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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1250	Press Mis.
Dated	16-8-	1871

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th August 1871.

No. 63. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Salem, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Salem, 13th July 1871, No. 70:—

I have the honour to reply to Proceedings of Madras Government, dated 27th June 1871, No. 928, passing order on the estimates of receipts and charges of the Salem Municipality.

2. The Government observe that the estimated receipts from some of the items present a large excess as compared with the previous year's estimate and actuals of 1869-70, although the current year will consist of eleven months. The only items that need be noticed are the first two, viz., house-tax and trades-tax. There is every reason to believe that there will be an increase under these items, as they are now being revised very carefully; and, as no revision has taken place since the first introduction of the Municipal Act into this town, there must necessarily be a large number of houses that have since sprung up, and others that have been enlarged, as well as a number of persons who are not assessed, that will this year be included in the registers from which, up to this time, their names have been omitted.

3. The Rupees 28,000, allotted in Statement A for the construction of drains and thoroughfares, is, as the Government presume, for carrying out the general scheme of town drainage, referred to in the late President's letter of the 15th February 1870. As there was sufficient money in hand to make a beginning, several meetings of the Commissioners were held on the subject, and the opinion of an Engineer qualified to give an opinion in the matter was obtained as to the best way in which a scheme of drainage could best be carried out. It was finally resolved to adopt, with some modification, a scheme prepared years ago by the late Captain Gahagan, of the Royal Engineers, the probable cost of which, on a rough estimate, was reckoned at between 30,000 and 40,000 Rupees. Before, however, the scheme can be worked out, it was necessary to procure an accurate survey of the town on a large scale, showing the numberless lanes and thoroughfares in the town. For this purpose, the general survey of the town has been undertaken and a Surveyor, Draughtsman, and staff of subordinates, employed at a monthly cost of Rupees 162. After the survey is completed, which, it is expected, will be in about another five months, the levels of the several lanes and streets will be taken; and it is only after this is done that the drainage will be taken in hand, as it is necessary first to ascertain the fall from the several parts of the town to the river bank along which the main drain is to run.

4. It is very probable that the whole of the allotment of Rupees 28,000 will not be required for expenditure in this year, as the taking of the survey and levels will most likely occupy a greater portion of the year; but all the money, and more too, will be required next year when the several works connected with the scheme will be commenced.

5. It is not yet decided whether the work will be given out on contract, or carried out by the Municipality themselves under the supervision of the Executive Engineer. This will be settled after the plans and estimates are prepared, which cannot be done until after the survey is completed. In the meanwhile, I can assure the Government that they need be under no apprehension of the municipal money being wasted.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th August 1871.

6. With regard to the allotment of Rupees 2,000 for a new market, I beg to state that there is a market at the extreme south-east end of the town which is rented by the Municipality ; but, as the distance is too great for those who live at the opposite end, it is necessary to provide another at the south-west end of the town for the convenience of those residing there.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1871, No. 1250.

The explanation regarding the increased estimate of receipts from house and trades taxes is accepted ; but the Government observe that there should be an annual revision of the registers with a view to the inclusion of new houses and persons liable to the trades-tax not previously assessed.

2. The allotment for the market is sanctioned.

3. With regard to that for drainage, the Government sanction such expenditure as may be necessary for the completion of the survey ; but desire that, before the works are commenced, the plans and estimates may be submitted to them.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Salem.

Exd. J. Wright.

Municipal Commissioners' office
 Salem 18th July 1871.
 From the Municipal Commissioners
 to the President of the
 Municipal Commission
 and the Municipal Council of Salem.
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 to the letter of the Municipal Council of
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To
 THE PRESIDENT OF THE
 MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.
 Salem.

Dated August, 1871.

Recd.

G. O., 16th August 1871, No. 1250.

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 Nos. 63-64.

Passing orders on the explanation submitted
 by the Commissioners with reference to the
 remarks of Government on the estimates of receipts
 and expenditure for 1871-72.

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3. The Rupees 28,000, allotted in Statement A for the construction of drains and thoroughfares, is, as the Government presume, for carrying out the general scheme of town drainage referred to in the late President's letter of the 15th February 1870. As there was sufficient money in hand to make a beginning, several meetings of the Commissioners were held on the subject, and the opinion of an Engineer qualified to give an opinion on the matter was obtained, as to the best way in which a scheme of drainage could best be

carried out. It was finally resolved, to adopt, with some modifications, a scheme prepared years ago by the late Captain Cahagon of the Royal Engineers, the probable cost of which, on a rough estimate, was reckoned at between 30 and 40 thousand Rupees. Before, however, the scheme can be worked out, it was necessary to procure an accurate survey of the town, on a large scale, showing the number, less lanes and thoroughfares in the town. For this purpose, the general survey of the town has been undertaken and a surveyor, draughtsman and staff of subordinates, employed at a monthly cost of Rupees 162. After the survey is completed, which it is expected, will be in about another five months, the levels of the several lanes and streets will be taken, and it is only after this is done, that the drainage will be taken in hand, as it is necessary first to ascertain the fall from the several parts of the town to the river bank, along which the main drain is to run.

4. It is very probable that the whole of the allotment of Rupees 28,000 will not be required for expen-

distance in this year, as the taking of the survey and levels will most likely occupy a greater portion of the year but all the money and more too will be required next year when the several works connected with the scheme will be commenced.

5. It is not yet decided whether the work will be given out on contract, or carried out by the Municipality themselves under the supervision of the Executive Engineer. This will be settled after the plans and specifications are prepared, which cannot be done until after the survey is completed. In the mean-while, I can assure the Government that they need be under no apprehension of the Municipal money being wasted.

With regard to the allotment of Rs. 2000 for a new market, I beg to state that there is a market at the ^{extreme} southeast end of the town which is rented by the Municipality; But as the distance is too great for those who live at the opposite end, it is necessary to provide another at the southwest end of the

town for the convenience of those residing
there.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

C. J. Lauerbeck.

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President.

The above is a true and correct copy of the original as the same is in my possession and I am a member of the same.

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The Pres. Comm.
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Passing orders on the application submitted by the Commr with reference to the remarks of Govt. on the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for 1871-72.