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No. 307. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Sydapet, 16th December 1871, No. 306:—

I have the honour to forward the Budget Estimate of Receipts and Charges of the Municipality of Conjeveram for 1872-73, prepared in the forms prescribed in the Proceedings of the Government, Public Department, dated 28th October last, No. 1646, received on the 2nd instant.

2. *Statement I.—REVENUES AND RECEIPTS.*—In anticipation of the decision of Government, with reference to their Order, Revenue Department, of the 1st July last, No. 1143, as to the amount of the surplus Pound Fund to be credited to municipal purposes, the Commissioners have entered Rupees 10 as receipts from this source; this amount appears to have been fixed on at hazard, and without reference to any data, so that alteration may be necessary in the Government Office with reference to the amount available.

3. As regards Rupees 1,400, which is about a third of the expenditure, and the contribution of the Chingleput Circle Board to the Dispensary in the town, I understand, from a recent proceedings of that Circle Board, that, in consideration of the larger benefits derived by the town from the institution, that the Local and Municipal bodies have arranged to divide the charges in the ratio of one to two, respectively.

4. The Government not having as yet repaid Rupees 237-6-6, due by them on account of the Police Station and hut, reported on in my letter of the 26th May last, No. 68, with reference to their Order of the 3rd idem, No. 583, Rupees 240 have been put down under the head "Advances to be recovered."

5. *Statement II.—EXPENDITURE—Grant II.*—The amount of results' grants has been entered with reference to information furnished by the Deputy Inspector of Schools.

6. Nothing is allotted for contribution to the Training School at Poonamallee. The aggregate charges of this institution, viz., Rupees 4,460, have been divided equally between the Local Fund Circles, and provision was made accordingly in the budgets for 1872-73 already sent to the Board of Revenue. As, however, the Municipality will also benefit by this institution, I think it but fair that it should be called on to contribute its quota, which might be fixed at about Rupees 360, calculating with reference to the relative sums spent for Educational Inspection in the Circles and Municipality, respectively; if this is done, and the balance distributed equally between the circles, the amount chargeable to each will be reduced from Rupees 2,230 to Rupees 2,050.

7. *Grant III.*—The cost of the Establishment of the Dispensary is Rupees 3,190, of which Rupees 2,700 is on account of medical subordinates. This provides for the increased pay of the Native Surgeon in charge of the Dispensary and for the services of a third-class Hospital Assistant, referred to in the letter from the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, printed with the Government Proceedings of the 11th September last, No. 1386.

8. *Grant V.*—A small addition has been made to the office establishments owing to increasing and heavy work; the extra charges involved are, however, only Rupees 180 a year.

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9. In conclusion, I beg to mention that, in the last or blank columns of Statements I. and II., the major heads of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the current year have been entered, respectively, instead of the "Probable expenditure" in both returns, as was required in paragraph 2 of the Government Proceedings, as otherwise no comparison could be instituted as must, I think, have been intended. The words "receipts and" were, it seems, omitted in the press before "expenditure of the current year" at line 3 of paragraph 2. Further, I notice that Statements III. and IV. can only be sent in with the annual report, as the entries therein have reference to past transactions.

No. 308. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1872, No. 578.

The President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, submits with the foregoing letter the Municipal Estimates for 1872-73.

2. The balance of the Municipal Fund is estimated at Rupees 3,580. The Government are glad to see from this budget that the arrears outstanding have been received in 1871-72 would be utilized. The taxes are expected to yield Rupees 20,000. The Government grant for the Lalakal Channel is included. The state of the project should be noticed in the annual report. No allotment for it appears in the statement of expenditure. The Government observe that no receipts whatever are entered for the Dispensary in Statement I.-A. At least the Local Fund contribution ought to have been entered there, and it is observed that, according to

Interest	Rs.	A.	P.
Contributions	175	8	10
	8	0	0
Total	183	8	10

the latest returns, it had Rupees 4,470 in capital which yielded interest; and the receipts of all kinds still accruing amounted to Rupees 183-8-10 as shown in the margin. The President will explain why the capital and interest were not entered. The claim on account of Police buildings will have been adjusted in 1871-72 under G. O., 6th December 1871, No. 1804, and this item is, therefore, now struck out of the budget. Half the surplus Pound Fund is to be paid to the Municipality. The amount entered, Rupees 10, is so small that no correction is needed. The President does not state whether the amount is the whole or half the surplus.

3. The Government are glad to see from the entries under Communications, New Works, that the Commissioners are applying themselves to the task of improving the roads in the town. Under Grant II. Rupees 1,000 are allotted for results' grants, and Rupees 450 for inspection. The former amount is adequate, but the latter which does not appear to have been settled in communication with the Local Fund Board, not being anticipated in their budget, is excessive, and is reduced subject to discussion to Rupees 150. The Government agree with the President that the Municipality should contribute to the Training School at Poonamallee.

Balance,—	Rs.	us.
Municipal Fund	3,580	
Allotments by Government	800	
Rates and Taxes.—		
House and lands	7,000	
Trades	5,000	
Vehicles, &c.	1,000	
Carts	600	
Tolls	5,000	
Fees	500	
Fines	100	
Contribution from Local Funds	20,000	
Miscellaneous	1,400	
	120	
Total	25,960	

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When the arrangements for opening this school are matured by the Local Board in communication with the Educational Department, and the probable cost of the institution is known, the amount of the municipal contribution can be settled.

Grant I.—	Rs.	us.
New works	8,510	
Repairs	300	
Establishments	840	
Tools and plant	100	
	9,550	
Grant II.—		
Results' grants	1,000	
Inspection	150	
	1,150	
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	4,240	
Vaccination	150	
Registration of births, &c.	240	
Conservancy	6,250	
	10,910	
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	930	
Other purposes	250	
	1,180	
Grant V.—		
Office, &c.	2,400	
Miscellaneous	350	
	2,750	
Balance	25,510	
	420	
Total	25,960	

The provision for the Dispensary seems adequate. Probably the Municipality will be relieved of a portion of the cost of the Native Surgeon. The Government regret to see that the grant for conservancy is reduced. The assignment for sanitation during the festival should come under Grant III. as a minor head under conservancy. The other items in Grants IV. and V. call for no remark, except that the office establishment is stronger than is probably required.

4. The estimates are sanctioned and the usual notification for the taxes will be issued.

5. The omission of the word receipt in paragraph 2 of G. O., 28th October 1871, No. 1646, is obviously, as conjectured by the President, a clerical error. Statements III. and IV. can be, and were intended to be, used for estimates as well as for reports of actuals.

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 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.)

Official Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

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FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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City of New York

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