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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

C.S.
misc.

Order No. 629 mms. of 6/4/96

The increase in the salaries
of the three hospital toties by Re. 1
each, proposed in paragraph 20 of the
Chairman's budget letter, is approved.

2. The municipal council's
attention will be drawn to the remarks
of the Surgeon General in his letter
read above regarding the staff for the female
dispensary. His recommendation should be
carefully observed.

S. H. A. S.

Dated 24th March 1896
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CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT.

Passing remarks on the
Budget Estimate of the Vellore
Municipality for 1896-97

To, The Chairman, M.C., Vellore.
" Surgeon General.

(with an order)

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From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to Grant III of the Budget Estimate of the Vellore Municipality for the year 1896-97, I have the honor to state that the sum of Rs 2000 provided for the construction of a new hospital is quite inadequate. The question of constructing this hospital has been under correspondence for years and the present hospital is anything but a credit to the Municipality as has been pointed out over and over again by the inspecting officers.

2. The nurse proposed should be designated "female attendant". She should be a caste woman and do the duty of waterwoman. The sweeper should be a *toiy* and have nothing to do with the water.

I have the honor to be,

your most ^{Sir} obedient servant

C. Sibthorpe

Surgeon-Major-General

Surgeon-General

with the Govt. of

No. 205 M., 5TH FEBRUARY 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHIB, Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Divisional Officer), dated Vellore, 20th December 1895, No. 1317-Gl.

I have the honour to submit herewith the budget estimates of receipts and charges of the Vellore municipality for the year 1896-97 as required under section 251 of the District Municipalities Act No. IV of 1884.

2. The estimates have been prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in—

G.O., No. 2193 M., dated 10th December 1891.

" " 644 M., " 4th April 1892.

" " 537 M., " 19th March 1892.

" " 978 M., " 4th June 1892.

" " 2008 M., " 7th December 1892.

3. The draft budget, after due circulation among the members, was placed before the council at a special meeting held on the 18th November last, and again revised by them on the 14th December 1895, and finally passed on the 20th December 1895.

REVISED ESTIMATE, 1895-96.

4. The receipts, including the opening balance brought forward from the accounts of 1894-95, amount to Rs. 74,640. The expenditure is fixed at Rs. 67,000, and the closing balance at the end of the current year will be Rs. 7,640, which is the opening balance brought forward in the budget estimates for 1896-97.

5. It was my intention to spend the whole of the budget allotment for 1895-96 under public works and sanitation, but I regret that my intentions have been frustrated owing to the circumstances detailed below, and I had to defer the execution of such works as I considered might be taken up next year:—

(1) Under Grant III the excess over the budget allotment was Rs. 2,840, after giving credit for certain savings under this grant. Of this amount Rs. 500 was in excess of the allotment for "Medicines and Supplies," and Rs. 300 under "Diet of Patients," necessitated by an increase in the number of in-patients, and the balance was due mainly to the increased rates paid under "Conservancy—charges" for hire of carts and bulls, under the new system, whereby the sweepings and night-soil became the property of the municipality and not that of the contractor as heretofore. This fact was not taken into consideration during the time the budget was under preparation, as it was not foreseen at the time that the council would have given effect to Dr. King's suggestion during the current official year.

(2) Grant IV.—In paragraph 40 of the administration report of this municipality for 1891-92 (*vide* G.O., No. 1409 M., dated 30th August 1892) the Government was informed of the intention of the council to prosecute the then overseer Mr. J. P. Johnson, as also the road materials contractors, for certain frauds

alleged to have been committed by them. These men were accordingly prosecuted, but finally acquitted by the District and Sessions Judge in January 1893. Soon after their release, the contractors requested payment of their bills for supply of materials in 1890-91, as also for repairs executed by them in that year to the civil hospital, which had been withheld by the council pending the result of the prosecution mentioned above. Instead of meeting the demand, the council appears to have been ill-advised to refuse payment, which resulted in the launching of two suits by the contractors concerned against the municipality, which were decreed against the council to the extent of over Rs. 5,000 in February 1895. This was, indeed, a great drain on the finances for 1895-96, inasmuch as this charge was not foreseen when the budget for that year was submitted to Government.

Besides this, the establishment of a travellers' bungalow, which was not provided for in the budget for 1895-96, was another item in excess of the allotment.

After giving credit for certain savings under this grant, the total excess expenditure over the budget allotment for 1895-96 was Rs. 4,650.

(3) Under Grant V also, there was an excess over budget allotment to the extent of Rs. 640 due to the objectionable practice (since put a stop to) of making advances to councillors for works executed under their supervision. From the above it will be seen that making allowances for savings under all grants, there was an excess expenditure over the budget allotment for 1895-96 of Rs. 8,130.

To meet this deficiency, the only savings I could reasonably effect, without impairing the municipal administration, are as shown below :—

Grant I—		RS.
(1) New Works—		
A. (a) Communications	.. .. .	1,000
B. (b) Buildings	.. .. .	2,000
(2) Repairs—		
C. (b) Buildings	.. .. .	2,600
D. (c) Miscellaneous	.. .. .	400
Total	.. .. .	6,000

A.—Construction of a straight road from Kosapet to Arasamaram Pillaiyar Kovil street. Postponed, as by the time the land required for this purpose is acquired, it will be too late in the year to begin the work.

B.—Construction of a new hospital postponed as type drawings are not ready, and as no site has been selected, the only suitable site available having been objected to.

C.—The following provisions made to meet Dr. King's suggestions have had to be put off, as the estimates have received the sanction of the council on the 7th December 1895, and as it is believed that by the time they are revised and passed by the Sanitary Engineer, it will be too late in the year to undertake the work :—

		RS.
(1) Repairs to market	.. .. .	1,500
(2) Repairs to slaughter-house	.. .. .	500
(3) Repairs to cart-stand	.. .. .	300
(4) Providing back-doors to private latrines	.. .. .	300
Total	.. .. .	2,600
D. Constructing parapet wall round grass market		
Improving embankment near Kusbah Kanaar	.. .. .	300
	.. .. .	100
Total	.. .. .	400

Provision has been made for A, B and C in the budget for 1896-97 and D had to be omitted for want of funds as they do not appear to be very essential.

Notwithstanding the postponement of these works the year would have ended with a deficit or *minus* balance of Rs. 2,130 had it not been for the fact that there has been a large increase in the receipts of Rs. 5,030 as shown below :—

		RS.
Difference between opening balance in the revised estimate and the budget estimate for 1895-96	.. .. .	3,030
Difference between total receipts of revised estimate and budget estimate for 1895-96	.. .. .	2,000
Total	.. .. .	5,030
Add closing balance as per sanctioned budget for 1895-96	.. .. .	4,740
Total	.. .. .	9,770
Deduct deficit balance as per revised estimate for 1895-96	.. .. .	2,130
Closing balance of revised estimate for 1895-96 and opening balance of budget estimate for 1896-97	.. .. .	7,640

6. Explanations for variations between the items of receipts and charges of the revised estimate and those of the budget for 1895-96 having been given in statement VI it is unnecessary to recapitulate them here.

7. The only items of receipt in which there have been variations between the revised estimate and the budget grant for 1895-96 are as herein under shown :—

		Increase over budget grant.	Decrease under budget grant.
		RS.	RS.
Opening balance	.. .. .	3,030	..
Tax on carts	.. .. .	..	300
Tolls	.. .. .	110	..
Fees under Act II of 1888	.. .. .	50	..
Rent of lands	.. .. .	220	..
Fees from travellers' bungalow	.. .. .	100	..
Sale-proceeds of night-soil and street-refuse	.. .. .	550	..
Other hospital receipts	.. .. .	10	..
Income from markets	.. .. .	640	..
Income from slaughter-houses	.. .. .	80	..
Cart-stand fees	.. .. .	..	90
Magisterial fines	.. .. .	200	..
Private scavenging	.. .. .	260	..
Other purposes	.. .. .	70	..
Advances	.. .. .	100	..

8. Explanation for the variations will be found in column 7 of statement VI of the revised estimate (receipts).

9. Similarly, the only items of charges in which there have been variations are as follows :—

		Increase over budget grant.	Decrease under budget grant.
		RS.	RS.
Grant I—			
(1) New Works—			
(b) Buildings	.. .. .	..	2,000
(c) Drainage	.. .. .	..	1,000
(2) Repairs—			
(b) Buildings	.. .. .	..	2,600
(c) Miscellaneous	.. .. .	..	400
Grant II, Education—			
(3) Salary grants	.. .. .	200	..
(4) Results grants	.. .. .	..	200
(6) Inspection—	.. .. .	..	..
(b) Municipal Inspectors—	.. .. .	..	..
(ii) Contingencies	.. .. .	40	..
(7) (c) Other items	.. .. .	..	40

Grant III—				RS.	RS.
(1)	Hospitals and dispensaries—				
	(b) Medicines and supplies	..	..	500	..
	(c) Diet of patients	..	..	300	..
(2)	(iv) Cutler's establishment	..	..	10	..
(3)	(b) Vaccination contingencies	..	..	..	10
(5)	Conservancy, &c.—				
	(i) Establishment	..	..	..	70
	(ii) Other charges	..	..	2,170	..
	(b) Private scavenging—				
	(i) Establishment	..	..	..	60
	(c) Cholera charges	..	..	..	50
	(d) Conservancy contingencies	..	..	50	..
Grant IV—					
	Lighting and Miscellaneous municipal purposes—				
(4)	'Travellers' bungalows—				
	(a) Establishment	..	..	80	..
	(b) Contingencies	..	..	400	..
(9)	(iv) Compensation for lands	..	..	..	1,000
	(v) Other items	..	..	5,170	..
Grant V—					
	(e) Contributions for central office and audit establishments	..	..	30	..
	Advances	..	..	310	..

10. Explanation for the above variations will be found in column 7 of statement VI of the revised estimate (charges).

BUDGET ESTIMATE, 1896-97.

11. *Receipts.*—The total receipts, including the opening balance brought forward from the revised estimate for 1895-96, amount to Rs. 68,000. The expenditure is fixed at Rs. 59,650, leaving an unexpended balance of Rs. 8,350 available for general purposes.

12. It will be observed that the figures under most of the items of the current year's budget have been repeated, as they are not likely to fluctuate in any way. The only items calling for remark are the following.

13. *Tax on Carts.*—The estimate for 1896-97 is Rs. 1,450, against the revised estimate and the budget grant for 1895-96 of Rs. 1,750. The decrease is due to the rate, hitherto charged for registration of single bullock carts, having been reduced from Rs. 2 to one-rupee per half-year, as per Proceedings of the Madras Government, Mis. No. 1260 M., dated 3rd August 1895.

14. *Fees under Act II of 1888.*—The estimate for 1896-97 is Rs. 150 against Rs. 100, budget grant of 1895-96, due in the main to a greater demand for licenses by itinerating dramatic companies.

15. *Rent of lands.*—The estimate under this head is Rs. 900, against the anticipated receipts of Rs. 700 for 1895-96. The increase is due to keener competition.

16. *Sale-proceeds of night-soil and street-refuse, &c.*—Rs. 1,200 are expected under this head against Rs. 500, the grant for 1895-96, as keener competition is expected.

17. (1) *Fees from educational institutions.*—The figures of the educational authorities have been adopted, less the receipts from schools proposed to be abolished.

18. *Income from markets.*—The same amount is expected for 1896-97, as was actually realised in 1895-96, which is much higher than the grant for that year owing to the separation of the wood depôt from the market and its establishment in another place.

19. *Income from Slaughter-house.*—Rs. 2,650 have been shown as the probable receipts against Rs. 2,570, the budget grant for 1895-96. In the latter year, the fees collected for large animals were not taken into consideration as the beef butchers had then ceased slaughtering cows.

20. *Cart-stand Fees.*—Rs. 800 are expected under this head against Rs. 850 of the budget grant for 1895-96. It is believed that the competition for right to collect these fees will not be very keen, owing to cart-drivers being prosecuted for not attaching lanterns to their carts at nights.

21. *Fines under Municipal and other Acts.*—Owing to the remarks of Government in paragraph 3 (3) of G.O., No. 1454 M., dated 7th September 1895, the fines inflicted by the Bench of Magistrates is now very much higher than heretofore. Judging therefore from the receipts of the current year, Rs. 700 have been estimated for against Rs. 500, the budget grant for 1895-96.

22. *Grants from Government—Municipal Schools.*—Rs. 130 have been shown as anticipated grants for girls from both the Muhammadan and Hindu schools. Of this amount, Rs. 30 are expected from three schools for Hindus and Rs. 100 from the Ramnaikpalyam Muhammadan girls' school.

23. *Other purposes.*—Rs. 240, anticipated receipts, are comprised of the following items:—

Rs. 80	on account of Hindu Inspecting Schoolmaster.
40	do. of Muhammadan Inspecting Schoolmaster.
120	do. of Gymnastic Instructor, whose pay it is proposed to increase to Rs. 20 from Rs. 15 to teach drawing as well.

24. (b) *Miscellaneous—Private Scavenging.*—Owing to owners of private latrines being strictly prohibited from keeping cess-pits in their backyards, a larger number of latrines is expected to be cleaned under municipal agency; hence the anticipated receipts for 1896-97 are placed at Rs. 1,450 against Rs. 1,260 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 1,000, the budget grant for 1895-96.

25. (b) (11) *Other purposes.*—Rs. 70, the anticipated receipts for 1896-97, represent the amount contracted for the cleaning of the latrine attached to the boys' school of the mosque in Big Lubbay's street.

26. The particulars under Grant I, Public Works—New Works, are as follow:—

(a) Communications—	RS.
Construction of a straight road from Kosapet to Arasamaram Pilliyar Coil street, omitted from the current year's budget for reasons stated in paragraph 4 <i>supra</i>	1,000
Total	1,000
(b) Buildings—	
Construction of a new hospital, omitted from the current year's budget for reasons stated in paragraph 4 <i>supra</i> ..	2,000
Construction of new latrines	1,000
Total	3,000

(c) *Drainage.*—No provision has been made under this head, under the advice of the Sanitary Engineer in his letter No. 3695, dated 11th December 1895, as it has been found on the inspection of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer that the U-shaped drains were not constructed in accordance with Mr. Oldham's scheme, for which the council paid a handsome honorarium of Rs. 6,000, but that the drains were being built according to no particular scheme, having no regard to the size necessary, nor to the levels of the adjoining streets. Pending orders on the special report of the Sanitary Engineer to Government, the matter is held in abeyance, as it seems a needless waste of money.

(2) *Repairs—(a) Communications.*—As most of the main roads and streets of the town stand in urgent need of repair, Rs. 5,000 have been provided to put these in thorough repair.

(b) *Buildings*.—The works budgeted for under this head are—

Repairs to market, omitted in the current year's budget for reasons stated in paragraph (4) <i>supra</i>					Rs.
Do.	to slaughter-house,	do.	do.	..	1,500
Do.	to cart-stand,	do.	do.	..	500
Do.	to latrines	..	..	..	300
Do.	to office building	..	..	..	100
Do.	to hospital	..	..	..	100
					200
Total ..					2,700

(d) *Water-supply*.—Rs. 500 have been provided for cleansing of silt and for the repair of the several wells and tanks in this town.

27. *Grant II, Education*—(2) *Municipal Schools*—(ii) *On Salary-results System*.—Keeping in view the remarks of Government in paragraph 4 (2) of G.O., No. 1454 M., dated 7th September 1895, the educational authorities were requested to reduce the expenditure so as not to exceed the prescribed maximum of 15 per cent. The council when considering the budget has been compelled to apply the shears of reduction more vigorously than the educational authorities thought fit to do, seeing that the sanitary defects of the town claimed greater attention at their hands. The reductions proposed by these authorities and accepted by the council are—

(a) The abolition of the municipal school at Sullivanpet whose average attendance for the five months from the 1st April last was only 18.

(b) The abolition of the post of second master in the Cusba Hindu school.

(c) The abolition of the post of second master of the Ramnaikpalyam Hindu school.

The reductions effected by the council are as shown below:—

(a) The abolition of the Thotapalyam school. Although the school goes by the name of the Thotapalyam school, which appears to be a misnomer, it is situated in the main bazaar in close proximity to a more flourishing municipal school, viz., the Eda Street school. The council believes that the maintenance of two schools in the same locality or division of the town is not only superfluous but simple waste of money. By its abolition primary education will not suffer in the least, as the boys who attend this school can easily find access to the Eda Street school and other municipal schools in the town. By the removal of the Eda Street school from its present building, which has been condemned by the Sanitary Commissioner as sanitariously defective, to the building now occupied by the so-called Thotapalyam school, the objections of Dr. King will be met, the object for which the latter school was established will be attained, and municipal money will be saved, seeing that the present cost of the Thotapalyam school is Rs. 758, whilst the total receipts are only Rs. 200.

(b) The abolition of the post of second master of the Kalascara Street school, the average attendance of which is about 40.

(c) Non-acceptance of the proposal to raise the pay of the peon attached to the Ramnaikpalyam Muhammadan school, as the council does not think the reason advanced to be sufficiently strong to raise his present salary.

(d) The abolition of the post of drawing master, who is now paid Rs. 15 per mensem, as his appointment has not resulted in any benefit to the pupils of the various schools. The council believes that by increasing the pay of the present gymnastic instructor from Rs. 15 to Rs. 20, the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction can as well be met, seeing that the qualifications of both the gymnastic instructor and the drawing master are on a par.

The allotments under (a) "Fixed payments" (b) "Result grants," (c) "Contingencies" have been thus reduced to Rs. 2,040, Rs. 780 and Rs. 520, against Rs. 2,838, Rs. 990 and Rs. 651, the estimate of the educational authorities for 1896-97, and against Rs. 2,837, Rs. 1,047 and Rs. 592, the actuals of 1894-95.

(3) *Salary Grants*.—The allotment under this head has been raised from Rs. 1,400 to Rs. 1,600, and that under (4) Result grants has been reduced to Rs. 1,200, in accordance with the recommendations of the educational authorities.

(6) *Inspection*.—The council has resolved by a majority of 6 to 5 to raise the pay of the Muhammadan Inspecting Schoolmaster from Rs. 12 to Rs. 15, in view of the fact that the pay of the headmasters of the two Muhammadan schools, whose work he has to supervise, is Rs. 12 each, and further as it is necessary that the pay of the appointment should not be below Rs. 15 to attract persons of the required qualifications to accept it; hence the increase over the budget allotment for 1895-96.

28. *Grant III*—(1) *Hospitals and Dispensaries*.—Rs. 3,810 have been provided under the head of Establishment against Rs. 2,710 of the revised estimate and the budget grant for 1895-96. The increase is due to the salaries of the two compounders being raised from Rs. 12 to Rs. 15 each under G.O., No. 1677, dated 11th September 1888, Local and Municipal, as they will complete ten years' service on 1st April and 1st June 1896 respectively; and to provision being made for increasing the salaries of the three hospital toties by one rupee each per month, in accordance with G.O., Mis. No. 1536 M., dated 21st September 1895. The new appointments provided for are in connection with the gosha and caste dispensary, which has been started since 1st December 1895 in a separate building in the Fort, and are as follows:—

	Per month.
	RS.
One female compounder on ..	8
One nurse on ..	5
One water-woman and sweeper on ..	4

(4) *Registration*.—In lieu of three reporters on Rs. 10 each, the council has resolved to have only two for the whole town and to increase their pay from Rs. 10 to Rs. 12 each, in view of the increased work which will thus devolve on them. There will thus be a saving of about Rs. 72; hence the decrease in allotment.

(5) *Conservancy, &c.*—(a) (i) *Establishment*.—The council is of opinion that the pay of the sanitary inspectors should be not less than Rs. 15 each, and it has accordingly resolved to raise the pay of the inspector, now drawing Rs. 12 per mensem, to Rs. 15. As the services of four peons will be dispensed with from 1st January 1896, provision has only been made for seven peons in lieu of eleven last year.

(ii) *Other Charges*.—Rs. 4,920, shown under this head, represent the cost of 41 night-soil and conservancy carts and bulls at Rs. 8 each per mensem, and Rs. 1,000 the cost of eight new iron night-soil carts and eight hand conservancy carts proposed to be purchased as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner.

29. *Grant IV*—(1) *Lighting*—(b) *Contingencies*.—As Government in its review of the annual report for 1894-95 considered that the large increase in the expenditure upon lighting was ill-advised, the council, in deference to this wish, has resolved to reduce the expenditure under this head by Rs. 1,000. The provision being Rs. 3,000 against Rs. 4,000, the revised estimate for 1895-96, and Rs. 5,367, the actuals of 1894-95.

(3) *Choultries*.—To meet the wishes of Government as to the increased expenditure under langerkhana, the council has resolved to substitute for the present establishment of one gumastah on Rs. 12 and one measurer on Rs. 5 per mensem an establishment consisting of one gumastah only on Rs. 7, the savings thereby effected being utilized in doling out rice to extra paupers. Steps were taken in the current year to reduce the quantity of rice distributed to each pauper from $\frac{4}{16}$ lbs to $\frac{3}{16}$ lbs of a measure; hence the difference of the present year's allotment, and the actuals of 1894-95. It will be observed that the total cost for 1896-97 under Choultries is equal to the Government contribution, as the council believes that any savings under this head will be a breach of the trust for which the sum is annually granted.

(4) *Travellers' Bungalow*.—As one was started on the 1st April 1895, provision has been made under this head.

(9) *Other Charges*—(iv) *Compensation for Land*.—To meet the objection of the Sanitary Commissioner, Rs. 1,000 have been provided under this head for the purchase of two plots of land to be used as burial and burning grounds near the Pálár river, to acquire which the Collector has already been addressed.

30. *Grant V*—(a) *General Establishment*—(1) *Office Establishment*.—The council has unanimously resolved to raise the pay of the manager from Rs. 60 to Rs. 70 per mensem. The reasons which have led the council to do so are manifold. None of the predecessors of the present manager ever drew less than Rs. 70, some of them were even paid Rs. 100 and Rs. 80. The council consider that the work of the manager has now increased considerably, and greater responsibility thrown on him on account of the abolition of the cantonment and various other causes. Further, the reason which actuated the council to reduce the manager's pay from Rs. 70 to Rs. 50, when the services of the late manager were dispensed with and the present manager was appointed, no longer exists, inasmuch as the revenue of the municipality in that particular year had fallen down to Rs. 52,000, while it has, by a careful and judicious scrutiny of the work of the several branches of municipal administration, risen to Rs. 60,000 this year, and the council are strongly of opinion that such of their subordinates who have worked honestly and hard should be rewarded for their labour. The manager has also been conducting all important municipal cases, and thereby saving the municipality pleader's fees. The council in making this recommendation consider that they are only rewarding a hard-worked municipal servant according to his deserts. Apart from increasing the salary of the manager, the council have also in view the claims of the other subordinates of the office, who, by dint of hard and honest work, likewise established their claim for promotion. The council are aware that work in the municipal office has increased of late, and they consider it but right and proper that some promotion should be given as an incentive to good work. They therefore resolve to introduce the following grading of office establishment:—

Head Clerk	..	..	Rs. 25 to 30 by annual increment of Re. 1.
Head Accountant	..	..	Rs. 25 to 30 do.
Translator	..	..	Rs. 20 to 25 do.
Painter	..	..	Rs. 8 to 10 do.

Considering that the records of the office are now maintained in an utterly chaotic condition, and that the disposal of papers in the office is generally delayed for want of any system in the maintenance of records, and taking into consideration also the fact that the clerks now attached to the office have already their hands full of work, the council intended to entertain a separate record-keeper for the office on a salary of Rs. 12 per mensem, but as this would have increased the expenditure on office establishment slightly over what it was last year, although it would nevertheless have been within the maximum allotment of 10 per cent., the council have now resolved, with a view of combining economy with efficiency, to amalgamate this function in the translator, who, if paid something extra, can manage to be in charge of the records as well, and be responsible to the council for the systematic and orderly maintenance of records which appears to be highly desirable.

(b) *Collection of Municipal Taxes*—(1) *Establishment*.—The council has resolved to increase the pay of the bill collector, who draws a salary of Rs. 10 per mensem, from Rs. 10 to Rs. 12 for the very good collections under house-tax made by him.

As these several recommendations of the council will only increase the expenditure under Grant V very slightly, and as it will be far below the sanctioned allotment of 10 per cent. of the total receipts, the council respectfully solicits the sanction of Government to its recommendations.

31. The proposition statements, showing all the alterations proposed in the establishments, are herewith submitted, as required in G.O., No. 1083 M., dated 27th September 1888, as also copies of the resolutions of the council, dated 18th November, 14th and 20th December 1895, discussing and passing finally the budget proposals for 1896-97.

Forwarded.

Paragraph 26.—The amount provided under Grant I is very necessary. All the main roads require repairs.

Paragraph 30.—The manager's work has increased somewhat by the abolition of the cantonment. I see no sufficient reason for a general increase of establishment pay as proposed.

20th December 1895.

(Signed) E. VAUGHAN,
Acting Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

The reasons given for an increase of pay to the establishment are most illogical. An "utterly chaotic condition" of records and general delay in the disposal of papers from want of any system are not consistent with "hard and honest work," especially as it is admitted that efficiency can be secured without an increase of establishment.

A tendency to fritter away their funds by petty increases to monthly salaries is a common failing with local bodies in this country.

5th January 1896.

(Signed) S. H. WYNNE,
Collector.

From the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated 14th January 1896, No. 14.

ABSTRACT.—Approving, with remarks, the proposal of the Municipal Council, Vellore, to establish a separate dispensary for gosha and caste women at Vellore.

From the Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 7th January 1896, No. 36.

Referring to the educational portion of the budget estimate of the Vellore Municipality for 1896-97, I have the honour to state that the reductions proposed by the council have my approval in view of the finances at its disposal. No provision has been made for building and furniture grants to aided primary and lower secondary schools. In the previous budget no allotment was recommended as the council proposed to spend on education more than 15 per cent. of its income from taxation and rents. As, owing to the reductions effected, funds are available, I would strongly recommend that Rs. 200 at least be entered for the purpose. Such grants are absolutely necessary to enable the aided schools to fully meet the requirements of the Educational Rules.

2. With the above modification the net expenditure under Grant II is Rs. 5,890 (7,130-1,240) which is less than 15 per cent. of the estimated income from taxation, markets and rents.

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 15th January 1896, No. 94-S.

I have the honour to state that I have no remarks to offer on the allotments made for vaccination and conservancy in the Vellore municipal budget for 1896-97. The proposed expenditure on the latter object is nearly a fourth of the estimated receipts. The conservancy staff, as detailed in statement II-B, seems to have

been determined without reference to actual needs. Instead of an inspectorial staff consisting of six men and costing in the aggregate Rs. 125 monthly, I would recommend the employment of a certificated chief sanitary inspector on Rs. 75 to Rs. 100 + 15,* assisted by two third-grade certificated inspectors (assistant sanitary inspectors) on Rs. 25 + 7½ each.

* Civil Apothecary or Public Works Department overseer with a certificate as sanitary inspector.

2. Under Grant I, a sum of Rs. 3,900 is set apart for expenditure on sanitary works. No provision has been made for the construction of a vaccine depôt, although the Council promised to provide for this in the budget under review—*vide* paragraph 12 of G.O., No. 1707 M., dated 22nd October 1895.

ORDER—No. 205 M., dated 5th February 1896.

The estimated receipts and charges of the Vellore Municipality for 1896-97, as passed by Government, are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year 1895-96 and the actuals of 1894-95:—

	Actuals, 1894-95.	Budget estimate, 1895-96.	Revised estimate, 1895-96.	Budget estimate, 1896-97.
Receipts.				
Balance brought forward	19,898	11,300	14,330	7,640
Tax on Arts	7,238	9,100	9,100	9,100
" on Buildings and Lands	8,492	11,060	11,060	11,060
" on Vehicles and Animals	1,925	2,030	2,030	2,030
" on Carts	2,078	2,060	1,760	1,460
Tolls	7,790	8,000	8,110	8,000
Realizations under Special Acts	105	100	150	150
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and Sale-proceeds of Lands, &c. ..	1,211	1,530	1,850	1,830
Conservancy Receipts	..	500	1,050	1,200
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions	758	810	810	870
" from Medical Institutions	91	100	110	100
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	10,662	10,820	11,540	11,550
License Fees	594	1,000	1,000	1,000
Other Fees	657	960	870	910
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	321	500	700	700
Interest on Investments and premium on Loans	238	300	300	300
Grants and Contributions from Government	9,406	6,750	6,750	6,850
" from Local Boards	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Recoveries for Services to Private Individuals	921	1,000	1,330	1,520
Miscellaneous	31	140	140	140
Advances Recovered	73	250	350	390
Total ..	73,789	69,610	74,640	68,100
Charges.				
GRANT I—				
New Works—				
Communications	..	..	..	1,000
Buildings	576	3,000	1,000	3,000
Drainage	3,346	5,000	4,000	..
Water-supply	11	500	500	..
Miscellaneous	887	1,500	1,500	..
Repairs—				
Communications	4,372	3,500	3,500	5,000
Buildings	2,440	3,300	700	2,700
Drainage	1,279	1,860	1,860	1,260
Water-supply	706	1,020	1,020	810
Miscellaneous	503	500	100	..
Establishment	973	850	850	850
Tools and Plant and other Stores	72	100	100	100
Contributions for Public Works	..	100	100	100
Total ..	15,115	21,230	15,230	14,820
GRANT II—				
Training Schools	25	60	60	..
Municipal Schools—				
On the Salary-result System	4,476	4,900	4,900	3,340
Salary Grants	1,277	1,400	1,600	1,600
Result Grants	999	1,400	1,200	1,200
Inspection	346	410	450	460
Miscellaneous	149	450	410	530
Total ..	7,272	8,620	8,620	7,130

	Actuals, 1894-95.	Budget estimate, 1895-96.	Revised estimate, 1895-96.	Budget estimate, 1896-97.
Charges—cont.				
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT III—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries	6,625	5,930	6,730	6,830
Contributions	462	360	370	470
Vaccination	753	760	750	750
Registration of Births and Deaths	612	640	640	560
Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering	12,478	11,970	14,010	14,320
Total ..	20,930	19,660	22,500	22,930
GRANT IV—				
Lighting	5,690	4,240	4,240	3,240
Markets and Slaughter-houses	392	410	410	400
Choultrys	4,623	4,220	4,220	4,180
Travellers' Bungalows	68	..	480	310
Avenues	183	280	280	280
Public Garden, Survey of Land, Fire and other charges	792	1,650	5,820	1,600
Total ..	11,748	10,800	15,450	10,010
GRANT V—				
Supervision and Management	4,027	4,100	4,130	4,120
Advances Recoverable	350	300	910	350
Refunds	16	160	160	160
Balance	14,331	4,740	7,640	8,580
Total ..	73,789	69,610	74,640	68,100

REVISED ESTIMATE FOR 1895-96.

2. The current receipts and charges are now estimated at Rs. 60,310 and Rupees 67,000, respectively, against Rs. 58,310 and Rs. 64,870 anticipated in the sanctioned budget. The increase in the receipts occurs mainly under "Conservancy Receipts" and "Income from markets and slaughter-houses," while that in the charges, which appears under Grants III, and IV, is partly counterbalanced by a decrease under Grant I. The collections under the principal taxes and the expenditure on all new works and repairs—communications and buildings—during the first eight months of the year were again very unsatisfactory. The sanction of Government, which is now accorded, should have been obtained for the allotment of funds required to meet the pay of the female apothecary sanctioned in G.O., No. 1260 M., dated 3rd August 1895. The entertainment of a female compounder, a nurse and a waterwoman and sweeper on Rs. 8, 5 and 4, respectively, for the caste and gosha dispensary newly opened and the additional allotment of Rs. 720 required for its medicines and supplies are sanctioned. Under G.O., No. 691 M., dated 22nd June 1888, the municipal council was not competent to sanction, without reference to Government, the transfer of funds from Grant II, 7 (c) "Other items," to 6 (b), (ii) "Contingencies" shown in statement VI. It is, however, now approved.

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1896-97.

3. *Receipts.*—The receipts for the ensuing year are placed at Rs. 60,360 against Rs. 60,310 in the revised estimate. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Director's letter read above, credit will be taken for a grant of Rs. 100 from Provincial Funds on account of education.

4. *Charges.*—(1) The probable charges are put down at Rs. 59,650 against Rs. 67,000 in the revised estimate, the decrease appearing chiefly under Grants II and IV.

(2) *Grant I.*—The construction of the new buildings provided for in the budget should not be commenced until the plans and estimates have been approved by competent authority. The Sanitary Engineer will be requested to expedite the report referred to in paragraph 26 (c) of the Chairman's letter. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Sanitary Commissioner's letter read above, the council will explain why no provision has been made for a suitable vaccine depôt.

(3) *Grant II.*—The alterations in the educational establishments proposed in paragraph 27 are approved. As recommended by the Director, a sum of Rs. 200 will be provided under "Building and Furniture Grants."

(4) *Grant III.*—The remarks of the Surgeon-General on the provision for medical services will be awaited. The alterations in the registration and conservancy establishments proposed in paragraph 28 (4) and (5) are approved. The Sanitary Commissioner's recommendation in paragraph 1 of his letter will be referred to the municipal council for consideration.

(5) *Grant IV.*—The alterations in the choultry establishments proposed in paragraph 29 (3) are approved.

(6) *Grant V.*—The proposal to increase the salaries of the office establishment will be disallowed, as the Government is not satisfied of its present necessity. The attention of the council will be directed to the remarks of the Collector in his forwarding endorsement. The manager's pay was raised from Rs. 50 to Rs. 60 only at the beginning of the current year. The increase by Rs. 2 of the salary of the bill-collector on Rs. 10 is approved.

5. The budget, as revised by Government, closes with a balance of Rs. 8,580 or 14.2 per cent. of the estimated receipts.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore.
" Collector of North Arcot.
" President, District Board, North Arcot.
" Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.
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" Sanitary Commissioner.
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