be reduced in the revised estimates to Rs. 9,060, which figure is kept in our estimates for 1895-96. It is to be hoped the figure will not further dwindle when we have to make our revised estimates. Under Miscellaneous there is only one item requiring attention. That is the increase of Rs. 6,000 due to increased payment for water consumed for non-domestic purposes. The total result of this rise and fall in the several items of our receipts in the whole budget, is that we shall be in the coming year better off to the extent of Rs. 4,18,630. If we do not borrow 4 lakhs and if we do not get Rs. 10,000 as premium, our improvement will be only Rs. 8,630.

Then turning to expenditure, I am glad that the various allotments are made in a spirit of cautious progress. The wretched plague spot of Chintadripet, which I must submit has been in the past years badly neglected, will be further improved at a cost of about Rs. 12,000. Fresh drains are to be constructed in several divisions. The Trivetore High Road is to be widened at a cost of Rs. 7,500. Avadanam Paupier Lane, in the 5th Division, one of the most abominable places in Madras, is to be improved at a cost of Rs. 3,000. The inhabitants of the Tholasinga Perumal Covil Street, 7th Division, who have no backyard now, and who have no sufficient security on account of a big garden behind their houses, will have a new street opened behind, so that the scavengers may obtain access to their latrines by that road and there may be improved security of property also. About 16 new Horbury latrines are to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 14,000. Three cholera sheds are to be constructed. About Rs. 25,000 are to be spent in the construction of new drainage works, whereas in the repair of old drainage works, including those at Chintadripet, so much as Rs. 15,780 are to be spent. Besides, provision is made for increase in the staff of conservancy supervision, in the number of conservancy carts, scavengers, and dust-bins. An addition of Rs. 1,000 has been made to the allotment for the watering of the roads. This, I must add, is by no means an insignificant item of our new improvements. Those that drive in the evenings in some of our main roads and have enjoyed the cloud of dust raised when driving, will admit the comfort provided for the passengers by this addition of Rs. 1,000. In addition to all these, nearly 3½ lakhs of borrowed money is to be spent on the improvement of water-supply in the 6th and 8th Divisions. Nothing is said about the proposal, which is now, I believe, under consideration by Government, to adopt a system of incinerator to burn away the rubbish and dead animals of the town. Nor is any thing said of the grand schemes of Mr. Cousins for the improvement of the

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Tuesday, the 26th February 1895, at 3 p. m., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

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M. R. Ry. R. Balajee Row Avargal.

Revised Estimate for 1894-95.

THE PRESIDENT:—Gentlemen, the first business is the consideration of the Revised Estimate for 1894-95. I do not know whether you wish to go into Committee.

It was proposed by Mr. Covasjee Eduljee, seconded by Mr. Varadappa Naidu and carried, "that the Revised Estimate for 1894-95 be passed."

Budget Estimate for 1895-96.

THE PRESIDENT:—Now we go to the Budget. For this, gentlemen, you generally go into Committee.

MR. BALAJEE ROW:—I beg to propose, "that the meeting resolves itself into Committee."

MR. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—I second that motion. With your permission I wish to make a few observations. Mr. President before we go into Committee I wish to make certain observations in regard to the Budget which we are going to discuss. After carefully going through the figures of the Budget, I have received an impression—whether that impression is right or wrong you are better qualified to say—that our revenues show no elasticity. If the opening balance and the amount of 4 lakhs to be borrowed be omitted, the estimates of 1895-96 are better than the revised estimates of 1894-95 by only Rs. 18,630. But this includes an item of Rs. 10,000 as the premium on the debenture loan of 4 lakhs to be raised during the year. As this is no portion of our ordinary receipts, this should be deducted from Rs. 18,630, which leaves a balance of Rs. 8,630, which is all the increment of increase during the coming year over the revised estimates, which are almost the actuals of the year 1894-95—an increment on which our Revenue Department has no particular reason to congratulate itself. Coming to details of estimated receipts the first heading

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MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,
General Department.

Madras, 30 May 1895.

From

LIEUT.-COL. G. M. J. MOORE, C. I. E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

Enclosure.

I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of Government full proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Commissioners held on 26 February 1895, together with a copy of abstract proceedings of the same date.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours most Obedt. Servant
G. M. J. Moore
President, Municipal Commission

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