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No. 18. Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Guntoor, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Masulipatam, 14th March 1873, No. 375 :—

I have the honour to submit the Budget-Estimates of the Guntoor Municipality for 1873-74 :—

2. RECEIPTS.—It is expected the year will open with a balance of Rupees 12,000; but the probable expenditure of the current year deducted from the probable receipts will produce the larger balance of Rupees 13,160.* It is proposed to transfer Rupees 1,092, the amount now in deposit in the Guntoor Bank belonging to the dispensary, to the General Funds of the Municipality, as the Commissioners have resolved to lay it out in building quarters for a Hospital Assistant and a cottage for a lying-in ward.

* Increase Rupees 1,160.

3. It has been proposed to take over the endowment and management of Mr. Wisk's Choultry, and an application to that effect has been separately submitted.

4. The House-tax will be revised shortly, and the expected increase of revenue from this source is taken into account.

5. EXPENDITURE.—The several items of expenditure are as follow :—

Grant I.	... ...	Rupees 15,556
,, II.	... ...	,, 2,752
,, III.	... ...	39,286
,, IV.	... ...	,, 1,994
,, V.	... ...	,, 2,198
Total	...	32,586

6. *Grant I.*—It is proposed to build separate school-rooms† for Mahomedans, Hindus, and other castes, new quarters‡ for a Hospital Assistant, and a cottage§ for a lying-in ward, and to purchase ground for and enclose three‖ separate cemeteries for Mahomedans, Hindus, and goldsmiths. These projects are estimated to cost Rupees 12,840, and an allotment of Rupees 9,500 is made for the purpose.

†	Rupees	6,000
‡	,,	2,630
§	,,	1,180
‖	,,	3,000
		12,840

7. Rupees 400 are put down for tools and plant and contingencies. One per cent. on the estimated expenditure on "New Works" and "Repairs," Rupees 144, ought to be sufficient for tools and plant, to which, adding Rupees 106, which seems ample for contingencies, a saving of Rupees 150 may be effected in the total expenditure.

8. *Grant III.*—The Rupees 6,600, provided in this year's budget for the Red and Black Tanks projects, have not been fully utilized owing to the heavy rains that fell preventing the execution of work in them. No provision has been made for the improvement of these works next year. A calingulah is very much wanted to prevent another accident by the bursting of the Black-Tank bund, which has now burst three times within the last ten years.

9. The other grants call for no remarks.

10. If the corrections proposed in paragraphs 2 and 7 be allowed to stand, the total receipts amount to Rupees 34,087, and expenditure Rupees 32,436, and the balance at the close of the year will consequently be Rupees 1,618.

11. I regret the delay in the submission of these papers. I had to return, for revision, the Budget originally submitted to me, and the amended one has just been received.

(Communications in red ink are made in my office.)

No. 19. Guntur Municipality, 4th June 1873, No. 774.

The following abstract shows the estimates of the Guntoor Municipality for the year 1874-75 compared with those for 1872-73 :—

Revenue.	1872-73.	1874-75.	Charges.	1872-73.	1874-75.
	Rs.	Rs.	Head I.—	Rs.	Rs.
Balance	1,618	18,000	New Works	3,620	12,500
Assessment by Government	350	350	Repairs	5,500	1,900
House-tax	2,000	2,200	Establishment	680	750
Trade-tax	4,500	5,000	Miscellaneous		400
Tax on vehicles	1,000	1,200	Head II.—		
Assessment of carts	300	900	Municipal Schools	900	1,752
Tolls	3,000	7,200	Results Grants	500	600
Fees	800	700	Inspection	100	100
Endowments, &c.	500	440	Miscellaneous		100
Contribution from Local Funds	1,500	1,570	Head III.—		
Miscellaneous	50	447	Dispensaries	2,580	2,076
			Vaccination	120	320
			Registration of births and deaths	180	180
			Conservancy	6,560	6,000
			Head IV.—		
			Lighting	700	1,092
			Market	240	240
			Other purposes	200	602
			Head V.—		
			Office, &c.	1,940	2,193
				24,420	32,580
			Balance	1,550	338
Total	25,550	37,924	Total	25,970	32,918

2. The sum of Rupees 1,092, the amount of funded capital of the dispensary, appropriated for expenditure during the year, should appear as an item of receipt under 5 (a), Hospitals, and not as a part of the opening balance. The alterations made in the President's Office, in the entries in Statement I.-A, are incorrect. The municipal contribution should not appear in column 6, but in column 13 as a deficit balance to be made good from Municipal funds. By this arrangement, the entry in column 6 corresponds with the sum of the assets of the institution as shown in Statement I.

3. The small increase under House-tax is said to be owing to a proposed revision of the assessment, but the larger increase of Rupees 800, under Profession-tax, is not alluded to in the President's letter. Explanation should have been submitted. The other items of receipts differ but little from those of 1872-73, and call for no remarks.

4. The large allotment for New Works appears to be a consequence of the short expenditure in 1871-72 and 1872-1873 having led to the year commencing with a very large balance on hand. The distribution of the amount, as shown in Statement II.-A, and explained in the President's letter, appears unobjectionable in itself; but the attention of the Commissioners is drawn to the remarks made in paragraph 8 of the President's letter on the absence of provision for the improvement of the Black and Red Tanks, as well as to the alterations proposed in paragraphs 2 and 7. The improvement of these tanks has hitherto been considered a work of very great importance, and the Government desire to know the Commissioners' reasons for abandoning it before permitting the money available for New Works to be employed for other purposes. In the meantime the Budget is sanctioned provisionally, and the usual notification issued to authorize the levy of taxes, it being understood that the allotment for New Works is not to be utilized until the orders of Government have been obtained on the report now called for.

5. 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 Commissioners for the Town of Guntoor, in the Kistna 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.

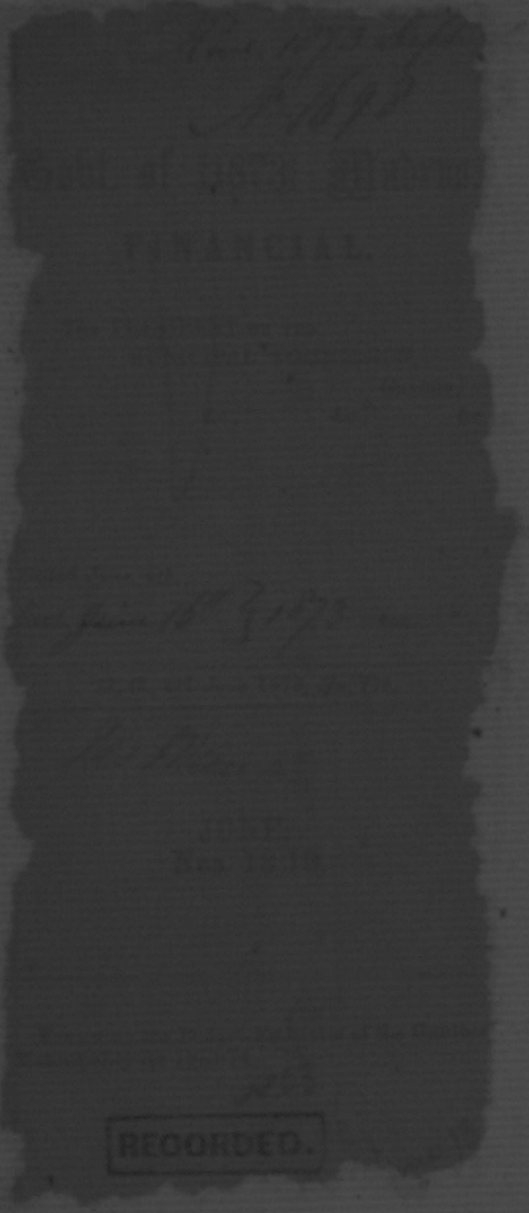
Fees on the registration of carts.

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

Acting Under Secretary,
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