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No. 643. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department:—

Sanctioning, with remarks, the estimates of expenditure submitted by the Municipal Commission for the Town of Trichinopoly for the current year. } (Here enter 21st August 1867, No. 1,033.)

No. 644. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1867, No. 2,629.

ACCOUNT, No. 76.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 166. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission for the Town of Trichinopoly, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Tiroomanur, 1st August 1867, No. 32.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Public Department, dated 12th ultimo, No. 826, I have the honor to express my regret that delay should have been caused by my failure to enter more fully, in my letter of the 14th June, into the necessity for increased expenditure.

2. It did not, however, occur to me, either that Government would have laid so much stress upon the estimates for the past initiative half-year—estimates which I now beg to request they will put out of consideration altogether, as being of no value, framed as they were (so to speak) in the dark and at guess—or that Government would have so far apparently under-rated the magnitude and importance of this Municipality as to have supposed it possible that "the sum which it is proposed to raise and expend is in excess of what is required or can be utilized."

3. Any inference drawn from deficient expenditure in the past half-year would prove equally fallacious if applied to our future capacity to expend money beneficially. With an establishment in process of organization—and funds, consequently, coming in very slowly—the Commissioners were obliged to act with considerable caution, and limit their operations in accordance with the state of their cash balances. With increased experience, circumstances have altered.

4. I will now offer a few observations on the several items of proposed expenditure.

5. *Conservancy.*—Towards the close of last year, a Sub-Committee, composed of Colonel Greenaway, Dr. Ranking, and the Vice-President, Mr. Oliver, after due deliberation, laid before a General Meeting a scheme for conservancy, involving an annual outlay of Rupees 66,368. Neither roads, drainage, latrines, nor any of the other items of the now proposed expenditure were included in the scheme, which was approved by the Meeting only so far that they considered it to be still inadequate to meet the actual requirements.

6. Solely on account of insufficiency of funds, Rupees 24,000, or about one-third of the necessary amount, is proposed to be devoted to this most important object in the current year.

7. *Roads.*—There are thirty miles of metalled road within municipal limits. At Rupees 300 per mile, the proposed expenditure of Rupees 10,000 will be swallowed up in maintenance of these roads alone, leaving nothing for the construction of much required new roads, and for the repair of many others. But for insufficiency of funds, a much larger sum should be devoted to this purpose.

8. *Cleaning and repairing Tanks.*—The towns people are dependent for their water on upwards of forty tanks, most of them in a filthy state of neglect. One of the very smallest was cleaned out last year at an expense of Rupees 500. From want of funds, Rupees 2000 are now assigned for this purpose, when Rupees 10,000 might be most beneficially expended.

9. *Drainage.*—There is literally none. The trifling sum of Rupees 5000 now assigned, owing to paucity of funds, will suffice to remedy an evil here and there. To drain the town as it ought to be drained would cost lakhs.

10. *Latrines and Dust Bins.*—The sum of Rupees 5000 set apart for this purpose, will meet about a tithe of the actual requirements of the people.

11. *Miscellaneous, Demolishing ruins, &c.*—Under this head is included the demolition of the ramparts, and filling in of the Fort ditch—a project second to none in pressing importance, with reference to the general health of the public—a project already approved of by Government, and for which an estimate, amounting to Rupees 22,000, was framed in the Public Works Department some years ago. Allowing for the rise in rates, its execution will, now, probably cost not less than Rupees 40,000.

12. Upon this subject, I beg to append an extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioners at a Meeting held on the 29th June, and to request the favorable consideration of the Government to the request therein contained. Without some special assistance, it is improbable that the Commissioners will be able to devote to the execution of this great work a larger annual sum than Rupees 5000, at which rate its completion will take eight years or longer.

13. *Demolishing ruins.*—The extrication of the stones is an expensive item, and, unless the Commissioners are permitted to share in the proceeds, it would be to their interest to tumble all the stone into the ditch and bury it. I do not think it would be sufficient to allow them the bare cost of the extrication out of the proceeds of the stones. These were roughly estimated by Captain Oakes, in a letter embodied in Government Proceedings, dated 7th December last, to be worth two or three lakhs; and taking this and all the other circumstances of the case into consideration, I do not think that the request of the Commissioners, to be given a lien on the stones, to the value of the work they may execute, is an unreasonable one.

14. *Establishment.*—The cost is but 4½ per cent. on the amount of the estimated receipts, and proposed expenditure. The amount that was found sufficient during the limited operations of last year forms no criterion of the requirements of the current year.

15. I will merely add that the Proceedings of Government under reply have been laid before the Commissioners, and that they are unanimous in deprecating the enforcement of the suggestion of the Government.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Trichinopoly at a Meeting held on the 29th June 1867.

* * *

2. Resolved that the demolition of the Fort walls, and the filling in the ditch, is one of the most important sanitary measures for the consideration of the Commissioners; that the sum of Rupees 5000 be this year assigned for this purpose; and that the Government be moved to make over to the Municipality all the land included in the above walls and moat, and to give them a lien upon the stones removed, to the extent of the sum expended on this most necessary sanitary work. The Commissioners further resolve that the land thus reclaimed shall be laid out as a boulevard, as suggested originally by Sir C. Trevelyan, in his Minute dated 28th January 1860.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. L. RANKING, *Commissioner*,
for *President*.

No. 167. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1867, No. 1033.

The explanation afforded in the foregoing letter shows that there is ample scope for the useful employment of a large sum of money on municipal conservancy in Trichinopoly; and the Government, relying on the recommendation of the Commissioners, will no longer delay sanctioning the original estimates, it being understood the Government contribution will only be paid proportionately on the total sum actually raised and expended.

2. The expenditure for the year is estimated at Rupees 80,000. The Government contribution on this sum (after deducting Rupees 4800 on account of lighting) amounts to Rupees 18,800. The Commissioners are to raise themselves Rupees 60,000, which sum with the State grant, and a balance of Rupees 5595 from last year's account, will place Rupees 84,395 in all at their disposal.

3. With regard to the disposal of the stone procured by the demolition of the Fort walls, and the compensation which should be made to the Commissioners, with a view to enabling them to complete the scheme initiated some years ago for filling up the moat and making a boulevard, the Government are willing to make over to the Commisioners the land included in the moat and walls, but they cannot create a lien on the stones in favor of the Commissioners, as it was decided, in December last, that the whole of the stones were required for the use of the Department of Public Works.

4. It is observed that the Government already contribute 25 per cent. towards the completion of the project, and that they have placed convict labor free of ~~charge~~ at the disposal of the Commissioners. Whatever may be decided on by the Commissioners, the Government strictly forbid the throwing of the stone into the moat, to be there buried.

5. The following Notification will at once be published :—

NOTIFICATION.

Fort Saint George, 21*st August* 1867.

The Right Honorable the Governor of Fort Saint George in Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of (Madras) Act X of 1865, hereby appoints the undermentioned persons, being inhabitants of the town of Trichinopoly as described and designated for the purposes of the said Act in the Notification published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*, dated 30th October 1866, to be Town Commissioners, for the purposes of the said Act, during the year ending on the 30th April 1868, in addition to the Officers who are, under the provisions of Section 7 of the said Act, ex-officio Commissioners for the towns within their respective charges—that is to say

1. Surgeon Major James Lancaster Ranking, Garrison Surgeon.
2. Mr. Charles William Wall Martin, Acting Head Assistant Collector and Magistrate.
3. ,, James Dunning Baker Gribble, Assistant Collector.
4. ,, George Tweedle Oliver.
5. Roobgoondy Ragoonath Row.
6. Roobgoondy Hurry Row.
7. Devanamputtumu Parcasawmy Moodelliar.
8. Soukar Rajaram Towker.
9. Lunka Krishtniengar.
10. Abiramshary Patchappah Moodelliar.

2. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 26 and 27 of the said Act, the Governor in Council further determines and directs that the number of Police to be maintained in the said town of Trichinopoly, during the year ending on the 30th April 1868, shall be 150, and that such Police shall be of the description hereinafter mentioned, and shall be paid at the rates hereinafter specified—that is to say

1	2nd Class Inspector,	at Rupees	165	per mensem.
1	5th do.	do. ,,	60	do.
4	European Constables,	,,	30	each per mensem.
6	Head Constables,	,,	22	do. do.
10	Deputy do.	,,	12½	do. do.
43	1st Class Constables,		8	do. do.
85	2nd do. do.		7	do. do.—

and that the total amount to be raised and expended in the said town of Trichinopoly during the year ending on the 30th April 1868, for the purposes specified in Section 25 of the said Act, shall be Rupees 75,200, of which sum 25 per cent, or Rupees 18,800, shall be contributed by Government to the Municipal Fund.

3. The Governor in Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Act, further authorizes the Commissioners for the town of Trichinopoly to raise a sum not exceeding Rupees 4800 for the purposes of lighting.

4. In accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the said Act, the Governor in Council authorizes the Commissioners for the said town of Trichinopoly to levy, during the year ending on the 30th April 1868, the several rates, taxes, and fees below specified—that is to say

Rates on houses, buildings, and lands, as provided for in Sections 38 to 44.

Taxes on arts, trades, and professions, as provided for in Sections 46 to 49.

Tolls on carriages and other vehicles, as provided for in Sections 51 to 56.

Taxes on carriages, horses, and other animals, as provided for in Sections 57 to 64.

Licenses under Section 115.

(By order of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Magistrate of Trichinopoly.
,, Inspector General of Police.
,, Accountant General.
,, Public Works Department.

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