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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 22nd May 1872.

No. 73. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vaithenancuppum, 1st February 1872, No. 5:—

In continuation of my letter of the 24th ultimo, No. 2, I have the honour to submit, herewith, the Budget Estimates of receipts and expenditure of the Municipal Funds of the town of Wallajahpett during the official year 1872-73, prepared in accordance with the forms prescribed in the Proceedings of Government, dated 28th October last, No. 1646.

2. It is proposed by the Commissioners to levy license fees in the following cases from 1872-73. Hitherto a trade-tax has been levied on these trades numbered 1 to 4. This practice does not appear to be in conformity with the requirements of the Act. A tax in the form of license fee as proposed would be more appropriate as these trades are, from their nature, more or less offensive and injurious to the public health.

3. I, therefore, beg to solicit the sanction of Government to levy the proposed fees which the Commissioners consider to be equitable under Section 153 of the "Towns' Improvement Act, 1871."

4. The Vice-President reports that the attendance of members at the periodical meetings is generally very small owing to the absence of the majority of them from the town. The Commissioners, therefore, propose that the following persons should be appointed by Government and added to the present list* of Commissioners:—

* *Vide Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th May 1871, page 839.

1. Mr. Supervisor J. H. Stephens, Officer in Executive charge of the Range.
2. Sathu Viraraghava Iyengar, Head Master,
3. Agaramangalam V. Parasurama Iyer, Assistant Master, } Anglo-Vernacular School, Wallajahpett.
4. Hakkin Mannuwia Saib.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1872, No. 666.

With the foregoing letter the President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett, submits the Municipal Estimates for 1872-73.

2. The receipts from all sources amount to Rupees 9,300, of which Rupees 8,280 are derived from current taxes. The rates of license fees on offensive trades, proposed by the Commissioners in the note to Statement I., are moderate and are sanctioned. The Government observe, with reference to the President's remarks, that these licenses are under Section 129, for the premises in which the trade is carried on, and the holders, if they fall within the schedule, are in the opinion of Government also liable to trades' tax. The entry in the note as regards vehicles and animals requires explanation. If it is desired to depart from the schedule maximum rates, specific rates for each item in the schedule must be adopted; and the rates are half-yearly. Differential rates within the maximum are

		Rs.	
Balance and Municipal Fund		500	
Rates and Taxes—			
Houses and lands	1,200		
Trades	2,200		
Vehicles, &c.	300		
Carts	500		
Tolls	4,000		
Fees	70		
Fines	10		
		8,280	
Fees in Schools		30	
Miscellaneous		490	
Total ...		9,300	

adopted for carts. The house-tax is imposed at the maximum rate—7½ per cent.—and yet it yields only Rupees 1,200. In 1869-70 at 7 per cent., the demand was Rupees 1,727, and yet the average rate was only half, and the average rental one-third, of the averages in all towns. The house-tax is evidently under-assessed, and the great decrease calls for explanation.

		Rs.
Grant I.—		
New works	2,550	
Repairs	1,200	
Establishment	240	
Tools and plant	50	
		4,040
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools	440	
Results' grant	250	
Miscellaneous	70	
		760
Grant III.—		
Vaccination	120	
Registration of births, &c.	190	
Conservancy	1 960	
		2,270
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	380	
Markets	130	
Other purposes	340	
		850
Grant V.—		
Office	1,150	
Miscellaneous	230	
		1,380
	Total	9,300

3. The Local Fund Budget takes credit for a contribution for Public Works, Rupees 370. The item does not appear in this budget, unless it is included in the general grant for repairs of roads. Under new works there is a large allotment, Rupees 2,050, for "a concave drain." The Government request the President to report what this means. The other items of expenditure do not call for remark.

4. Subject to the reports called for the estimates are sanctioned, and the usual notification will be issued.

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 Wallajahpett, in the North Arcot District, to levy, during the year beginning 1st April 1872 and ending 31st March 1873—

A rate 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 at half-schedule rates.

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 the Honourable the Governor in Council.)

W. Hudleston
~~Chief~~ Secretary to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

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

Dated May, 22nd.

Recd. 28th Encl.

G. O., 22nd May 1872, No. 666.

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Sanctioning, subject to the reports called for, the Budget Estimates of the Wallajahpett Municipality for 1872-73.

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