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No. 29. Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commissions, Ganjam, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chetterpore, 21st March 1874, No. 786 :—

I have the honour to submit the Budget Estimates of the Berhampore and Chicacole Municipalities for 1874-75 together with a copy of the letter from the Vice-President, Chicacole Municipality, explaining the different items in the Budgets of that Municipality. The Vice-President, Berhampore Municipality, has forwarded his Budget, without any remarks.

2. BERHAMPORE.—The estimated receipts of this Municipality including the balance of Rupees 2,000 which the Commissioners hope to ha in hand amount to Rupees 18,580. Of this sum it is proposed to expend Rupees 15,570, leaving a balance of Rupees 3,010.

3. With reference to G. O., dated 4th June 1873, No. 772, the Commissioners intend to discontinue collecting the tax on Arts and Professions, and no receipts have, therefore, been entered under that head.

4. A large increase, amounting to Rupees 950, is expected from Tolls, and an increase of Rupees 500 from the House-tax as compared with the estimate for the current year, 1873-74.

5. The contribution of Rupees 800 to the dispensary from the Local Funds has been mutually agreed upon by the Municipal and Local Fund Boards and sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 8th October 1873, No. 1433.

6. The Municipal Commissioners have assumed the direct management of the Town School at Berhampore, and provision (Rupees 492) has accordingly been made in the Budget for the expenses thereof. The school fees (Rupees 96) expected to be realized have also been entered in the receipts.

7. A sum of Rupees 100 has been entered as contribution to Local Funds for charges connected with Educational Inspection. The Local Fund Board have not yet signified their acceptance of it, but no objection is anticipated.

8. In Statements I. and II. the estimated receipts and expenditure for 1873-74 have been entirely omitted in some cases and incorrectly entered in others. The necessary corrections have been made in this office.

9. CHICACOLE.—The estimated receipts of this Municipality, including the balance of Rupees 3,560 which it is expected will be in hand amount to Rupees 14,600 and the estimated expenditure to Rupees 12,080. The balance expected to remain at the end of the year will, therefore, be Rupees 2,520.

10. A sum of Rupees 900 has been entered under "Receipts" as contribution *from* the Local Funds for charges connected with the Civil Dispensary, and a sum of Rupees 180 has been entered under "Disbursements" as contribution *to* the Local Funds for the charges connected with Educational Inspection. These amounts have been mutually agreed upon by the Municipal and Local Fund Boards, and the matter has lately been submitted to the Board of Revenue with a view to the sanction of Government being obtained for the same.

11. The Commissioners have provided a sum of Rupees 120 for their share of charges connected with the Normal School which it was some time ago proposed should be established at the joint expense of Government and Local Fund and Municipal Boards of the district. As, however, under the orders of Government,

dated 24th March 1873, No. 426, such charges are hereafter to be met from the Provincial Funds, I have removed the provision from the Budget.

12. The last columns of Statements 1 and 2 which are intended to show the estimate for the current year 1873-74 and the Statement I.-A. were incorrectly filled up, but have been corrected in this office.

From W. F. GRAHAME, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Chicacole, to R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commissions, Ganjam, dated Chicacole, 26th February 1874, No. 39.

I have the honour to submit, herewith, the Budget Estimate of the Chicacole Municipality for the year 1874-75.

2. The estimated receipts of the Municipality for the year 1874-75 including the balance amount to Rupees 14,600 against Rupees 11,620 for the current year. The great increase in the assets will be accounted for below:—

	Rs.
The estimated receipts of the current year are as per the Budget sanctioned in G.O., Financial Department, No. 772, of 14th June 1873	11,620
The amount expected to be received this year from the Chicacole Local Fund Board on account of contribution, &c., to the Chicacole Civil Dispensary for the years 1871-72, 1872-73, and 1873-74, as lately settled by the Local Fund and Municipal Boards with reference to G.O., No. 643, of 14th May 1872, are	3,160
The refund to the Municipality sanctioned in G.O., No. 1875, dated 22nd December 1873	197
Refund of half the amount originally spent by the Municipal Commissioners in taking the Census of the town in 1871	58
	15,035
Amount to be written off on account of bad collections as well as the amount proposed to be spent by the Commissioners during the present official year	11,475
Balance for 1874-75 ...	3,560

3. This sum (Rupees 3,560) is put down in the next year's Budget as the estimated balance, and there is little doubt that this balance will remain at the end of the year to the credit of the Municipality if the expected contribution be received from the Chicacole Local Fund Board. The increase in the next year's assets is chiefly in this item. In the other items there is little or no increase over the current year's estimate, and it calls for no remark. I may, however, add that the figures against the other items also have been put down after comparison of the average collections of past years.

4. The expected total income of the Municipality is thus Rupees 14,600.

5. The estimated expenditure under all heads amounts to Rupees 12,200, the particulars of which will be given below.

6. GRANT I.—*Public Works.*—The Commissioners propose to spend Rupees 2,350 under the head "Communications, New Works"—

	Rs.
1. Construction of new roads	400
2. Do. of masonry stone drains	500
3. Petty works and reserve for unforeseen works	100
4. Construction of six thatched huts in the compound of the Civil Dispensary for high-caste patients	330
5. Cook-room do. do. do.	27
6. Construction of one latrine do.	30
7. Wing walls and steps on the bank of the Nangulia River to prevent certain houses from being washed away	428
8. Construction of twenty thatched godowns in the market for the use of vegetable-sellers, &c., who have now no accommodation... ...	135
9. Construction of six tiled godowns in the market	400
Total ...	2,350

7. The Commissioners propose to spend Rupees 820 under the head "Repairs." Of this sum Rupees 745 will be spent for the upkeep of the existing roads and Rupees 75 for repairing certain godowns in the market.

8. The Rupees 1,080 provided against "Establishment" include the pay of two maistries and thirty road coolies, who work constantly during the whole year (*vide* Statement II.-B. for further particulars). The provision under this head is no unusual charge.

9. The provision made for Tools and Plant (Rupees 20) is small and calls for no explanation.

10. GRANT II.—*Education.*—With reference to the President's remark in paragraph 8 of his letter embodied in G.O., No. 772, dated 4th June 1873, the Commissioners have provided Rupees 120 as contribution to the Normal School at Russelcondah. The Commissioners do not see how the Chicacole Municipality is likely to derive any benefit from the Normal School at Russelcondah. They would take another opportunity to invite the President's attention to this matter. There are no schools supported by the Municipality in this town except a few results' grants schools, and it is not likely, judging from its present financial position, that it will ever require the services of paid teachers.

11. Rupees 500 have been provided under the head "Results grants." The Commissioners have before them no proper data with reference to which they can arrive at a fair conclusion as to what sum would be required next year for "Results grants." The Budget provision and the actual expenditure under this head in past years are noted below:—

	Budget provision. Rs. A. P.	Actual expenditure. Rs. A. P.
1871-72	1,000 0 0	772 0 0
1872-73	1,050 0 0	318 12 0
1873-74	700 0 0	276 8 0

For the present the Commissioners have no other alternative than to put down by guess some figures under this head which they hope will prove pretty accurate.

12. A sum of Rupees 180 instead of Rupees 500 as in previous years has been provided on account of "Contribution to Local Fund Board, Chicacole Circle, for Educational Inspection" as the matter has lately been decided between the Local and Municipal Boards.

13. GRANT III.—*Sanitation—Item* 1, *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—In the current year's Budget Rupees 2,444 have been provided for the dispensary charges, and in the next year Rupees 2,352 have been provided. The difference is small and calls for no remark.

14. Items 2 and 3* under this grant are the same as in the last year and need no explanation.

* 2. Vaccination.
3. Registration of Births and Deaths.

15. *Item* 4, "*Conservancy.*"—The present and the proposed charges under this head are shown below in detail :—

	Current year's provision.	Next year's provision.
	RS.	RS.
(*a.*) Establishment	1,800	2,100
(*b.*) Sanitary service (cost of conservancy carts, &c.) ...	24	24
(*c.*) Cleaning of tanks and wells	...	300
(*d.*) Contingencies	400	660
Total ...	2,224	2,784

16. (*a.*) *Establishment, Rupees* 1,800.—The pay of three Inspectors, twenty-seven scavengers, six cart-drivers, and four totics is to be met from this item. The whole town is divided into three divisions consisting of 103 streets and lanes. The number of scavengers allowed to each division is only nine, and this is considered, after sufficient experience, to be quite inadequate for the work required of them. The Commissioners, therefore, have resolved to raise their number by six, thus giving two scavengers more to each division. The increased charge on this account will be nearly Rupees 300, which the Commissioners have provided in the next year's Budget.

17. (*c.*) *Cleaning of Tanks and Wells.*—The Commissioners have newly provided Rupees 300 under this head with a view to repair certain public wells and tanks (koneras) supplying drinking water and for destroying prickly-pear which now infests the town in several places. The Commissioners have satisfied themselves before making this provision that there is real necessity for spending some money in the way proposed.

18. (*d.*) "*Contingencies.*"—Rupees 360 have been provided under this head for feed of bullocks, &c., against Rupees 400 this year. The decrease is owing to less money being found sufficient for the purpose intended.

19. GRANT IV.—*Miscellaneous.*—The only new items under this grant are "4, Watering Streets and Planting Avenues" and "6, Reward for killing Dogs." The Commissioners intend having some avenues planted on the banks of the river, and Rupees 50 are required for planting and watering them. The actual expense incurred on account of the destruction of stray dogs this year is Rs. 52, and Rupees 50 have, therefore, been provided for next year under this head. The provision under "5, Travellers' Bungalow" needs no explanation.

20. GRANT V.—Under the head "Establishment" Rupees 1,080 are put down against Rupees 900 this year. The increase of Rupees 180 is intended for the pay of three bill-collectors, at 5 Rupees each, who collect house-tax. These collectors have hitherto been paid commission at ten per cent. on the actual collections, but the Commissioners have lately resolved to pay them fixed remuneration at Rs. 5 each per mensem. This sum is in the current year's Budget included in Grant V., "Miscellaneous;" hence the entry of Rupees 1,080 against "Establishment" for next year and only Rupees 30 instead of Rupees 400 against "2, (*b.*) Miscellaneous."

21. The only item which remains to be explained is the entry of Rupees 150 against "Auditor's fee" instead of Rupees 50 this year. The work hitherto required of the Auditor has been very small and was not worth more than Rs. 50, but now the President requires the Auditor to do a good deal more, and the work has now to be entrusted to a man of more than ordinary abilities. The remuneration payable to the Auditor would certainly be Rupees 150 if the information required by the President be fully given by him. The Commissioners will, however, before paying the money to the Auditor, again consider how much the work done by him is worth.

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22. The Commissioners consider that according to the present estimate the year will close with a balance of Rupees 2,490 in favour of the Municipality. This balance they purposely leave at credit as they are not likely again to receive a lump sum of Rupees 3,160 as they will now from the Chicacole Local Fund Board, and they, therefore, resolve to save as much of this sum as possible.

Note.—This Budget was passed and this letter drafted in my absence. To prevent further delay I send it on with a few verbal corrections.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1874, No. 761.

The estimated receipts and expenditure of the Berhampore Municipality for 1874-75 are compared below with those for 1873-74 :—

RECEIPTS.	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward...	5,000	2,000
Assignment by Government	...	10
House-tax	5,220	5,200
Tax on Arts—Arrears for 1874-75.	2,650	925
Tax on Vehicles	700	700
Registration of Carts ...	500	500
Tolls	6,000	6,950
Fees	100	100
Fines	120	120
Endowments, &c.	840	850
Contribution from Local Funds	500	800
Miscellaneous	120	425
Total ...	19,750	18,580

CHARGES.	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works—		
Communications	6,500	1,080
Buildings		1,500
Repairs—		
Communications	1,000	2,200
Miscellaneous		100
Other items	230	230
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools	...	492
Results Grants	600	400
Contribution for Inspection	200	100
Contribution for Normal School	120	...
Town School	180	...
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	2,250	2,250
Vaccination	120	120
Registration of Births and Deaths	240	125
Conservancy	2,500	3,657
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	1,760	1,214
Other items	100	...
Grant V.—		
Supervision and Management	2,070	2,102
Balance	880	3,010
Total ...	19,750	18,580

2. Notwithstanding a decrease of Rupees 3,000 in the opening balance and the loss of the Profession-tax the estimated income of the Berhampore Municipality is only Rupees 1,170 below that for 1873-74, owing to an anticipated increase of Rupees 950 under "Tolls," and an arrear demand of Rupees 1,700 under "Rates on Houses," and of Rupees 925 under the Profession-tax. It is presumed that these very large arrears will be explained in the report for 1873-74.

3. Amongst the allotments for New Works Rupees 500 appears against markets "For filling in a place purchased during last year," from which the Government gather that the Commissioners not only did not commence the building during 1873-74 but do not expect to do so during 1874-75, in which case there will be ample use in 1875-76 for the sum of Rupees 3,010 left unallotted in the Budget now submitted. This, however, should be explained. The reduced allotment of Rupees 108 for Education is owing to a contribution no longer being required for the Normal School or for the pay of the Deputy Inspector. The allotments under other heads appear unobjectionable.

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Receipts.	1873-74. Rs.	1874-75. Rs.
Balance brought forward ...	160	3,560
Rate on Houses	1,800	1,700
Tax on Vehicles	500	500
Registration of Carts ...	250	250
Tolls	6,000	6,000
Fines	50	50
Endowments and sundry receipts	820	920
Contribution from Local Funds	750	900
Miscellaneous	1,290	1,220
Total ...	11,620	14,600

Charges.	1873-74. Rs.	1874-75. Rs.
Grant I.—		
New Works—		
Communications ... ... } Buildings ... ... }	1,317	1,000 / 1,350
Repairs—		
Communications ... ... } Miscellaneous ... ... }	580	745 / 75
Other items	1,095	1,100
Grant II.—		
Results Grants	700	500
Contribution for Inspection	500	180
Contribution for Normal Schools	120	...
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	2,444	2,352
Vaccination	154	154
Registration of Births and Deaths	185	180
Conservancy	2,220	2,784
Grant IV. Miscellaneous Purposes	245	350
Grant V.—		
Supervision and Management	1,200	1,310
Balance	860	2,520
Total ...	11,620	14,600

4. The Budget of the Chicacole Municipality is accompanied by a letter prepared by the late Acting Vice-President giving full explanation of all changes in the entries, the increase of Rupees 2,980 in the receipts being more than accounted for by the large opening balance expected to result from the payment

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in arrears of the Local Fund contribution to the dispensary from the year 1871-72. The Government cannot approve the Commissioners' resolution to save as much of this amount as they can by leaving a large unallotted balance; but it may remain for the present as measures are in contemplation which will lead to a decrease in the income from tolls. The enhanced allotment for Conservancy is approved.

5. The cost of Supervision and Management is nearly twelve per cent. upon the income of the year (less opening balance), and should be reduced.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Ganjam.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" President of the Local Fund Circles, Chetterpore and Chicacole.
" Accountant-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.

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