

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Railways DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

400

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7-4-1870

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th April 1870.*

No. 38. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 26th February 1870, No. 2.

I have the honour to submit, in the form prescribed, the Municipal estimates for 1870-71 for the sanction of Government. The following gentlemen are proposed as Commissioners in addition to the ex-officio members for the ensuing year:—

Mr. Norton Aylmer Roupell, Acting Head Assistant Collector and Magistrate.

Major William Henry Hessey, Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Major A. M. Davies, Superintendent of Police.

Mr. Henry Robert Grimes, Superintendent of Jails.

„ William Farquhar Davis, Zillah Surgeon.

„ Charles Donald Maclean, Assistant Collector and Magistrate.

„ Henry Richard Farmer, Assistant Collector and Magistrate.

Govindarajooloo Naidoo, Tahsildar.

S. Streenevassa Charry, Sheristadar, Civil and Sessions Court.

Andoo Sait, Merchant.

Nadamoony Gounden, Landholder.

Adam Saib, Merchant.

Veerabudrier, Government Vakeel.

Mr. G. Martin, Head Writer, Civil and Sessions Court.

Moottoovirana Chettiar, Merchant.

2. I should have passed on the estimates without remark had it not been for the observation contained in paragraph 4 of the Order of Government, dated 31st March 1869, No. 394, sanctioning the estimates for the current year. The Government there expressed their regret that the Commissioners continued to depend for their income chiefly on tolls. The Commissioners being authorized to levy tolls they cannot, of course, help their forming the principal item of the year's revenue, and, with the greatest respect for the opinion expressed by Government, I cannot say that I share their regret that this is the case, for I do not think that there is any tax the incidence of which is less felt by the community. This is my view with reference to tolls generally. In the particular case of Coimbatore, I would gladly, if it were possible, dispense with municipal tolls because a heavy Imperial toll is also levied on one of the principal lines of communication, but I do not see how it could be done. The Commissioners have availed themselves of all the modes of taxation permitted by Act X. of 1865, with the exception of the cess on arts, trades, and professions, which, I think, it would be inexpedient to impose as long as there is an imperial income or license-tax in force. I would ask the attention of Government to the figures contained in Statements B. and C.

	RS.	A.	P.
Our total receipts for the coming year are estimated at	18,044	0	0
Deduct the tolls.....	10,000	0	0
Balance.....	8,044	0	0
Add Government contribution at twenty-five per cent....	2,011	0	0
Total Municipal income.....	10,055	0	0
Deduct Police charge.....	7,086	1	9
Total amount available for Municipal purposes....	2,968	14	3

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The Government will observe that it is impossible, therefore, for the Commissioners to dispense with this mode of taxation, and the circumstance that it should form the principal source of revenue is one beyond their control.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1870, No. 400.

With the foregoing letter the President of the Municipal Commission, Coim-

	RS.	A.	P.
Rate on Houses and Buildings.....	4,494	0	0
Tolls.....	10,000	0	0
Tax on Carriages and Animals.....	1,700	0	0
Registration of Carts.....	900	0	0
License Fees.....	600	0	0
Fines and Miscellaneous.....	850	0	0
Balance.....	18,044	0	0
State contribution.....	2,000	0	0
	5,627	8	5
Total...	25,671	8	5

batore, submits the estimates of receipts and disbursements for 1870-71.

2. The estimated receipts from current taxation amount to Rupees 18,044. The balance will be Rupees 2000, and the State contribution, which has been taken by the Commissioners at one-fourth of the current receipts exclusive of the contribution, will be Rupees 5627-8-5. The sum at the disposal of the Commissioners will, therefore, be Rupees 25,671-8-5, or Rupees 1116-8-5 more than their estimate.

3. The tolls, it is observed, yield more than half of the local receipts. The President explains that, if the tolls are to be levied at all, the amount cannot be reduced; and that every source of income provided by the Act, except the tax on trades and professions, has been taken advantage of. He considers that it would be inexpedient, as long as there is an Imperial income or License-tax in force, to impose the Municipal Professional-tax. The Government do not see the force of this objection, because, in the first place, the number of persons who would be liable to both taxes is small, the Imperial-tax falling only on incomes above Rupees 500; and because, in the second place, the taxes are levied for different purposes, and the objects for which the Municipal-tax is imposed are of equal importance to both classes.

4. The Government will not at present disturb the arrangements of the Municipality by the abolition of tolls; but the Commissioners must be prepared for some reduction in their revenue from this source when the proposed amending Act comes into operation, and also for the imposition of the trades' tax.

5. The expenditure proposed by the Commissioners amounts to Rupees 24,555. The conservancy charges should have been given in fuller detail, but otherwise the statement of expenditure under Section 25 appears unobjectionable. The object of the proposed outlay of Rupees 2044-14-3 under Section 29 should have been stated. The Government have reason to believe that it is to be incurred for lighting and for subscription to the Civil Dispensary, but desire that an explanation on the point may be submitted.

	RS.	A.	P.
New works.....	3,000	0	0
Repairs.....	4,010	0	0
Conservancy.....	5,534	0	0
Police.....	7,086	1	9
Establishment.....	2,880	0	0
	22,510	1	9
Purposes other than those specified in Section 25.....	2,044	14	3
	24,555	0	0
Unappropriated.....	1,116	8	5
Total...	25,671	8	5

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6. Subject to such explanation the estimates are passed. The usual Notifications will be published in the *Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore.

„ Inspector-General of Police.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 2.

Combitore Municipal Commrs
Office 26th February 1870

From H. C. Sullivan Esq^r
President of the Municipal
Commission Combitore

To J. I. Martin Esq^r
Acting Chief Secretary to
Government.

Fort St. George.
Sir.

I have the honor to submit in
the form prescribed the Municipal Co.
Minutes for 1870-71 for the sanction of
Government. The following gentlemen
are proposed as Commissioners in addition
to the ex-officio members for the ensuing
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Acting Head Assistant Collector
and Magistrate.

Major William Henry Hesse
Deputy Superintendent of Revenue
Survey.

Govt. of 1870 Mysore.

PUBLIC.

To

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

Dated April, 7th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 7th April 1870, No. 400.

APRIL.

Nos. 38-39.

Sanctioning the estimates of the Coimbatore Municipality for 1870-71, and directing that the usual Notifications be published.

Major A. M. Davies
Superintendent of Police

Mr. Henry Robert James
Superintendent of Jails

Mr. William Targuhas Davis
Zillah Magistrate

Mr. Charles Donald Maclean
Assistant Collector and Magistrate

Mr. Henry Richard Farmer
Assistant Collector and Magistrate
Gowdaraasloo Hindu. Absolutar

S. Sreenivasachary, Munsifdar
Civil and Sessions Court

Andas Sait. Merchant
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Adam Sait. Merchant
Verabudrier, Government Tahsil

Mr. G. Martin Head Writer
Civil and Sessions Court.

c. Kootloovirana Chettan Merchant.

2. I should have passed on the Estimates without remark had it not been for the observation contained in para 4 of the order of Government dated 31st March 1869 to 394 sanctioning the Estimates for the current year. The Government there expressed their regret that the Commissioners continued to depend for their income chiefly on tolls. The Commissioners being authorized to levy tolls they cannot of course help their forming the principal item of the year's revenue and with the greatest respect for the opinion expressed by Government. I cannot say that I share their regret that this is the case for I do not think that there is any tax the incidence of which is less felt by the Community. This is my view with reference to tolls generally. In the particular case of Coin. I would gladly if it were possible dispense with Municipal tolls

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I would ask the attention of Government to the figures contained in Statements B and C. Our total receipts for the coming year are estimated at Proposed Billions -

Deduct the tolls.....	10 000 -
Balance.....	80 400 -
Add Government Contribution at 25 per cent.....	20 110 -
Total Municipal income.....	100 510 -
Deduct Police charge.....	7086 - 4 - 9
Total amount available for Municipal purposes.....	2968 - 14 - 3

The Government will observe that it is impossible therefore for the Commissioners to dispense with this mode of taxation and the circumstance that it should form the principal source of revenue

Revenue is one beyond their control.
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servant
J. A. M. M. M.
President.

A

Detail of Estimates for new works and Improvements proposed to be carried out by the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Cambridge during the year 1870-71 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Local Government Act of 1865 (Roadways).

Works	Description	Amount of Expenditure	
		Estimated	Proposed
Buildings	Roads	2000	2000
	Drains	1000	1000
	Other	500	500
Repairs	Roads	3000	3000
	Drains	500	500
	Other	500	500
Conservancy	Supervision	2000	2000
	Surveyors	3000	3000
	Other	500	500

Office	Particulars	Salary	Per annum	Total
Establishment	Manager	50	600	
	Overseer	30	360	
	Plat	35	420	
	Deputy	20	240	
	Bill Collectors	18	576	
	Office	5	60	
	Vaccinator	12	144	
	Miscellaneous charges	40	480	
				2880

Cambridge Municipal
Commissioners Office
26th February 1870

W. H. L. S. S. S. S.
President

B.

Abstract of charges under all heads to be incurred by the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Coimbatore during the year 1870-71.

No.	Particulars	Estimated Expenditure	
		Amount.	Total.
1.	New works and improvements	3000 .. "	
2.	Repairs	4010 .. "	
3.	Conservancy	5534 .. "	
4.	Police	7086 1 9	
5.	Establishment	2880 .. "	22510 1 9
6.	In purposes other than those specified in Section 25	2044 14 3	24555 .. "

Coimbatore Municipal Commissioners Office
26 Feb 1870

W. S. S. S. S.
President

See a letter from the President of the Coimbatore Municipal Commissioners dated 26 Feb 1870.

Particulars of the estimate for the year 1870-71 for the purposes specified in Section 25 of the Coimbatore Municipal Act 1866.

See Part 3 of the Report.

Rs 100 500/30

Authority all change
under all heads to be
secured by the Municipal
Commissioner for
the sum of Rs 100 500/30
during the year 1870-71

B

See letter from the
President of the
Municipal Commission
dated 26th February 1870 to 2

C

Estimated receipts for the year ending on the 30th April 1871.

No		4494	"	"
1.	Tax on houses and buildings	"	"	"
2.	Tax on arts, trades and professions	10000	"	"
3.	Tolls	1700	"	"
4.	Tax on carriages and animals	900	"	"
5.	Registration of carts and vehicles without springs	600	"	"
6.	Fees for licensing slaughter houses, cart stands and offensive trades	300	"	"
7.	Fines and other miscellaneous receipts	18044	"	"
	Total			

Government Contribution at 25 per cent on
the total amount to be raised and expended 4511 " "
Balance in hand from the last year 2000 " "

Total Rupees 24555 " "

Contributors Municipal
Commissioners Office
26th February 1870

A. K. M. S. S.
President

March 1873

Continued from the
for the year ending
on the 30th April 1873

is a letter from the
President of the
and European Committee
dated 26th February 1873
No. 2.

3

Estimate showing in detail the probable expenditure to be incurred in the next official year 1873
for the Comptroller General's Office

	Pay and Allowances	Monthly	Annually
1. 3rd Class Inspectors		115	" " 1380
1. European Head Constable at £ 33 - - - including - £ 8 in the		32	" " 384
2. Head Constables	£ 22 - - -	44	" " 528
4. First class Constables	£ 8 - - -	112	" " 1344
2nd	£ 7 - - -	182	" " 2184
3. Deputy Head Constables	£ 12 - 8 - -	37	8 " 450
4. National House Rent		"	" " "
Expenses as oil, Printed forms, Stationery &c		20	" " 240
		542	8 " 6510
			Annually.
1. European Head Constable at £ 21 - 2 - 1		21	2 1
2. Head Constables	£ 13 - 6 - 8	26	13 "
3. Deputy Head Constables	£ 12 - 5 - "	37	2 "
4. Constables	£ 12 - 4 - 5 -	49	" 8 576 1 9
			Grand Total Expenses
			True copy

Office of the Comptroller General
Signed: J. H. Davis
Superintendent of the
17th Feb 1873

W. H. Harrison
The Comptroller

Insert
12 April 1878

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Magistrate of

(Here enter

186 , No.)

ORDER THEREON, 12 April

Under the provisions of Section 6, Act X.
of 1865 (the Towns' Improvement Act), the
Governor in Council hereby appoints the
undermentioned persons to be Town Commis-
sioners, for carrying out in the town of
Coimbatore in the *Coimbatore*
District, the purposes of the said Act, during
the year beginning 1st May 1878, and ending

30th April 1879.

Mr. Norton Arthur Russell - Magistrate
Major William Henry Halsey - Deputy-Superintendent of Survey
Mr. Davies - Superintendent of Police
Mr. Henry Robert James - Superintendent of Jail
Mr. William Fargher Davis - Jilla Surgeon
Mr. Charles Donald Maclean - Dist. Coll. & Magistrate
Henry Richard Tanner - do
Govindarajoo - Tahsil
S. Sankaralingam - Sheristadar Civil & Sess. Court
Andra Sait - Muffassil
Nadammuni Govindan
Adam Sait - Muffassil

Verabunder. Government Vakil
 Mr. G. Martin. S.D. White, Civil & Sessions Court
 Muntuvirana Chettiar. Merchant

Public Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following letter
 from the President of the
 Corporation Municipal Council
 (No. 26 - February 1870-71)

Order number No. 400. 7 April

With the foregoing
 letter the President of
 the Municipal Council
 City Corporation submit
 the estimates of receipts
 and disbursements
 for 1870-71.

Rates on house buildings	10000	
Tolls	10000	
Tax on carriages animals	1700	
Registration of cars	900	
Licence fees	800	
Fine & miscellaneous	550	
Balance	18044	
State Contribution	2000	
	5627-85	2
	25671-85	

J. D. S.

I would not suggest
 the Expenditure to be
 in item 3. - All charges
 of residents are equally
 interested in them. One-fourth of the current
 capital improvement receipts exclusive of
 and should be

marked
 12 April 1870

the contribution will be
 Rs 623-8-5. The
 sum of the disposal
 of the Commission
 will therefore be Rs 1116-8-5 more
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joined to contribute
 towards the
 out-repense to
 Imperial Government.
 He said a sum
 of Rs 1000 is allotted
 standing the income
 tax - much better
 than a loan
 or 2% to the State
 to bring his municipi-
 tal cases.

L.O.S.
 R.A.

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 missioners under Sec. 10
 of Act X of 1868 to lighten
 the incidence of the
 Municipal tax on
 persons assessed for
 the Imperial income
 tax by proposing for
 the higher classes in
 Schedule A rates less
 than those provided,
 and retaining the full
 rates in the lower classes,
 and

By not doing
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 Municipal assessment
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5 The Expenditure
 proposed by the Com.
 assessors amounts to
 Rs 24,535. The con-
 siderable charge shown
 has been given in
 further

* I would say "mini". It
 may not be "mini" but
 it is small.

Repairs	3000
Contingency	4010
Police	5534
Establishment	7086-1-9
	2580
Impress other than those specified in Section 25	22570-1-9
	2044-14-3
	24535
Unappropriated	1116-8-5
	25671-5-5

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To the Secy. to the Com. Com. Com. Com.
 Secy. Genl. of Police.
 Secy. to the
 P. M. Board
 Board of Rev.
 Sanitary Com.
 Secy.

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Non-Active Member
No longer active

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