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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
29th June 1871.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 250. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Sydapet, 21st April 1871, No. 52.

With reference to paragraph 11 of the Proceedings of the Government, Public Department, dated the 31st ultimo, No. 436, I have the honour to forward a list of persons whom I propose should be appointed Commissioners for the Municipality of Conjeveram, and to recommend that T. R. Ramanadha Iyer, who is now Vice-President, may be appointed as such under Section 10 of the new Act.

2. A statement of the taxes which the Commissioners propose to levy is also enclosed.

3. The estimate of receipts and charges received from the Commissioners being defective in certain respects, I have returned it for revision, and it shall be submitted as soon as received.

No. 251. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Sydapet, 1st May 1871, No. 54.

In continuation of my letter of the 21st ultimo, No. 52, I have the honour to forward, herewith, the estimate of receipts and charges for the year 1871-72 on account of the Municipality of Conjeveram, framed with reference to the instructions contained in the Proceedings of Government, dated the 31st March last, No. 436.

2. *Paragraph 8.*—The Commissioners propose to adopt the same forms and rules as those now in use in the Madras Municipality for the collection of statistics relating to births and deaths.

3. *Paragraph 9.*—The Commissioners are of opinion that the Municipal Vaccinator should, as is now done, work independently under the superintendence of the Medical Officer of the Town, who is also a Commissioner.

4. *Paragraph 10.*—A list of the bye-laws now in force, together with a statement of the number of persons prosecuted and convicted under each of them during 1870-71, is enclosed.

5. Of the bye-laws, the Commissioners consider that Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, and 14 being most useful should be retained, and that Nos. 2, 11, and 12 may also stand; No. 6, they state, is out of place in a town like Conjeveram, where conveyances are few and never in any crowds.

No. 252. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Kuttivak, 25th May 1871, No. 69.

In reply to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government, dated the 9th instant, No. 609, I have the honour to report that the Commissioners of the Municipality of Conjeveram desire the authorization of Government for their electing their own Vice-President.

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29th June 1871.*

No. 253. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Sydapet, 5th June 1871, No. 70.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, dated the 19th October last, No. 1313, I have the honour to enclose a statement of the demand, collection, and balance outstanding of the house and trades taxes in the Municipality of Conjeveram from 1st November 1866 to 30th April 1871. *

No. 254. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1871, No. 944.

The estimates of receipts and expenditure of the Municipality of Conjeveram

RECEIPTS.						
Current—				RS.	A.	P.
House-tax.....				6,875	0	0
Trades-tax.....				5,040	0	0
Tolls.....				4,830	13	4
Tax on Carriages, &c.....				750	0	0
Registration of Carts.....				550	0	0
License fees.....				230	0	0
				18,275	13	4
Arrears—						
Old arrears.....	4,706	8	10			
Arrears for 1870-71.....	10,655	2	2			
				15,361	11	0
Irrecoverable.....	1,000	0	0			
				14,361	11	0
Balance.....				9,009	7	0
Miscellaneous.....				270	0	0
				Total...	41,916	15 4
1. Public Works—						
Roads	{ New Works.	8,000	0 0			
	{ Repairs	250	0 0			
				3,250	0	0
Buildings..	{ New Works.	1,000	0 0			
	{ Repairs	100	0 0			
				1,100	0	0
Channel.....				300	0	0
				4,650	0	0
				600	0	0
2. Education.....						
3. Sanitation and Medical Services—						
Conservancy	6,450	5	4			
Dispensary.....	1,900	0	0			
Vaccination.....	165	0	0			
Registration of births and deaths	220	0	0			
Tanks.....	250	0	0			
				8,985	5	4
4. Miscellaneous—						
Office, &c.....	2,322	8	0			
Lighting	2,207	0	0			
Municipal Office.....	700	0	0			
Killing dogs.....	20	0	0			
Police arrears.....	1,564	1	5			
Refund of State contribution.....	801	4	4			
				7,614	13	9
				Total...	21,850	3 1

appears to be incorrectly framed. The demand is entered for each half-year, whereas under the Act it is a yearly one; and the arrears demand does not seem to have been added to the current demand to constitute the whole demand of each period. The average annual demand of house-tax deduced from it is Rupees 6,524, whereas the return of rating, furnished in reply to the Circular of 20th April 1870,

for the year 1871-72 show, the Government regret to say, that the condition of the Municipality in 1869-70, on which the Government animadverted in G. O., 19th October 1870, No. 1313, has not improved in 1870-71.

2. The receipts and expenditure as estimated are shown in the margin. The former amount to Rs. 41,916-15-4, the latter to Rupees 21,850-3-1, and the Commissioners propose to invest the surplus, amounting to Rs. 20,066-12-3. This course is objectionable, unless, which does not seem to be the case, the Commissioners are saving funds for large projects. The municipal taxes are imposed for expenditure for the benefit of the people, and not to be sunk in Government or other securities.

3. The arrears outstanding amount to Rupees 15,361-11-0, a sum nearly equal to a year's revenue. Of this amount Rupees 4,706 are old arrears, and Rupees 10,655 appertain to 1870-71. The items are not given. The Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement called for in G. O., 19th October 1870, No. 1313, has been furnished by the President with his letter, dated 5th June 1871. The statement

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shows the total amount to have been Rupees 7,099. Again, according to the statement the arrears of house and trades taxes, which accrued up to April 1869, were only Rupees 932-14-6; but in the following year, 1869-70, the arrears collections of these taxes were Rupees 7,723-12-6. Again, the statement shows that all the arrears which have ever accrued amounted to Rupees 14,390-6-3, whereas according to the account Rupees 7,723-12-6 were collected in arrear in 1869-70, and the Commissioners expect to collect in arrear, in 1871-72, Rupees 14,361-11-0. The total

	House-tax.			Trades-tax.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1867-68.....	8,623	3	0	2,211	0	0
1868-69.....	5,558	4	6	2,514	0	0
1869-70.....	469	13	3	165	0	0
	4,847	13	6	2,876	0	0
	19,497	1	3	8,766	0	0
	8,763	0	0			
	28,263	1	3			

collections of the same taxes from April 1867 to April 1870 amounted, according to the statement, to Rupees 33,167-3-10, but according to the accounts rendered to Rupees 28,263-1-3. The Government must reject the statement as incorrect, but they fear that, as shown in it, it is

true that arrears to the extent of Rupees 10,115-15-7 accrued in 1870-71.

4. The state of the Municipality is in the highest degree unsatisfactory, and the Government request the President to instruct the Sub-Collector, who, under the new Act, is an ex-officio member of the Commission, to proceed at once to Conjeveram, and see that prompt measures are taken for the realization of the arrears and for the efficient organization of the Municipality. The Government desire to have a special report on the subject.

5. In the estimate of expenditure a sum of Rupees 300 is allotted for the repair of a channel. This relates, the Government presume, to the scheme for supplying the town with water regarding which orders were issued in G. O., 12th January 1871, No. 53. The report which has been received, and which will be disposed of in a separate order, shows that a sum of Rupees 3,397 represents the municipal share of the cost of the restoration of the works. The Commissioners have ample means to meet this outlay. The allotment for lighting includes Rupees 1,200 for the purchase of forty lamp-posts and lamps. The provision of Rupees 165 on account of a Clerk in the President's office should be struck out as unnecessary. The President's correspondence cannot be large, and must be carried on, as elsewhere, by the ordinary Collectorate establishment. The other items of expenditure are approved. The estimate contains no provision for the census, though a moiety of the cost must be met by the Commissioners.

6. But that the Government believe there is ample scope for the employment of the proceeds of the taxes which have hitherto been in force, and that there would probably be difficulty hereafter in re-imposing them when the need arises, they would deem it necessary to refuse sanction for their continuance. The estimate of expenditure will be returned for revision with reference to the remarks made in this order. The provision for education is very small, and more funds should be allotted for the repair of the roads which, the Government believe, are in a very unsatisfactory state.

7. A Notification authorizing the levy of the taxes will be issued. The list of Commissioners will be returned in order that the names of officials may be noted.

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29th June 1871.*

NOTIFICATION.

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 Conjeveram, in the Chingleput District, to levy during the year beginning 1st May 1871 and ending 31st March 1872—

A rate on houses and buildings 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.

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

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, with estimates and list.

- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Board of Revenue.
- „ Accountant-General.
- „ Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
- „ Sanitary Commissioner.
- „ Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. J. Wright.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Magistrate of

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186, No.)

ORDER THEREON,

June 1871.

Under the provisions of Section ³⁵ ~~26~~, Act ~~2~~ of 1865 (the Towns' Improvement Act), the Governor in Council authorizes the Municipal Commissioners for the town of *Conjeveram* in the *Chingleput* District, to levy during the year beginning 1st May 18⁷¹, and ending 30th ^{March} April 18⁷².

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

The President of the Municipal Commission in

Obdt. of 18713 *Madras.*

PUBLIC.

To THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

Conjeveram,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 29th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 29th June 1871, No. 944.

JUNE.

Nos. 250-254.

Passing orders on the estimates for the Conjeveram Municipality for 1871-72.

Public Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MARDAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from

the President of the Government Municipality dated 21 April 1871 No 54, 23 May 1871 No 59 & 5 June 1870

J. H.

Order thereon 29 June 1871 No 44

Receipts
Current

House tax	6,875
Trade tax	5,040
Tolls	4,836.13.4
Tax on Carriages &c	750
Registration of Carts	550
License fees	230
	<u>18,275.13.4</u>

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Old Arrears	4,706.8.10
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	<u>15,361.11</u>
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4. Miscellaneous.

Office Sta	2322-8-0
Lighting	2207-...
Municipal Office	700-...
Killing dogs	20-...
Police arrears	1564-1-5
Refund of State Cont.	801-4-4
	4614-13-9
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Here some of the large sum will prove a depletion. It is or was a common expedient to call deficits "arrears" and thereby wipe them off as "irrecoverable".

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Read the following letters from
 the Pres. of the Conjeram
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Tolls	4030.13.4
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Registration of Cattle	630
License fees	230
	17,275.13.4
Arrears	
Old Arrears	4,706.8.10
Arrears from 1865	10,655.2.2
	15,361.10.12
Unrecoverable	1000
	16,361.10.12
Balance	9009.7
Miscellaneous	270
	16,631.7.12

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~~to D. P. King says he has~~

H.L.
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The proposed Com^{rs} are all natives
I submit that no one else has but that been
a member should be appointed

H.L.

There are certainly
at least 100 natives & they
are all fit for the post.
but I doubt that there
are any more fit for the
post.

To,
The Resident Municipal Com^{rs} Com^{rs}
• Public Works Department
• Board of Revenue.
• Accountant General.
• Deputy General S. S. Department
• Sanitary Commissioner
• Director of Public Instruction
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The Pres. Council Commr

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