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Read the following papers :—

No. 157. From the Hon. D. ARBUTHNOTT, President of the Municipal Commission, Tanjore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vallam, 23rd February 1874, No. 25.

With reference to Section 32 of the Towns Improvement Act III. of 1871, I have the honour to submit the Budget Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure of the Tanjore Municipality for the year 1874-75 in the forms prescribed in G.O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646.

2. It will be observed from Statement I. that the gross receipts of the Municipality have been estimated at Rupees 42,300 for the coming year, showing a decrease of Rupees 14,000 below the current year's estimate. The decrease is attributable to the discontinuance of the professional tax under Order of Government, dated 1st April 1873, No. 433. The income from the other sources of taxation are expected to be stationary, except in the case of Tolls which are likely to show a decrease. Rupees 18,000 were put down under the head of Tolls in the current year's Budget, but it has been found from the collections of the past few months that the amount had to some extent been over-estimated.

3. Under the head of Endowment and Sundry Contributions a sum of Rupees 150 has been entered. This amount the Manager of the Devastanams has agreed to pay to the Municipality for the repair of the streets after the dragging of the cars during the festivals.

4. Under the head of Miscellaneous the only new item of receipt is the sum of Rupees 1,800 expected from rents from the two markets which are in course of construction. The vegetable market was opened for the use of the public in September last, and ground-rent is collected from the vendors of vegetables, straw, firewood, &c. The larger or chief market is likely to be opened at the end of this year.

5. Owing to the abolition of the professional tax the Commissioners were obliged to reduce the original scale of the chief market so as to get it finished within the current year with the amount provided therefor in the Budget for the same, and they propose to undertake no new work of any magnitude during the ensuing year. The chief item of the proposed expenditure on New Works is the sum of Rupees 2,500 allotted for the completion of the vegetable market. The other works detailed in Statement II.-A, though of a petty nature, are all very useful and likely to commend themselves to the public at large.

6. Under Grant II. the Commissioners wish to spend Rupees 2,650, of which they have allotted Rupees 1,700 for the Municipal Schools, Rupees 780 for Salary Grants, and Rupees 170 for Educational Inspectorate. Two of the four schools established in October 1872 having been closed in consideration of the abolition of the professional tax, provision has been made in the Budget only for the remaining two schools. Of the sum of Rupees 780 provided for Salary Grants, Rupees 600 being on account of the High Caste Girls' School at Tanjore will not have to be spent for that purpose, as, under G.O.,* dated the 14th January 1874, No. 42, Government have resolved to relieve the Municipalities of all charges on account of the Elementary Girls' Schools.

* Since received.

7. It will be observed that the cost of the Municipal Establishments has been reduced from Rupees 16,305 to Rupees 13,872, so as to make up partly for the diminution in the income of the Municipality caused by the abolition of the professional tax.

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No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1874, No. 862.

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

RECEIPTS.	1873-74. RS.	1874-75. RS.
Balance	5,000	4,000
Assignment by Government.	300	200
Rate on Houses	12,500	12,500
Tax on Arts	14,000	...
Tax on Vehicles	2,000	2,000
Tolls	18,000	17,000
Fees	600	600
Fines	250	250
School Fees...	500	500
Endowments	...	150
Miscellaneous	3,150	5,100
Total ...	56,300	42,300

CHARGES.	1873-74. RS.	1874-75. RS.
Grant I.		
New Works—		
Communications ...	4,300	1,500
Buildings	11,080	7,050
Repairs—		
Communications... ...	6,650	4,200
Miscellaneous	1,100	600
Other items	1,160	710
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools	2,550	1,700
Salary Grants...	300	780
Results Grants	200	...
Inspection	150	170
Grant III.—		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	1,692	1,400
Vaccination	350	270
Registration of Births and Deaths	580	450
Conservancy	14,520	14,160
Grant IV.—		
Lighting...	2,500	2,460
Markets	...	310
Avenues, &c.	2,418	1,400
Travellers' Bungalows ...	200	200
Miscellaneous	1,800	1,950
Grant V.—		
Supervision	4,750	2,970
Total ...	56,300	42,300

2. The total estimated income for 1874-75 amounts to Rupees 42,300 against Rupees 56,300 in 1873-74 owing to the abolition of the Profession-tax. A decrease in the opening balance and in the estimated receipts from Tolls is made good by an expected increase in the revenue from miscellaneous sources.

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New Works	6,600
Repairs	2,950
Other Public Works items	450
Municipal Schools	850
Results Grants	200
Dispensaries	292
Vaccination	80
Registration of Births and Deaths ...	130
Conservancy	340
Lighting	40
Avenues, &c.	1,018
Supervision	1,780
	14,960
Deduct increases.	
Salary Grants	480
Inspection	20
Markets	310
Miscellaneous	150
	960
Total ...	14,000

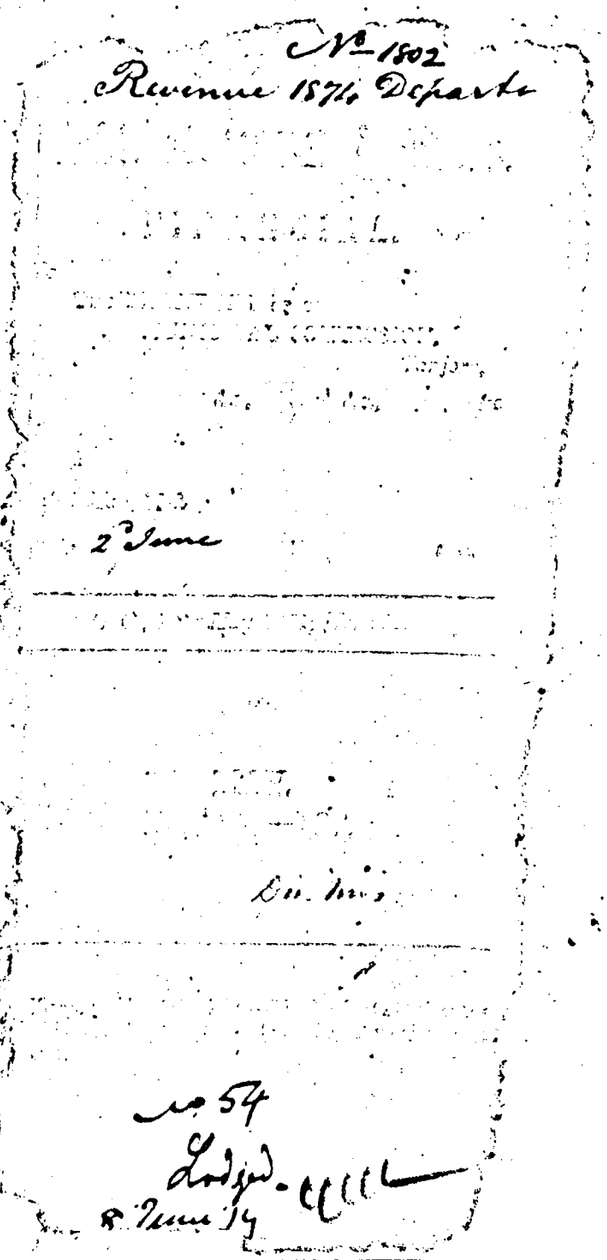
3. The reduction in expenditure by which the Commissioners propose to adjust the Budget is shown in the margin, and is approved with the exception of that under "Education," which the Government consider to have been quite uncalled for, as, even if the current year's provision had been repeated, the whole allotment for that very important object of municipal expenditure would have been little more than seven-and-a-half per cent. of the estimated income of the year. The Government desire that the matter may be reconsidered by the Commissioners, and a report submitted on the subject by the President. In the meantime the budget entries may stand.

(True Extract.)

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