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No. 71. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commissions, Kistna District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Masulipatam, 18th January 1872, No. 170:—

I have the honour to forward, herewith, Budget Estimates of receipts and charges of the Masulipatam Municipality for the official year 1872-73.

2. The anticipated balance at the beginning of the year is Rupees 2,000, and the Commissioners expect to receive Rupees 31,700 during the year from various sources, so as to make the available assets of the fund amount to Rupees 33,700. Out of the amount proposed to be raised in the ensuing year, Rupees 28,000 will be from "Rates and taxes." The only item of receipt under the head which requires any notice is that from tolls which are proposed to be levied at the maximum rates or double those obtaining at present. The Vice-President does not offer any explanation for enhancing the rates, but I presume the enhancement was found necessary to meet the increasing charges under the new Act. The fluctuations in the estimated yield from House-tax and Professional-tax, as compared with the current year's Budget Estimates, is owing to a careful revision of the registers.

3. The Dispensary receipts, as per separate Statement A, amount to Rupees 1,670, but this is exclusive of the sum of Rupees 1,864 invested in the Government Savings' Bank and exhibited in the column "Funded Capital" as the Commissioners do not propose to trench upon the fund already accumulated. The estimated contribution from the Masulipatam Circle Local Fund Board has also been exhibited separately.

4. The Miscellaneous receipts are estimated to amount to Rupees 330 and includes an allotment of Rupees 200 on account of rents and fees in municipal slaughter-houses. The Masulipatam Municipality does not possess any slaughter-houses as yet. The subject of constructing proper buildings is under contemplation; but the design has not yet been matured. Nor do I find on the disbursement side any provision for their construction in the ensuing year. Under these circumstances it is not likely that there will be any receipts from this source.

5. Both on the receipt and disbursement sides, I find that the item of training schools appears. Though the Municipal Act authorizes expenditure on training institutions, the instructions that have yet been received from Government seem to direct that they shall be established and maintained by the two Local Funds Boards of the District. It is not clear whether the Municipality should contribute towards the up-keep of the District Normal School.

6. I now pass over to the disbursements. The estimated charges, amounting to Rupees 33,000, are distributed as shown in the margin.

	Rs
Grant I., Public Works	15,000
Grant II., Education	2,100
" III., Sanitation and Medical Services ...	10,300
Grant IV., Miscellaneous	3,400
" V., Supervision and Management	2,200
Total ...	33,000

7. Out of the proposed allotment of Rupees 15,000 for Public Works, 8,000 Rupees are for Communications, Rupees 5,600 for Sanitary and Miscellaneous works, Rupees 1,248 for work establishment as detailed in Statement II.-B, and Rupees 142 for tools and plant. The details given in Statement II.-A show

that Rupees 7,000 are to be spent on few new roads; but the particulars of the allotment of Rupees 5,600 have not been entered. I presume the amount is intended partly for the extension of good water conduits, and partly for the construction of permanent drains.

8. Under the head of "Education" I have already adverted to the subject of training institutions and the charges connected therewith. A sum of Rupees 1,200, or Rupees 100 per mensem, has been allotted for the payment of salary grants to schools established under the grant-in-aid system. Salary grants have been sanctioned during the current year to the marginally-noted branch schools established in connexion with the Masulipatam Hindoo Anglo-Vernacular School. In the first of these schools there are about 150 boys, and in the second, which has been established at Inuguduru for the special benefit of the Mahomedan population collected in that part of the town, there are about 75 youths mostly Mahomedans. The grants-in-aid were sanctioned after consultation with the Inspector of the Schools. The Deputy Inspector has, I understand, twice examined the schools. The present allotment contains provision for any funds that may be applied for on behalf of the girls' school under the management of the Missionaries. A sum of Rupees 500 has also been provided for the up-keep of three Municipal Schools in localities far removed from the petta, the Fort being one of them. A sum of Rupees 150 has also been set apart for "Result" school. The smallness of the allotment is accounted for by the fact that the educational wants of this locality are sufficiently met by the schools already existing.

1. Buttayipett Branch School.
2. Inuguduru Branch School.

Mission School.
Hindoo Anglo-Vernacular School.
Native Council School.
One branch school in connexion with the Mission.
Two branch schools in connexion with Hindoo Schools.
Three Municipal Schools.

9. The details of the estimated allotment of Rupees 10,300 under the head of Sanitation and Medical Services are given in the margin. The heaviest expenditure will be under the last item—conservancy—which contains provision for establishment costing Rupees 2,880 on nearly the same scale sanctioned for the current year, for the employment of scavengering carts at a cost of Rupees 2,016 and for cleansing of tanks, wells, &c., of which there are many, as already reported—*vide* G. O., dated 21st August 1871, No. 1299, Public Department.

	Rs.
1. Hospitals and Dispensaries	3,800
2. Vaccination	200
3. Registration of births and deaths	240
4. Conservancy	6,060

10. The next in the order of importance is "Hospitals and Dispensaries." The necessary information for the preparation of this part of the Budget was obtained from the Zillah Surgeon. There is at present one Hospital Assistant attached to the Dispensary, and the Commissioners have renewed their proposal to add another of the lowest class, in order that the services of the Assistant already attached may be

made available for attending on the payment of a reduced fee on those who may not be able to attend at the dispensary, for examining the cases vaccinated, and inspecting, in the Conservancy Department, unwholesome articles of consumption exposed for sale. Last year in G. O., dated 16th June 1871, No. 843, Government viewed these proposals with favour, but the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, was not able to spare any Hospital Assistants. In his letter recorded in G. O., dated 8th July 1871, No. 1010, the Inspector-General observes that, as the number of patients at the dispensary is small, there cannot be any great necessity for a second Assistant. The number of patients at the dispensary does not represent the full sick. From a variety of reasons, such as the absence of separate wards for castemen, objection of females to appear at the dispensary, &c., the number at the dispensary cannot be large. Under the arrangements directed in the recent Order of Government, dated 30th November 1871, No. 1780, the number may increase. There will always be a very large number who will be glad to have medical treatment afforded to them at their own residences on payment of the reasonable fee of one Rupee proposed by the Commissioners for each attendance. I recommend that a 3rd Class Hospital Assistant be sent to the Municipality as soon as one can be spared.

11. There is no separate establishment for registration of births and deaths. The Office Head Clerk is allowed a personal allowance of Rupees 15 in addition to his own pay for attending to this work.

12. The proposed expenditure under Grant IV. amounts to Rupees 3,400, of which Rupees 1,000 are for lighting the town, and Rupees 484 for firing the municipal guns, Rupees 1,516 for the supply of good water, and Rupees 250 for the up-keep of the municipal carriage which it is proposed to purchase. The only item which requires notice is the cost of the good water supply for which an annual contribution of Rupees 1,314 is being paid. While submitting the last year's Municipal report it was brought to the notice of Government that, owing to the precarious nature of the supply, much inconvenience and difficulty was experienced, especially in the hot weather. Government in their Order, dated 21st September 1871, No. 2412, Public Works Department, called for estimates for ensuring a continuous supply, and it is not known what arrangements have been adopted against the coming hot season to prevent a repetition of the disappointment. The supply of drinking water in this Municipality is not a mere luxury but an absolute necessity, the water in the wells being so very brackish as to be unfit for drinking purposes.

13. The charges under Grant V., on account of supervision and management, amounting to Rupees 2,200, need no notice, the full particulars being given in the Budget Statements.

14. I beg to enclose the abstract called for in G. O, dated 15th December 1871, No. 1854.

15. The Vice-President promises to supply shortly the information required in paragraph 3 of G. O., 28th October 1871, No. 1646.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1872, No. 665.

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

2. The Commissioners propose to levy the maximum rates of tolls. They have been already informed that the proposal is disallowed, and the entry in the estimate will accordingly be reduced by one-half, or to Rupees 5,500. The yield of taxes will then be Rupees 22,500, of which 1,300 Rupees are derived from arrears. The house and trade taxes are levied, and carts are to be registered at the maximum rates. With reference to paragraph 4 of the President's letter, the item rents and fees in municipal slaughter-houses is struck out. From the entries in Statement I., it would seem tha tthe Local Fund contribution is not included in Statement I.-A, Column. 6, as it ought to be. The Local Board have granted only Rupees 890 which will be entered. The deficit balance representing the burden on Municipal Funds is then reduced to Rupees 1,000, the charges being reduced as noted in the margin. The total receipts amount to Rupees 27,890.

	Rs.	Rs.
Balance Municipal Fund		2,000
Assignments by Government		200
Rates and Taxes—		
Houses and lands	6,300	
Trades	7,500	
Vehicles	1,000	
Carts	600	
Tolls	5,500	
Fees	1,000	
Fines	600	
		22,500
Endowment, &c.		1,670
Contribution from Local Funds		890
Miscellaneous		130
Advances recovered		500
Total ...		27,890

3. The reduction in the receipts, resulting from the disallowance of tolls at the maximum rates, necessitates considerable curtailment of the grants. The allotment for a municipal carriage will be struck out, as the Government will not sanction the proposal to keep one. The second Hospital Assistant will be struck out with reference to the remarks of the Inspector-General in his letter recorded in G. O., 8th July 1871, No. 1010. If the Municipal Funds become sufficient hereafter, the application may be renewed. The Dispensary charges are thus reduced to Rupees 3,560. The rest of the retrenchment necessary must, as far as the Government can see, fall on the grant for Public Works. The allotments for Sanitary and Miscellaneous New Work and Repairs, Rupees 4,000 and Rupees 1,600, of which no details are given, will be reduced respectively to Rupees 1,000 and Rupees 600. The President, instead of noting the absence of details, should have obtained and reported them in submitting the estimates. The grant for New Works—Communications—must be reduced to Rupees 7,490. The re-allotment of the amount is left to the Commissioners. The Local Fund Budget takes credit for a contribution of Rupees 3,000 for the road from the Fort to Colonel Anderson's Bridge. This sum is not allotted in the Municipal Budget, and the Government do not see how the fund can afford it. The Local Board should be addressed on the subject. The Public Works Establishment which costs 1,250 Rupees seems unnecessarily large. The Commissioners are recommended to dispense with the Goomastah, the Peon, and one Maistry.

4. The estimates contain no entries whatever relating to training schools. If one be established in the district, the share of the burden falling on Municipal Funds will be small. Assuming that the salary grant schools are of the lower class, the grant for education seems well applied. The Local Fund Board ask for Rupees 100 only for inspection, and the proposed contribution is reduced accordingly. The arrangement for the registration of births and deaths is not likely to prove efficient. For the amount allotted a special establishment adequate for the purpose might be entertained. Two Special Registrars, on Rupees 10 each, would do the work better than the Head Clerk whose ordinary duties must be sufficient to occupy his full time. The other items in the budget are passed. The attention of the Public Works Department is again called to the subject of the water supply.

	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I.—		
New works	7,490	
Repairs	1,600	
Establishment	1,250	
Tools and plant	150	
		10,490
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools	500	
... grants	1,200	
... grants	150	
Results' grants	100	
Inspection	100	
Miscellaneous		2,050
Grant III.—	3,560	
Dispensary	200	
Vaccination	240	
Registration of births, &c.	6,000	
Conservancy		10,000
Grant IV —	1,000	
Lighting	2,150	
Other purposes		3,150
Grant V.—	1,800	
Office	400	
Miscellaneous		2,200
Total ...		27,890

5. The estimates as modified are sanctioned, and the usual notification will be issued.

NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of Section 38, [illegible] ment Act), the Governor in Council authorizes the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Masulipatam, in the Kistna 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.)

Chief Secretary.

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

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Masulipatam,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 22nd.

Rec'd. on 30th Rec'd.

G. O., 22nd May 1872, No. 665.

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Nos. 71-72.

Reviewing and sanctioning as modified the Budget Estimates of the Masulipatam Municipality for 1872-73.

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W. Holderness