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No. 67. Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 13th December 1872, No. 107 :—

I have the honour to submit the Budget-Estimates of the four* Municipalities in this district for the year 1873-74, together with the covering letters of the respective Vice-Presidents.

* Bellary. Gooty. Adoni. Anantapore.

2. The Bellary Budget requires no remarks. In the Adoni Budget, the contribution of Rupees 6,500 from Local Funds towards the cost of the proposed dispensary should be shown as a portion of the municipal receipts in Statements I. and I.-A.

The allotment of Rupees 9,000, under "Public Works," in Statement II., should also be increased by a like amount. In Statement II.-A, the estimated cost of the work should be exhibited in the estimate column, the amount allotted for 1873-74 being shown in the expenditure column.

In the Gooty Budget, the sum of Rupees 300, allotted for medicines, diets, &c., should be shown distinctly as a contribution to the Munro Chuttrum Dispensary Endowment Fund.

The total of conservancy under Grant III. is entered as Rupees 2,510. It [illegible] Rupees 2,576. Corrections have been made in this budget without being initialled. The attention of the Vice-President has been drawn to this. In the Anantapore Budget, the dispensary charges, exclusive of the amount required for the Public Works in connexion with the same, are calculated to amount to Rupees 512. The Local-Fund contribution, viz, half of these charges, should be entered as Rupees 256. In Statement I.-A, the contribution from Local Funds should be shown as a receipt.

3. I have thought it best to submit the budgets as they are, without making the alterations which I have pointed out as advisable.

From J. A. DAVIES, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated Bellary, 10th December 1872, No. 493.

Agreeably to the Order of Government, dated 31st March 1871, No. 436, I have the honour to submit, herewith, an estimate of receipts and disbursements of the Bellary Municipality for the year 1873-74, framed with reference to the provisions of the Towns' Improvement Act III of 1871.

1. The probable receipts for the period under consideration are estimated at Rupees 74,020 including a balance of Rupees 10,000.

2. Under the head of "New Works, (c) Sanitary Miscellaneous," the Commissioners have allotted Rupees 17,000. Of this sum, 10,000 Rupees is for a new market to be erected in the Cantonment ; the want of such a building has been felt for a long time ; Rupees 3,000 is for a scheme for bringing water to the big tank, by diverting the "Honhully Nullah," the importance of which cannot be over-estimated ; a professional survey of the ground is in process ; and Rupees 3,000 is for the construction of new drains, which are badly required in Bruce Pettah especially.

3. Under Grant I. (c), a sum of Rupees 8,000 has been allotted for repairing and metalling about thirty-four miles of roads and repairing of bridges.

4. Under Grant I. (c), a sum of Rupees 1,000 has been allotted for the repairs of drains and latrines.

5. Under Grant I. (3), Rupees 3,225 has been allotted for establishment, the details of which are shown in Statement II.-B. A staff of coolies and mistries engaged on monthly salaries has been found more economical in repairing roads and cleaning drains than coolies employed by contract hence the large amount shown under this head.

6. Of the sum of Rupees 1,200 under Grant II. (3), the Commissioners have allotted Rupees 600 for the elementary education of the Mahomedan population. The Commissioners have not settled yet whether they will themselves establish two schools for this purpose, or, whether they will give salary grants to the existing pial schoolmasters, but the sum they have set apart will be sufficient to meet the cost of either plan. Of the other 600 Rupees, Rupees 360 is for salary grants to the Roman Catholic lower-class schools, and Rupees 240, a grant in support of a branch girls'-school of the London Mission.

7. Under Grant III. (a), Rupees 1,356 has been allotted for the establishment of the Civil Dispensary; Rupees 120 on account of medicines; Rupees 600 for diet of patients: and Rupees 20 for repairs to the building.

8. Rupees 240 is allotted for the vaccination establishment, and Rupees 100 for fees to vaccinators and to patients, and for lancets, paper, &c.

9. The Registration-of-Births-and-Deaths' Establishment, at a cost of Rupees 432, is accounted for in Statement II.-B. The particulars of Rupees 7,452 for conservancy establishment is also shown in that

10. A sum of Rupees 10,000 has been allotted for cleaning the latrines of Cowle Bazaar, Brace Pettah, and fish-carts for the Cantonment, Fort, and Civil lines. The sweeping and scavenging is done by the establishment of coolies, while the cleaning of latrines is given on contract. The Commissioners propose to reduce the cost of inspection, and add to the strength of the working establishment.

11. Rupees 2,000 has been allotted for removing prickly-pear, and it is proposed to continue the grant year by year till the plant is extirpated.

12. The establishment and repairs of the public travellers' bungalow are estimated to cost Rupees 240.

13. Under Grant IV. (b), Rupees 500 has been allotted for procuring more iron lamp-posts and lanterns, and the cost of lighting these and those at present in use will not be less than Rupees 3,000.

14. Rupees 2,000 is set apart for planting and watering avenue-trees. This year has been a favourable one for planting, so there will be an increase in the cost of watering in the coming year.

15. Under Grant V. (b), the sum of Rupees 3,000 has been allotted for office establishment, this amount being less by Rupees 500 than the budget-estimate for the current year, a few reductions having been made Rupees 500 has been entered for office contingent expenses.

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ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1873, No. 492.

With his letter above recorded, the President of the Bellary Municipality submits the Bellary, Adoni, Anantapore, and Gooty Municipal Budgets for the year 1873-74.

2. BELLARY.—In his covering letter the President states that the Bellary Budget requires no remarks. The Government regret that they are unable to concur. The very large opening balance of Rupees 10,000 clearly requires explanation, as does also the anticipated increase of Rupees 4,000 under house-tax, the decrease of Rupees 3,000 under tax on arts, &c., and the high figure put down for tolls. The entries in the column headed "Probable receipts for the current year" do not do much to clear up the difficulty. The sum of Rupees 100 shown as a miscellaneous contribution from the Local-Fund Board is unaccompanied by any explanation and must be struck out as no corresponding entry appears in the Local-Fund Budget of the Bellary Circle. As Statements I. and II. only refer to current transactions, the funded capital of the dispensary should be shown only in Statement I.-A. The necessary amendment has been made in the marginal abstract which shows the estimates as passed by Government.

	Rs.	Rs.
Receipts.		
Balance—		
Municipal	10,000	
Endowment	...	
		10,000
Assignments—		
Pound fund	100	
Imperial road	4,600	
		4,850
Rates and Taxes—		
Rates on houses	20,000	
Tax on arts	7,400	
Tax on vehicles	8,000	
Registration of carts ...	846	
Tolls	16,000	
Fees	1,000	
Fines	500	
		53,746
Endowment		712
Local-Fund contribution for Dispensary		850
Miscellaneous		440
Total ...		70,598
Expenditure.	Rs.	Rs.
Public Works—		
New Works	17,000	
Repairs	9,000	
Other items	3,128	
		29,128
Education—		
Salary Grants	1,200	
Results' Grants	1,000	
Other items	300	
		2,500
Sanitation, &c.—		
Dispensary	2,585	
Vaccination	400	
Registration of births and deaths	410	
Conservancy	19,752	
		23,178
Miscellaneous—		
Lighting	4,000	
Markets	46	
Avenues	2,000	
Travellers' bungalow ...	240	
		6,286
Supervision		4,196
Refunds		200
		66,088
Balance—		
Municipal		4,510
Total ...		70,598

3. The proposed expenditure on repairs (Rupees 9,000) is very small compared with the amount entered in the budget for 1872-73 (Rupees 21,920). It does not, however, fall much short of the estimated actual expenditure of the year (Rupees 11,000). The allotments for Public Works seem otherwise to have been judiciously selected and call for no further remark beyond an expression of satisfaction with the proposed provision for Mahomedan education. The statements have been somewhat carelessly prepared, for instance the total under Grant II. is shown as Rupees 1,300 instead of Rupees 2,500, and that under Grant III. as Rupees 55,346 instead of Rupees 23,418, while the "grand-total expenditure" appears as "Rupees 200." Travellers' bungalows should appear under "Miscellaneous," not under "Conservancy."

4. ADONI.—The funded capital of the dispensary should not have been shown in Statement I. as a balance but only in the appropriate column of Statement I.-A. The estimated income from Rates and Taxes differs but little from that for the year 1872-73, and the details call for no remark. The sum of Rupees 50 shown in Statement I.-A as realizable by the sale of medicines in the dispensary, and Rupees 176, the amount of interest on funded property, should have been shown under "Endowments, &c." The President points out that Rupees 6,500 should have been shown in Statements I. and I.-A as the Local-Fund contribution for the Dispensary building, but a reference to the Gooty Circle Budget shows only Rupees 5,500 allotted for this purpose. This sum has consequently been accepted in the marginal abstract. Statement I.-A is not correctly prepared. Column 2 is meant for the floating balance and should be left blank where there is none, as Government gather to be the case in the present instance. The municipal contribution should not be included in column 6. The proper entry is Rupees 6,462 composed of the marginally given items.* The entry in column 10 should be Rupees 6,500, the amount which it is proposed to expend on the building in the course of the year. This will give a deficit of Rupees 1,542 which (as the Municipality can afford it) should be met entirely from Municipal funds leaving the funded capital intact to be utilized in 1874-75 for the completion of the building. The Government must point out, however, that the proposed contributions from Municipal, Local, and Dispensary funds aggregate only Rupees 14,000, while the estimated cost of the standard plan which it is proposed to adopt amounts to Rupees 19,750, or at the least Rupees 17,000. It should be carefully considered whether the rates locally prevailing justify so large a reduction in the estimate. The President is in error in supposing that the allotment of Rupees 6,500 is not included in the entry of Rupees 9,000 against Public Works in Statement II. The

RECEIPTS.

	Rs.	Rs.
Rates and Taxes—		
Rates on houses	4,000	
Tax on arts	4,000	
Tax on vehicles	1,800	
Registration of carts	500	
Tolls	2,800	
Fees	160	
Fines	200	
		13,460
Endowments		326
Contribution from Local Funds for Dispensary		6,362
Miscellaneous		90
Total		20,238

EXPENDITURE.

	Rs.	Rs.
Public Works—		
New Works	9,000	
Repairs	429	
Other items	100	
		9,529
Education—		
Schools	932	
Inspection	138	
		1,070
Sanitation, &c.—		
Dispensary establishment	1,724	
Registration of births and deaths	250	
Conservancy	120	
	2,764	
		4,858
Miscellaneous—		
Lighting	720	
Other items	300	
		1,020
Supervision		2,109
		18,586
Balance—		
Municipal		1,652
Total		20,238

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	Rs.
Subscription	100
Local-Fund contribution for general expenses	862
Do. for buildings	5,500
Total	6,462

abstract submitted with reference to G.O., dated 15th December 1871, No. 1854, is not correctly prepared. The column headed "Regular" should contain a revised estimate for the current year based on the actuals of the first eight months of the current year and the last four months of the preceding. The Government note the provision made for the establishment of a school for the Mahomedan population.

5. ANANTAPORE.—The new valuation of the houses appears to have had the effect of raising the estimates to Rupees 1,100 against Rupees 570 shown in the budget for 1872-73. The Commissioners propose to introduce the tax on professions, the levy of which was decided on last year but subsequently abandoned, as it appeared that the income from other sources was sufficient to meet all demands, and they also request permission to continue the levy of tolls at half rates. The Government have resolved not to allow the introduction of the Profession tax in any Municipality in which it has not hitherto been in force, but under the circumstances they will not insist on any reduction in the rates of toll now levied. In the original abstract the budget has been balanced by reducing the grant for New Works, but it is open to the Commissioners to effect the necessary saving under any other head. The exemption of pot-makers from the payment of a license-fee is sanctioned in accordance with the request of the petitioners, but the Government have no authority to exempt any animal or class of animals from the operation of the tax on vehicles, animals, &c., and it is, therefore, unnecessary to consider the expediency of the proposal that no such tax should be levied on male buffaloes. It is, however, within the competence of the Commissioners to exempt individuals from liability to the tax on the score of poverty.

RECEIPTS.			
Balances—		RS.	
Municipal		690	
Rates and Taxes—			
Rates on houses	1,100		
Tax on vehicles	450		
Registration of carts	220		
Tolls	3,500		
Fees	90		
Fines	50		
		5,410	
Endowments		100	
Local-Fund contribution for Dispensary		515	
Miscellaneous		405	
Total ...		7,120	
EXPENDITURE.			
Grant I.—	RS.	RS.	
New Works	390		
Repairs	250		
Other items	[illegible]		
		810	
Grant II.—			
Schools	922		
Inspection	138		
		1,060	
Grant III.—			
Dispensary	592		
Vaccination	150		
Registration of births and deaths	144		
Conservancy	2,134		
		3,020	
Miscellaneous—			
Lighting	720		
Choultries	200		
Other items	160		
		1,080	
Supervision		1,150	
Total ...		7,120	

6. The President proposes a reduction in the amount to be contributed by the Local-Fund Board on account of the Dispensary, and such reduction will doubtless be in accordance with the view expressed by Government in reviewing the budget of the current year; but, as a sum of Rupees 520 has been entered in the Circle Budget, the entry will be allowed to stand. The Municipality and Local-Fund

Board should communicate with each other on the subject if they have not already done so. The amount should appear in Column 6, Statement I.-A. From a note in the remark column of that statement it appears that it is intended to add the interest to the funded capital. The amount (Rupees 80) should, however, appear as a receipt under "Endowments" in Statement I., and as a charge in Statement II. under Grant III. (1), "Hospitals." The last column in Statements I. and II. should have been filled up from the current-year's budget. The Government observe that here as in Bellary and Adoni it is proposed to provide for the education of the children of the Mahomedan inhabitants of the town.

7. Gooty.—The estimates for this Municipality appear to have been almost quite correctly prepared, and the few errors and deficiencies having been pointed out by the President it is unnecessary to repeat them here. The last column of Statements I. and II. should, however, have been filled up with the amounts shown in the sanctioned budget of the current year. The allotments for expenditure appear unobjectionable. The attention of the Director of Public Instruction is called to the Vice-President's remark regarding the difficulties in the way of the inspection of schools in which education is imparted in Hindustani. It should be reported whether the schools are intended for elementary education only.

8. The budgets are passed as above modified, and the usual notifications will issue.

Receipts.	Rs.	Rs.
Balances—		
Municipal	80	
Assignments—		
Surplus Pound Fund	250	
Rates and Taxes—		
Rates on houses	1,400	
Tax on arts, &c.	1,050	
Tax on vehicles ... ...—...	500	
Registration of carts	250	
Tolls	3,200	
Fines	100	
		6,500
School-fees		250
Contribution from Local Fund for Roads		600
Miscellaneous		100
Total ...		7,780

Expenditure.	Rs.	Rs.
Public Works—		
New Works	900	
Repairs	350	
Other items	60	
		1,310
Education—		
Schools	1,000	
Inspection	140	
		1,140
Sanitation, &c.—		
Contribution to Munro Chuttrum	300	
Vaccination	150	
Conservancy	2,576	
		3,026
Miscellaneous—		
Lighting	780	
Other items	280	
		1,060
Supervision, &c.		960
		7,496
Balance		284
Total ...		7,780

Notifications.

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 Bellary, in the Bellary 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.

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 Adoni, in the Bellary 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.

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 Anantapore, in the Bellary 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 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.

Under the provisions of Section 38, of Act III. of 1871 (The Towns' Improvement Act), the Governor in Council authorizes the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Gooty, in the Bellary 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.

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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, Bellary.
" 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 Board, Bellary.

Ed. J. Wright.

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To

The PRESIDENT of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Bellary.

&c, &c, &c

Dated April, 10th.

Recd. May 7th 1873.

G. O., 10th April 1873, No. 492.

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