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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 892 Press Mis.

Dated 21-6- 19 1871

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No. 182. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Dindigul, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 11th May 1871, No. 11:—

With reference to the instructions conveyed in the Order of Government, Public Department, dated 31st March 1871, No. 436,* I have the honour to submit revised estimates of receipts and disbursements of the Dindigul Municipality for 1871-72, together with a report from the Vice-President, containing explanatory remarks regarding the items entered in the budget.

* Copies sent.

From H. W. BLISS, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Dindigul, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Dindigul, dated Kodaikanal, 26th April 1871.

I have the honour to submit the revised Budget of the Dindigul Municipality, called for in the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, in the usual form.

No. 436, dated 31st March 1871, P. D.

2. RECEIPTS.—As it is seldom the case that the full strength of the Town Police is maintained for a whole month continuously, it is probable that, as the Commissioners pay, month by month, three-quarters of the sanctioned cost of the full strength, there will be a small balance to be refunded to them on account of over-payments for the current year; but I shall not be in a position to state its amount until I receive the annual account of expenditure furnished by the Superintendent of Police in the month of May. It will probably, however, not exceed Rupees 80 or 100.

3. Not counting the above receipt, the transactions of the Municipality may be estimated to be as follows for the eleven months ending 1st April 1872:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Balance in hand on 1st May 1871, including advances recoverable and Government contributions for 1869-70 and 1870-71, which will be paid during the year	5,143	0	0
Expected to be raised by taxation	5,925	0	0
	11,068	0	0
Deduct estimated expenditure	8,165	0	0
Expected balance on 1st April 1872	2,903	0	0

4. The sources of revenue will be the same as in former years, tolls being raised at the old rates. The proceeds of taxation will be considerably supplemented by the Government contributions for the present and past official years. That for the present year will be, as nearly as I can tell, about Rupees 900, with reference to the amount raised in the town during the year. This is after allowing for the Government contribution on account of the Police, which I consider to have been paid the Municipality already through the operation of the rule which causes us to pay monthly only three-quarters of the full cost of the Police. The amount of the contribution for 1869-70 depends on the view Government may take of the report I have under preparation in answer to the Proceedings marginally noted. I estimate it, however, at about Rupees 880.

Government Proceedings, Public Department, dated 18th March 1870, No. 370.

5. EXPENDITURE.—I will notice the items under this head which appear to me to require remark.

6. NEW WORKS.—The market, so long proposed to be built, is at last commenced and will, it is hoped, be finished in about four months. The erection of a slaughter-house will be put in hand at an early date. The provision for latrines is not in addition to the sums before budgeted for under this head, which have, to a considerable extent, remained unexpended owing to the Sanitary Commissioner not having approved of the plan of the one already erected. He will be requested to

furnish the Commissioners with drawings of the Coimbatore latrine which he considers well designed. A sum of Rupees 1,000 has been provided for new roads, as the Commissioners propose to lay out and make a good road to the Railway Station as soon as the site thereof is definitely determined.

7. MEDICAL CHARGES.—The pay of the Vaccinator for several years employed by the Municipality has been lately increased, and is now transferred to this head from that of "Establishments." I am of opinion, with reference to paragraph 9 of the Government Order under reply, that the Municipal Vaccinator should be placed under the orders of the District Superintendent. I do not think that the Municipality should contribute towards the cost of supervision, unless the local funds contribute towards the Vaccinator's pay a sum proportionate to the work he does outside, which much exceeds what he does inside, municipal limits. If this arrangement be adopted, no "organization" in particular is required, except that the District Superintendent would countersign the Vaccinator's pay-bill before its amount would be disbursed. Any deduction he might make by way of punishment, &c., would, of course, be confirmed by the Municipal Commissioners.

8. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Proceedings under reply, a sum of Rupees 183-5-4 (for eleven months) should have been entered in the budget. I do not know on what principle it has been calculated that the contribution of the Municipality to the maintenance of a Dispensary—presumably the existing private one now kept up by the Rev. E. Chester—should be Rupees 200 per annum, but venture to state my opinion that such an allotment is far less than the Municipality will afford to pay, and than will be adequate to the object proposed.

9. I have in my possession a statement prepared by Mr. Chester which shows that the average (actual and estimated) cost of establishment and diet in his Dispensary is Rupees 104 per mensem, or Rupees 1,248 per annum. What his medicines cost him per annum it is difficult to say, since he buys comparatively little, but gets a free grant of drugs, &c., of the nominal value of Rupees 500 every year from Government, which, probably from inadvertence, has not been noticed in the statement appended to the Proceedings under reply. Certainly, his annual expenditure of medicines cannot be *less*, and is probably much more, than that sum, as he generally gets more than 5,000 new cases each year. Adding Rupees 500, however, to the sum above given, the total cost of the Dindigul Dispensary cannot be less than (say) Rupees 1,800 per annum—a sum to which Rupees 200, the contribution proposed to be paid by the Municipality, bears but a small proportion. I think, therefore, that the Municipality might fairly be called upon to contribute more. My own opinion indeed is that, between them, the Local Fund Board and the Municipality should pay the whole cost of the Dispensary and no longer allow it to be dependent upon charity for its maintenance, more especially as voluntary contributions are, in many cases, quite certain to be withdrawn from an object which is now sufficiently provided for by law. If preferred, a deduction of the Rupees 240 per annum allowed for diet might be made, and the food of patients left to be supplied, as at present in most dispensaries, by private charity. In that case a sum of (say) Rupees 1,600 per annum would have to be provided and should be contributed in such proportions as might be agreed upon. Looking at the number of patients treated by Mr. Chester who come from within and without municipal limits, I estimate roughly that it would be a proper arrangement for the Municipality to pay one-fifth, and the Local Fund Board four-fifths, of the annual cost. This would entail on the town of Dindigul an annual charge of Rupees 320 ($\frac{1600}{5}$)—a sum which the town can well afford to pay for the benefits received.

10. When I commenced the draft of this report it was my intention to have entered in the budget merely the sum (Rupees 183-5-4) before mentioned, and to have left it for future consideration whether this was not inadequate; but, as I have since had the opportunity of ascertaining that your views on the subject are substantially the same as my own, I have ventured to provide in the budget now submitted for an expenditure during the year by the Municipality of the sum of Rupees 293-5-4 ($1\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1600}{5}$) towards the working expenses of Mr. Chester's Dispensary, in the hope that, when the Local Fund Board consider the subject, they will not object to allotting the sum of Rupees 1,173-5-4 (Rupees 293-5-4 × 4) to the same object.

11. By a parity of reasoning I think that the town and neighbourhood of Dindigul should be provided with hospital buildings of their own, and not be dependent upon the American Madura

Mission for the use of the rooms which are now used as a Dispensary, Operating Room, &c., and as to which there can evidently be no guarantee that they will permanently be devoted to the uses to which they are now put. Mr. Chester has now in hand the sum of Rupees 1,500 which was originally allotted to his Dispensary out of the surplus Famine Relief Funds sent to the Collector for distribution last year. The condition on which this allotment was made was that the money should be spent upon permanent buildings suitable for a Dispensary, &c., the use and control of which should remain with Mr. Chester during his life and continuance in India, but which, on his decease or final departure from this country, should vest in the Municipality for permanent devotion to the purpose for which they would have been erected. With this sum it is Mr. Chester's intention to erect some buildings on the piece of ground, referred to in the Government Proceedings marginally noted, on which he has already built accommodation for four patients on a modification of the Cottage Hospital system. I understand from him that he will be glad to have additional suitable buildings erected on the same ground and on the same conditions which I think the Municipality and Local Fund Board, considering the great value of his gratuitous services for many years past, may very properly agree to. In the hope, therefore, that this object will commend itself to Government, and that the Local Fund Board will contribute their quota, I have provided the sum of Rupees 500 in the budget wherewith to make a commencement of the erection of a Hospital. I imagine that, besides the funds already in hand, some Rupees 4,000 or 5,000 will be required to carry out the work in adequate proportions and in a substantial manner. Of this, if the proportion before assumed be adopted, the Local Fund Board should contribute four-fifths and the Municipality one-fifth. It may be that, on further inquiry, the proportions I have assumed will be found incorrect, and may have to be modified; but, for the present year, I would ask that the Local Fund Board should contribute Rupees 2,000, leaving the question of their exact quota to be subsequently determined.

Govt. Procs., dated 24th Nov. 1870, No. 1858, R. D.

12. EDUCATION.—Under this head, in the absence of any information as to the plan by which Government propose that the Municipality should aid education, it is difficult to decide what provision should be made. I presume, however, that the aid will be afforded on the payment by results' system or some modification of it, and will be restricted to affording assistance to the education of such children only as are receiving instruction in the reading and writing of their native language, with arithmetic, and perhaps in a little elementary geography and history. I also imagine that the payment per head of each child that succeeded in passing the highest test that would be exacted in such subjects would not exceed Rupees 5 per annum, and that but a small proportion would reach that standard. Probably, on the average, not more than half the children will pass at all, and the payments to be made for those who do will not be more than Rupees 2 per head at the utmost, if Rupee 1 be taken as the minimum grant to be made. This may seem a low estimate, but I doubt of being exceeded, at all events, until the system is well-established.

13. Now I have ascertained that there are in Dindigul ten PYAL schools, containing about 200 scholars. Besides these, in the taluq school, in the practising school attached to the Christian Vernacular Education Society's Institution, and in the Rev. E. Chester's school there are about 120 children receiving an elementary education. There may also be some forty girls under instruction in schools superintended by a lady in the town. This makes a total of 360 children. If we say 400, and assume that 200 pass and are paid for at Rupees 2 a head, the sum to be provided will be Rupees 400, which I have accordingly entered.

14. REGISTRATION.—Dindigul is so small a place that no detailed or elaborate arrangements will be necessary for the collection of vital statistics. A registrar will be engaged, who will ordinarily conduct his duties in the Municipal Office. It will be the duty of all persons to report to him, and, in addition, it will be an instruction to all municipal servants to report to the Head of their Department for communication to the registrar all births and deaths which may come to their knowledge. I shall also request the Superintendent of Police to permit the Police to give in similar reports. The registrar will also visit each portion of the town once or twice a week, and make local inquiries of the native midwives, custodians of burial-grounds, and others who may be able to give him any assistance. I believe these measures will be sufficient; but if not I shall propose to

the Commissioners to offer a small reward for each birth or death unreported by the proper persons which may be brought to notice by others. The registers I propose to keep in the Government form, with the addition in that of births of a column for the child's name, which, if I remember rightly, is not now recorded. The information will, however, ultimately be of great value I think.

15. The above proposals have been submitted to the Commissioners and have received their concurrence.

16. I enclose a list of the municipal bye-laws as they stand at present, and of the persons whom I would recommend as Commissioners. The list of persons convicted in 1870-71 under the different bye-laws will be sent after the close of the year. The bye-laws are few in number and of general utility. They appear to me to require no remarks.

No. 183. ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1871, No. 892.

The sum to be collected by the Municipal Commissioners of Dindigul from current taxes for 1871-72 is Rupees 5,505. The balance, including advances recoverable, amounts to Rupees 3,214, and arrears of State contribution and refunds to be realized during 1871-72 are estimated at Rupees 1,929. The total receipts are Rupees 11,068. The inclusion of sums to be recovered in the balance in hand is incorrect, and must produce interminable confusion. The cash balance should always be shown separately.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Current—						
House-tax				825	0	0
Tolls				3,800	0	0
Tax on Vehicles, &c.				400	0	0
Registration of Carts				300	0	0
License fees				80	0	0
Fines				100	0	0
				5,505	0	0
Arrears—						
House-tax	100	0	0			
Tax on Vehicles, &c	20	0	0			
Registration of Carts	10	0	0			
State contribution	1,780	0	0			
				1,910	0	0
Miscellaneous—						
Pound and Market	290	0	0			
Refund	149	0	0			
				439	0	0
Balance				3,214	0	0
Total...				11,068	0	0

2. The Government notice that the estimate of tolls collections exceeds the estimate of 1870-71 (twelve months) by Rupees 1,600, and the actuals of 1869-70 by Rupees 1,000 nearly. The grounds for this increased estimate should have been explained. The Vice-President distinctly states that the rates of Act X. of 1865 are to be adopted, and the Government, therefore, sanction the impost for the present. The tolls yield more than two-thirds of the current revenue.

3. The Commissioners propose to spend Rupees 8,165-13-4 as shown in the margin. The allotment for buildings comprises Rupees 1,900 for a market, estimated to cost Rupees 2,700; Rupees 750 for a slaughter-house; Rupees 500 for the Dispensary buildings; and Rupees 50 for dust-boxes. The Commissioners also intend to construct a new road to the Railway Station at a cost of Rupees 1,000. The allotments are approved, but before commencing the last work the Commissioners should ascertain whether the Railway Company will not provide an approach to the station in conformity, it is believed, with their usual practice.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Public Works—						
Roads. { New Works	1,000	0	0			
Roads. { Repairs	500	0	0			
				1,500	0	0
Buildings.—New Works				3,800	0	0
				5,300	0	0
2. Education				400	0	0
3. Sanitation and Medical Services—						
Conservancy	1,628	0	0			
Dispensary	293	5	4			
Vaccination	99	0	0			
Registration of births, &c...	110	0	0			
				2,130	5	4
4. Miscellaneous—						
Office, &c				335	8	0
Total...				8,165	13	4

4. The allotment for the Dispensary requires notice. The Dindigul Dispensary is a private one belonging to the Madura Mission, and is in the charge of the Rev. E. Chester. Grants of medicines and a money-allowance of Rupees 50 per mensem have hitherto been made by Government in aid of it. Government have called for information with a view to passing general orders on the question whether miscellaneous grants of this kind to private Dispensaries should be thrown on local and municipal funds; but the proposals made by Mr. Bliss in his letter now submitted to Government, which involve practically the taking over the Dispensary as a local and municipal institution, commend themselves to His Excellency in Council, and, if adopted, will exempt this case from the general orders about to issue.

5. Mr. Bliss estimates the whole cost of the Dispensary, excluding patients' diet, at Rupees 1,600 per annum, of which he proposes that the Municipality should contribute one-fifth, the remainder being charged to local funds; and he has accordingly provided (for eleven months) Rupees 293-5-4 in the present budget. It appears, further, that Mr. Chester has in hand a sum of Rupees 1,500 which has been assigned from the Famine Fund for erecting suitable buildings on condition that, while the Rev. Mr. Chester is in India, the use and control of the buildings shall remain with him, but after his death or final departure the buildings shall be the property of the Municipality. Besides this sum, Rupees 4,000 or Rupees 5,000 will, according to Mr. Bliss' estimate, be required. He proposes that this amount shall be provided in the proportions specified above by local and municipal funds; and Rupees 500 appear in the estimate of expenditure as the municipal share.

6. The institution appears from the papers recorded in G. O., 3rd March 1869, to be of great utility, and comprises a Lying-in Hospital. It is open to patients of all castes and creeds. The Government are of opinion that it is highly desirable that the institution should be taken over as a local and municipal one, and should the Rev. Mr. Chester, by whose zealous and philanthropic exertions it has been brought to its present state of efficiency and usefulness, consent to this arrangement, it might, with great advantage, be left as hitherto entirely under his charge and control. He will, no doubt, be glad to see its stability assured, and ample funds provided for the development of its operations. The Collector should ascertain his sentiments and, if they are favourable, should have the matter laid before the Local Fund Board of the Circle as soon as possible. The proportion which it is proposed that the Municipality shall contribute appears small; but this point is one for discussion between the Local and Municipal Boards.

7. The allotments for education and registration of births and deaths, and the arrangements for the latter object, are approved. The bye-law will be separately disposed of. The proposed Commissioners will be appointed. The Government await reply to G. O., 9th May 1871, No. 609. His Excellency in Council thinks that the Rev. Mr. Chester should be invited to serve on the Commission as his advice in sanitary and medical matters would be of much value.

NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of Section 7, Act III. of 1871 (the Towns' Improvement Act), the Governor in Council hereby appoints the under-mentioned persons to be

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department.
21st June 1871.

Town Commissioners for carrying out in the Town of Dindigul, in the Madura District, the purposes of the said Act:—

Mr. O. A. Hayne.	Audinarayana Chetty.
P. Subba Iyer.	Vydianatha Pillay.
B. Streenevasamoorty Iyengar.	Abdul Kadar Sahib.
Dhondu Row.	Vellianasary.

Under the provisions of Section 38, Act III. of 1871 (the Towns' Improvement Act), the Governor in Council authorizes the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Dindigul, in the Madura District, to levy during the year beginning 1st May 1871 and ending 31st March 1872—

A rate on houses, buildings, and lands, according to the annual value thereof.

Tolls on carriages, carts, and animals entering the municipal limits.

Taxes on carriages, horses, and other animals as described in Schedule C to the above Act annexed.

Fees on the registration of carts.

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

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Dindigul.
" Public Works Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Presidents of the several Municipalities, for information.

Encl. J. Wright.

Madras

No. 11.

From,

The Honble. Lakshmiah,
President of the
Dindigul Municipality.

To,

W. Huddleston Esqre.
Officiating Secretary to
Government
Public Department
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to the instructions conveyed in the Order of Government, Public Department dated 31st ult.

March 1871 No. 430 I have the honor to submit Revised Estimates of Receipts and Disbursements of the Dindigal Municipality for 1871-72, together with a Report from the Vice President containing explanatory remarks, regarding the items entered in the Budget.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
Illegible
President.

Govt. of [1871] Madras.

PUBLIC.

To
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Dindigul,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 21st.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 21st June 1871, No. 892.

JUNE.
Nos. 182-183.

Passing orders on the estimates of receipts and disbursements of the Dindigul Municipality for 1871-72.

Detailed Estimate of New Works and improvements for
which it is intended only by the Municipal Commissioners
to raise a Loan of Dindigal during 11 months of the
Current Year 1871-72 from the 1st May 1871 for the purposes specified in Sec: 29

Form (G)

Estimate for the Year 1871-72.

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	Amount of Estimate for 1871-72	Remarks Explanatory
I. Revenue		
Buildings		
Dispensary	211	
Bankshall	1911	
Municipal House	751	
Cattle pound	211	
Market Sheds	151	
Roads	1800	
	6284	
II. Loans		Principle repayable by Annual Instalments for 1871-72
Buildings		
Roads	911	
Drains		
III. Contributions		Portion of Collections payable for 1871-72
Nature of Charges		
4. Servants Wages @ 4 Rs per Annum	64	64
12. Peons &c. @ Rs	432	432
2. Sanguins @ 4 Rs	96	96
2. Watchmen for the Bunds @ 3 Rs	72	72
1 Overseer	25	25
	1691	1691

Public 1871 Despatch

No. 55 Date 21 Jan

The President of the
Dindigal Municipality

&

The Sheristadar Secretary to
Government
Public Department
Fort St George

Dated 11th Jany 1871
Recd 17th Jany 1871

No 11 No 930

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Submitting Revised
Budget Estimates of
Receipts & Disbursements
of the Dindigal Municipality
for 1871-72;
together with the Report
from the Vice President

Public 30th March/70 Rs 122-28
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This 3rd Dest/70 — 65-46

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	Particulars	Salary Per Annum	Salary Per Annum	Estimate
IV Establishment	Superintendent & Management			
	1 Gymnastick	17 0 -	192 0 -	
	1 Tax Collector	9 - -	99 - -	
	Tidesward	1 - -	11 - -	
	Contingent Charges	3 - -	33 0 -	
				335 0 -
V Medical	1 Vaccinator	9 0 -	99 - -	
	Grant in aid to Dispensary		293 5 4	
				392 5 4
VI Education	Aid to Primary Education		600 - -	600 - -
VII Registration of Births and Deaths	1 Registrar	10 - -	110 - -	110 - -

Abstract of Charges under all heads to be incurred by the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Cudjoe during the 11 Months from 1st May 1871 to 31st March 1872 11a

1	New Works and Improvements		4800 - -
2	Repairs		600 - -
3	Conservancy		1620 - -
4	Establishment	1	335 0 -
5	Dispensaries		692 5 4
6	Education		600 - -
7	Registrar of Births & Deaths		110 - -
			8165 12 4

Estimated receipts for the 11 months from 1st May 1871 to 31st March 1872

1	Tax on house, Buildings & lands @ 5 per Cent	Arrears	100 - -	
		Current	825 - -	925 - -
2	Tolls under Schedule D			3011 - -
3	Tax on Carriages &c under Schedule C	Arrears	20 - -	
		Current	400 - -	420 - -
4	Fees for the Registration of Carts without Springs	Arrears	10 - -	
		Current	200 - -	210 - -
5	Miscellaneous Receipts			
	Fees for licenses under Laws, 130, 136		80 - -	
	Rates Penal & Departmental Fines		100 - -	
	Pound Fines		90 - -	
	Market rent		200 - -	
				470 - -
	Balances in hand and debts recoverable as under			
	Cash balance on the 30th April 1871		324	
	To be refunded by Government on account of overpayment made for Police in 1869-70 erroneously entered at Rs 193 in report for 1869-71		149	
	Government Contribution for 1869-70		800	
	Do Do for 1870-71		900	5143 - -
				11818 - -

Signed Th Le Blanc
Vice President

(True Copy)

Comptroller

List of persons recommended to be appointed as Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madrigal under Act III of 1871.

O. A. Reyes Esqr
Assistant Engineer in Ch. of Roads
2. Alba Esqr. Assistant Collector Customs Office.
3. Hernandez Esqr.
Recorder of Mortgages.

Alcalde Pro
Administrador Corr.
Regidor 1st Alcalde
Regidor 2nd Alcalde
Regidor 3rd Alcalde
Regidor 4th Alcalde
Regidor 5th Alcalde
Regidor 6th Alcalde
Regidor 7th Alcalde
Regidor 8th Alcalde
Regidor 9th Alcalde
Regidor 10th Alcalde
Regidor 11th Alcalde
Regidor 12th Alcalde

Villanueva -

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I signed Jose Bibb.
Vice President

(Enclosed)

Wm Lake
President

Enclosure No 1
in a letter from the
V. President to the Pres.
Municipal Municipality
dated 26 April 87

P.G. 21 June/71
Ex. Bk. No. 182.

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Public Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Magistrate of

(~~Here enter~~ ~~186 , No.~~)

ORDER THEREON, June 1871

Under the provisions of Section ~~36~~ 38, Act ~~X.~~ III of 18~~57~~ (the Towns' Improvement Act), the Governor in Council authorizes the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Dindigal in the Madura District, to levy during the year beginning 1st May 1871, and ending 30th ~~April~~ March 1872.

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A rate ~~not exceeding~~ ~~per cent.~~ on houses, buildings, and lands, according to the annual value thereof.

~~A tax upon arts, professions, trades, and callings.~~

Tolls on carriages, carts, and animals entering the Municipal limits.

Taxes on carriages, horses, and other animals as described in Schedule C. to the above Act annexed.

Fees on the registration of carts.

To Collector

~~The President of the Municipal Commission in,~~

Enclosure No. 3. in a letter from the President to the Municipal Commissioners dated 15th April 1871.

Copy

R. Dis. 21 June 1871. in P.C. No. 1872.

Pstd. 6 Jy. No. 950

Inserted
26th June 1871.

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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Magistrate of

(~~Here enter~~ 186~~, No.~~)

ORDER THEREON, June 1871

Under the provisions of Section 9, Act ~~X~~ III of 1865 (the Towns' Improvement Act), the Governor in Council hereby appoints the undermentioned persons to be Town Commissioners, for carrying out in the town of Dindigul in the Madura District, the purposes of the said Act, ~~during the year beginning 1st May 18~~ , ~~and ending 30th April 18~~ :

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Mr. O. A. Haynes.
P. Subba Iyer.
B. Sreenivasamoorty Iyengar.
Dhondu Row.
Audinarayana Chetty
Vydianatha Pillay.
Abdul Kadar Sahib
Vellianasary.

Gazette

Inserted
2d June 1871.

Public Departments

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the President of the Dindigul Municipality dated 10th May 1871 No. 11

Order thereon 21st June 1871 No. 892

Current

House tax	825	
Tolls	3800	
Tax on vehicles &c	400	
Registration of Carts	300	
License fees	80	
Fines	100	
	5505	

Arrears

House tax	100	
Tax on Vehicles &c	20	
Reg: of Carts	10	
State Contribution	1780	
	1910	

Miscellaneous

Pound & Market	290	
Refund	149	
	439	
Balance	3,214	
	11,068	

The sum to be collected by the Municipal Commissioners of Dindigul from current taxes for 1870-2 is Rs. 5505 – The balance including advances recoverable amounts to be drawn arrears of State Contribution and refunds to be realized during 1870-1 are

are estimated at Rs. 1929
The total receipts are Rs
11,068. The inclusion of
sums to be recovered in
the balance in hand
is incorrect and must
produce interminable
confusion. The Cash balance should always be shown separate

2. The Government
notice that the estimate
of tolls collections exceeds
the estimate of 1870-1
(12 months) by Rs. 1600
and the actuals of 1869-70
by Rs 1000 nearly. The
grounds for this increas-
ed estimate should have
been explained. The
Vice President distinctly
states

1. Public Works		
Roads (N.W. 1000 / Rep 500)		1500
Buildings N.W.		3800
		5300
2. Education		400
3. Sanitation & Medical Services.		
Conservancy	1,625	
Dispensary	293.5.4	
Vaccination	99.0.0	
Regr of Births &c.	110.0.0	
		2,130.5.4
4. Miscellaneous.		
Office etc		335.8.0
		8,165-13-4

that the rates of Act
X of 1865 are to be adopted
and the Government
therefore sanction the
impost for the present.
The tolls yield more than
two-thirds of the current
revenue.

3. The Commission-
ers propose to spend
Rs 8,165. 13. 4 as shown in
the margin. The allot-
ment for buildings
comprises Rs 1900 for a
market, estimated to cost
Rs 2700, - Rs 780 for a Thana
ter house, - Rs 600 for the
dispensary buildings and
Rs 80 for cart sheds, and
the Commissioners also
intend to construct a
road to the Railway
Station

Station at a cost of Rs1000. The allotments are approved, but before commencing the last work the Commissioners should ascertain whether the Railway Company will not provide an approach to the Station, in conformity, it is believed, with their usual practice.

4. The allotment for the dispensary requires ~~explanations~~ notice. The Dindigul dispensary is a private one belonging to the Madura Mission and is in the charge of the Rev. C. Chester. Grants of medicines and a money allowance of Rs 50 per mensem have hitherto been made by Government and do not Government have called for information with a view to passing general orders on the question whether Miscellaneous grants of this kind to private dispensaries should be thrown on local and Municipal funds; but the proposals made by Mr. Bliss in his letter now submitted to Government which involves practically the taking over the dispensary as a local and Municipal institution, commend themselves to His Excellency in Council, and if adopted will exempt this case from the General orders about

about to issue.

5. Mr. Bliss estimates the whole cost of the dispensary, excluding patients diet at Rs 1600 per annum of which he proposes that the Municipality should contribute 1/5, the remainder being charged to local funds; and he has accordingly provided (for 11 months) Rs 2,900 & 4 in the present budget. It appears further that Mr. Chester has in hand a sum of Rs 1500 which has been assigned from the famine fund for erecting suitable buildings on condition that while the Revd Mr. Chester is in India, the use and control of the buildings

buildings shall [illegible] with him but after his death or final departure, the buildings shall be the property of the Municipality. Beside this sum, Rs 4,000 or Rs 500 will, according to Mr. Bliss' estimate, be required. He proposes that this amount shall be provided in the proportions specified above by local and Municipal funds, and Rs 800 appear in the estimate of expenditure as the Municipal share.

6. The institution appears from the papers recorded in G.O. 3 March 1869, to be of great utility, and comprises a Lying in hospital. It is open to

to patients of all creeds and creeds. The Government are of opinion that it is highly desirable that the institution should be taken over as a local and municipal one, and should the Revd Mr Chester, by whose zealous and philanthropic exertions it has been brought to its present state of efficiency and usefulness, consent to this arrangement, it might, with great advantage, be left as hitherto entirely under his charge and control. He will no doubt be glad to see its stability assured and ample funds provided for the development of its operations.

The Collector should ascertain

ascertain his views and if they are favourable should have the matter laid before the local public board of the circle as soon as possible. The proportion which it is proposed that the municipality shall contribute appears liberal but this point is one for discussion between the local and municipal boards.

3— The allotments for education and registration of births and deaths, and the arrangements for the latter are approved. The bylaws will be separately disposed of. The proposed Commissioners will be appointed. The Government await a reply to G.O 9th May No 609 1871. His Excellency in Council thinks that the Revd Mr Chester should be invited to

Govt. of {187} Madras.

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