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No. 167. Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, North Arcot, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chittoor, 15th March 1873, No. 16:—

In continuation of my letter, No. 9, dated the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to forward, herewith, for the sanction of Government, the Budget-Estimates of Receipts and Disbursements in the Wallajahpett Municipality passed by the Commissioners for the ensuing official year 1873-74.

No. 168. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1873, No. 672.

The following is an abstract of the estimates of the Wallajahpett Municipality for 1873-74 compared with those for 1872-73:—

RECEIPTS.	1872-73. RS.	1873-74. RS.
Opening balance	500	2,000
Rates and Taxes—		
House-tax	1,200	2,000
Trades-tax	2,200	2,220
Tax on vehicles	300	350
Registration of carts ...	500	650
Tolls	4,000	4,500
Fees	70	40
Miscellaneous	530	580
Total ...	9,300	12,340

CHARGES.	1872-73. RS.	1873-74. RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works	2,550	3,548
Repairs	1,200	1,657
Establishment...	240	300
Tools and Plant	50	25
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools	440	624
Results' Grant	250	200
Miscellaneous	70	184
Grant III.—		
Vaccination	120	155
Registration of Births and Deaths	190	197
Conservancy	1,960	2,140
Miscellaneous	...	250
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	380	600
Markets	130	124
Other purposes	340	652
Grant V.—		
Office	1,150	1,154
Miscellaneous	230	530
Total ...	9,300	12,340

2. The estimates should have been accompanied by a covering letter explaining the variations from the estimates of the preceding year. The increase under House-tax appears to be the result of a revised assessment, the Government having remarked in G. O., dated 22nd May 1872, No. 666, that the tax was evidently under-assessed. It is presumed that the large opening balance will be satisfactorily explained in the annual report for 1872-73, column 3. Statements I. and II. should have been filled up with the Budget-Estimates for 1872-73. The larger funds available have enabled the Commissioners to allot about Rupees 1,000 for

New Works in excess of the allotment for last year. The distribution of the amount as shown in Statement II.-A seems judicious. The item of Rupees 200 for widening Ottawadi Street would appear more correctly as a new work than as an item of repair. The other items call for no remark, and the budget is passed as submitted. The usual notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

3. It is desired that the profession-tax may be dispensed with in preparing the Budget for 1874-75, and it is hoped that this may be done rather by a reduction in the expenditure than by proposals for an increase in any of the 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 Wallajahpett, in the North Arcot 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,
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett.
,, 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, North Arcot.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Wallajahpett,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 15th.
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G. O., 15th *May* 1873, *No.* 672.

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