

(1) Number of Pages..... 6

(2) Date of repair..... 22. 5. 68.

(3) Initials of the Referencer..... *P. L. G.***MADRAS RECORD OFFICE****GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS***Revenue* DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.

321

Press

B.P. No.

Mis.

Dated

18. 2. 1875

196

..

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Municipal—Budget.

No. 52. Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Godavery District, to J. STURROCK, Esq., Under Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 20th November 1874, No. 15:—

I have the honor to forward the Budget Estimates for the Cocanada and Ellore Municipalities for 1875-76, together with a copy of the Ellore Vice-President's letter which furnishes all the information required.

2. In the Cocanada Budget the Commissioners have slightly raised the estimate for Tolls, as they propose raising them. This will form the subject of a future communication. There is nothing else of importance in the Budget.

From R. SEWELL, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Ellore, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Godavery District, dated Ellore, 15th October 1874, No. 44.

I have the honor to submit, herewith, the Budget Estimates of the Ellore Municipality for the next official year, prepared in accordance with the forms appended to the G.O., under date the 28th October 1871, No. 1646.

2. *Receipts.*—The balance of Rupees 2,000 has been estimated approximately as in 1874-75, as it is impossible, for various reasons, to know what would actually remain at the end of 1874-75. Rupees 50 are entered under "Surplus Pound Fund" as in 1874-75. The House-tax is estimated at Rupees 3,700, including arrears of 1874-75, with an increase of Rupees 200 over the estimate of 1874-75. The taxes on Vehicles, &c., and the Registration of carts are estimated at Rupees 600 and Rupees 900, showing an excess of Rupees 100 and Rupees 100, respectively, over those of 1874-75 from the experience of the present collections. Rupees 4,400 are entered under Tolls as in 1874-75. Under "Fees, Bye-laws and Schedule (A)," Rupees 150 are entered, with an increase of Rupees 50 over the amount of 1874-75, because the Commissioners have proposed this year and submitted certain Bye-laws for the sanction of Government for fees to be levied on licenses to be granted under that head. The Magisterial fines are estimated at Rupees 200, with an excess of Rupees 100 over that of 1874-75, owing to the experience of the present collections. Hence the net increase under heads "Rates and Taxes, &c.," over the estimate in 1874-75 is Rupees 550. Rupees 1,000 are entered, as in 1874-75, under "Contributions from Local Funds for Hospitals." Rupees 70 are increased under head 7 "Miscellaneous," because Rupees 20 and Rupees 50 are estimated to be collected for the year under report respectively under the heads "Rents and Fees in Municipal Slaughter-houses," and "Sale of Sweepings." The total increase in the receipts is Rupees 620. The Rupees 100 for the Public Bungalow is the same as last year.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd February 1875.*

3. *Expenditure Grant I., Public Works.*—Rupees 4,490 are estimated to be spent under this head; of which Rupees 1,300 are allotted under "Sanitary and Miscellaneous," on account of the new Dispensary building, and Rupees 2,600 under "Repairs, Communications," for repairing roads and side-drains, &c., and Rupees 250 for repairing latrines under "Sanitary and Miscellaneous." The establishment is the same as in 1874-75, and Rupees 40 are the contingencies.

Grant II., Education.—Under this head Rupees 500 are allotted for Results Grants, as there are no Salary Grant Schools under the Municipality.

Grant III., Sanitation and Medical Services.—Rupees 2,000 are allotted to be expended for the Dispensary; of which Rupees 170 is half the amount of establishment calculated to be paid by the Municipality, and the other half from the Local Funds. Rupees 1,000 for medicines and supplies, including the cost to be paid for the medicines, &c., lately supplied by Government, for which no bill was yet received. Rupees 430 is for diet of patients, and Rupees 400 for sundries and contingencies. The expense in 1876-77 will not be so much. The charges under Vaccination are the same as in 1874-75. The services of the separate Registration Clerk were abolished, and this duty has devolved upon the office manager. Rupees 3,000 are allotted under Conservancy, of which Rupees 2,124 is for the establishment, Rupees 576 for four carts, Rupees 250 for cleansing tanks, &c., and Rupees 50 for contingencies.

Grant IV., Miscellaneous Municipal purposes.—Rupees 500 are estimated to be spent under this head; of which Rupees 400 is for lighting, and Rupees 100 for Public Bungalow charges. The total increase under this head is Rupees 270 over that of 1874-75, in which year there was very little lighting provided for.

Grant V., Supervision and Management.—The office establishment is the same as in 1874-75, and the office contingencies are Rupees 56. Rupees 230 are for Miscellaneous expenses, such as house-rent, printing forms, &c.

4. Rupees 1,117 are kept as general reserve for the year under report at 10 per cent. on the estimated receipts. The estimated total receipts, including the balance for the year under report, are Rupees 13,170, and the expenditure is Rupees 13,147 including reserve, and the remaining balance is Rupees 23.

5. I request your attention to the fact that although this town contains now over 25,000 inhabitants, and is exceedingly cramped and incommensurate, the amount that can be spent on roads is ridiculously small. No new work of any kind can be undertaken. The whole of the allotment for repairs also will very likely be spent on widening the bridge, and therefore we shall absolutely have no money to spend on the improvement of the town. The bridge is a necessity. It must be done. We might give up the hospital and devote more money to roads, but this would be very undesirable. I would ask therefore your attention to my remarks in my letter, No. 31, dated 8th August 1874, in which I requested the sanction of the Government to the extension of Municipal site, and I would beg of you to impress upon the Government the difficulties we labor under, and the poverty of the town. I cannot put too strongly my conviction that in permitting a Municipality to be established, the State does not thereby become entirely freed from all responsibility for the condition of the town, if the funds at the disposal of the Municipal Commissioners are not sufficient to provide properly for the requirements of the town. Here is a most important place with a very large population, and funds absolutely inadequate to provide for the town. Will not the Government come to our aid?

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1875, No. 226.

With the above letter the President submits the Budget Estimates of the Cocanada and Ellore Municipalities for 1875-76.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd February 1875.*

2. In the subjoined abstract are compared the estimates of the Cocanada Municipality with those for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1874-75. Estimates.	1875-76. Actuals.		1874-75. Estimates.	1875-76. Actuals.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	1,200	1,100	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government...	200	200	New Works—		
Rate on Houses, &c. ...	8,250	8,400	Communications ...	3,000	2,950
Tax on Vehicles ...	600	900	Sanitary and Miscel- laneous ...		
Registration of Carts ...	160	150	Repairs—		
Tolls ...	4,000	6,000	Communications ...	3,500	2,500
Fees ...	1,460	1,200	Sanitary and Miscel- laneous ...		
Fines ...	90	100	Other Items ...	500	490
Endowments, &c. ...	3,738	3,500	Grant II.—		
Contribution from Local Funds ...	500	500	Salary Grants ...	500	816
Miscellaneous ...	662	950	Results Grants ...	250	100
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals ...	3,338	3,600
			Vaccination ...	244	190
			Conservancy ...	3,698	4,024
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting ...	2,000	1,588
			Other Items ...	870	870
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision & Management.	2,900	2,930
			Balance ...	...	732
Total ...	20,800	23,000	Total ...	20,800	23,000

3. The balance appears to have been correctly estimated as shown by the particulars for the current year noted in the last column of the statements, from which it would appear that, in consequence of an increase of Rupees 2,000 in the estimated opening balance as found by the actuals of 1873-74, of Rupees 1,000 in the estimated receipts from Tolls, and of another thousand from the various items of taxation, &c., Rupees 4,000 have become available for outlay in excess of that sanctioned in G.O., dated 2nd March 1874, No. 331, and that it is proposed to allot from this Rupees 2,000 more than the sum originally assigned in the sanctioned Budget for New Works, Communications, Rupees 400 for office contingencies, and Rupees 500 for fencing trees, leaving Rupees 1,100 as the closing balance of the year.

4. From a comparison of Statements I. and I.-A, it appears that the Municipal contribution to the Dispensary is shown as a receipt in both statements. A contribution from Municipal funds to a particular object of Municipal expenditure can never form an item of Municipal receipt. It should be removed altogether from Statement I. and appear in column 12 Statement I.-A, as a deficit balance to be made good from Municipal funds. The closing balance will then be reduced to Rupees 432.

5. There appears an increase of Rupees 2,200 in the aggregate estimated receipts as compared with the sanctioned Budget for the current year. This is mainly due to the increase of Rupees 2,000 under Tolls, which the President says it is under contemplation to raise slightly, and in connection with which he promises to address Government separately hereafter.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd February 1875.*

6. The proposed expenditure amounts to Rupees 22,268, against Rupees 20,800 of the current year. The items do not show any marked variation save in the case of New Works, for which Rupees 4,650 are allotted against Rupees 3,000 in the current year. The more important works proposed to be undertaken are noted in the margin.

1. Portion of the Majundaru Mari Street road...	Rs. 700
2. Freserpeta Road ...	550
3. Drains ...	800
4. Filling up salt-water tank ...	1,000
5. Latrines and Wells ...	500

7. A sum of Rupees 2,500 is allotted for repairs of roads, while the actuals of 1873-74 show that only Rupees 351 were expended for the purpose in that year, and there appears an increase of Rupees 166 in the aggregate Educational expenditure proposed. A larger provision* is made under Salary grants, while a smaller amount† is allotted for Results grants.

* \$16 against ...	Rs. 500
† 100 ..	250

The President should have explained these and other points above referred to in his covering letter. He will now supply the omission.

ELLORE.

8. The estimates of the Ellore Municipality for 1875-76 are compared below with those for 1874-75:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1874-75. Estimates.	1875-76. Actuals.		1874-75. Estimates.	1875-76. Actuals.
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Balance brought forward ...	2,000	2,000	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government..	50	50	New Works—		
Rate on Houses, &c. ...	3,500	3,700	Communications...		
Tax on Vehicles, &c. ...	500	600	Sanitary and Mis-	2,000	
Registration of Carts ...	800	900	cellaneous ...		1,300
Tolls ...	4,400	4,400	Repairs—		
Fees ...	100	150	Communications...		
Fines ...	100	200	Sanitary and Mis-	2,000	2,600
Contribution from Local			cellaneous ...		250
Funds ...	1,000	1,000	Other Items ...	589	340
Miscellaneous ...	100	170	Grant II.—		
			Salary Grants ...	750	
			Results Grants ...	370	500
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals ...	1,400	2,000
			Vaccination ...	150	150
			Registration of births		
			and deaths ...	120	
			Conservancy ...	2,500	3,000
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting ...	150	400
			Public Bungalows ...	80	100
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision and Man-		
			agement ...	1,386	1,390
			General Reserve ...	1,055	1,117
			Balance ...		23
Total ...	12,550	13,170	Total ...	12,550	13,170

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd February 1875.*

9. The opening balance has been taken at the same figure as that for the current year, and it does not appear that any attempt has been made to arrive at a fairly approximate amount, the Vice-President simply remarking that it is impossible, for various reasons, to know what would actually remain at the end of 1874-75. The proper course is to take the actual balance of 1873-74, and after noting any material changes in the sanctioned Budget of the current year which the experience of the first six months must indicate, add to it the receipts and strike the balance by deducting therefrom the expenditure. The result thus arrived at will fairly represent the opening balance of 1875-76. This has been done for the Cocanada Municipality, and there could have been no difficulty in following the same course in Ellore.

10. The receipts are estimated at Rupees 11,170, which is in excess of the current year's estimate by Rupees 620.

House-tax ...	Rs. 200	This is due to anticipated petty increases
Tax on Vehicles...	100	in many of the items, and is explained
Registration of Carts ...	100	by the Vice-President as being justified
Fees ...	50	by experience.
Fines ...	100	
Miscellaneous ...	70	

11. The estimated charges amount to Rupees 12,030 against Rupees 11,495

of the current year, and a reserve of Rupees 1,117 is provided besides a balance of Rupees 23. The only new works proposed to be undertaken is the building of the Hospital, for which an allotment of Rupees 1,300 is entered. Some slight increases appear in Repairs, Public Works, Results Grants, Hospital and Lighting charges, and Conservancy.

12. In paragraph 5 of the Vice-President's letter, he refers to a correspondence with the President on "the extension of municipal site." The President will explain what is referred to.

13. With reference to the inadequacy of funds complained of by the Vice-President, the Government observe that the reserve of Rupees 1,117 will be available for appropriation in the course of the year, and that in future years the amount now proposed to be spent on a new building for the Hospital may be devoted to any other new work that it may be desirable to take in hand.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District.
 " Public Works Department.
 " Revenue do.
 " Board of Revenue.
 " Accountant-General.
 " Sanitary Commissioner.
 " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 " Director of Public Instruction.
 " President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 309
Reserve of the
Govt. of 1875

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,
Godavery District

do,

do,

do

Dated February, 3rd.

Recd. — a — 1/8

B.A.

G.O., 3rd February 1875, No. 226.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 52-53.

Godavery and Ellore Municipalities — The
Budget Estimates of these Municipalities for
1875-76, received.

LODGED

30321
Budget

1875 by 1/15

YWL