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12th June 1869.

No. 67. Read the following letter from the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Masulipatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Masulipatam, 31st May 1869, No. 154.

In G. O., dated 14th May 1869, No. 631, Public Department, in sanctioning the estimates of the Masulipatam Municipality, it is observed that Government notice with displeasure that nearly one-half of the amount to be raised by the Municipality in the current year is by tolls.

2. Government will observe that the Municipality propose to have recourse to all the modes of taxation that are available, and the only tax not collected up to the full is the house-tax, which is fixed at 6 instead of 7½ per cent., the maximum.

3. The rate at which tolls are to be collected has been fixed by the Legislature, and the Commissioners have no power to reduce those rates. The amount which the lease of the tolls fetched at auction is larger this year than last. The actual was entered in the estimates.

4. The rate on lands has not been imposed, simply because there are no cultivated lands in the Municipality.

5. Under these circumstances, the Commissioners beg that Government will be pleased to withdraw the expression of their disapproval, or else indicate what other course it was in their power to adopt in raising funds for municipal purposes.

6. Government have requested information as to the necessity of spending so large a sum as Rupees 40,000 on municipal roads. The reason is simply this, there are at present no roads at all that deserve the name. The cyclone of 1864 washed away all the roads, and as the soil is pure sand or heavy clay, and no metal procurable within a reasonable distance, the cost of roadmaking is heavier here than elsewhere. It is estimated that the cost of making a mile of road six yards wide with two layers of clay and two of kunker of three inches alternately is Rupees 3000, or with one layer of clay and one of kunker Rupees 1500. There are thirty miles of road in the municipal limits to be made, of these 22½ miles of road have to be entirely newly made, which will equal 201,920 square yards. The cost of making these with the necessary bridges, culverts, &c., will, it is estimated, amount to Rupees 40,000 as entered below. —

	Rs.	A.	P.
21,120 square yards, or 2 miles of 6 yards broad with two layers of clay and two of kunker, at Rupees 3000 a mile, or 10,560 square yards.	6,000	0	0
63,360 square yards, or 6 miles of do. with one layer of clay and one of kunker, at Rupees 1500 a mile, or 10,560 square yards.	9,000	0	0
61,800 square yards, or 7 miles of 5 yards broad, with do. do. at do. do.	8,760	0	0
85,840 square yards, or 7½ miles of four yards broad, with do. do. at do. do.	7,931	13	1
Bridges or covered drains on these roads approximately	8,318	2	11
201,920 square yards.	Total	40,000	0 0

Thus Rupees 40,000 is the amount entered in the budget. The large amount fetched by the tolls this year has enabled the Commissioners to allot Rupees 7000 to the works this year, but they fear that, without some special aid from Govern-

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ment, it will be many years before this work can be completed, not to speak of the drainage.

7. The town is a large one, and in consideration of the damage done by the cyclone, the Commissioners trust that Government will be pleased to deal with this case as a special one. They would suggest either that Government should give them a special grant of Rupees 25,000 from Imperial funds for roads, or else should raise the Government contribution from 25 to 50 per cent. for ten years on the amount raised by the Commissioners by local taxes, or should advance them Rupees 10,000 this year, and Rupees 15,000 next year, to be liquidated at the rate of Rupees 1500 a year beginning from 1871-72.

8. In regard to the information which Government desire as to the amount entered for new buildings in the budget, I have the honour to state that Rupees 500 have been set aside for dust boxes, and the rest for latrines.

9. Under the head of "Repairs," provision has been made for the repair of seven miles of road, and for keeping in order the two latrines already constructed.

10. The water-works entered in the budget are those for the supply of good water to the town. For this purpose a sum of Rupees 400 has been allotted as estimated by the Superintending Engineer and approved by Government in G. O., dated 14th May 1860, No. 657, Public Department. This is in excess of Rupees 1364 to be paid annually to Government for the supply of Kattas water to the town.

11. In conclusion, the Commissioners beg to report that the town is over-run with prickly-pears which they have not the means at their disposal to clear away. They would, therefore, request that Government will be pleased to allow the services of the prisoners in the jail, gratis, for this purpose for sometimes, as it is found difficult to provide them work within the prison walls.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1860, No. 797.

In paragraph 6 of the foregoing letter from the Acting President of the Masulipatam Municipality are described the several roads which the Commissioners propose to carry out in that Municipality, at an estimated outlay of Rupees 41,000. The Government approve and sanction the formation of the roads adverted to, but they are not prepared to sanction a special grant of Rupees 25,000 from Imperial Funds for the purpose. They will, however, consider favourably any application which the Commissioners may submit for a loan repayable with interest, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, within six years.

2. Paragraph 11 of the foregoing letter will be referred to the Inspector General of Jails for report, as regards the statement made therein that it is difficult to find work for the prisoners in the jail at Masulipatam.

(True Extract).

Atty. Secy. to Govt.

To the Acting President of the Masulipatam Municipality
" Inspector General of Jails
" Public Works Department.

And A. S. S. S.

There are at present no roads at all that deserve the name. The Cyclone of 1866 washed away all the roads and as the soil is pure sand or heavy clay and no metal procurable within a reasonable distance, the cost of road making is heavier here than elsewhere. It is estimated that the cost of making a mile of road 6 yards wide with two layers of clay and two of humus alternately is Rs 3000 or with one layer of clay and one of humus Rs 1000. There are 31 miles of road in the Municipal limits to be made, of these 22.7 miles of road have to be entirely newly made which will cost Rs 204920 by yards. The cost of making these with the necessary bridges, cuttings &c will it is estimated amount to Rs 490000 as indicated below.

22.7 miles of 6 yards or 2 miles of 6 yards broad with two layers of clay & two of humus at Rs 3000 a mile or 19660 sq. yards	6000	0	0
19.660 sq. yards or 6 miles of 6 yards broad with one layer of clay and one of humus at Rs 1000 a mile or 19660 sq. yards	9000	0	0
11.600 sq. yards or 7 miles of 6 yards broad with do do at do do	2700	0	0
19.660 sq. yards or 7.8 miles of 6 yards broad with do do at do do	7931	13	1
Bridges or covered drains on these roads approximately	2818	2	4
301,920 by yards	Total Rs	40000	0

Thus Rs 40000 is the amount entered in the Budget. The large amount allotted by the State this year has enabled the Commissioners to allot Rs 4000 to the works this year, but they fear that without some special aid from Government it will be many years before this work can be completed, not to speak of the drainage. The town is a large one & in consequence of the damage done by the Cyclone, the Commissioners

trust that Government will be pleased to deal with this case as a special one. They would suggest either that Government should give them a special grant of Rs 20000 from Imperial funds for roads or should raise the Government Contribution from 25 to 50 per cent for 10 years on the amount raised by the Commissioners by local taxes or should advance them Rs 10000 this year & Rs 10000 next year. Rs 10000 annually, at the rate of Rs 1000 a year beginning from 1871 &c.

In regard to the information which Government desire as to the amount entered for New Buildings in the Budget, I have the honor to state that Rs 000 have been set aside for such houses and the rest for latrines.

Under the head of repairs provision has been made for the repair of 7 1/2 miles of road & for keeping in order the two latrines already constructed.

The water works entered in the Budget are those for the supply of good water to the town. For this purpose a sum of Rs 600 has been allotted, as proposed by the Superintendent Engineer & approved by Government in G.O. dated 16th May 1869 by the Public Works Department. This is in excess of Rs 1364 6 6 paid annually to Government for the supply of filtered water to the town.

In conclusion the Commissioners beg to report that the town is over-run with sickness-fever which they have not the means at their disposal to clear away. They would therefore request that Government will be pleased to allow the

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

By Order
of the President
Principal Commissioner

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Read the following letter from the
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of Manuscripts
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In paragraph 6 of the foregoing letter from the Acting President of the Hon. National Administration are described the several roads which the Commission propose to carry out in that Administration, at an estimated outlay of Rs 2,00,000. The Government approve and sanction the formation of the roads adverted to but they are not prepared to sanction a special grant of Rs 2,00,000 from Imperial funds for the purpose. They will however

consider favorable any ap-
plication which the Com-
missioners may submit for
a loan repayable with
interest at the rate of
6 per cent ^{per annum} within six years.
Paragraph 11 of the
foregoing letter will be
referred to the Inspector
General of Rails for
report, as regards the
statement made therein;
that it is difficult to find
work for the Prisoners in
the Jail at Manassas.

W.H.

of the City President, Manassas
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