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25th April 1874.

Read the following papers:—

No. 238. From J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trichinopoly, 7th March 1874, No. 82:—

Herein I have the honour to enclose the Budget Estimates of this Municipality for the official year 1874-75.

2. In consequence of the abolition of the tax on arts, trades, and professions the amount available for *new* works is very much reduced and the Commissioners have been reluctantly compelled to abandon all idea of converting that part of the Nawab's palace called "Mangummaul's Hall" into an office; but, even excluding the sum that would have been required for that purpose, the amount available for public works is only about Rupees 5,000, whereas the following sums are urgently required to complete the great sanitary work of levelling the old fort walls and filling in the moat:—

	Rs.
(1.) Drain to carry off the water on the north side	5,000
(2.) Completing northern Boulevard and excavating a tank (about)...	5,000
(3.) Do. north-western do.	2,000
(4.) Planting the ... ole	1,000
(5.) Metalling east and west Boulevard	3,000
Total...	16,900

3. In addition to these most urgently-required works the Commissioners will be compelled to build several more latrines and must increase the fort market considerably if the bye-law referred to Government in my letter, No. 78, dated 5th February 1874, and another now under consideration are passed.

4. The new works entered in the Budget are simply indispensable, and even when they are completed they will leave the great moat Reclamation Scheme in a most unsatisfactory condition; but to enable them to carry out even these partial improvements the Commissioners have been compelled to propose an increase of twenty-five per cent. to the house-tax, thus reimposing taxation to the amount of about Rupees 3,500 out of the Rupees 10,000 remitted by Government.

5. Even then it is obvious that the question of a supply of pure drinking water and an efficient system of drainage must be indefinitely postponed; and (speaking for myself alone) I should strongly recommend that the house-tax might be raised to 7½ per cent. on the rental until the surroundings of the town have been got into a more sanitary condition.

No. 242. ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1874, No. 692.

The Budget Estimates of the Trichinopoly Municipality for 1874-75 are compared below with those for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.	1873-74. RS.	1874-75. RS.
Balance	5,000	3,250
Assignments	1,138	1,138
Rates on Houses	16,500	19,250
Tax on Arts	12,200	1,000
Tax on Vehicles	5,600	6,000
Registration of Carts	1,700	1,802
Tolls	21,685	15,000
Fees	980	1,180
Fines	700	600
Endowments, &c.	1,800	1,600
Local Fund contribution to Dispensary	860	860
Markets	8,107	8,500
Slaughter-houses	950	710
Miscellaneous	1,170	1,750
Total ...	78,390	62,670

CHARGES.	1873-74. RS.	1874-75. RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works—		
Communications	2,000	2,000
Buildings	18,844	1,500
Repairs—		
Communications	9,000	8,000
Miscellaneous	2,000	1,326
Establishment	3,876	7,014
Other items	500	500
Grant II.—		
Salary Grants	561	609
Results Grants	609	551
Inspection	170	150
Grant III.—		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	4,910	3,930
Vaccination	1,000	700
Registration of Births and Deaths	500	384
Conservancy	17,500	17,926
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	4,600	6,000
Markets	1,500	1,660
Slaughter-house	400	350
Watering Streets and Avenues	4,000	3,650
Travellers' Bungalows ...	300	220
Other items	1,300	2,400
Grant V.—		
Supervision	4,600	3,800
Balance	220	...
Total ...	78,390	62,670

2. The falling off of Rupees 15,720 in the estimated receipts is due chiefly to the abolition of the profession-tax and to the proposal to hand over the tolls to the Local Fund Board, one-half of the collections being received as the Municipal share. The Government have already intimated their desire to learn more fully the wishes of the Municipal Commissioners before sanctioning this arrangement as a permanency, but have permitted its adoption in the year 1874-75 as the alternative suggestion of the construction and maintenance of a loop-line by which through traffic would escape untolled would not be likely to lead to any great enhancement of the revenue as now estimated. It has been found absolutely necessary to raise the rate of the house-tax from five to 6¼ per cent., and the President considers that it should be raised to the maximum of 7½ per cent. on the annual rental. He should submit his views to the Municipal Commissioners for discussion if he has not already done so.

3. The Commissioners do not seem to have seen their way to any material reduction in the annually recurring expenditure of the Municipality, and the allotment for New Works is consequently only Rupees 3,500 against Rupees 20,844 in the current year. Application should, therefore, be made for a loan for the reclamation of the moat and for any other great sanitary work which the Commissioners may desire to carry out. The decrease of Rupees 1,674 in the allotment for repairs is only nominal as it is accompanied by an increase of Rupees 2,660 in the provision for "coolies" under Public Works Establishment. This point should receive the attention of the Commissioners. The provision for education is very meagre and should be reconsidered. The allotment for watering streets seems extravagant, and the Government cannot understand the necessity of retaining a permanent gang of thirty-eight coolies for this purpose in addition to the 116 men which it is proposed to employ permanently for road repairs. The reduction in the cost of supervision is satisfactory, and subject to the remarks above made the Budget is passed as submitted.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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

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To

The PRESIDENT of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

Trichinopoly,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 25th.

Read May 13th

G. O., 25th April 1874, No. [illegible]

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