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No. 77. Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Palghaut, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 25th January 1873, No. 47 :—

I have the honour to forward estimates of sums proposed to be raised and expended in the Municipality of Palghaut during the year 1873-74, except the statements noted in the margin, which will follow shortly.

Statement L.-A, "Endowment."
Statement called for in G. O., dated 15th December 1871, No. 1854.

2. The letter from the Vice-President forwarding the estimates is also enclosed.

From H. M. WINTERBOTHAM, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Palghaut, to A. MACGREGOR, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Palghaut, dated Palghaut, 17th January 1873, No. 2.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, estimates of the receipts and expenditure for 1873-74.

2. In framing these estimates, the Commissioners have been met by the difficulty that their expenditure has, during the last twelve months, been increased by the items shown below, at the same time that the revenue at their disposal is diminished by their having, under orders of Government, to make over to the Local-Funds Board half their collections from tolls :—

	Rs.
Contribution to Normal School	827
Salary Grant	50
Results' Grant	1,200
Inspectorate	287
Hospital	500
Registration of births and deaths	435
Public bungalow	300
Total ...	3,669

3. To make good in part this loss of revenue, the Commissioners propose, *first*, to introduce a land-tax assessed at 7½ per cent. of the annual rent value, assuming that the rent value of the lands is equal to the amount of the Government demand upon them ; *second*, to raise the house-tax by (as a general rule) assessing the annual rent value of the houses at 7½ per cent. of their total value instead of at 5 per cent. as heretofore.

This will have the effect of raising the house-tax on most of the houses 50 per cent., but even so the municipal taxpayers will, as a rule, be paying less than the house-owners taxed under the Local-Funds' Act, owing to the low value originally put upon the houses within the Municipality.

The annual value at which the shops are assessed will not bear much raising.

From these two sources the Commissioners anticipate an increase of income amounting to Rupees 1,950.

4. During the current year the Commissioners have provided places for a market, a slaughter-house, and a bandypettah ; and, under Sections 124 and 137 of the Towns' Improvement Act, have authorized the levy of fees at the rates shown in the estimate. From these sources the Commissioners anticipate an income of Rupees 1,000.

5. They have been unable to allot any sum for the desired survey of the Municipality.

6. The Commissioners are uncertain as to the terms of the management between themselves and the Local-Funds Board with regard to the hospital.

At a meeting of the Commissioners held 30th September 1874, at which the President of the Local-Funds Board was in the chair, and when it was agreed that the Commissioners should take over the hospital, the contribution payable from the Local Funds was fixed at Rupees 1,651, and the sum payable by the Commissioners at Rupees 517.

In their Proceedings on the Palghaut Budget-Estimate for 1872-73, dated April 18th, 1872, No. 527, Government reduced the contribution payable from the Local Funds to Rupees 750, "so as to agree with the Local-Funds Budget." Why that sum was fixed on by the Local-Funds Board the Commissioners have not the means of knowing.

The Commissioners were under the impression that they were to continue to receive a contribution of Rupees 1,651, and have entered this sum in their estimate of receipts, not knowing what other sum to enter.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1873, No. 809

The following table is an abstract of the estimates of the Palghaut Municipality for 1873-74, as submitted by the President, compared with those for 1872-73:—

RECEIPTS.	1872-73.	1873-74.	CHARGES.	1872-73.	1873-74.
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Balance brought forward ...	1,930	3,000	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government	290	308	New Works	6,540	1,300
House-tax	3,510	5,830	Repairs	4,300	4,250
Tax on arts	2,600	2,700	Establishment	950	1,068
Tax on vehicles	...	...	Contribution to Local Funds of half the toll collections	...	4,500
Registration of carts	...	...	Other items	50	42
Tolls	11,110	9,000	Grant II.—		
Fees	...	21	Training Schools	340	837
Fines	20	50	Municipal Schools ...	1,230	1,221
Endowments, &c.	400	120	Salary Grants	...	50
Contribution from Local Funds	1,250	2,201	Results' Grants	500	1,200
Miscellaneous	1,150	1,670	Contribution to Local Funds for Inspection..	490	287
			Grant III.—		
			Hospital	2,370	2,180
			Vaccination	130	125
			Registration of births and deaths	180	435
			Conservancy	2,620	3,577
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	600	728
			Public bungalows	...	300
			Other items	250	800
			Grant V.—		
			Office	1,490	1,488
			Miscellaneous	220	312
Total ...	22,260	24,900	Total ...	22,260	24,900

2. The Commissioners propose to meet certain necessary items of expenditure by raising the House-tax from 5 to 7½ per cent, and by the imposition of a Land-tax. The Government are not prepared, however, to sanction any increase in the municipal taxation, and they have the less hesitation in declining to do so in the present instance, as the papers submitted do not show that it is really necessary. The entry under House-tax must, therefore, be reduced by the amount which the proposed additions were estimated to yield, viz., Rupees 1,950.

3. The Profession-tax must be dispensed with from the commencement of the year 1874-75, and it will then be open to the Commissioners to resubmit the proposals now disallowed in the event of their being unable to balance the budget by a reduction in the expenditure—a course which the Government would prefer. The receipts from tolls are reduced to Rupees 9,000 without any explanation, although the probable actuals for 1872-73 are shown as 10,600, and the actuals for 1871-72 amounted to Rupees 10,060. In the absence of any reason to the contrary, the Government think the estimate should be taken at Rupees 10,000.

4. As half the tolls are to be paid to Local Funds, the expenditure under Grant I. will be increased by Rupees 500, but on the other hand it may be reduced by Rupees 120 by restoring the allotment for Establishment to the amount sanctioned for 1872-73. The necessity for the increased expenditure under Conservancy is not explained, and the amount sanctioned for 1872-73 will be restored under this head also. The Government notice that the expenditure under the head "Watering streets and avenues" in 1871-72 was *nil*. The remaining Rupees 373 required to balance the budget may, therefore, be taken from the Rupees 500 allotted for that purpose, and the abstract of the budget as sanctioned will then be as follows:—

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	EXPENDITURE.	Rs.
Balance	3,000	Grant I.	11,740
Assignments	308	Grant II.	3,595
House-tax	3,880	Grant III.	5,360
Profession-tax	2,700	Grant IV.	1,455
Tolls	10,000	Grant V.	1,800
Fees and fines	71		
Miscellaneous	3,991		
Total ...	23,950	Total ...	23,950

5. The President will revise the educational contributions to Local Funds with reference to G. O., dated 24th May 1873, No. 727.

6. The Government have allowed the Local-Fund contribution to hospitals to remain at Rupees 1,651, as the Vice-President seems to consider that the Municipality are entitled to that amount. The President will endeavour to arrange the matter to the mutual satisfaction of both Boards. If that cannot be done the Government will then decide between them. The revision of the educational contributions, as directed above, will probably result in a saving to the Municipality equal to any reduction which may be made in the dispensary contribution. Failing that the budget must be balanced, so far as the Government can judge, by reducing the grant for New Works.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,

10th June 1873.

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 Palghaut, in the Malabar District, to levy, during the year beginning 1st April 1873 and ending 31st March 1874—

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.

(By order of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council.)

R. Sewell
Jr. Under Secretary
for Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

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

Dated June, 10th.
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