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No. 5. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Negapatam, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vallam, 22nd February 1873, No. 32 :—

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 23th October 1872, No. 1846, I have the honour to submit, herewith, in the prescribed forms, the Budget-Estimates of Receipts and Disbursements of the Negapatam Municipality for the year ending 31st March 1873.

2. From Statement No. I. it will be observed that the receipts under the head of "Rates and Taxes" have been put down by the Commissioners only as Rupees 38,309 for the coming year, against Rupees 40,910 in the current year. The decrease is owing to the expected falling off of more than Rupees 1,000 in the items of professional tax and tolls. Under the head of Endowments Rupees 3,960 have been entered as the appropriation from the funded capital of the dispensary for the construction of a house for the Apothecary in charge of the dispensary. This appropriation was sanctioned in G. O., dated 4th October 1872, No. 1351, Public Department, and has caused a decrease of Rupees 160 in the amount of interest of the endowment. As soon, however, as the building is finished, it is expected that the deficiency will be made up by the rent paid by the Apothecary. A sum of Rupees 1,420 has been put down as contribution from the Local Funds for the dispensary at Negapatam. This sum is provided for in the Local-Fund Budget of the Negapatam Circle.

3. From Statement No. II., it will be seen that Rupees 6,000 have been allotted for the building of a market. The amount is put down roughly, and no regular estimates and plans are as yet ready for the work. Rupees 1,800 have been allotted for constructing new latrines.

4. In the grant for Education Rupees 950 are allotted for Salary Grants, and Rupees 700 for Results' Grants, while Rupees 350 are put down as contributions to the Local Funds on account of the Educational Inspectorate.

5. The Commissioners are desirous of having a good scheme prepared for the water-supply of the town, which is now very deficient. Government have been pleased in their Order, dated 5th February 1873, No. 163, Public Department, to direct the Range Officer to take the subject in hand and prepare the necessary plans and estimates. No provision has, however, been made by the Commissioners in the budget for this work, because, the subject being a difficult one, it must take some time before a proper scheme is matured and finally adopted.

very until the water-supply scheme has been provided for. It is true that the project is not sufficiently advanced to call for any definite allotment in the present budget, but the work will doubtless be an expensive as well as a most important one, and as large an unallotted balance as possible should be left to accumulate for its execution when the necessary preliminaries have been completed. The other items of expenditure call for no remark, and the budget is passed subject to the above remarks. The usual notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

3. 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 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 Commissioners for the Town of Negapatam, 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.
Taxes on carriages, horses, and other animals as described in Schedule C to
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, Negapatam.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Assessment-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" President of the Local Fund Circle, Negapatam.

Ed. J. Wright.