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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 1096 M.

DATED 17-6-98.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Drainage Scheme

Stating, with remarks, that Govt. cannot hold out any promise of a grant or loan from Provincial funds, on account of the ^{in the near future} ~~in the near future~~ for the Madura Municipality and requesting, ^{with remarks} the Municipal Council to reconsider its proposals regarding the scheme and report the result to Government.

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Madura C. Nagaraj

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. , dated 189
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Current No. 1831-m of 1898, dated 27th May 1898, from the Ag. Collector of Madura
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The municipal council has financed the scheme on the assumption that the Government will contribute a moiety of the estimated cost and lend the balance on favourable terms. But as in the present state of its finances, the Government cannot hold out any promise of a grant or loan from Provincial funds on this account in the near future, ^{it will be for} the municipal council ~~will have~~ to raise the whole of the required funds by a loan in the open market. The council accordingly requested to reconsider its proposals in the light of these remarks and report the result to Government.

It will probably be best not to attempt the drainage of the whole town at once, but to deal with it by instalments.

Chairman M.C. Madura
Through the Collector
17/6/98
11/6/98
11/6/98

22-12-98

Local & Municipal
Revenue (189⁸) Department.

CURRENT No. 1831



Order

From

The Acting Collector
Madura

Dis No. 1500 of 1898
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Dated 27 May 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks the
report of the Chairman Muni-
cipal Council Madura per-
garding the introduction of
the Drainage Scheme in the
Madura Municipality

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2. The calculations appear to be carefully made, though it is doubtful if so much as 95 per cent will be realized, every year. The sale of sewage for 2,000 Rupees, is also an item which cannot be reckoned upon. It would be desirable to experiment on part of the town as suggested by the chairman and not impose maximum rates of taxes in all cases.

Madura Collector's office
27 May 1898

✓
B. Smith
For acting collector
27.5.98

No. 18

Municipal Office,
MADURA 19th May 1898.

ENCLOSURES. Two.

From,

R. FISCHER, ESQUIRE,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Madura.

To,

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras.

Via,

Thro' The Collector of Madura

With reference to GO No. 507 M. L. S. dated 21st March 1896 and the Sanitary Engineer's Letter No. 6 dated 14th March 1898, (copy enclosed), I have the honour to lay before Government the following facts and figures shewing how far this Municipality is able to meet the expenses of a Drainage Scheme, estimated to cost from 9 to 12 lacs.

2. Taking the highest figure, i.e. 12 lacs, as its probable cost, and assuming that Government will give half of it by way of grant, the annual charges (including those of maintenance) on the loan

loan

van of the remaining six laes will amount to Rs 50,000 as detailed below.

Interest at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ on six laes Rs 21,000
 Sinking Fund at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ do Rs 15,000
 Pumping and Maintenance Charges. Rs 14,000
 Total Rs 50,000

3. The Subjoined Statement A shows the average receipts, expenditure and balance for the last 3 years, and B the various sources or items from which the required amount may be raised.

* excluding the endowments & the unusual receipts & charges.

Statement A

No.	Year	Opening balance	Receipts	Charges	Average balance.
1	1894-95	+ 1836	116038	109009	Opening balance 1028 Receipts 135049 Total 136077 Deduct Charges 127905 Balance 8172
2	1895-96	+ 8027	129900	134446	
3	1896-97	- 6769	159210	140261	
Total.		+ 3094	405148	383716	
Average		+ 1028	135049	127905	

Statement B

No.	Source of Revenue	Present income	Proposed income	Increase.
1	House tax.			
	a) Raising the rate percent on the annual rental	39000	52000	13000.
	b) Revision of House tax			
	c) Higher percentage of Collections			
	d) Water tax			
2	Tolls.	19000	23000	4000
3	Tax on carts & other vehicles without Spruings	21000	28000	7000.
4	Market and Slaughter houses	2300	4300	2000
5	Suprafrings.	"	"	2000
6	Grain patta	800	2800	2000
7	Sale of sewage	"	"	1000
8	Drainage tax.	"	"	2000
	Total increase			56000.

4. Item 1(a) The tax on being levied at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ percent on their annual rental value, and if this is raised to its maximum limit of $8\frac{1}{2}\%$ percent, it will give a sum of Rs 6000. This tax has gradually been increased from 4 to $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ percent and the present proposal to raise it still further will no doubt be distasteful to the people. Any hardship they may feel on this account will however be counter-balanced by the advantages likely to accrue to them from the completion of the Drainage System.

Item No. 1(b) As the town is daily increasing in size and population, a large number of new houses are coming into existence, and alterations and additions are being made continually to existing ones. Consequently a general revision of the House tax, which must be made at least once in every 5 years and which will have now to be made, - coupled with the proposed inclusion of the village of Arapalium within Municipal limits. The increase at the revision of 1895 was Rs 3000. Supplement lists - Rs 500. will Arapalium - Rs 500. yield Total Rs 3000. an increased revenue of about Rs 3000 - vide margin.

The increase under the above two items will raise the present demand under House tax by Rs 9000 i.e. from Rs 46000 to 55000. Item 1(c) Higher percentage in collections. The old arrears dating so far back as 1889 to 1894 have

have been cleared and with the entertainment of 2 additional Bill Collectors on Rs 10 each to relieve those engaged in collection of the scriptory part of their work which is enormous, consisting of the preparation of Bill Books, warrants &c. about 450 in number besides the service of notices and accompanying each Bill Collector 1½ months in each half year and with a Paid Secretary devoting a large portion of his time to this work, it is not unreasonable to expect 95% of the total demand of Rs 55000 or an increase of Rs 13000 in the collections, as shown below.

300 Sanguine

Item 1. (d) Water tax. This is capable of expansion and Rs 2500 more, can be expected from it. At present there are many houses beyond a distance of 150 yards of a fountain and these are now liable to only half of the tax. Of the 40 additional fountains already sanctioned some 10 have been constructed and with the construction of the rest all those houses can be brought under full assessment.

Item	Present Demand	Present percentage	Present Collection	Expected Demand	Expected percentage	Expected Collection	Increase
House Tax	46000	85%	39000	55000	95%	52000	13000
Water Tax	23000	85%	19000	25000	92%	23000	4000
Land Tax	1900	47%	900	2000	75%	1500	600

Item 2. Tolls. These are levied at three fourths of the maximum rates and the average collection for the last three years is Rs 21000 exclusive of the Local Fund Share. If they are

are... there will be an increase of Rs 7000.

Item 3. License tax. It is proposed to raise from rupee one to two the half yearly tax on carts and other vehicles without Springs (Rs 2 being the maximum rate) and this will bring an additional income of about Rs 2000 per annum. The average receipt for the last 3 years has been Rs 2365.

Item 4. Markets & Slaughter Houses. - Consequent on the vigorous and systematic prosecutions instituted against butchers who sell meat outside the Municipal markets, there is every chance of all the vacant stalls in the three markets being occupied from which an addition of Rs 2000 is anticipated.

Item 5. Sweepings. The advantage of using Sweepings and night soil as a manure has only lately been discovered by the people and there is an increasing demand for them at present. With the sale of waste lands affected by Berigar water they are likely to become an additional source of revenue as will be seen from the fact that their sale fetched this year, the unprecedented sum of Rs 3900 against an average of Rs 800 for the last three years, so that an increase of Rs 2000 may safely be expected annually.

Item 6. Grain pethah. - This fetched on an average up to 1891 Rs 1500 but it has now fallen to Rs 380. This decrease is due to grain dealers

Note. - There are at present vacant 120 Stalls out of 333.

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dealers having ^{been} ~~been~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{habit} of
storing and selling their grain over covered
drains and on the public roads. Prosecutions
have been instituted and convictions obtained.
Steps are now being taken under instructions
from Government to remove the flat forms or
coverings over drains and the removal when
completed will, it is hoped, put an end to
the objectionable practice. With the necessary
alterations and additions to the existing ^{system}
to suit the requirements of the traders, it is
expected to realize not less than £1000.

Item 7. Sale of Sewage. After the completion of
the Drainage works the sale of sewage is ex-
pected to yield £2000.

Item 8. Drainage tax. This is proposed to be
levied at the maximum rate allowed by law
for the first time which with other increased
taxes will press heavily upon the people, which
will give £25000 and 95% of this will yield
£23000.

5. There is however one item of revenue
in which a deficit is unavoidable and this
is the tax on Arts, Professions &c. According
to the present law, the income which each man
gets must be taken as the basis of the assess-
ment and there is a likelihood of a fall of
£3000 in the demand.

6. It will thus be seen that £53000
exclusive of the average annual balance
(£56000-3000) is available for meeting the
charges

Curiously

Drainage works by putting
the highest strain on the resources of the
Municipality.

In addition to the above, Savings
may also be effected by the following
methods.

(a) The Conservancy carts were hired at
£19 per cart per annum including bullocks and
drivers. Now it is proposed to supply Muni-
cipal carts and hire bullocks and drivers
alone at the rate of £15 per annum per cart
which will leave £2000 as Savings.

(b) There is a proposal already sanctioned
to increase the pay of the Chief Sanitary
Inspector from £60 to £100 in order to
secure the services of a competent man.
However high his attainments may be no
tangible improvement in the sanitation of
the town is possible and probable unless
and until the Drainage Scheme is completed.
Till then a trained Sanitary Inspector on
£50 with an horse allowance of £10 per
annum will suffice for looking after the
Sanitary Staff and Sanitation under a
Paid Secretary whilst the District Medical
and Sanitary Officer or his assistant is
always available for consultation in more
important matters. This will result in a
saving of £600 per annum.

(c)

(c) A Sum of Rs 1000 may also be saved by abolishing the Mahomedan and Luchma Schools and Rs 500 by discontinuing the grant for the training of Normal Students who do not open Schools after their training is over according to the Contract entered into by them and give much trouble.

8. The above figures are given on the assumption that the loan required will be Six Lacs. If the Scheme costs less it will necessitate a corresponding reduction in the loan and a proportionate amount of revenue may be raised to meet any reduced figure.

9. If the Government is not still satisfied with the ways and means above set forth, I would propose that the Town be divided into two Sections for the purpose and one Section taken up and completed for which there is ample revenue and the other postponed to a more convenient season.

10. I must not omit to mention the offer of the Madura Mills Company to supply a million gallons of water per diem for flushing the drains, if the Municipality will remit the water tax on their buildings which

very
unpleasant
measure

per annum and there are stones used in the construction of present drains which are valued at Rs from 20,000 to 30,000 rupees which may either be utilized in the construction of the proposed drains or sold.

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

R. S. Chandra
Chairman

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No. 7/6

Government

Office of Sanitary Engineer
 Camp. Waltham 14th March 1898
 Despatched 19.3.98.

From, A. S. Russell Esq.
 Esq. Sanitary Engineer to Government,
 To The Chairman, Municipal Council,
 Madurai.

Sir, With reference to your letter no. 367 dated
 9th March 1898, I have the honor to inform you
 that Rs 50,000, the approximate annual cost of
 a drainage Scheme for Madurai includes Sinking
 fund, interest and pumping charges as shown
 below:-

Interest and Sinking fund at 5.96	
per cent on a moiety of the initial	
cost, i.e. 6 lakhs of rupees . . .	Say Rs 36,000
Pumping & Maintenance charges . . .	14,000
	<u>Total Say Rs 50,000</u>

I have &c.
 (Signed) A. S. Russell.
 Esq. Sanitary Engineer to Govt.

(True Copy)
 P. R. S.
 Chairman

[Handwritten date:]
 19.5.98

Extract from the Proceedings of the
Municipal Council passed at its Special
Meeting held on the 9th May 1898.

Present:—

1. R. Fischer Esquire Chairman
2. C. E. Smith Esquire Councillor
3. M. J. P. R. Venkatesalu Naidu Esq. do
4. " P. Selvaraj Naidu Esq. do
5. " J. Jandru Chettiar Esq. do
6. " P. N. Muthuswami Esq. do
7. " O. Muthuswami Esq. do
8. " J. Ramachandriah Esq. do
9. " M. Paraneswararam Pillai Esq. do
10. " Somasundara Nadar Esq. do
11. " R. Muthuswami Pillai Esq. do

136. Read draft letter of the Sub Com-
mittee suggesting ways and means for the
undertaking of a Drainage Scheme for the
Town. Resolved that the draft letter pre-
pared by the Sub Committee be adopted
and Submitted to Government.

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(Signed) R. Fischer
Chairman

(True Copy)

R. Fischer

Chairman

C. E. Smith

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