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No. 344. Read the following letter from the Hon. D. ARBUTHNOTT, President of the Municipal Commission, Mannargudi, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vallam, 20th February 1874, No. 23:—

With reference to Section 32 of the Towns Improvement Act III. of 1871, I have the honour to forward, herewith, the Budget Estimates of receipts and expenditure of the Mannargudi Municipality for the year 1874-75, in the forms prescribed in G.O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646.

2. A memorandum is herewith enclosed furnishing full explanation regarding the variations that are anticipated in the Budget.

Memorandum furnishing Explanation for the Variations in the several items of Receipts and Expenditure.

RECEIPTS.—Under the G.O., dated 9th May 1873, No. 614, one-half only of the collections from Pound Funds are to be credited to the Municipality; the receipt therefore from this item is entered as Rupees 200, being one-half of the whole income, viz., Rupees 400.

The Tax on Professions and Arts having been abolished, the receipt from this source is nil, another result of abolition being a decrease of Rupees 100 in the receipt from the Magisterial fines as the number of prosecutions will proportionately fall low.

Rupees 3,910 have been sanctioned by the Local Fund Board for the Hospital, viz., Rupees 2,100 above the ordinary amount of contribution. But as Rupees 1,040 were overpaid during the last year on special demand, the net increase on this head is only Rupees 1,060.

Miscellaneous items.—Several avenue trees (Punnaam) were felled in the year 1873-74 in order to give room for the plantation of cocoa trees, in consequence of which there is a decrease of Rupees 90 in the receipt from avenues.

The variations in the other items are too insignificant to require explanation.

EXPENDITURE.—*Grant* I., *Public Works, New Works.*—The water-project scheme is completed; no new work is proposed. But the compensation for the lands taken up for the water-project channel not having been disbursed last year owing to want of funds, a sum of Rupees 2,000 is required in this year on that account.

Repairs.—For the repair of roads a less sum than last year is entered, as the total receipts of the institution have fallen low. The hospital building is proposed to be repaired in this year at a cost of Rupees 2,100.

The proposed revision of the establishment entails an increase of Rupees 108, owing to increase of pay being allowed to the Overseer whose work has largely been added to by his superintendence of the new water channel. This year his pay was disbursed from the allotment for the water project which he superintended.

Grant II., *Education.*—The estimated payment for Result Grants during last year being likely to leave a surplus, the amount under this head has been lowered.

About three-twentieths only of the charges of Inspectorate is now entered, as per suggestion from Local Fund Board.

Grant III., *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—Rupees 500 is lowered in the expenditure of the hospital, corresponding to the fall in the receipts of the Municipality.

The scavenging carts chiefly used to remove the dry leaves of Poorsa trees in the town. Most of them having since been felled on account of plantations of cocoanut trees, the carts were reduced from five to three which will effect a saving of Rupees 325.

Grant IV., *Lighting.*—The high figure in this item during last year was owing to a provision having been made for the purchase of lamp-posts. In the plantation of cocoa plants Rupees 140 have to be increased as some watchmen have to be appointed to water them.

Grant V.—The alteration in the establishment from the abolition of professional tax has effected a saving of about Rupees 150.

Other items require no explanation.

VALLAM,
20th February 1874.

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
President.

No. 347. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1874, No. 743.

The subjoined abstract shows the Budget Estimates of the Mannargudi Municipality for the year 1874-75 compared with those for 1873-74 :—

RECEIPTS.	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Balance	...	75
Assignment by Government...	1,350	950
Rate on Houses	2,300	2,300
Tax on Arts	4,100	...
Tax on Vehicles	600	600
Tolls	7,000	7,000
Fees	150	150
Fines	250	150
Dispensary	1,150	1,142
Contribution from Local Funds	2,850	3,010
Miscellaneous	400	473
Total	20,150	16,750

CHARGES.	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Grant I..		
New Works—		
Communications		
Buildings	1,750	...
Compensation for lands taken up for water supply	2,000	2,000
Repairs—		
Communications	1,000	700
Miscellaneous	1,400	2,350
Other items	1,274	1,357
Grant II.—		
Results Grants	1,100	800
Inspection...	400	60
Grant III.—		
Hospitals and Dispensaries.	5,650	5,158
Vaccination	126	126
Registration of Births and Deaths	126	126
Conservancy	1,854	1,207
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	1,500	890
Watering streets, &c... ...	360	500
Other items	60	50
Grant V.—		
Supervision, &c.	1,550	1,426
Total ...	20,150	16,750

2. The falling off of Rupees 3,400 in the estimated receipts is more than accounted for by the loss of the Profession-tax, and no remarks are called for in detail. It is observed, however, that tolls are expected to produce more than forty per cent. of the whole revenue of the Municipality, and as the serious attention of Government has recently been attracted to the manner in which the traffic of the country is being made use of for the support of the towns through which it incidentally passes, the Municipality must be prepared for the adoption of measures which will lead to a considerable diminution in their income from that source.

3. The water-supply scheme having been completed, no outlay is proposed under the head of "New Works" with the exception of a sum of Rupees 2,000 to meet outstanding claims on account of compensation; but owing to increased allotments under "Repairs" and "Establishments," the saving under "Public Works" amounts to only Rupees 1,017, and the additional saving required by the abolition of the Profession-tax, is judiciously distributed throughout the annually-recurring expenditure of the Municipality as shown in the marginal statement.

	RS.
Results Grants	300
Inspection	340
Dispensary	492
Conservancy	647
Lighting	610
Supervision	124
Miscellaneous	10
Total ...	2,523
Deduct increase in watering streets, &c.	140
	2,383
Add Public Works, saving	1,017
Total ...	3,400

4. The Commissioners appear from past experience to have good grounds for believing the reduction in the allotment for Results Grants to be justifiable, but the Government must stipulate for the provision being increased, should it appear during the year that the amount now allotted will not suffice to meet all legitimately-earned claims.

5. Subject to the above remarks the Budget is passed as submitted.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Mannargudi,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 30th.

Recd. 21st May. *Encl.*

G.O., 30th April 1874, No. 743.

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