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No. 31. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 22nd February 1873, No. 7:—

I have the honour to submit the Budget for 1873-74 for the Coonoor Municipality prepared in the prescribed forms.

2. The assets are given at Rupees 8,600 against an income for the current year of Rupees 7,850. The increase is in the following items:—

Balance Rupees 600 against Rupees 200 in 1872-73.

Rupees 175 on house-rates.

Rupees 800 in "Miscellaneous," an item representing the market tolls levied at the market and not in the form of "Tolls" which was the entry on this head in the Budget for 1872-73, and which Government in G. O., 14th May 1872, No. 644, ordered to be entered "Miscellaneous." The decrease is in the following items:—

Rupees 425, tax on vehicles. The Budget on this item is framed on the actuals for the current year.

The proposed total expenditure is Rupees 8,223-8-0, distributed as under:—

Grant I.

	RS.	A.	P.
Educational	312	8	0
Repairs... ..	1,850	0	0
Tools and Plant	100	0	0
Total	2,262	8	0

Grant II.

Results Grants	200	0	0
Inspection	70	0	0
Total	270	0	0

Grant III.

Dispensaries	400	0	0
Vaccination	180	0	0
Registration of Births	60	0	0
Conservancy	2,840	0	0
Total	3,480	0	0

Grant IV.

Lighting	666	0	0
Total	666	0	0

Grant V.

Office	1,150	0	0
Miscellaneous	400	0	0
Total	1,550	0	0

3. The following items require explanation, Rupees 312-8-0; this allotment is one-quarter of a grant of Rupees 1,250 for building a Catholic School at the instance of the Rev. L. DeGelis.

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4. Repairs in 1872-73 were Rupees 600. For 1873-74 the Budget shows Rupees 900, and it includes repair of roads and the expenditure on the water-channel. There is also under this head a sum of Rupees 1,050 made up of Rupees 900 for covering and improving latrines and Rupees 150 for white-washing the chuttrum and market-place.

5. As allotted by Government, conservancy in 1872-73 amounted to Rupees 3,520. The Budget for 1873-74 is Rupees 2,840, or a decrease of Rupees 680. Under the head of Establishment there is an increase of Rupees 120. This sum represents an increase of Rupees 10 to the pay of the Office Manager.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1873, No. 447.

With the foregoing letter the President of the Coonoor Municipality submits

RECEIPTS.		RS.
Balance	...	600
<i>Rates and Taxes—</i>		
Rates on houses	...	2,800
Tax on arts	...	1,550
Tax on vehicles, &c.	...	600
Registration of carts	...	50
Fees	...	50
Fines	...	250
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>		5,300
Sale of sweepings	...	1,200
Other items	...	1,000
		500
Total	...	8,600

EXPENDITURE.		
<i>Public Works—</i>		
New Works	...	...
Repairs	...	1,850
Other items	...	100
<i>Education—</i>		1,950
Results Grant.	...	200
Inspection	...	70
Building Grant	...	312
<i>Sanitation, &c.—</i>		582
Dispensary	...	400
Vaccination	...	180
Registration of Births and Deaths	...	60
Conservancy	...	2,840
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>		3,480
Lighting	...	666
Other items	...	100
Supervision, &c.	...	768
		1,450
Balance	...	8,228
		372
Total	...	8,600

the Budget Estimates for 1873-74. In Budget Statements it is unnecessary to open the Annas and Pies columns. The figures should be given in round numbers only. The variations in the anticipated receipts from those of the current year are satisfactorily explained in the covering letter, and call for no remarks. The amount allotted to new works in the Budget is explained to be one-fourth of a grant of Rupees 1,250 assigned for the building of a Roman Catholic School. As it appears that the building will not be the property of the Municipality, or erected by its agency, the allotment should have appeared under "Education" as a building grant. It has been transferred to the proper heading in the marginal statement. Looking to the small amount of the funds at the disposal of the Commissioners, the Government doubt the propriety of their contributing so largely in aid of a denominational school, and, though they will not at present disallow the item, they must request that the allotment shall not be utilized until a special report on the subject has been submitted and the orders of Government obtained thereon. The report should state the present attendance at the school, the character of the education afforded, and the classes from where the pupils are drawn. The

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contribution of Rupees 400 to the dispensary should be entered under that name in the accounts, and not under Hospitals and Dispensaries, (d) Sundries and Contingencies. The entry for "Rent of Bandypettah" (Rupees 100) should appear under "Miscellaneous," and not under "Supervision and Management." Deducting this amount, the charges under the latter head are still 16·8 per cent. of the gross income of the Municipality, which rate of charge the Commissioners should endeavour to reduce. Pending the receipt of a report on the items objected to, the Budget is passed provisionally, and the usual Notification will issue. It is desired that the profession-tax may be dispensed with from the commencement of the year 1874-75, and the Government trust that it may be possible to do this without materially increasing the house-tax or other existing imposts.

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 Coonoor in the Neilgherry 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.

Taxes on carriages, horses, and other animals as described in Schedule C to the above Act amended.

Fees on the registration of carts.

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

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor.
 „ 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 Boards, Neilgherries.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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The President of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

Ac, de, Coor, 1873

Dated April 4th.

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