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8th March 1873.

No. 57. Read the following letter from the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 25th January 1873, No. 7:—

I have the honour to submit the Budget Estimates of the Madura Municipality for 1873-74, with copy of a report from the Vice-President, dated 21st January 1873, No. 9.

2. The Commissioners do not propose any alterations in the taxes to be levied. A Draft Notification to be published by Government with reference to Section 38, Act III. of 1871, is enclosed.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Madura, to the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madura, dated Madura, 21st January 1873, No. 9.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Municipal Budget for the year 1873-74.

2. The gross sum available for use during the ensuing year is estimated at Rupees 84,315, which, however, includes the reserve fund of Rupees 17,900 in Government paper. This sum is included from consideration in distributing the charges of the budget, as its primary purpose is the carrying out of the water-project, which as yet is not sufficiently advanced for accurate estimate and submission to Government. Excluding this item, the gross current revenue is estimated at Rupees 66,415. This sum includes the revenues of hospitals and choultry (*vide* Statement No. I.-A), leaving a net Iyen current revenue of Rupees 51,485 derived as shown in the statement.

3. Item 3*e* (Tolls) is estimated at Rupees 22,000, being about Rupees 3,000 below the actual current farm; the contract this year is unusually high, and the contractors usually have difficulty in paying.

4. 5*a*, Rupees 11,780 (Hospitals).—This sum includes Rupees 4,400, being the average revenue of the Civil Dispensary from endowment, &c., the balance of Rupees 7,380 being met by an appropriation from capital of Rupees 5,000 to be devoted to the new buildings, and by a contribution of Rupees 2,380 from municipal income aided by a grant from Local Funds to be devoted to current charges.

5. 7*i* is set down at Rupees 500 instead of Rupees 1,100, on the anticipation that, at least, half the reserve fund will be spent on the new water-project.

6. Nothing in Statement II. calls for notice except the following.

7. Grant I., 1*c*, Rupees 8,450, includes a sum of Rupees 5,000 for the new dispensary building (*vide* Statement II.-A, 1*c*, and G. O., No. 1136, of the 8th October 1872); also a sum of Rupees 1,400 for placing the public clock in position in accordance with the designs furnished by the Government Architect.

8. Grant II. (Education).—A lump sum of Rupees 1,000 has been set down to cover the cost of the beginning of municipal education in addition to the amount paid in results' grants.

9. Grant IV., 1.—The amount allotted for lighting is somewhat higher than that of the current year, as kerosine lamps are being introduced at present to supplement the oil lamps, but hereafter to replace them.

10. The apparent decrease under Grant V., Establishment, is owing to the current year's charges, including the commission given to bill collectors on the collections of the past year.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1873, No. 321.

With the letter above recorded, the President of the Madura Municipality submits the estimated receipts and expenditure for 1873-74. An abstract of the budget as passed by Government is given in the margin. The balance is stated to include a reserve of Rupees 17,900 which is to be kept in hand for a water-supply project now under consideration.

RECEIPTS.

	Rs.
Balance	22,400
Assignments	100
Rates on houses	12,130
Tax on vehicles	2,200
Registration of carts	900
Tolls	22,000
Fees	500
Fines	200
Dispensary	9,400
Choultries	2,450
Travellers' Bungalow	300
Local Fund contribution for Dispensary	1,900
Miscellaneous	9,255
Total ...	83,835

EXPENDITURE.

	Rs.	
Public Works—		
New Works		12,050
Repairs		6,515
Other items		2,200
Education—		
Municipal Schools		1,000
Results' grants		1,200
Contribution to Local Funds Board for inspection		620
Sanitation—		
Dispensary		7,680
Vaccination		440
Registration of births and deaths ...		300
Conservancy		23,816
Miscellaneous—		
Lighting		4,420
Markets		144
Choultries		2,180
Other items		350
Supervision		2,410
Balances—		
Municipal	17,918	
Endowments	592	
		18,510
Total ...		83,835

2. The receipts under the head of Dispensaries are wrongly entered both in Statement I. and in Statement I.-A, owing apparently to the inclusion of an appropriation from municipal funds as a receipt. If this be omitted, a deficit of Rupees 1,380 will appear against the dispensary in Statement I.-A. This is met from municipal funds and forms the municipal contribution for the upkeep of that institution. The sum of Rupees 1,900 contributed by the Local Fund Board should not be included in Statement I., 5 (*a*), Hospitals, but should appear separately under 6 (*c*), Hospitals.

3. In order that the reserve of Rupees 17,900 may be kept intact, a reduction of about Rupees 200 must be made in the estimated expenditure. This may probably be best done by reducing the allotment for the Arappalayam Road from Rupees 2,000 to Rupees 1,800, but it is open to the Commissioners to save the amount on some other new work if they prefer to do so. The dispensary expenditure is shown at Rupees 7,680 in Statement II., and as Rupees 6,780 in Statement I.-A. That given in Statement II. has been accepted in the marginal abstract above given. The detail of the establishment in the municipal schools ought to have been given in Statement II.-B, instead of a lump entry of Rupees 1,000. The contribution for Educational Inspection has been reduced to Rupees 620 to correspond with the entry in the Madura Local Fund Budget. The entry of Rupees 300 opposite Travellers' Bungalow in Column 4, Statement I.-A, headed "Interest or produce of land," is evidently a mistake. The travellers' bungalow having nothing of the nature of an endowment should not appear at all in that statement. By its exclusion the endowment balance is reduced from Rupees 840 to Rupees 592.

3. Many of the errors above pointed out might have been rectified if even the most cursory inspection had been made in the President's Office.

4. In future the estimates should be submitted stitched together in book-form.

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 Madura, in the Madura 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.

Tolls on carriages, carts, and animals entering the municipal limits.

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.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madura.

&c., &c., &c

Dated March, 8th,

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G. O., 8th March 1873, No. 321.

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