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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1033	Press
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Dated	16-8-	1870

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th August 1870.

No. 95. Read the following letter from G. L. MORRIS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Ootacamund, dated Point Calimere, 29th July 1870, No. 122:—

With reference to the remarks contained in Government Order, dated 12th April 1870, No. 429, paragraphs 9, 10, and 11, I have the honour to state that the head of "Miscellaneous," in the statement of estimated receipts of the Municipality of Combaconum for the year 1870-71, includes Magisterial fines, fines on the establishment, warrant fees levied from defaulting rate-payers, and such like items. The actual collection under this head last year was Rupees 2896. There will consequently be no necessity for a reduction of the Government contribution on this account.

2. The amount realized under the head of "House-tax," in the year 1869-70, was Rupees 14,343 against Rupees 9012 of the year preceding. This large increase was due to the fact of the tax having been revised in the beginning of the last year, and the maximum rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. adopted in the assessment of houses. The estimated income from house-rate has, therefore, been founded on the actuals of 1869-70.

3. The Commissioners have, for a long time, felt the necessity of having a separate building to hold their office in, and have been prevented from building one hitherto only from want of sufficient funds. The estimate for this work having been prepared by Mr. Walch, the Executive Engineer of the Combaconum Range, in the most economical manner possible, the Commissioners submit that they are not able to effect any reduction therein.

4. The appointment of a midwife was made at the general wish of the Commissioners. They considered that the services of the Medical Officer in charge of the Dispensary were beyond the reach of the poorer classes; and that, judging from the large number of fatal cases of childbirth last year, the entertainment of a midwife was absolutely necessary.

5. With regard to the decrease in the estimated expenditure on conservancy, I have the honour to state that last year the Municipal Commissioners were supplied with thirty-six scavenging carts for Rupees 400 per mensem, whereas, in the year preceding, the same number of carts were engaged for Rupees 750; the estimate for the current year having been founded on the actuals of 1869-70, the difference between it and the estimate for 1869-70, which was founded on the actuals of 1868-69, is as large as Rupees 3336.

6. Regarding the item of Rupees 240 under the head of "Police," I beg to state that a new Police Hospital was built at Combaconum in 1868-69, and that the Commissioners agreed to pay Rupees 20 per mensem to the Officer in charge of the Dispensary for attending the Hospital.

7. In conclusion, I beg to point out that there seems to be a clerical error in the amount of Government contribution, which is given in the body of the Government Order as Rupees 11,180. The correct sum, which I conceive is Rupees 11,215, is given in the margin among the items of estimated receipts. I also take this opportunity to bring to the notice of Government that many doubts prevail in the Municipalities of this district, with regard to the calculation of the Government contribution, and that definite rules, clearly pointing out the method by which the State grant is to be ascertained, would be attended with great advantage.

Public Department

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
President, Municipal Com-
mission, Combaracorum, &c.
dated 29th July 1870, No. 122.

Order thereon *Order* 16.
August/70. No. 1033.

With reference to
para 1 of the foregoing
letter, the Government ob-
serve that the Acting
President has not given
the details required, and
that fines on establish-
ments are not receipts
with reference to which
Government will contribute.
They should be set off,
in the Statement, against
the cost of establishments,
and not shown as inde-
pendent

J. D. S.

Govt. of 1870

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Combaracorum,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 1870.
Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 16th August 1870, No. 1033.

AUGUST.
Nos. 35-36.

Furnishing the information required in regard
to the sanctioned Budget Estimates of the Combar-
acorum Municipality for 1870-71.

independent receipts.

2. The Government, on further consideration, authorize the inclusion of the Municipal Office in the works classed under Section 25.

3. With regard to the charge for medical attendance on the Police, the Govt direct that it be struck out of the estimates. The Municipal Police, in common with other public servants, are entitled, without extra charge, to the services of the Apothecary in charge of the Civil Dispensary, and the establishment of the Police Hospital cannot add to the calls upon him in this respect.

4. The Resident is informed that the Govt.
Contributions

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Contribution is calculated on the sums raised and expended in each year, for the purposes specified in Section 25. This requires the exclusion, from the expenditure, of all outlay not strictly within the section, and, from the receipts, of all sums not arising from current taxation under the Act or by-laws; e.g. pound fees, road cess, market rents, fees for the use of Municipal slaughter houses &c.
The receipts and expenditure both limit the contribution, that is to say, it is to be struck upon the less. The contribution is provided in the sums raised and accordingly to ascertain it, one fourth of the expenditure under Section

25 is to be compared with
 one third of the current, in-
 dependent receipts; and
 that ^{sum} which is the less,
 taken. Debits and credits
 of account merely, and ex-
 tris such as fines on
 establishments on one
 side, the full cost being
 entered on the other, mere-
 ly tend to swell both
 sides of the account and,
 per tanto, to increase the
 State Contributions, though
 they do not represent real
 bona fide transactions.
 They should therefore be
 avoided in the Annual
 balance sheets submit-
 ted to Government, but
 should be shown as set
 off under the appropriate
 heads.

5. In the present case

it will be seen that a
 very slight diminution of
 the admissible receipts will
 necessitate that the contri-
 bution shall be calculated
 on the receipts, and con-
 sequently the inclusion
 of the cost of the Municipal
 Office in the Section 25
 expenditure probably will
 not make any difference
 in the amount of the Con-
 tributions. The sum en-
 tered in the body of the
 Order is, as pointed out by
 Mr. Morris, a clerical error

To

The Resident of the Municipal
 Commission, Combaracum
 Accountant General.
 Inspector General of Police
 Sanitary Commissioner
 Board of Revenue
 P.W. Department

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in West Street, Liverpool.
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