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No. 204. Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Mangalore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Mangalore, 31st March 1873, No. 162:—

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 32 of the Towns' Improvement Act III. of 1871, I have the honour to submit the Budget-Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure of this Municipality, for the ensuing year 1873-74, in the forms prescribed in G. O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 1648.

2. *Cash Balance.*—The cash balance likely to remain at the close of the current year 1872-73 was calculated at Rupees 150 in the budget of that year; but according to the actual operations of the present year the balance may be computed to be as large as Rupees 10,185, which may be divided, as it should be,

Municipal Fund	...	...	RS.
Endowment "	...	...	700
Total	...	...	10,185

between real Municipal and Endowment Funds, as shown in the margin. This more accurate balance has been adopted in the present budget for the ensuing year. Some explanation may perhaps

be looked for as regards the largeness of the cash balance in comparison with the budget of the year, but I think it would be superfluous to touch upon it here, as the report of the actual operations of the year, which will be due at its approaching close, will supply Government with full information on this, together with other subjects.

3. *RECEIPTS.—Rates and Taxes.*—The estimated receipts of the several taxes amount to Rupees 17,470, being Rupees 330 below the Budget provision of the current year. This is chiefly to be attributed to the probable outstanding balance not being expected to be as large as it was in the beginning of 1872-73.

4. *Tolls.*—These figures represent what the tolls have actually realized at auction, and call for no explanation.

5. *Endowments and sundry Contributions.*—As already remarked several of the voluntary contributors have ceased to pay any subscriptions for the Civil Dispensary, which they justly say should be supported by the Municipality to which it has been transferred by Government as a local institution. It is not improbable that the existing paltry sum in the subscription list will shortly disappear, and the Dispensary wholly rest on the resources of the Municipality.

6. *Contribution from Local Funds.—Hospitals.*—With reference to the concluding part of G. O., dated 10th September 1872, No. 1198, the Local-Fund Board have reduced their contribution towards the Civil Dispensary from Rupees 1,200 in the first, and from Rupees 800 in the second, to Rupees 600 in the current year, which figure has been adopted in the budget now sent. The Dispensary Fund may be summed up as follows:—

	RS.	RS.
Probable balance in favour of the Fund	...	700
Local-Fund contribution	...	600
Private contributions, &c.	...	220
		1,520

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Establishment	21	Rs.
Medicines and supplies	951	
Plot of patients	456	
Sanitation, &c.	809	
	200	
	2,210	
Deficit	650	

This shows that the institution cannot be kept on without encroaching on the municipal funds proper, and the more so when any necessity may exist for spending any money on buildings as already previously stated.

I must here point out that the Government came to the resolution passed on the

above-quoted paragraph of their order, as given in the margin, by mistaking the expenditure given for the year 1871-72, Rupees 996, for expenditure for the whole year, whereas that figure represented the expenditure between November 1871, in which the Civil Dispensary came into the hands of the Municipal Commissioners, and the end of March 1872, or less than five months instead of twelve. Correcting this mistake, my observations in the concluding part of my report marginally quoted, that the Civil Dispensary cannot be maintained without encroaching on the general municipal funds as already stated, stand good, the more so as the voluntary contributions have given way since that letter was addressed to Government. The Commissioners are anxious to receive increased aid from the Local-Fund Board on receipt of fresh orders from Government in modification of those passed, as above shown, under date the 10th September 1872, No. 1198.

7. *Miscellaneous.—Market.*—Two wings of the Municipal Market now under construction may be expected to be ready for use shortly after the commencement of the year under estimate. How far people may take advantage of it cannot be now fairly judged, but from the position of the site upon which it is built it is hoped that it will attract the attention of sellers and buyers, and bring to the Municipality a rent of at least Rupees 300 for the first year.

8. *CHARGES.—Grant I., Public Works.—New Works.—(a), Communications.*—The necessity of metalling a road leading from the Kudravally Nallah to the Hindoo Burning Ground at Bolur, has long been felt and, though foregone so far for want of funds, the Commissioners have admitted in the present budget the probable cost estimated at Rupees 1,650 by the Assistant Engineer of this Range.

The road, if improved, as intended, will be an advantage to the residents of the town generally, as it is not now practicable for wheeled-conveyances, especially during the rainy season.

9. *(c), Sanitary and Miscellaneous.—Latrines.*—The Commissioners propose one latrine next year in addition to the four already undertaken, one of which still remains to be completed. The buildings will conduce to the sanitation of the town. The buildings erected are substantial, and that to be built will be equally so. More buildings of this nature will be undertaken as funds may allow hereafter.

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10. *Gunpowder Magazine.*—The necessity of this was recommended by the Commissioners in their last budget, and the Magistrate of the District was required by the Government to report on the matter. The subject is still under his consideration. The Commissioners have, however, for the present readmitted the proposed expenditure of Rupees 2,000 to be availed of, or given up, as Government may finally resolve upon the expected report of the District Magistrate.

11. *Market.*—A sum of Rupees 4,000 is admitted in the present budget for the construction of the market-house. Out of Rupees 6,000 provided for in the budget of the current year, no more than Rupees 2,580 has been so far spent on the first two wings taken in hand this year. With the amount now estimated it is expected that those two wings will be completed, and a commencement made for the erection of the two others. This building has been fully noticed by Mr. Webster in his letter of the 22nd January 1872, No. 127 (paragraph 8).

12. *2, Repairs.—Travellers' Bungalow.*—A sum of Rupees 1,470 is estimated for repairing the dilapidated roof of the travellers' bungalow at Mangalore and its outhouses, the necessity of which was brought to the notice of Government in my letter of the 17th December 1872, No. 104, in aid of which the Government were pleased to sanction Rupees 650 in their Order, dated 31st January 1873, No. 151. This sum appears on the credit side under the head "7, Miscellaneous, (g) Government contribution on account of the Travellers' Bungalow repairs."

It will be observed here that the present provision of Rupees 1,470 exceeds the amount proposed in my above-quoted letter by Rupees 470. Since addressing it, it has been discovered that the estimate taken by the Commissioners was erroneous. The subject will be separately laid before Government with the view of seeking a proportionate increase in the grant already made.

13. *Grant II., Education.*—The estimated charges under this head are much the same as for the present year.

14. *Grant III., Sanitation and Medical Services.—Establishment.*—The treatment of in-and out-patients having largely increased, as will be perceived by the marginal note, the only Hospital Assistant attached to the Dispensary is reported to be so overburthened with

Number of admissions for 1871-72	4,488
Average number of admissions for the previous four years	3,189
Increase	1,299

work, that, without some relief in the clerical part of his duties, he can scarcely be as useful as could be desired. The Commissioners have, therefore, on the recommendation of the Zillah Surgeon, given an allowance of Rupees 5 monthly, or Rupees 60 per annum, to the person employed to assist him in this respect, and this charge is included in the present budget.

15. *Medicines and supplies.*—The value of medicines indented for the year 1872-73, to be paid for in the ensuing official year, is larger than the actual disbursement of Rupees 145 made in the current year for 1871-72. Hence the increase in the provision under this item.

16. *Grant IV., Miscellaneous Municipal purposes.*—It is in this year that the lighting of the streets in the town has been first undertaken. Twelve lamps have been set up and twelve more are being added.

17. *Item 6.*—Under this head is the time-gun, fired now by the Municipality in consideration of its usefulness to the public in giving the time and announcing to the trade, &c., the coming of steamers.

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18. *Grant V., Supervision and Management.*—The small increase which arises in the establishment, the Commissioners having raised the rate to bill-collectors from 2 to 3 Pies per bill, and to distressment from 2 to 3 per warrant executed by them, such addition being considered necessary for better services.

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1873, No. 693.

RECEIPTS.		rs.	rs.
Balance—			
Municipal	9,485		
Endowment	700		
		10,185	
Rates and Taxes—			
Rates on houses	6,000		
Tax on arts, &c.	8,000		
Tax on vehicles	1,400		
Registration of carts	350		
Tolls	1,020		
Fees	300		
Fines	400		
		17,470	
Endowments, &c.		220	
Local-Fund contribution to Dispensary	600		
Miscellaneous	2,120		
		2,120	
Total		30,595	
EXPENDITURE.		rs.	rs.
Public Works—			
New Works	8,850		
Repairs	4,970		
Other items	1,040		
		14,860	
Education—			
Training Schools	530		
Result Grants	900		
Inspection	530		
		1,960	
Sanitation, &c.—			
Dispensary	2,210		
Vaccination	270		
Registration of births and deaths	170		
Conservancy	5,700		
		8,350	
Miscellaneous—			
Lighting	580		
Markets	120		
Watering streets and avenues	750		
Fire-engines	250		
Time-gun	120		
Travellers' Bungalow	40		
		1,860	
Supervision, &c.	2,370		
Advances and refunds	200		
Balance	995		
Total		30,595	

With his letter above recorded, the President of the Mangalore Municipality submits the estimates for 1872-73, of which an abstract is given in the margin. The explanation given in the covering letter regarding the items of receipts and expenditure, and the Government's information regarding the balance is promised in the annual report for 1872-73.

2. Notwithstanding the information given in paragraph 6 of the President's letter, it does not seem to direct any increase in the contribution to the Dispensary from the Local Fund. According to the present arrangement, the anticipated charge on the Municipality is Rupees 690 and that on the Local Funds Rupees 600—a proportion which does not appear disadvantageous to the Municipality considering the benefits derived from the institution. The Government, however, would be prepared to veto any larger contribution in the event of the Local Fund being inclined to comply with the wishes of the Municipality.

3. With reference to the estimate of Rupees 2,000 for a Gun Magazine, the District Magistrate requested to expedite the report for in G. O., dated 6th April 1873, No. 460, Financial Department. In the meantime the allotment will be made to stand pending report as in the case for 1872-73. The other allotments are for no remark. The Budget is submitted, and the usual notification will be published in the *Fort St. George's Gazette*.

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4. The Profession-tax must be dispensed with in preparing the Budget for 1874-75, and it is desired that this may be done, as far as possible, by a reduction in the expenditure rather than by proposals for an increase in the rates of the other taxes.

NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of Section 38, Act III. of 1871 (The Towns Improvement Act), the Governor in Council authorizes the Municipal Commission for the Town of Mangalore, in the South Canara 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.
- Taxes on carriages, horses, and other animals as described in Schedule to the above Act annexed.
- Fees on the registration of carts.

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

*Acting Under Secretary,
for Chief Secretary.*

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

Ad. J. Wright.

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To THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Mangalore,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 1873.

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G. O., 19th May 1873, No. 698.

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