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Read the following papers:—

No. 299. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Nellore, 18th January 1872, No. 108.

With reference to G. O., No. 1646, dated 28th October 1871, I have the honour to forward the Budget Statements for 1872-73 in the revised forms.

2. The institutions to be transferred to the Municipal Commissioners are the Civil and Branch Dispensary at Nellore and the Lungerkhana. The present budget includes the probable receipts and charges on account of these two institutions. The Commissioners have already assumed connexion with them in anticipation of Government sanction, and I request that they may be transferred to the Municipality at an early date. The intention of Government to transfer these institutions was notified in the District Gazette of the 6th instant. The Collector of the district has already submitted proposals for the transfer through the Board of Revenue.

No. 300. From the Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Nellore, 15th April 1872, No. 135.

With reference to Sections 40, 64, 73, and 77 of the Towns' Improvement Act, I have the honour to request that early orders may be passed for the levy of the rates

The Budget Statements for 1872-73 revised ones were sent in on 22nd January 1872.

2. The rates determined by the Commissioners are as follow:—

Section 40.—Rates on houses and land at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

" 64.—Maximum of rates of Schedule C.

" 73.—2 Rupees for carts and other vehicles without springs.

" 77.—Tolls at half the schedule rates.

No. 301. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1872, No. 575.

The Government proceed to review the estimates of receipts and disbursements of the Municipality of Nellore for 1872-73.

2. The endowment of the Lungerkhana should have been shown in Statement I. under five endowments, &c. The estimated receipts from taxes are Rupees 16,720. The particulars which should have been given in a note to Statement I. have been furnished by the President in his letter of the 15th April, except as regards the rates of license fees. The yield of the house and land rates, levied at the maximum percentage, shows a considerable increase, which should have been explained, above the estimate of 1871-72 (Rupees 5,900), and the actual of 1870-71 (Rupees 6,435). The amount of Magisterial fines is considerable. The receipts of the Civil Dispensary and its branch, including contribution of Rupees 1,710 from Local Fund, suffice for the estimated charges, without any contribution from Municipal funds. The Local Fund payment should, therefore, be reduced. The Government would suggest Rupees 1,200 as a fair contribution. The contri-

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bution for the Lunkerhana is entirely unnecessary as the endowment more than covers the charges.

3. The grants for Public Works are said to be lump grants the details of which are not yet settled. It is especially

Balances.—	Rs.	Rs.
Municipal Fund	1,170	
Endowment	1,700	
Rates and Taxes.—		2,370
House-tax	7,000	
Vehicles, &c.	2,100	
Carts	1,700	
Tolls	5,000	
Fees	620	
Fines	300	
Endowment, &c.	16,720	
Contributions from Local Funds	5,740	
Miscellaneous	2,100	
	430	
Total	27,860	

important, in order to secure regularity in the expenditure of the money and due consideration of the best mode of appropriating it, that a detailed scheme of allotment should be framed each year to be adhered to except in case of emergent necessity; and the Government desire that in future this may be done. Under Grant III. the charges of the Dispensary appear sufficiently provided for. The

Government regret to notice a diminished assignment for conservancy. The reduction was unnecessary as there is a large unappropriated balance. Grants IV. and V. are passed. The office expenses show a satisfactory reduction.

4. The Government have reserved their remarks upon Grant II., which consists merely of an assignment of Rupees 500 for results' grants. The supplements to the District Gazette of the 13th April 1872 contain proceedings of the Local and Municipal Boards relative to a scheme of schools in the town, and it appears to be intended to appropriate the provision just referred to, to the support of the proposed schools, the bulk of the charges in connexion with which are, however, thrown upon Local Funds.

5. The resolution of the Local Fund Board is quoted in the margin. The

Resolved that, as it has been already ruled by Government that the Local Fund Board should pay all results' grants in excess of Rupees 500 for elementary schools within the Municipality, and as the proposed change of system in respect to Municipal Schools will probably not increase the present liability of the Local Fund Board under the results' grants system, the Municipal Board may look to this Board to supplement the funds likely to be at their disposal for the carrying out the proposed change of system by a sum of Rupees 1,000 or thereabouts. The exact amount required should be communicated by the Municipal Board after the elaboration of their scheme.

Government are unable to trace the ruling under which the Local Fund Board conceive themselves bound to defray all expenses for results' grants to schools in the Municipality in excess of Rupees 500. The Local Board grant Rupees 1,000 for the schools, but this sum is not provided

in their budget, and must not be paid without sanction. 6. The Municipal scheme is to establish three first class, four second class, and two inferior schools at a present cost of Rupees 2,220, and a maximum cost of Rupees 3,108. There are to be fees (? monthly) of two and four Annas, which are to yield Rupees 900. The Municipality is to give Rupees 500. A special grant of Rupees 200 is to be made from Municipal Fund for furniture, &c. English and Telugu are to be taught and provision is made for "Mussulman" Teacher (apparently to give instruction in Hindoostani) in the schools in the Mahomedan quarters in the town. Instruction is provided for 570 boys.

7. As regards the financial aspect to the scheme, the Government observe that the burden on Local Funds is out of all proportion to that on Municipal Funds considering that, from the nature of the case, the town population must chiefly benefit; and that the rates of fees are very high for elementary schools and will probably be quite deterrent. In its educational aspect the scheme seems to be almost avowedly designed to establish feeders for the Free Church Mission School. Further, it appears to be

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intended that municipal expenditure on education shall be confined to these schools; so that the Pial Schools in the town, which the Government believe to be numerous and very efficient, will be left without aid. The Government would rather see the Commissioners directing their efforts to improving these schools and endeavouring to secure their stability.

Grant I.—	Rs.	Rs.
New works	2,100	
Repairs	4,460	
Tools and plant	260	
	6,820	

Grant II.—	Rs.	Rs.
Results' grants	500	
Inspection	150	
	650	

Grant III.—	Rs.	Rs.
Dispensary	4,400	
Vaccination	160	
Registration of births, &c.	240	
Conservancy	4,720	
	9,520	

Grant IV.—	Rs.	Rs.
Lighting	1,800	
Choultries	2,150	
Other purposes	800	
	4,750	

Grant V.—	Rs.	Rs.
Office	1,800	
Miscellaneous	420	
	2,220	

Balances.—	Rs.	Rs.
Municipal Fund	2,310	
Endowment Fund	2,890	
	5,200	

This course will be most likely to succeed, and will be more conciliatory towards the people, who will probably side with the Pial Schoolmasters in opposition to the municipal scheme. The Government desire to receive a report with reference to these remarks from the President and from the Educational Officers.

8. Meanwhile the allotment of Rupees 500 for results' grants will remain. The Local Board should be addressed as to a contribution from Municipal Funds for Educational Inspection, and subject to discussion Rupees 150 are entered in the budget. The estimates are sanctioned, and the usual notification authorizing the taxes 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 Nellore, in the Nellore 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.

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.)

Officialing Chief Secretary.

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

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