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No. 64. Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Salem, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Salem, 16th January 1874, No. 120:—

In submitting the Budget Estimate of the Salem Municipality for the year 1874-75, I have the honour to offer the following explanatory observations:—

1. RECEIPTS—*Balance Rupees 1,000.*—This sum is so small and may be so easily deranged by comparatively trifling calls as to invite no remark.

2. *Assignments, &c., (d) Grants-in-aid, Rupees 1,030.*—This sum remains the same as last year (Rupees 966) plus Rupees 60, the half salary of an additional master for the Salem Caste Girls' School, submitted for sanction on the 11th September 1873.

(e) *Medical Officer.*—Here there is an increase of Rupees 150, the salary of the Native Surgeon having been raised on promotion from Rupees 150 to 200 under date 12th May 1873, and the twenty-five per cent. being, therefore, computed at the new rate.

3. The abolition of the Trades tax having caused a sudden loss to the Municipality of between Rupees 8,000 and 9,000 per annum, it was necessary to provide some substitute, as it would be utterly impossible to attempt to reduce the general expenditure by that amount without bringing the whole municipal system in this town to a dead-lock.

Minor savings were effected wherever possible, as in Public Works, Sanitary and Miscellaneous, Conservancy Establishment, &c., but still a considerable deficit was found to exist which could only be met by increased taxation, and after much deliberation, in which I am happy to be able to record that several of the Native Commissioners took an active part, it was finally resolved to raise the required sum under the two following heads:—

(a.) House-tax to be raised from 5 to 7½ per cent. (Section 41);

(d.) Registration of carts to be increased to maximum rate allowed by the Act (Section 75);

conclusions to which it is hoped the sanction of Government will be accorded.

4. *Contributions from Local Funds.*—As suggested by Government in their Order, No. 377, of 20th March last, these items have all been arranged in consultation with the Local Fund Board and so entered.

5. EXPENDITURE—*Public Works.*—As intimated in paragraph 3 *supra*, certain reductions have been made under this head, principally in road repairs, and the sum allowed for the proposed new market at Shevapett.

6. *Education.*—Certain of the smaller schools under the control of the Municipality being worked on the Salary instead of the Results Grant system, these have been shown as a separate item (Rupees 720) instead of being included as heretofore under head 1, which now, therefore, refers only to Middle-class Schools receiving aid from Government as well as from the Municipality.

7. *Sanitation.*—The gross total under this head has been reduced by Rupees 600, whilst at the same time the salary of a female vaccinator has been provided for, the change having been effected principally by a redistribution and slight

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reduction of the menial Conservancy Establishment, which, however, will not, it is believed, impair its efficiency.

8. *Miscellaneous 1.*—There is a slight increase in this charge, for as the streets are improved and straightened a corresponding increase must necessarily take place in the cost of lighting.

9. The remaining items in the Budget continue unchanged.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1874, No. 572.

The Budget Estimates of the Salem Municipality for 1874-75 are shown in the annexed abstract in comparison with those sanctioned for the year 1873-74:—

| RECEIPTS.                      |                 |                 | CHARGES.                     |                 |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                | 1873-74.<br>RS. | 1874-75.<br>RS. |                              | 1873-74.<br>RS. | 1874-75.<br>RS. |
| Balance .....                  | 2,000           | 1,000           | Public Works.                |                 |                 |
| Allotments by Government, &c.— |                 |                 | New Works—                   |                 |                 |
| Medical Officer .....          | 450             | 600             | Communications .....         | 1,000           | 900             |
| Schools .....                  | 450             | 1,030           | Buildings .....              | 2,280           | 3,200           |
| Other Items .....              | 440             | 440             | Miscellaneous .....          | 900             | 300             |
| Rates and Taxes—               |                 |                 | Repairs—                     |                 |                 |
| Rate on Houses, &c. ....       | 8,700           | 12,300          | Communications .....         | 3,600           | 2,500           |
| Tax on Arts .....              | 8,400           | 200             | Buildings .....              |                 |                 |
| Tax on Vehicles .....          | 1,500           | 1,600           | Miscellaneous .....          | 500             | 600             |
| Registration of Carts .....    | 500             | 2,500           | Contribution to Local Fund   |                 |                 |
| Tolls .....                    | 11,000          | 10,850          | Board .....                  | 630             | 500             |
| Fees .....                     | 500             | 500             | Other Items .....            | 1,050           | 920             |
| Fines .....                    | 700             | 250             | Education—                   |                 |                 |
| School Fees .....              | 960             | 1,000           | Schools .....                | 2,800           | 2,200           |
| Local Fund Contributions—      |                 |                 | Results Grants .....         | 1,000           | 1,000           |
| Roads .....                    | 400             | 400             | Salary Grants .....          |                 | 720             |
| Dispensary .....               | 2,000           | 2,500           | Contribution for Inspection. | 100             | 100             |
| Other Items .....              |                 | 500             | Miscellaneous .....          | 450             | 230             |
| Miscellaneous .....            | 3,900           | 4,330           | Sanitation—                  |                 |                 |
| Total ...                      | 41,900          | 40,000          | Dispensary .....             | 5,700           | 6,160           |
|                                |                 |                 | Vaccination .....            | 400             | 550             |
|                                |                 |                 | Registration of Births and   |                 |                 |
|                                |                 |                 | Deaths .....                 | 400             | 370             |
|                                |                 |                 | Conservancy .....            | 14,540          | 13,020          |
|                                |                 |                 | Reserve .....                |                 | 300             |
|                                |                 |                 | Miscellaneous—               |                 |                 |
|                                |                 |                 | Lighting .....               | 900             | 1,060           |
|                                |                 |                 | Market Rent .....            |                 | 300             |
|                                |                 |                 | Poor-house .....             | 550             | 540             |
|                                |                 |                 | Other Items .....            | 1,900           | 1,700           |
|                                |                 |                 | Supervision .....            | 3,200           | 2,830           |
|                                |                 |                 | Total ...                    | 41,900          | 40,000          |

2. An increased allotment of Rupees 970 for schools is in accordance with G.O., dated 4th December 1873, No. 1764, but the additional Rupees 60 shown in the Budget will not be required as all charges on account of female education have been resumed by Government.

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3. In G.O., dated 20th March 1873, the Government directed that arrangements should be made, before the commencement of the year 1874-75, for such reduction of expenditure as would permit of the omission of the Profession-tax from the Budget. The statement now submitted shows the following savings:—

|                                         | RS.   |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|
| Public Works .....                      | 1,040 |
| Education—Miscellaneous .....           | 220   |
| Registration of Births and Deaths ..... | 30    |
| Conservancy .....                       | 1,520 |
| Poor-house .....                        | 10    |
| Other Miscellaneous Items .....         | 200   |
| Supervision .....                       | 370   |
| Total ...                               | 3,390 |

4. The savings thus effected are to a certain extent neutralized by the marginally-noted increases, which, however, will be reduced by Rupees 120 by the grant to the female school being defrayed from Provincial funds as above alluded to, and the net saving in expenditure will be Rupees 2,020. To meet the remaining Rupees 6,180 lost by the abolition of the Tax on Arts, it is proposed to raise the rate on houses and the fee for the registration of carts to the maximum allowed by the Act.

5. The Government resolve to accept these proposals, and the Budget is passed as submitted.

(True Extract.)

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