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No. 100. Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Srirungum, to the Honourable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Srirungum, 27th March 1874, No. 76:—

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

2. The following table gives an abstract of the estimates as compared with the estimates of the preceding year 1873-74:—

Receipts.	1873-74. Rs.	1874-75. Rs.
Balance	900	500
Assignment by Government.	600	600
House-tax	7,400	8,200
Trades-tax	2,300	800
Tax on Vehicles	350	400
Registration of Carts	200	300
Tolls	...	1,000
Fees	345	350
Fines	150	150
Contributions from Local Funds	2,800	2,600
Miscellaneous	1,275	1,275
Total ...	16,320	16,175

Charges.	1873-74. Rs.	1874-75. Rs.
Grant I.—		
New Works	2,100	1,850
Repairs	1,450	1,610
Establishment	...	120
Grant II.	620	350
Grant III.—		
Dispensary and Hospitals.	5,400	5,400
Vaccination	300	300
Registration of Births and Deaths	100	100
Conservancy	3,154	3,456
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	1,000	900
Miscellaneous	500	600
Grant V.—		
Office, &c.	1,696	1,490
Total ...	16,320	16,175

Receipts—*House-tax.*—The outstanding arrears at the close of 1873-74, calculated as closely as possible, amount to Rupees 1,800, whereas the arrears expected to remain uncollected at the close of the preceding year 1872-73 were only Rupees 1,000: hence the difference of Rupees 800 between the estimates 1874-75 and 1873-74. The current demand is exactly the same in both years.

Trades-tax.—The amount entered for 1874-75 forms the outstanding arrears of the preceding year. In obedience to the order of Government, contained in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings, No. 776, dated the 4th of June last, the Commissioners have omitted to provide for this tax in the estimates, but they beg to be permitted to state that they can scarcely afford to sacrifice the revenue under this tax at so early a stage of the existence of this Municipality, conscious as they are of the imperative necessity that exists for the most important and expensive works of improvement which yet remain to be executed in the way of dispensing with the existing cess-pools which have been condemned as dangerous to the public health and substituting in its stead the dry-earth conservancy system. The Commissioners purpose therefore addressing the Government on the subject in a separate communication, which will be submitted very shortly through the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras.

"*Tax on Vehicles*" *and* "*Registration of Carts.*"—The figures under these heads have been based on the actuals of 1873-74. These two taxes having for

the first time been introduced in 1873-74 the figures entered in the estimates of that year were only roughly calculated.

"*Tolls.*"—This sum has been entered with reference to G. O., No. 1207, dated the 26th August 1873.

"*Contribution from Local Funds.*"—The difference of Rupees 200 formed the contribution paid annually from Local Funds up to 1873-74. This sum has been dispensed with in the estimates of 1874-75 because the Local Fund Board have agreed to give Rupees 1,000 from their income under Tolls for the upkeep of roads in the town.

CHARGES—*Grant II.*—The decrease under this head is owing to the abolition of the Anglo-Vernacular School at Kondaiyampett, which till the date of its abolition drew a grant-in-aid of Rupees 20-4-0 a-month from the Municipal funds.

Grant III., Conservancy.—The increase under this head arises from the employment of an additional conservancy cart, which is very much required.

Grant V.—No provision was made in the estimates of 1874-75 for any temporary establishments, whereas in the estimates of 1873-74 the salary of a small Survey Party, then entertained as a temporary measure, was entered; hence the decrease.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1874, No. 808.

The Budget Estimates of the Srirungum Municipality for 1874-75 are compared below with those for 1873-74:—

RECEIPTS.	1873-74. RS.	1874-75. RS.
Balance brought forward ...	900	500
Assignment and allotment by Government	600	600
Rate on Houses	7,400	8,200
Tax on Arts (Arrears) ...	2,300	800
Tax on Vehicles	350	400
Registration of Carts	200	300
Tolls	...	1,000
Fees	345	350
Fines	150	150
Contribution from Local Funds	2,800	2,600
Miscellaneous	1,275	1,275
Total ...	16,320	16,175

CHARGES.	1873-74. RS.	1874-75. RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works—		
Communications	...	500
Buildings	2,100	1,749
Repairs—		
Communications	1,450	1,610
Other items	...	120
Grant II.—		
Results Grants	620	350
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	5,400	5,400
Vaccination	300	300
Registration of Births and Deaths	100	100
Conservancy	3,154	3,456
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	1,000	900
Other purposes	500	600
Grant V.—		
Supervision	1,696	1,490
Total ...	16,320	16,175

2. The profession-tax having been dispensed with in accordance with the orders from Government the income from that source is only Rupees 800, to be

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collected in arrears, against Rupees 2,300 in 1873-74. The total income of the Municipality, however, is estimated at Rupees 16,175, or only Rupees 145 below that for 1874-75, the new arrangement under which Srirungum obtains a share of the Local Fund tolls bringing a net increase of Rupees 800 to the Municipal income. The estimated collections in arrears are also higher than in 1873-74.

3. On the expenditure side the decrease under the allotments for education is owing to the abolition of an Anglo-Vernacular School hitherto aided from Municipal funds. The Government would have preferred to have seen the money thus saved devoted to the extension of elementary education. The increase under the head of "Conservancy" is sanctioned, and the Government await the promised report on the necessity of doing something with reference to the cess-pools which have been condemned as dangerous to the public health. The decrease under the head of "Supervision" is approved, and the Budget is passed as submitted.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Srirungum.
" 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.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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The PRESIDENT of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
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Dated Mch, 1874.

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Submitted, Monday, 25th May 1874. The Budget Estimates of this Municipality, for 1874-75, received and opened.

No. 212.

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