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No. 11. Read the following letter from the Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Mannargudi, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vallum, 22nd February 1873, No. 30:—

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646, I have the honour to forward, herewith, in the prescribed forms, the estimates of receipts and disbursement of the Mannargudi Municipality for the year ending 31st March 1874, together with a copy of the letter of the Vice-President on the subject.

2. The receipts of the Municipality are estimated at Rupees 20,150 for the coming year, against Rupees 22,370 in the current year, the difference being caused by the smaller amount of balance that is expected to remain unexpended.

3. Under the head of Endowments, it will be seen that there is a decrease of Rupees 200 in the item of interest on funded capital. This is because a sum of Rupees 5,000 has been set apart for the Tritrapundi Branch Dispensary.

4. The Commissioners have put down in the Budget a sum of Rupees 3,600, as contribution payable to them by the Local Fund Board of the Tanjore Circle for the maintenance of the dispensary under their management. The sum provided for in the Local Fund Budget for this purpose is only Rupees 1,810; but, for the reasons stated in the Vice-President's letter, it is clear that the contribution is insufficient, and a representation has, therefore, been made to the Local Fund Board for an increased contribution.

5. Under the head of New Works, Rupees 1,000 have been allotted for masonry works connected with the water-supply project sanctioned in G. O., dated 20th July 1872, No. 919, and Rupees 2,000 are put down as compensation for lands taken up for that purpose. The Commissioners expect to be able to complete the work before the end of the ensuing year.

6. The other items in the Budget call for no remarks.

From the Vice-President, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Mannargudi, dated Mannargudi, 7th December 1872, No. 99.

In accordance with your letter, No. 318, dated 26th November 1872, I submitted on the 3rd instant the Budget for the official-year 1873-74.

As there are a few items shown therein which call for explanation, I have been desired by the Commissioners to submit the following:—

Rupees 3,600 will be required for the hospital from the Local Fund Boards. As there was a balance in hand at the beginning of the current official year 1872-73 of Rupees 1,300, only 1,810 Rupees were required; but as there will be no balance in hand at the end of the present year, and as the other two sources of income are fixed, viz., Rupees 1,150, interest of funded capital (which capital will be reduced by Rupees 5,000 in favour of Tritrapundi Branch Dispensary) and sales of medicines, and Rupees 1,000, the annual grant to be paid by this

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Municipality as per G. O., No. 436, dated 31st March 1871, this sum ought not to be decreased at present, but rather, if necessary, a portion of the 3,600 Rupees might be paid by the Local Fund Board of Negapatam as well as that of Tanjore, as Magisterial cases and other serious cases of injury and affliction are brought to the Mannargudi Hospital from Tritrapundi and Nannilam Taluqs, which belong to the Negapatam Local Board. The dispensary at Tritrapundi provides not for such cases. All important surgical operations as well as post-mortem examinations have to be brought to the Native Surgeon at Mannargudi; and, with regard to many of the latter which are brought from distant places belonging to the two Local Fund Boards in a state of putrefaction, if steps be not taken to prevent such nuisances being carried along the public roads, we must at least ask Government to provide a dead-house outside the town rather than have such decomposed bodies from time to time laid in the hospital dead-house which is in the centre of the population.

2. Rupees 800, the sum required for repairing the Municipal Office, calls for a remark. There is something so defective about the terrace work of the roof that it leaks all over, though the walls appear to be strong and good. We shall be obliged to expend a considerable sum either to renew the roof and make it water-proof, or to build an upper story. The present roof, though it will not turn the rain, might do as a floor protected by an upper story from the weather, and the increased accommodation would be very acceptable now that part of the office is let as the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry and that records are on the increase. On the other hand, if the roof must be made weather-proof, we are told that the timbers will have to be changed, so that something like Rupees 800 will be needed.

3. A sum of Rupees 750 has been put down for building toll-houses, which are very much required. Considering that we derive the greater part of our income from tolls, and that there is no proper house accommodation to be found near the toll-gates, it is exceedingly desirable that we should build proper and substantial houses or cabins for the protection of toll-collectors. The present temporary huts are simply a disgrace to us. They were never intended to be permanent, and during the late rains they have all, more or less, become untenable. Rupees 750 will not be sufficient to build six, the required number, but three of them may be built during the ensuing year.

4. For lighting we have added Rupees 600. The present lamp-posts are only temporary, being made of common country-wood, and though tarred and set in chunam they fail after a year or two. White-ants eat them, or they begin to rot, and then the wind or the cattle may knock them down. The Commissioners wish to introduce gradually iron posts not so large or costly as those at Tanjore and Negapatam. It is also desirable to add a few lamps to the present number for places insufficiently lighted.

5. The pay of the Overseer is put down at 30 Rupees, instead of 20 Rupees, or rather the Overseer's pay and Road Maistry's pay had been put together, making Rupees 30. It is not, however, the intention of the Commissioners to pay such a salary to the present man, but to try and procure the services of one who can be trusted to look after the channel, and, in fact, as efficient an Overseer as they can possibly get.

No. 12.

ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1873, No. 435.

With his letter above recorded the President of the Mannargudi Municipality submits the Budget Estimates for 1873-74.

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RECEIPTS.		RS.
<i>Assignments—</i>		
Surplus Pound Fund	...	600
Towards pay of Native Surgeon	...	750
<i>Rates and Taxes—</i>		
Rates on houses	...	2,300
Tax on arts, &c.	...	4,100
Tax on vehicles	...	600
Tolls	...	7,000
Fees	...	150
Fines	...	250
		14,400
Dispensary	...	1,150
<i>Local Fund Contribution—</i>		
To dispensary	...	2,850
Miscellaneous	...	400
		2,850
Total	...	20,150

EXPENDITURE.		RS.
<i>Public Works—</i>		
New Works	...	3,750
Repairs	...	2,400
Other items	...	1,274
		7,424
<i>Education—</i>		
Results grants	...	1,100
Inspection	...	400
		1,500
<i>Sanitation, &c.—</i>		
Dispensary	...	5,650
Vaccination	...	126
Registration of births and deaths	...	126
Conservancy	...	1,854
		7,756
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>		
Lighting	...	1,500
Other items	...	420
		1,920
Supervision, &c.	...	1,550
Total	...	20,150

2. The Government having in a recent order sanctioned the payment from Provincial Funds of one-fourth of the salary of the Native Surgeon attached to this dispensary, Rupees 750 is entered in the marginal abstract as an assignment for this purpose.

3. This will reduce the payment required from the Local Fund Board to Rupees 2,850. The Government would have preferred that the Municipality should have obtained the consent of the Local Fund Board before framing their budget, so as to leave no balance available to meet the charge if the amount of contribution be not agreed to, but as good reasons are submitted, and as it appears that in the current year the Local Fund Board were willing to give as much as Rupees 3,500 if it had been required, the items of expenditure entered in the Budget will not be interfered with. From Statement II.-B it appears that eight medical subordinates are employed in the dispensary. Further details should have been given. The Government presume that most of them are mere students drawing stipends.

4. In Statement I. the municipal contribution should not be shown in column 6. The correct entry is Rupees 3,600, composed of Rupees 750 contributed by Government and Rupees 2,850 by the Local Fund Board. This leaves a negative balance of Rupees 1,000, which represents the municipal contribution. With reference to the Vice-President's remark that that contribution has been fixed at Rupees 1,000, the Government would point out that G. O., dated 31st March 1871, No. 436, only contained general instructions for the preparation of the Budget for 1872-73.

5. The Budget is passed as above modified, and the usual Notification will issue. It is desired that the Budget for 1874-75 may be framed without including the profession-tax. The Government would prefer that this should be done, as far as possible, by a reduction in the expenditure rather than by proposals for an increase in the rate of any of the other taxes.

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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 Mannargudi, in the Tanjore 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.

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

[Signature]

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Mannargudi.

- „ 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, Tanjore.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

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Dated April, 1st.

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G. O., 1st April 1873, No. 435.

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Nos. 11-12.

Reviewing the Budget Estimates of the Manargudi Municipality for 1873-74.

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