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No. 134. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 15th December 1873, No. 40:—

I have the honour to forward, herewith, the estimate of the Coimbatore Municipality for the next official year.

2. The only items for remark, under receipts from "House-tax" and "Endowments," are the decrease of receipts from "Taxes on Vehicles," "Sundry Contributions," "Carts" and "Tolls."

3. The increase under the head of "House-tax" is owing to the extension of the municipal limits, by which the village of Pullapolliem has been incorporated; the increase anticipated being Rupees 650; an increase of Rupees 700 under "Endowments and sundry contributions" is also anticipated, as Government in their Proceedings, dated 14th May 1873, No. 667, have agreed to contribute one-fourth of the sum expended towards the pay of an Apothecary and Assistant.

4. The decrease in RECEIPTS, under the heads "Taxes on Vehicles," "Registration of Carts," and "Tolls," is due to the extension of the Railway to Mettapolliem; the former traffic between Coimbatore and Mettapolliem, and the former station and Pothanore, being now entirely carried by the Railway.

5. Under EXPENDITURE the points noted are the decrease under heads "New Works" and "Conservancy Establishment." Increase under "Hospitals and Dispensaries," "Lighting," and "Supervision and Management."

6. The sum of Rupees 1,200 has been allotted for "New Works," against Rupees 2,100 in last year. Under the

Store-room and kitchen to hospital	...	RS. 500	head of "Repairs," an increase of Rupees
Two latrines	...	500	1,000 is shown, as the repair of all the
Embanking tank	...	200	roads is intended. There are 9½ miles

of main streets, and 4½ secondary, the cost of which has been estimated at Rupees 250 and 100 per mile, respectively.

7. A nominal decrease in expenditure of Rupees 1,704 under the head "Conservancy Establishment" is due to the transfer of the Superintendent to the Office Establishment as Manager, and to other changes, by which some reductions in the lower grades have been made.

8. An increase of Rupees 823 in the Hospital Establishment is considered necessary, as the late staff of Assistants was insufficient. The services of an Apothecary on Rupees 120 have been secured, and it is intended to appoint an Assistant also.

9. There is an increase of Rupees 460 in the Lighting.

10. The transfer from Conservancy to the Manager's pay, at Rupees 1,000, explains the increase under Supervision, and the salary of the bill collector has also been increased from Rupees 8 to 9.

11. There are no other items in the estimate which call for special notice, though slight variations may be seen, as under the heads "Watering streets and planting avenues," "Lungherkhana," &c.

12. As in last Budget Rupees 1,000 have been provided for "Results Grants," the Commissioners consider that this sum is as much as can fairly be allotted, in

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in consequence of other more pressing demands which they have to meet for sanitary and other works.

13. A contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection has been made for Rupees 250 to the Local Fund Board have allotted that sum to their Budget for 1874-75. The Government having undertaken to provide for the Inspector of Schools and other establishments from the Local Board hereafter.

No. 135. ORDER IN COUNCIL, 13th March 1874, No. 432.

The following abstract shows the estimates of the Coimbatore Municipality for the year 1874-75, compared with those for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1873-74.	1874-75.		1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	1,900	...	Grant I.—		
Assignments by Government ...	...	111	New Works—		
Tax on Houses ...	8,750	9,400	Communications ...	100	200
Tax on Vehicles ...	1,700	1,400	Buildings ...	2,100	1,000
Registration of Carts ...	1,600	1,300	Repairs—		
Tolls ...	7,500	7,500	Communications ...	1,900	2,900
Fees ...	500	...	Buildings ...	445	402
Fines ...	150	160	Establishment ...	1,572	1,392
Endowments ...	2,970	3,300	Tools and Plant ...	100	100
Contribution from Local Funds ...	900	1,000	Grant II.—		
Miscellaneous ...	2,400	3,050	Results Grants ...	1,000	1,000
			Contribution for Inspection ...	250	100
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals and Dispensaries ...	2,852	3,680
			Vaccination ...	169	190
			Registration of Births and Deaths ...	244	240
			Conservancy ...	9,913	8,214
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting ...	1,280	1,740
			Miscellaneous ...	2,430	2,970
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision ...	1,896	3,080
			Balance ...	2,260	306
			Total ...	28,516	27,604

2. It is observed that the increased estimate under "Rates on Houses, &c.," is owing to the extended boundaries of the Municipality. A reduction in the estimated receipts from Tolls, on account of the extension of the Railway to Mettupalaiam, is alluded to in paragraph 4 of the President's letter; but it appears that a reduction was made to Rupees 7,500 in the current year's estimates, and that figure has been repeated in the Budget Statements now submitted for 1874-75. As the travellers' bungalow is not an endowed institution, it finds no proper place in Statement II.-A.

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3. The explanations regarding the various allotments for expenditure are generally satisfactory, but the Government cannot admit that there can be any more pressing demand on a Municipality than a due provision for elementary education, and the budget must be adjusted so as to permit of the allotment for that purpose being increased if such a step be found necessary in order to give full effect to the spirit of the instructions conveyed by the Government's Order of 8th November 1873, No. 1626.

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 Coimbatore, in the Coimbatore District, to levy the following rates and taxes:—

- 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.)

[Signature]
Acting Chief Secretary.

- To the President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore.
- Public Works Department.
 - Revenue Department. ✓
 - Board of Revenue.
 - Accountant-General.
 - Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
 - Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 - Director of Public Instruction.
 - President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore.

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