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No. 26. Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ranepet, 20th March 1874, No. 19 :—

In continuation of my letter of the 14th instant, No. 18, I have the honour to submit the Budget Estimate of the Wallajahpett Municipality for the official year 1874-75, and the letter of the Vice-President with which it was accompanied.

2. The estimated receipts amount to Rupees 10,756, and the expenditure to a similar amount. The receipts and expenditure under each head of account as compared with those of the previous year are as follow :—

Receipts.	1874-75. Rs.	1873-74. Rs.
1. Balance brought forward.	700	2,000
2. Assessments and allotments by Government.	285	...
3. Rates and Taxes, &c. ...	8,805	9,770
4. Fees from Schools and Training Institutions...	140	50
5. Endowments and Sundry Contributions and Donations	...	...
6. Contributions from Local Funds	...	...
7. Miscellaneous	726	500
8. Advances recoverable. ...	100	...
Total ...	10,756	12,320

Expenditure.	1874-75. Rs.	1873-74. Rs.
Grant I.	3,957	5,530
Grant II.	1,058	1,008
Grant III.	2,945	2,742
Grant IV.	1,368	1,376
Grant V.	1,428	1,434
Advances (recoverable) ...	...	250
Total ...	10,756	12,340

3. Of the expected receipts under Rates and Taxes, &c., the sum of Rupees 650 appertains to arrears which it is hoped will be collected in the ensuing official year.

4. The decrease in receipts is mainly to be attributable to the abolition of the Trade-tax under the Orders of Government, dated 4th June 1873, No. 775.

5. The receipts from Tolls which has been already farmed out for the ensuing year will be Rupees 5,330, a sum exceeding that realized from the same source during the current year by Rupees 328. The budget amount, however, of this item for 1873-74 is Rupees 4,500. In the other items of receipts likewise the Commissioners expect an increased revenue which in a measure will compensate for the loss occasioned by the abolition of the Trade-tax.

6. From paragraph 4 of the Vice-President's letter, the Government will observe that the Commissioners propose to construct a belfry at a cost of Rupees 150, and to purchase a clock and a gharry for the convenience of the towns-people and the municipal labourers. The cost of the two latter articles it is proposed to meet from the amount allotted for Petty Works and Reserve during the current year.

7. It will be seen from paragraph 5 of the Vice-President's letter that the Commissioners have been maintaining a Girls' School since June last, but as such

schools are to be supported in future from Provincial funds it is proposed to lay out this saving with a little addition in opening a Telugu class in each of the two Elementary Tamil Schools.

8. As the conservancy of the town by contract has not been found to work satisfactorily, as already observed in paragraph 6 of my report, dated the 15th December 1873, No. 92, the Commissioners have resolved to effect the conservancy departmentally.

From C. VENKATAKRISTNA NAIDU, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, North Arcot, dated Wallajahpett, 21st February 1874, No. 56.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, the Budget Estimates for 1874-75 for submission to Government.

2. *Receipts.*—The Trade-tax having to be done away with, the receipts of the Municipality have decreased by Rupees 2,200. Trade being the chief source of income, the Commissioners, in order to get a correct figure for the budget, have thought it proper to farm out the same prior to the submission of the budget. The result is, they are glad to say, that there has been an increase of Rupees 328, as compared with that for the current year. There is every possibility of the incomes under the following heads—House-tax, Registration, Market-rent, and sale of sweepings—being increased by Rupees 325. Thus there stands a fair chance of nearly one-third of the decrease caused by the abolition of the Trade-tax being made good by the above sources.

3. *Disbursements—New Works.*—The construction of side-drains along the sides of the Railway approach road have not been brought to a close for want of funds. Only three-fourths of the work have been finished. About 1,500 Rupees will have to be spent to complete the work. This amount the Commissioners expect to be met from arrears of tax (Rupees 650) to be recovered, and from Rupees 700 which is likely to remain unspent at the close of the ensuing year.

4. *Belfry.*—The Commissioners have provided, for the convenience of the towns-people and the municipal labourers, a clock and a gharry from the amount allotted for Petty Works and Reserve during the current year. The gharry not being heard throughout the town during the bustle of the day, it has been found necessary to provide for a belfry, at a cost of Rupees 150, to render the clock and gharry more useful.

5. *Education.*—The Municipality has been maintaining a Girls' School since June last. But as such schools are to be supported from Provincial funds from the next year, it is proposed, as observed in paragraph 4 of G.O., Financial Department, No. 181, of the 4th instant, to lay out this saving with a little addition in opening a Telugu class in each of the two Municipal Elementary Tamil Schools which is greatly felt as a desideratum.

6. *Conservancy.*—Conserving the town by contract has not worked satisfactorily, and when during 1874-75 it would devolve on the Contractor to remove night-soil in addition to the ordinary sweepings of the town, because of the pit-system having been for the most part done away with, this means will not fully meet the requirements of the town; the Commissioners have, therefore, resolved to effect the conservancy departmentally.

No. 27.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1874, No. 760.

The Budget Estimates of the Wallajahpett Municipality for 1874-75 are compared in the subjoined table with those for 1873-74:—

Receipts.	1873-74. Rs.	1874-75. Rs.
Balance...	2,000	700
Assignment by Government...	...	285
House-tax	2,000	2,150
Trade-tax	2,220	200
Tax on Vehicles	350	350
Registration of Carts	650	675
Tolls	4,500	5,330
Fees	40	50
Fines	30	50
Miscellaneous	550	966
Total ...	12,340	10,756

Charges.	1873-74. Rs.	1874-75. Rs.
Grant I.		
New Works—		
Communications	3,548	2,112
Buildings		
Repairs—		
Communications	1,657	1,000
Miscellaneous		515
Establishment	300	240
Tools and Plant	25	90
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools	624	768
Results Grants...	200	100
Inspection	90	90
Miscellaneous	94	100
Grant III.—		
Hospitals and Dispensaries.	250	250
Vaccination	155	140
Registration of Births and Deaths	197	197
Conservancy	2,140	2,358
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	600	740
Markets	124	126
Watering streets	252	252
Other purposes	400	250
Grant V.—		
Supervision	1,154	1,260
Miscellaneous	530	168
Total ...	12,340	10,756

2. Notwithstanding the loss of the Profession-tax, and a decrease of Rupees 1,300 in the opening balance, the estimated receipts for 1874-75 are only Rupees 1,584 short of those for 1873-74, owing to a larger price obtained for the toll contracts and an anticipated rise in the income from other taxes.

3. The necessary reduction on account of this decrease is made chiefly in the provision for Public Works, and the Budget is passed as submitted, the allotments for the other objects being approved by Government.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett.
" 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 Boards, North Arcot.

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To

The PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Walajahpet,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated Nov. 2nd.

Recd. May 26 *Encl.*

G.O., 2nd May 1874, No. 710.

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