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Municipal—Budget.

No. 57. Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Wallajahpett, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Palmanair, 11th May 1875, No. 29 :—

In continuation of my letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 27, I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimate of the Wallajahpett Municipality for the official year 1875-76 and the Vice-President's letter which accompanied it.

2. The following abstract gives the estimated receipts and expenditure as compared with those of the past official year :—

Receipts.

	1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	RS.
Balance	700	1,800
Assignments and Allotments by Government	285	285
Rates and Taxes, &c.	8,805	7,640
Fees in School and Training Institution	140	120
Endowment and Sundry Contributions and Donations...	...	...
Contributions from Local Funds	...	...
Miscellaneous	726	905
Advances recoverable	160	...
Total ...	10,756	10,750

Expenditure.

Grant I.—		
1. New Works	2,112	1,730
2. Repairs	1,515	1,214
3. Establishment	240	360
4. Tools and Plant and Contingencies	90	60
5. Contributions to Local Funds	...	...
Total ...	3,957	3,364
Grant II.—		
1. Training Schools	...	...
2. Municipal do.	768	842
3. Salary Grants	...	...
4. Result do.	100	100
5. Contributions to Local Funds for Educational Inspectorate	90	30
6. Miscellaneous	100	25
Total ...	1,058	997
Grant III.—		
1. Hospitals and Dispensaries	250	250
2. Vaccination	140	140
3. Registration of Births and Deaths	197	197
4. Conservancy	2,358	2,678
Total ...	2,945	3,265

	1874-75.	1875-76.
	Rs.	Rs.
Grant IV.—		
1. Lighting	740	850
2. Market	126	56
3. Choultries	...	...
4. Watering Streets and Planting Avenues	252	546
5. Unforeseen Contingencies	200	100
6. Killing Dogs, Pigs, and Monkeys	50	50
7. Slaughter-house	...	80
Total ...	1,368	1,682
Grant V.—		
1. Office	1,260	1,284
2. Miscellaneous	168	158
Total ...	1,428	1442

3. It will thus be seen that the estimated receipts amount to Rupees 10,750 and the expenditure to the same amount, the estimated receipts for the past official year having been Rupees 10,756 and the estimated expenditure the same.

4. The increase in the opening balance is stated to be due to the side-drain project not having been completed

5. The toll farm having been put up to auction did not realize as much as during the past year; hence the decrease under that head.

6. The Government will observe from paragraph 4 of the Vice-President's letter that the Commissioners propose levying a license fee on first and second-class wood depôts and fire-work manufactories, which have hitherto escaped taxation.

7. The decreased provision made for "New Works" is, the Government will perceive from paragraph 5 of the Vice-President's letter, owing to the Commissioners having, for the reasons assigned, postponed the completion of the project of constructing side drains in the Municipality.

8. Under the head of "Municipal Schools" there is an increase of Rupees 74, which is stated in paragraph 12 of the Vice-President's letter to be required for the purpose of providing a servant for each of the two municipal schools "to escort young children who attend the schools, and for the performance of other minor duties incidental to institutions of this kind." It appears to me very questionable to employ servants out of municipal funds to discharge the duty of the parents and guardians of the children in taking them to and from school.

9. The "Contributions for Educational Inspectorate" is reduced to Rupees 30 to correspond with the Budget of the Chittoor Local Fund Board.

10. An increased provision has been made under the head of "Conservancy" to meet the cost of carrying out certain proposals for the more efficient scavenging of the town, as detailed in paragraphs 14 and 15 of the Vice-President's report.

11. The increase of Rupees 110 under the head of "Lighting" is to provide for the maintenance of an additional number of lamps in the town.

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12. The increase under the head "Watering Streets and Planting Avenues" is Rupees 294, of which no less than Rupees 252 is proposed to be spent in watering the streets alone during the hot weather (*vide* paragraph 18 of the enclosed report). I am of opinion that this outlay might very well be dispensed with and the money expended in planting and improving avenues.

13. The provision of Rupees 80 under the head "Slaughter-house" is to meet the salary of a Superintendent whom the Commissioners propose to employ for the supervision of the slaughter-house.

From C. VENKATAKISTNA MUDALIAR, Vice-President, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Wallajahpett Municipal Commission, dated Wallajahpett, 6th March 1875, No. 64.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, for submission to Government, the Budget Estimates for 1875-76, prepared in accordance with the forms prescribed in G.O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646.

2. Receipts—*Opening Balance.*—The increase in this item is due to the side-drain project not having been brought to a completion for reasons stated in paragraph 5, and to other sundry savings (too numerous to be detailed here), which the Commissioners anticipate under different heads, the aggregate of which comes to nearly a moiety of the balance, Rupees 1,800.

3. As tolls are the chief source of income, the Commissioners, in order to ensure accuracy in their est[illegible] have thought it [illegible] out the same prior to the submission of the Budget. The result is, they *regret* to say, that there has been a decrease of Rupees 1,010 as compared with the receipts for the current year. This falling off the Commissioners are led to attribute to a heavy loss which the contractor is said to have suffered owing to the unprecedented heavy rains and to the consequent cessation of traffic during the greater part of the year.

4. The Commissioners propose levying a license fee on the following dangerous trades, which hitherto escaped taxation :—

Wood depôts, first class, at 3 Rupees each per annum.
Do. second ,, at 2 ,, ,, ,,
Fire-work manufactories, at 2 ,, ,, ,,

5. Disbursements.—Grant I., New Works—*Side Drains.*—This project has not come to completion, the contractor having twice failed to fulfil his contract because of the heavy rains and because of his having met with an accident almost fatal. Now that the Palar Anicut restoration works are in progress, labor and materials have become scarce, so much so that it is hard to get them even at an exorbitant price; added to this the low state of the finances of the Municipality and advisability of utilizing the little that is available in carrying out works of greater importance (repair of street wells, improvement of useful drinking-water ponds, &c.), than a flood-water side drain, which, beyond adding to the appearance of the street and completing the chain, is not of very great use in a sanitary point of view. I have induced the Commissioners to give up the continuation of the project for the present. This they trust will meet with the approval of Government.

6. *Yaigambraiswarasawmy's Drinking-water Pond.*—This pond, which is of very great use to the inhabitants of the north end of the town, has two feeders. Of these, one of them usually brought in the filthy street rain-water of Bourna Chetty and Gundumma Chetty Pettas. The improvement of the quality of the water supply of this pond had occupied the anxious attention of the Commissioners for some time back. About the close of last year, however, they were able to solve the question. From levels taken it was found that the surplus water of Nunjundappa's pond, which is of a purer quality, could at a small outlay be utilized, and accordingly they resolved to do away with the impure feeder and to supply its place by forming a connection between the outlet

of Nunjundappa's pond and the second feeder of the pond in question, thus allowing the surplus water of the former to run into the latter. The feeders of Nunjundappa's drinking-water pond take their rise from the hillocks west of it and from the adjoining fields, and its water is therefore of a superior quality and such as may well be said to be pure. In May last the water of all the drinking-water wells and ponds in the town were weighed and compared with this water, and the result, the Commissioners are glad to say, has been favorable : it proved to be the lightest of all, and lighter than even the reputed water of the Palar river. With the proposed expenditure of Rupees 260 the Commissioners hope the pond will, in point of purity of water, be second to none of the other ponds in the town. They, however, greatly regret that the present state of the funds will not permit them to allot some money for repairing the interior of Yaigambraiswara-sawmy's pond, but they hope to be able to attend to this very desirable improvement ere long.

7. *Latrines.*—The want of latrines in Aundeappa Naick and Auremutu Streets, which are situated respectively in the northern and southern parts of the town, being greatly felt, the Commissioners propose erecting them at an estimated cost of Rupees 220.

8. *Dust-boxes.*—In accordance with the suggestion made by you on your last visit to the town it is proposed to spend Rupees 500 on granite dust-boxes as most of the clay ones were washed away during the past heavy rains, and the expenses attendant on keeping them in continual repair is likely to come in the long run to more than what we have to lay out in putting up substantial bins.

9. *Cart-stand.*—The carts that come to the paddy mundy bazaar are put to much inconvenience for want of a cart-stand close by. To remedy this defect the Commissioners proposed to establish one in that locality at an estimated outlay of Rupees 110. This measure, it is expected

10. *Petty Works and Reserve.*—The allotment of Rupees 610 under this head is proposed to be spent as particularized below :—

	Rs.
Parapet walls for culverts and drains	81
Water-troughs for bullocks	30
,, drawing-wheels or ratnams for street wells	50
Road dams	15
Gate for park at Sholinghur entrance	60
,, at Cavarypak entrance	60
Gateway and railings for market	90
One two-vent drain	74
Five culverts	90
Fencing and levelling cattle-stands	60
Total ...	610

The nature and description of these works sufficiently explain their usefulness ; I therefore confine my explanation to the three latter, which appear to be in need of it. The first of them is proposed to be built for the protection of the Bourna Chetty Street road, which is generally damaged during the monsoon by a nullah which crosses it from Aureemuttu Street ; the second is necessary to make the new roads opened last year complete ; the third is required to complete the work begun last year (paragraph 23 of the annual report), which, it is hoped, will yield a small income to the Municipality by the sale of sweepings.

11. *Establishment.*—The increase under this head of Rupees 120 is owing to the addition of the pay of a road maistry, who was hitherto paid by the day. The practice of charging his wages in the cooly-sheets being productive of great inconvenience and confusion in the accounts, and his services being indispensably necessary at all times for procuring labor, superintending workmen, &c., it has been thought advisable to place him on the permanent establishment.

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12. Grant II.—Education—*School Establishment.*—A servant for each of the two municipal schools is proposed to be entertained, at a monthly cost of 3 Rupees each, for escorting young children who attend the schools and for the performance of other minor duties incidental to institutions of this kind.

13. *Contribution.*—The contribution for Educational Inspectorate has been reduced from Rupees 90 to Rupees 30 to correspond with the Budget of the Chittoor Local Fund Board for the coming year.

14. Grant III.—Sanitation—*Conservancy Establishment.*—The allotment under this head is proposed to be increased by Rupees 120 chiefly to provide for the services of two toties required for the night-carts, which it was resolved at a meeting presided by you to be introduced from the beginning of the year preparatory to effectually putting a stop to the pit system of privies mentioned in paragraph 17 of the annual report for 1872-73. The pay of the maistries has also been increased to 7 Rupees a-month as their present salary, Rupees 5, is small and inadequate considering the nature of the work they have to perform. To make room for the increase the Commissioners have reduced their number from four to three, which latter is practically sufficient to meet the requirements of the town, divided, as it is, into three divisions.

15. *Night-carts.*—Two night-carts are proposed to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rupees 200 for the reasons stated in the preceding paragraph. The increase of Rupees 200 in the allotment under "Sanitary Service" is due to provision having been made for the hire of two pairs of bullocks required for the working of the night-carts.

16. Grant IV.—Miscellaneous—*Lighting.*—During the year it is proposed to effect the lighting of the to[illegible] by kerosine instead of lamp-oil, agreeably to a suggestion made by the Head Assistant Collec[illegible] the Commissioners anticipate saving of expense and supply of better light. The increase in the allotment under this head of Rupees 110, as compared with the current year's Budget, is owing to provision having been made for maintaining an additional number of lamps, about to be put up in the course of the ensuing year.

17. *Watering Streets and Planting Avenues—Establishment.*—Provision has been made for making an addition of two gardeners to the present staff, both to look after the Yaigambraiswarasawmy's drinking-water pond proposed to be improved (*vide* paragraph 6), and to water the accessions made to the street avenues during the past and present years ; hence an increase in the cost of establishment of Rupees 42.

18. *Watering Streets.*—It is proposed to water the main streets in the town during the hottest part. four months of the year. This also is in accordance with a proposal made by the Head Assistant Collector. Hence the allotment under this head (*b.* + *c.*) of Rupees 252.

19. *Slaughter-house.*—A Superintendent is proposed to be entertained for the supervision of the slaughter-house on a salary of Rupees 6 a-month. Draft of rules and bye-laws to regulate the working of it, similar to those sanctioned for the Vellore Municipality, will be submitted in due course.

20. Grant V., Supervision and Management—*Establishment.*—The increase of Rupees 24 in the allotment under this head is attributable to an addition of a rupee each made to the pay of the clerk and the curnum-bailiff.

21. The delay in submitting the Budget the Commissioners regret has been occasioned mainly by their having had to wait for the result of the farm of tolls for the year, which was sold about the close of last month, in order, as already stated in paragraph 3, to get a correct data for the preparation of it, that being the principal item of income so far as this Municipality is concerned. The delay is also attributable partly to a majority of the office establishment having been obliged to go to the Madras Court of Small Causes for the prosecution of the suit for arrears of house and land rates due by Azeez Dowlah Bahadoor of Madras.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1875, No. 1219.

The Budget Estimates of the Wallajahpett Municipality for 1875-76 are compared below with those for 1874-75:—

RECEIPTS.	1874-75. RS.	1875-76. RS.
Balance	700	1,800
Assignment by Government...	285	285
Rates on Houses	2,150	2,200
Trade-tax	660	...
Tax on Vehicles	350	350
Registration of Carts	675	650
Tolls	5,330	4,320
Fees	50	70
Fines	50	50
School Fees	140	120
Miscellaneous	726	905
Advances	100	...
Total ...	11,216	10,750

CHARGES.	1874-75. RS.	1875-76. RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works—		
Communications	2,176	30
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		1,700
Repairs—		
Communications	1,000	1,000
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	515	214
Establishment	240	360
Tools and Plant...	90	60
Grant II.—	783	842
Municipal Schools	100	100
Results Grants	90	30
Inspection	100	25
Miscellaneous		
Grant III.—		
Registration of Births and Deaths	197	197
Conservancy	2,519	2,673
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	740	850
Markets	126	56
Watering Streets, &c. ...	252	546
Other Purposes	400	230
Grant V.—		
Supervision	1,260	1,284
Miscellaneous	238	158
Total ...	11,216	10,750

2. The estimated receipts are less than those of the past year by Rupees 466, notwithstanding an increase of Rupees 1,100 in the opening balance and of Rupees 179 in the miscellaneous receipts, the increase being more than counterbalanced by a decrease in the amount of the toll contract and by the cessation of demand on account of Trades-tax.

3. The tolls have been leased for a less sum than last year, bidders having been discouraged by the heavy loss reported to have been sustained by the last year's contractor in consequence of the unusually heavy rains and the cessation of traffic which attended them.

	RS.
1875-76	4,320
1874-75	5,330
Decrease ...	1,010

4. Under Section 153 of Act III. of 1871 the Commissioners are authorized to levy the fees proposed by them for the dangerous trades specified below:—

Wood depôts, first class, at 3 Rupees each per annum.
Do. second ,, ,, 2 ,, ,, ,,
Fire-work manufactories, ,, 2 ,, ,, ,,

5. Under Expenditure the various items do not show any marked variation.

6. The allotments for Public Works do not call for remark.

7. The Government agree with the President that no provision should be made from municipal funds for servants escorting children who attend municipal schools; but the charge for two servants on Rupees 3 each provided in the Budget will not be disallowed, as the services of these men for other purposes will be much required.

8. The provision of permanent pay for the road maistry and the employment of a Superintendent of Slaughter-house are approved and sanctioned.

9. The Government note with approval the proposal to substitute kerosine for cocoanut-oil for the lighting of the town and to increase the number of lights.

10. The heading of last column of Statement II.-A. should be "Expenditure in 1875-76" not 1874-75.

11. The Government are not satisfied with the explanation furnished for the delay in the submission of the Budget Estimates. In future they should be

Vide G.O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646.

(True Extract.)

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Officiating Chief Secretary.

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