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No. 20. Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 24th March 1874, No. 25:—

I have the honour to submit the Budget Estimate of the Coonoor Municipality for 1874-75 prepared in the prescribed forms.

2. The assets are given at Rupees 10,290 against an income in the current year of Rupees 7,500. This enhancement is due primarily to the improving condition of the place. The items of special increase are under the head "Miscellaneous," that is to say, the Market and Slaughtering Fees and the Sale of Sweepings. The increments in the income proper of the Municipality shown in the Budget Estimate would of themselves make the income 8,225 Rupees against 7,500 Rupees in the current year. The difference between the income derivable from the taxes and the actual income in the coming year arises from a grant of 2,065 Rupees for the Coonoor roads made by the Local Fund Board.

3. The expenditure proposed is Rupees 10,240, and it is distributed as under:—

Grant I.—	RS.	RS.
New Works	750	
Repairs	3,550	
Tools and Plant	100	
		4,400
Grant II.—		
Results Grant	100	
Inspection	50	
		150
Grant III.—		
Dispensaries	400	
Vaccination	180	
Registration of Births	60	
Conservancy	2,810	
		3,480
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	660	
Rent, Bandypettah	100	
		760
Grant V.—		
Office	1,150	
Miscellaneous	300	
		1,450
Grand Total		10,240

New Works.—The drainage of the station roads will be completed with a further expenditure of 250 Rupees, when 2,500 Rupees will have been spent on the entire scheme. New latrines will be erected at a cost of Rupees 500.

Repairs.—One hundred and four miles of the road between Coonoor and Ootacamund, at 275 Rupees a-mile, absorb 1,100 Rupees. Repairs to the Lady Canning's Seat and Lamb's Rock Road absorb Rupees 660, and repairs to the Coonoor station roads at the usual sum of Rupees 880 a-mile. The miscellaneous repairs are budgeted for at 1,000 Rupees against 1,050 Rupees in the current year.

Grant II.—The Results grant is budgeted at 100 Rupees, the actuals of the current year being Rupees 78. The item for inspection is of the usual amount.

4. The expenditure under Grant III. is taken at the actuals of the current year.

5. There is a difference of 100 Rupees in the Budget Estimate under Grant IV. and the amount budgeted in the current year. This is due to the rent of the Bandypettah, which last year appeared under Grant V., having been transferred to Grant IV. in the present Budget in accordance with G. O. on the past Budget dated 4th April 1873, No. 447, Financial Department.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1874, No. 735.

The estimates of the Coonoor Municipality for 1874-75 are compared below with those for 1873-74:—

RECEIPTS.	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	600	300
Rate on Houses	2,800	2,730
Tax on Arts (Arrears) ...	1,550	50
Tax on Vehicles	600	720
Registration of Carts ...	50	50
Fees	50	125
Fines	250	300
Contributions from Local Funds		2,065
Miscellaneous	2,700	3,950
Total ...	8,600	10,290

CHARGES.	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works—		
Communications		250
Buildings		500
Repairs—		
Communications	800	2,550
Buildings	1,050	1,000
Other items	100	100
Grant II.—		
Results Grants	200	100
Contribution for Inspection to Local Fund Board	70	50
Building Grant	312	...
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	400	400
Vaccination	180	180
Registration of Births and Deaths	60	60
Conservancy	2,810	2,840
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	666	660
Other items	100	100
Grant V.—		
Supervision and Management	1,450	1,450
Balance	372	50
Total ...	8,600	10,290

2. The total estimated income for 1874-75 amounts to Rupees 10,290 against Rupees 8,600, the increase being more than accounted for by the fact that a sum of Rupees 2,065 previously spent by the Local Fund Board within Municipal limits will in 1874-75 be paid over as a contribution for roads to be expended by the

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Municipality itself. Leaving this sum out of consideration, the income would be Rupees 8,225 against Rupees 8,600, the loss caused by the abolition of the Profession-tax being recouped in good part by an increase of Rupees 1,250 in the receipts from Miscellaneous sources, the principal being the rent of the Municipal market, which is expected to bring in Rupees 2,000 in 1874-75 against Rupees 1,200 in the Budget for 1873-74. It is observed that the probable receipts for 1873-74 from the various taxes, as shown in the last column of Statement I., are considerably less than the amounts entered in the Budget for that year.

3. The only important change in the estimated expenditure is due to the Local Fund contribution above alluded to. The reduced provision for Results grants is said to be based on the actual requirements of the town, as shown by experience. The other allotments call for no remark, and the Budget is passed as submitted.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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

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To

The PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

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G. C., 1st May 1874, No 735.

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