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No. 278. Read the following letter from H. SEWELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 17th March 1874, No. 46 :—

In continuation of my letter, No. 35, dated the 10th instant, I have the honour to submit a revised Budget for the Adoni Municipality, omitting the Profession-tax.

From C. RAGHAVA ROW, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector and ex-officio President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni, dated Adoni, 2nd December 1873, No. 90.

I beg to forward, herewith, the Budget Estimate of receipts and charges of this Municipality for the ensuing official year.

2. The balance of Rupees 9,904 in Statement I. includes the Dispensary fund Rupees 4,404, and the Gooty Local Fund Board's contribution Rupees 5,500, towards the erection of a new Dispensary promised by them and included in the last year's Budget. This sum is in the hands of the Local Fund Board, and the Commissioners propose to ask for it when the building will be commenced.

3. The sum of Rupees 100 entered under "5, Endowments, &c.," is the amount of annual donation to the Dispensary from Messrs. Dymes' Cotton Press for the free use of medicines to their establishment.

4. The Rupees 390 under "6, Contributions from Local Funds" is the amount promised by the Gooty Circle Board for the maintenance of their roads within the Municipality, as per the G.O., No. 1179, of the 20th August last, and Rupees 1,944 under (c) Miscellaneous includes the Rupees 1,000 which that Board would add to their contribution towards the expenses of a new dispensary here, as intimated in your docket, No. 83, of 27th June last, and Rupees 944, being the moiety of the current expenses of that institution, as conveyed in their Resolution 2 of 25th July 1872, and in your docket, No. 95, of 31st idem.

5. Rupees 3,860 are provided under Grant I., New Works (a), for the improvement of the roads in the town, and a great portion of it is proposed to be spent for extending the bazaar road from the Jumma Musjid towards the north. This amount is barely sufficient to meet the compensation that we shall have to pay for such houses as we may have to remove in widening the road, but the Commissioners hope to complete it gradually and by yearly grants.

6. Under "(c) Sanitary and Miscellaneous," the sum of Rupees 13,000 is provided for the erection of a new dispensary. This includes Rupees 6,500 from the Local Fund alluded to in the preceding second and fourth paragraphs, and Rupees 4,404 from the Dispensary Fund, and Rupees 2,096 to be laid out from the municipal funds. The Commissioners desire to have a building on the standard plan, and propose to meet the cost by yearly grants, as a moiety of it will be borne by the Circle Board.

7. Last year we spent Rupees 39-8-0 under the Result Grant system for education. We have provided Rupees 100 for the next year under "Grant II., Education."

8. With a view of improving the lighting in the town, in which it is very deficient, we have allotted Rupees 1,000 under "Grant IV." for the purchase of lamp-posts and lanterns, as many of the latter now in use are broken and otherwise damaged.

9. The other items appear to call for no explanation.

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No. 280. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1874, No. 711.

The Adoni Municipal Budget as originally submitted included the Profession-tax as a source of income. On a telegram being sent a revised Budget was sent in omitting that tax, and though no resolution of the Commissioners or covering letter accompanied the revised Budget, it appears from the note to Statement I. that it is proposed to raise the rate on houses from six to 7½ per cent. The subjoined table is an abstract of the revised Budget as compared with that for 1873-74:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1873-74.	1874-75.		1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	...	9,901	Grant I.—		
Rate on Houses ...	4,000	5,500	New Works—		
Tax on Arts ...	4,000	...	Communications ...	2,500	...
Tax on Vehicles ...	1,800	1,500	Buildings ...	6,500	13,000
Registration of Carts ...	500	500	Repairs—		
Tolls ...	2,800	2,800	Communications }	429	{516
Fees ...	160	300	Buildings }	100	{150
Fines ...	200	210	Other Items ...	...	50
Endowments... ..	326	...	Grant II.—		
Contribution from Local			Municipal Schools ...	932	1,156
Funds	6,362	2,241	Inspection	133	...
Miscellaneous	90	111	Results Grants ...	...	160
Advance recoverable ...	...	100	Grant III.—		
			Hospitals	1,724	1,888
			Vaccination	250	150
			Registration of Births	120	120
			and Deaths	2,764	3,155
			Conservancy	...	...
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	720	800
			Other purposes ...	300	300
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision... ..	2,109	1,755
			Balance	1,652	...
Total ...	20,238	23,172	Total ...	20,238	23,172

2. The entry of Rupees 9,901 as Endowment Fund opening balance is a mistake, as it consists of Rupees 4,101 to be appropriated from the capital of the institution during the year, and Rupees 5,500 promised by the Local Fund Board for 1873-74, but to be paid in 1874-75. As, however, the amount should appear as an endowment receipt for the year the total is not affected. In Statement I.-A there is an entry of Rupees 176 as interest on the funded capital which does not appear in Statement I., but as the capital is to be appropriated during the year it seems doubtful whether the interest will be realizable in full. In the revised Statement I. also a hospital receipt of Rupees 100, under 5 (a) has been omitted, though it still finds a place in the revised Statement I.-A. The incorrect manner in which Statement I.-A was prepared, was noticed in the order on the Budget for 1873-74, and the President will be good enough in future to see that all necessary corrections are made before the statements are sent on to Government.

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	RS.
Reduction in allotment for New Works	2,500
Miscellaneous Public Works items	50
Inspection	133
Vaccination	100
Supervision	354
Balance	1,652
	4,794

Deduct increased allotments for—		RS.
Repairs to Roads	...	117
to Buildings	...	150
Schools	...	226
Result Grants	...	100
Municipal aid to Dispensary	...	1,454
Conservancy	...	391
Lighting	...	80
Balance	...	2,518
		2,276

	RS.
* Dispensary deficit made good by Municipality	2,990
Moiety of current expenses	994
Municipal aid to building	1,996

3. The total revenue for the year is estimated at Rupees 23,172 against Rupees 20,238 in 1873-74; but if endowment receipts be omitted the municipal revenue proper appears at Rupees 11,274 against Rupees 13,550, being a reduction of Rupees 2,276. The manner in which the Budget has been adjusted is shown in the margin, expenditure from endowment funds being omitted. The amount expected to be realized by the increased taxation, viz., Rupees 1,500, under Rates on Houses, is really devoted in full to the erection of the new Dispensary; but as the Local Fund Board have promised so liberal a contribution to the same object (Rupees 6,500) it is only fair that the Municipality should bear a proportion of the expense, and the proposed increased taxation is sanctioned accordingly.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni.
 .. Public Works Department.
 .. Revenue Department.
 .. Board of Revenue.
 .. Accountant-General.
 .. Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
 .. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 .. Director of Public Instruction.
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Exd. J. Wright.

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