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22nd March 1873.*

No. 154. Read the following letter from the President, Conjeveram Municipality, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Conjeveram, 29th January 1873, No. 7:—

I have the honour to forward the Budget of the Conjeveram Municipality for 1873-74.

2. *Receipts.*—The large sum of Rupees 14,920 is estimated as the balance at the beginning of next year; because, first, the quarries were so full of water that materials for new works under Communications were unobtainable, and all outlay on them has had to be suspended, also all available labour had to be diverted to make good damages to existing lines; secondly, the funds for the Lalakal project could not be expended, the whole country being literally under water from the extraordinarily heavy and continuous rains; and, thirdly, savings effected by the reduction of establishment, as per G. O., dated 29th May 1872, No. 699.

3. Rupees 40, entered on account of surplus pound fund, is half of the net surplus accruing within the Municipality; the other half will be paid for the Government Farms.

4. Rupees 3,000, under House and Trades' Taxes, are considered likely to remain uncollected at the end of the year, and this sum is consequently shown as arrears.

5. The receipts from tolls are estimated at only Rupees 4,000, because the Commissioners' office, judging from the contractor's complaints as regards profits, and other circumstances under their notice, that a lower tender only will be received on the expiration of the present contract in March next.

6. Rupees 1,430 are given as the income of the Civil Dispensary, consisting of Rupees 30, the amount of the lease of the land belonging to the institution, and of Rupees 1,400, the Local Fund contribution of the Chingleput Circle.

7. The estimate for the Lalakal project is under revision, Colonel Moberly having expressed himself doubtful as to the satisfactory nature of Mr. Ottman's survey, so no sum is entered as the contribution of the Shrotriendrar of Koneri-cooppam.

8. *Expenditure.*—As arrangements have not as yet been made for the establishment of a training school at Poonamallee, no amount has been entered as the Municipal contribution.

9. The amount, Rupees 1,200, of results grants, fixed in communication with the Educational Department, is Rupees 200 more than in last year, but the Commissioners express their regret at not being able to provide a still larger sum from want of funds.

10. Rupees 450 are again entered on account of educational inspection, as the amount has been adopted in communication with the Chingleput Circle Board after due deliberation, *vide* paragraph 3 of the Government Order reviewing the Budget of 1872-73.

11. The proposed expenditure of Rupees 4,890 on account of the dispensary is, I consider, excessive, as compared with the requirements of the town and the revenues of the Municipality, and I would urge that it may be relieved of a portion

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of this charge, *vide* my letter, No. 13, dated 5th June 1872, submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings of 28th August 1872, No. 1704.

12. The large pagodas in this town are infested with monkeys which injure the roofs of the houses, and annoy the sellers of fruit, &c., in the bazaars, by their depredations. Rupees 660 have been provided for the cost of their deportation elsewhere.

13. The town has now only 100 lights, which are totally inadequate to the length of the streets, and it is proposed to double their number, which accounts for the increased provision, Rupees 4,312, made in the Budget.

14. The establishment, including that of vaccination, &c., has been revised and reduced with reference to the Proceedings of Government quoted at paragraph 2 *supra*, and hence the decrease under these items. As this reduction has been made only as an experimental measure, modifications may probably be necessary shortly.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1873, No. 393.

The marginal statement is an abstract of the Conjeveram Municipal Budget

RECEIPTS.		rs.
Balance	...	14,920
Assignments	...	40
Rates on houses	...	9,000
Tax on arts	...	6,000
Tax on vehicles	...	1,000
Registration of carts	...	600
Tolls	...	4,000
Fees	...	300
Fines	...	100
Endowments, &c.	...	30
Local Fund contributions	...	1,400
Miscellaneous	...	100
		37,490

EXPENDITURE.		
<i>Public Works—</i>		
New works	...	17,180
Repairs	...	1,910
Other items	...	480
<i>Education—</i>		
Results grants	...	1,200
Contribution to Local Fund	...	450
<i>Sanitation—</i>		
Dispensary	...	4,890
Vaccination	...	120
Registration of births and deaths	...	150
Conservancy	...	6,610
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>		
Lighting	...	1,710
Watering streets, &c.	...	400
Supervision	...	2,080
		37,180
Balance	...	310
		37,490

for 1873-74, as passed by Government. The reasons assigned for the large opening balance are satisfactory and with the explanations contained in the President's letter, the various items of receipts call for no further remark. The allotment for New Works has been increased by Rupees 2,600, by the transfer to that head of the sums entered under Grant IV. on account of lamp-posts and other articles of a permanent character required in connexion with the lighting of the town. The provision for New Works is very large, and the Government trust that no difficulties will arise in the way of the utilization of the allotments such as have occurred in the present year. The resolution to extend the lighting operations is viewed with satisfaction by Government. The provision on other accounts seems adequate. The Budget is passed, and the usual Notification will be issued for the ensuing year, but it is desired that arrangements may be made for the omission of the profession-tax from the Budget for 1874-75.

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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 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 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 Right Honourable the Governor in Council.)

J. Anderton
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram.

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

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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