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No. 149. Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Palmanair, 29th April 1875, No. 27:—

I have the honor to submit, herewith, the Budget Estimate of the Vellore Municipality for the official year 1875-76, and the Vice-President's letter which accompanied it.

2. The receipts are estimated at Rupees 44,454, and the expenditure at Rupees 43,791, the decrease in the former as compared with the Budget of the previous year being Rupees 2,552 and in the latter Rupees 8,139.

3. The principal items of decrease in the estimated receipts are to be found in the opening balance and tolls. The decrease in these items is due to the interruption to traffic from the Palar Bridge being breached which has caused a falling off in the item of tolls, a circumstance which must necessarily affect the opening balance.

4. In the estimated expenditure, the principal items of decrease are "New Works," "Repairs," "Contributions to Local Fund for the Katpadi Road," and "Results grant." The decrease in the first item is due to the necessity of providing Rupees 7,925 for remaking the road from Vellore to the Railway Station and to pay half the cost of constructing a bridge on that road. The diminished provision for repairs is due to want of sufficient funds. The decrease under the head of Contributions for the Katpadi Road is not real, as the Government Order directing the payment of one-half of the receipts and tolls for that road is not to be carried out now under the subsequent G.O., dated 30th May 1874, No. 924. The amount of Results grants has been reduced because the Municipality is no longer required to pay Results grants to girls' schools.

5. The causes of the increase and decrease in the other items of receipts and expenditure are clearly explained in the Vice-President's letter, and do not require to be recapitulated here.

From A. L. LISTER, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore, dated Vellore, 18th February 1875, No. 217.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the Budget Estimates of this Municipality for 1875-76.

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2. The estimated receipts and expenditure are shown below in comparison with those of the preceding year :—

	1874-75.	1875-76.	Increase.	Decrease.
RECEIPTS.				
1. Balance	RS. 12,000	RS. 7,000	.....	5,000
2. Assignments by Government for Cantonment Roads	1,110	1,110	.....	.....
Surplus Pound Collections	40	20	.....	20
3. Rates and Taxes—				
House-tax	7,000	6,200	.....	800
Tax on Vehicles, &c.	2,000	2,000	.....	.....
Registration of Carts	1,000	1,000	.....	.....
Tolls	18,000	15,000	.....	3,000
Fees	100	300	200	.....
Fines	50	50	.....	.....
4. Fees in Schools	70	300	230	.....
5. Endowments—				
Lungerkanah	4,176	4,275	99	.....
Civil Dispensary	2,200	2,200	.....	.....
Miscellaneous receipts on account of the Civil Dispensary	500	359	.....	141
6. Contribution from Local Fund for Civil Dispensary	750	750	.....	.....
7. Miscellaneous—				
Post of Municipal Market ... ..	.....	3,000	.....	.....
Fees in Slaughter-house ... ..	.....	360	.....	.....
Sale of Materials, Tools, and Plant	80	80	.....	.....
Avenues	50	50	.....	.....
Lease of Cart-stands	400	400	.....	.....
Rent of Municipal Bungalow	120	.....	.....	120
Total	53,006	44,454	529	9,081
EXPENDITURE.				
GRANT I.—New Works	10,000	2,000	.....	8,000
Repairs	3,000	2,500	.....	500
Public Works Establishment	3,600	3,786	186	.....
Tools and Plant	140	140	.....	.....
Contribution to Local Funds for Katpadi Road	9,000	7,925	.....	1,075
GRANT II.—Municipal School	300	1,000	700	.....
Results Grant	1,600	1,200	.....	400
Educational Inspection	500	180	.....	320
Other Items	100	.....	.....	100
GRANT III.—Civil Dispensary	3,600	3,300	.....	300
Vaccination	300	300	.....	.....
Registration of Births and Deaths	190	400	210	.....
Conservancy	9,600	9,886	286	.....
GRANT IV.—Lighting	2,300	3,500	1,200	.....
Market	370	288	.....	82
Slaughter-house	330	350	20	.....
Lungerkanah	4,200	4,200	.....	.....
Other Purposes	50	80	30	.....
GRANT V.—Office	2,250	2,256	6	.....
Contingencies	250	250	.....	.....
Miscellaneous	250	250		
Total	51,930	43,791	2,638	10,779
Closing Balance		663		

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3. It will be seen from the above statements that the estimated receipts of the year amount to Rupees 44,454, the expenditure to Rupees 43,791, and the closing balance to Rupees 663.

4. The decrease in the opening balance arises partly from an anticipated fall of 3,000 Rupees in the income from tolls, owing to the interruption to traffic from the Palar Bridge being breached.

5. The average receipt of Surplus Pound Collections is no more than 20 Rupees.

6. Absence of arrears accounts for the House-tax being below the estimate of the preceding year.

7. The diminution of Rupees 141 in the income of the Civil Dispensary is chiefly attributable to the non-payment of subscriptions by the natives.

8. No rent is to be received for Municipal bungalow, as the building has been already sold.

9. The expenditure on New Works is reduced to provide Rupees 7,925, demanded by the Local Fund Board for remaking the road from Vellore to the Railway Station, and to pay half the cost of constructing a bridge on that road, and for an increased maintenance allowance.

10. The diminished outlay for repairs is due to want of sufficient funds.

11. The cost of the Public Works Establishment has been reduced from Rupees 4,932 to Rupees 3,786; this has been effected by employing fewer division coolies, and by dispensing with the services of half of the reduced number during April, May, and June, when very little work can be done on the roads.

12. The decrease under the head of Contributions for the Katpadi Road is not real, as the G.O., No. 1623, of the 8th November 1873, directing the payment of one-half of the receipts from tolls for that road is not to be enforced now as communicated in G.O., 30th May 1874, No. 924.

13. The amount of Result grant is reduced, because the Municipality is no longer required to pay Results grant to girls' schools, and the allotment for Educational Inspection is stated by Fund Board. The saving thus effected is to be applied to increase the number of Municipal Schools by opening two new schools; one at Valapady and another at Sydapet, as recommended by the Inspector of Schools in his letter embodied in G.O., 29th October 1874, No. 1852. These arrangements involve no increase in the expenditure hitherto incurred for education.

14. The charge for Registration of Births and Deaths has increased in consequence of the employment of more efficient Registrars than the Village Monigars, and this change has been noticed by Government in their Order of the 18th January 1875, No. 77.

15. The large sum of Rupees 800 being required to remove the silt from Suriaguntah tank is the cause of the slight increase under the head of Conservancy, which would have otherwise shown a decreased expenditure.

16. The number of lights in 1873-74 was 339, the lighting of them cost Rupees 3,166-3-2, the lights have now been increased to 368, which is the cause of the increase under this head.

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No. 150. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1875, No. 1091.

In the annexed abstract the Budget Estimates of the Vellore Municipality for 1875-76 are compared with those for the previous year:—

RECEIPTS.	1874-75. 1875-76.		CHARGES.	1874-75. 1875-76.	
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	12,000	7,000	GRANT I.		
Assignment by Government.	1,150	1,130	New Works—		
Rate on Houses, &c. ...	7,000	6,200	Communications ...	...	...
Tax on Vehicles, &c. ...	2,000	2,000	Sanitary and Miscella- neous ...	10,000	2,000
Registration of Carts ...	1,000	1,000	Repairs—		
Tolls ...	18,000	15,000	Communications ...	2,000	1,000
Fees ...	100	300	Sanitary and Miscella- neous ...	1,000	1,500
Fines ...	50	50	Establishment ...	3,600	3,786
School Fees ...	70	300	Tools and Plant ...	140	140
Endowments, &c. ...	6,870	6,834	Contribution to Local Funds ...	9,000	7,925
Contribution from Local Funds ...	750	750	GRANT II.—		
Miscellaneous ...	4,010	3,890	Municipal Schools ...	300	1,000
			Results Grants ...	1,600	1,900
			tion ...	500	...
			Other Items ...	100	...
			GRANT III.—		
			Hospitals ...	3,600	3,300
			Vaccination ...	300	300
			Registration of Births and Deaths ...	190	400
			Conservancy ...	9,600	9,886
			GRANT IV.—		
			Lighting ...	2,300	3,500
			Other Purposes ...	4,950	4,918
			GRANT V.—		
			Supervision and Manage- ment ...	2,750	2,756
			Balance ...	1,070	663
Total ...	53,000	44,454	Total ...	53,000	44,454

2. It is not explained how the opening balance has been estimated; but the fact of its being much smaller than that for 1874-75 is attributed to the falling off in receipts from tolls which has resulted from the interruption to traffic caused by the destruction, during the late floods, of the Palar Bridge which formed the only access to the town from the Railway Station.

3. The regular estimates for 1874-75 should have been entered in the last column of Statements I. and II. The column itself is omitted in Statement I.

4. Owing to want of funds the allotment for repair of roads is even smaller than that provided last year; but an exceptionally large contribution of Rupees

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7,925 is proposed to be made to Local Funds for remaking the road from the town to the Railway Station and constructing a bridge thereon.

5. The Government note with approval the increased expenditure which it is proposed to incur on Municipal Schools and the extension of the lighting of the town.

6. The President will explain the excessive delay which has occurred in the submission of the budget. His attention is requested to G.O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission Vellore
 „ Revenue Department.
 „ Board of Revenue.
 „ Accountant-General.
 „ Sanitary Commissioner.
 „ 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
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