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No. 280. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddapah, 1st February 1872, No. 110:—

I have the honour to forward the Budget for 1872-73 with the following remarks.

2. A balance of Rupees 2,500 has been carried forward from the present year. This is a sum set apart in this year's budget for the preliminary works of the Bugga Water Scheme. These works have not yet been commenced as it was not thought advisable to expend money until more trustworthy information could be obtained as to the available water supply from that source during the hot months.

3. It is to be hoped that this project will not fall through. There is no doubt that the Bugga springs produce water of the very purest description. This I have been given to understand was the result of analysis by Dr. Cornish. The Bugga River fed partially by the springs is generally resorted to by the native inhabitants of Cuddapah for drinking water, but by the time that water has reached the town it is a most vile compound. I have frequently heard natives attribute to the use of this water a great deal of the illness which has been prevalent in the town during the past fourteen years. The wells in the town are almost all brackish. One Kodanda Ramudu's well, which has been considerably improved by the Municipality, is approved of by the people, but the analysis of its water does not say much

fed by thousands of dirty feet and dirty pots which undergo a cleansing process in the very water with which the pots are eventually filled.

4. There is an idea that the Penar River water may be brought into the town by the Irrigation and Canal Company some of these days. I doubt very much the purity of water brought over miles of country by means of an open channel accessible to all for every possible purpose; whereas Bugga spring water is perfectly pure and commands the town. Conducting the water to the town by means of pipes will require a large outlay. But a supply of good water to the native inhabitants of Cuddapah can scarcely be over-valued.

5. The revenue is estimated upon the receipts of former years, and the items call for no remark except that of Rupees 500 contributed from the Cuddapah Local Fund Circle for a Medical Training School.

6. The Municipal Commissioners propose to give an equal amount, and the Rupees 1,000 will be spent under the immediate direction of the Zillah Surgeon, M. Iyasawmy Pillay.

7. I believe that formerly several medical students were trained under his care in the Cuddapah Dispensary, and that this useful work was discontinued for want of funds. The Dispensary is now to be in the charge of the Commissioners; so this is a fitting opportunity to commence such a school, and the acknowledged experience of Iyasawmy Pillay in his profession is a guarantee that it will succeed.

8. The Rupees 2,800 under the head of New Works, Communications, is almost entirely taken up with widening narrow lanes and the compensation neces-

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sary for the houses which are removed in the process. This work is much required in Cuddapah, where the poorer houses are so crowded that conservancy carts cannot enter.

9. Six new latrines are provided. They are to be, as formerly, on the Coimbatore model, but constructed at less expense, of mud walls with stone foundation and coping. My private opinion is that this is a mistaken economy, as latrines are permanent structures.

10. The new market will be a work of some magnitude. The space is cleared, and the daily market is now held there. The Commissioners propose to commence by building three sheds next year on a plan designed by Colonel Moberly and adopted by the Commissioners. At that rate the whole building will be completed in three years.

11. Under education, the Commissioners considered that Rupees 500 would more than suffice to pay the grants sanctioned by the Educational Department. They are in doubt whether, under the orders issued by Government, they have any power to support schools except strictly under the rules of that Department. If they can do so, they wish to make some provision for the support of elementary Hindustani Schools in this town.

12. The charges for conservancy stand at the previous figures.

13. Reservoirs have been allotted for cleansing tanks and wells, and reduced, because they fear that there will be much distress in Cuddipah three or four months hence for want of water. There are signs of a local drought around the station, and some of the wells in the town are failing already.

11. The item of Rupees 400 as compensation for a new burial ground arose from a remonstrance which the Judge addressed to the Commissioners against the practice of burning bodies in the river bed behind the Court House. Another burial ground was accordingly purchased at some distance.

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1872, No. 565.

With the foregoing letter, the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah, submits the estimates of receipts and disbursements for 1872-73.

2. The receipts from taxes amount to Rupees 20,200. The Government note a considerable increase in the yield of house and trades taxes and tolls, which is unexplained. The receipts and charges of the Dispensary are not entered in Statement I.-A as they should have been, the institution being vested in the Municipal Commissioners. A sum of Rupees 1,228 for establishment, of which the details are not given, and of Rupees 372 for medicines and supplies, appear in the budget; but nothing is entered for diet of patients, &c. The sums provided make up the charges assessed on the Municipality in G. O., 17th April 1871, No. 491. The Local Budget provides a contribution of Rupees 1,000 to the Municipality, but this is not credited. The President will submit Statement I.-A and II.-A, showing in detail all the receipts and charges of the endowment. He will credit to the insti-

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tution the Local Fund contribution for the Dispensary itself and for medical pupils, and the charges for the latter should also be entered. It is stated that the Municipality intend to contribute Rupees 500 for medical pupils; but though the Local Fund contribution of Rupees 500 is credited in this budget, the sole allotment for the purpose is Rupees 500 under Training Schools. It is thus apparent that the Municipal Fund will be at no charge on this account. General orders as to schemes of the kind will issue shortly, and the Government desire that the details of the scheme may be reported. In sending up Statement I.-A, the President will report what decision has been arrived at by the Commissioners on the suggestion (G. O., 28th November 1871, No. 712, Financial) that a portion of the capital should

	Rs.
Balance Fund	2,500
Assignment by Government	600
Rates and Taxes.—	
House-tax	6,000
Trades tax	5,500
Vehicles, &c.	1,000
Carts	600
Tolls	7,000
Fees	20
Kinec	80
	20,200
Miscellaneous	1,100
Total ...	24,300

be made over to the Madanapulli Local Fund; and, in preparing the statement, will show either diminished capital or the payment from interest as a charge, according to the course resolved on. For the present all receipts and charges connected with the Dispensary and the training scheme will be struck out of the budget.

The Government appreciate the importance of the scheme for water supply soon be ascertained. Nothing seems to have been done since. The Government desire that plans and

soon be ascertained. Nothing seems to have been done. The Government desire that plans and estimates may be submitted to them before outlay is incurred. The cost of new wells and burial grounds fall under New Works. Under Grant II. the Commissioners have allotted only Rupees 500. They express a desire to support some Hindustani Elementary Schools, but doubt whether they can support any schools except under the rules of the Educational Department. The Government do not by any means object to their opening elementary schools under their own management, or taking over pial schools for permanent establishment; and, provided that in such operations the Mussulman population are not exclusively favoured, would be glad to see a special Hindustani Element-

	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I.—		
New works	9,400	
Repairs	3,500	
Establishment	140	
Tools and plant	250	
	<u>13,290</u>	
Grant II.—		
Residue grants		500
Grant III.—		
Vaccination	100	
Registration of Births, &c.	250	
Conservancy	6,150	
		6,500
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	009	
Other purposes	500	
	<u>1,109</u>	
Grant V.—		
Office	1,27	
		22,69
Balance... ..		1,61
		<u>24,30</u>
Total ..		24,30

glad to see a special Hindustani Elementary School established as an experiment. The Mahomedan population in the town is large. The Commissioners should address the Local Fund Board as to the amount to be contributed for Educational Inspection. No entries appear in the Local Fund or Municipal Budgets on this account. The expenditure is summed up in the margin. The balance is Rupees 1,610, which will be available to meet any charge which may fall on the Municipal Fund in connexion with the Dispensary.

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4. The estimates are sanctioned, and notification authorizing the taxes will be issued.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah.

- .. 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,
Cuddalore

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Dated April, 26th.

Recd. May 3rd

Encl.

G. O. 26th April 1872, No. 565.

APRIL

Nos. 230-231.

Reviewing and sanctioning the Budget Estimate
of the Cuddalore Municipality for 1872-73.

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